

# Brooke & Barb



## Dear Birthmother,

Thank you for reading our letter. Although we know our journey that has led us to write this to you, we can't imagine the struggle, hardship and soul searching you must have endured to make such an important and loving decision. We are inspired by **your love, courage and willingness** to do what is best for your child. We are very **committed to open adoption** and completely respect your wishes and desires for contact. Hopefully, it will ease your heart by knowing that we will **fill your child's life with lots of love, encouragement and joy.**

## About Us

We met through a mutual friend eight years ago and fell in love. Four years later, we had a commitment ceremony with both of our families sharing our happy day. We grew up in the Midwest (and now live in Utah) and share many of the same values -- honesty, open-mindedness, creativity, education and respecting the world for future generations. We have a wonderful life together and long to share our love with a child. We will raise our child to be a confident, independent thinker who knows he/she is loved unconditionally.



Aunt Barb and Drew make music

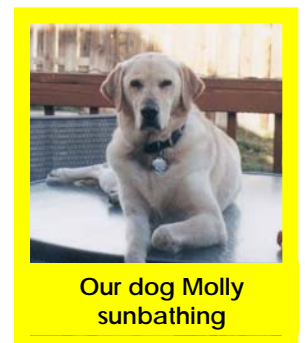


Big hugs from our niece

Thank you for taking time to read our letter and considering us. We would love to hear from you!

Warmly,  
Brooke and Barb Sterns

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Our dog Molly sunbathing

### Brooke's thoughts on Barb

Barb is the love of my life. Sometimes, I cannot believe that she picked me to share her life with, I am so lucky. She is a very open, compassionate and truthful person, who constantly reminds me of all that is good in life. She makes me feel loved and appreciated, but most of all, she is fun and goofy. I love her silliness. People gravitate to her because of her natural warmth and easy-going persona. I imagine her carrying our baby around the house singing and dancing, or making silly monster faces to induce laughter. As our child grows, Barb will teach him/her about music, literature and taking on the world with a positive attitude.

### Barb's thoughts on Brooke

Brooke is fun-loving, smart and introspective. I knew from the moment I met her that she was the one I wanted to spend my life with. Brooke

completes me. While I am more outgoing and loud, she is more reserved and quiet. We fit perfectly together creating a wonderful whole. She is loyal and her natural kindness and beauty renew my love for her every day. She will make a fantastic mom. I can see her rocking our baby peacefully to sleep, getting up in the middle of the night for feedings and making our baby laugh while changing a stinky diaper. She loves children and they love her. As our child grows, she will encourage him/her to be happy, independent and have a great sense of self.



Painting toenails with niece Erin

### Hiking in the mountains



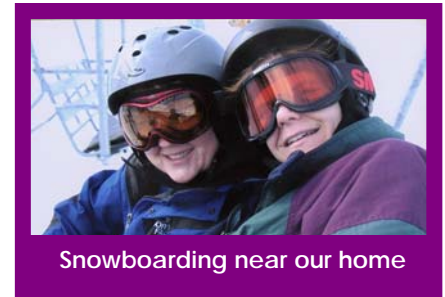
### Our Home

We built a comfortable home together in Centerville, Utah which is only 15 minutes from the picturesque, culturally rich city of Salt Lake. Our quaint town is located in the beautiful Wasatch Mountain range and offers security, charm and warmth - perfect for raising a family. We can visit one of a dozen different national parks in less than two hours to experience the outdoors with rivers, lakes, mountains and deserts.

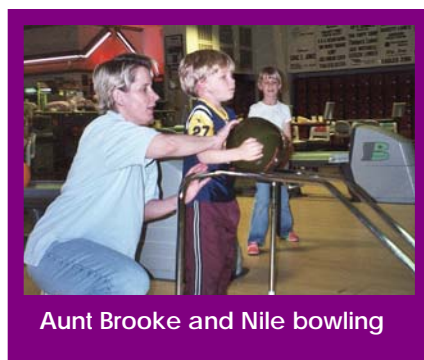
We designed our home with children in mind; it has large living areas, spacious bedrooms and is colorfully decorated. We long to hear our child's first laughter echo through it. The yard is ready for playhouses and a swing set. Our dogs are also ready to welcome a new playmate.

### Family and Friends

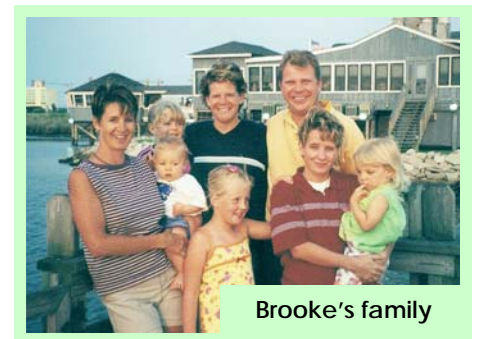
Maybe you'd like to hear about our annual summer trip to the beach in North Carolina where we meet up with Brooke's family? Lots of fun-filled days with our nieces and nephew swimming in the warm ocean, building sand castles, flying kites and collecting sea shells. At night we make smores over a campfire, tell scary stories and chase crabs. For the winter holidays, we visit Barb's family in Nebraska. This is a very loud celebration where the children outnumber the adults. Sledding, ice skating and eating are everyone's favorite activities. We also have lots of friends in Utah whom we consider family. Many of them have small children who keep asking us when they can start planning our baby's welcome home party.



Snowboarding near our home



Aunt Brooke and Nile bowling



Brooke's family

### Work

We currently work for the same consulting company. Barb enjoys her position as a Manager as it gives her the freedom to make her own schedule, which will be advantageous when she becomes a mom. She is very much a people person and readily accepts all challenges placed before her. Brooke is more analytical, putting her skills to work negotiating contracts. Although we enjoy our careers, the most important thing to us is to have plenty of time and flexible work schedules that allow us an abundance of quality time with our child. Brooke currently works from home, but plans to be a full-time stay-at-home mom when our child arrives.