

• HEATHER AND APRIL •

Fredericksburg, Virginia



• HELLO! •

We are Heather and April from Fredericksburg, Virginia. Thank you so much for taking the time to read our letter. We have such respect and admiration for you and for the decisions you are considering. We believe open adoption is a wonderful way to extend our family and would love to hear about the hopes and dreams you have for your child. We are here to offer our support and encouragement and promise to honor your choices and input. Your child, if placed with us, will always know his or her special adoption story. We invite you to get to know us better and are excited to welcome you into our lives to the extent that makes you most comfortable. Please contact us anytime!

— Heather Fitz and April Dillow

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Snuggling with Rosie, Jean-Paul and Snaggle Tooth!



Paddling on the Rappahannock River near our house!

• OUR STORY •

Over the past six years, we have built a solid relationship based on love, support and trust. We enjoy everything from reading the Sunday paper to hiking with our three dogs, Rosie, Snaggle Tooth and Jean Paul. April is a therapist and loves working with kids. She turns tears into smiles and will absolutely be there for our child whenever he or she needs advice. Heather is a marketing professional who works for herself from home, mostly for Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit homebuilder that builds houses in partnership with low-income families. She creates her own work schedule and is excited this will allow her to stay at home with our little one!

We couldn't be more opposite in personality, but we recognize this as a strength, not a weakness. April likes order, doing research before buying anything and is not much of a risk taker. Heather is spontaneous, completely open to new challenges and has been known to buy something without looking at the price tag. Together, we balance each other out and regardless of what kind of personality our child has, we know one or the other of us will be able to relate!

• PARENTING •

We are committed to providing a home that is secure, loving, supportive and safe for our child. Encouraging a child's individuality and self-expression is as valuable as setting limits. Most important to us is creating an environment where our child feels like he or she can ask questions, make mistakes, feel nurtured and loved even when a consequence has been given.

We both grew up with a lot of love in our homes and look forward to recreating the same for our child. We will teach our child to always value him or herself, family, education and the arts. We can hardly wait to take our little one to plays, sporting events, museums and bookstores! Already we have daydreamed about what it will be like to experience parenthood at each stage of our child's life. Late night feedings for the baby. Recording our child's first words and steps. Sharing his or her special adoption story and how our family will always cherish you. Wiping away tears over a scraped knee or hurt feeling. The first day of school, driver's ed, dating, graduations, and perhaps a wedding and grandchildren. We are ready for all of it and looking forward to meeting the little person who will make all of those dreams come true!



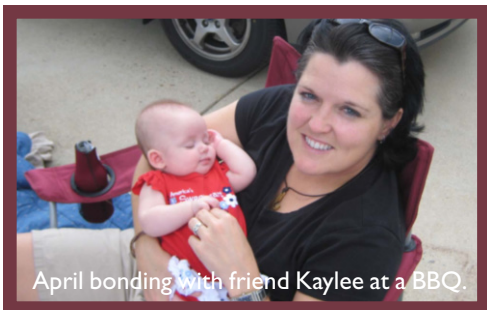
Aunt Heather and Hailey at Dollywood!



Aunt April and Cassie lounge in Hawaii!



April teaching our neighbor, Joe, to drive!



April bonding with friend Kaylee at a BBQ.

• APRIL (BY HEATHER) •

Falling in love with April was so easy. She's a complete goofball, an incredible athlete and the most nurturing person I've ever met. I feel so lucky to have found her.

I can't wait to see April as a mother. She constantly strives to learn about the world around her. I know our child will be able to ask a million questions and April will make finding the answers a fun game. I've never met anyone with a bigger heart and more commitment to the people she loves. April will participate in every field trip, athletic game and bedtime story. She's the love of my life and I can't wait to see her shower our little one with love.

• HEATHER (BY APRIL) •

Heather is warm, generous, full of fun and easily trusted. Children and animals gravitate toward her kind and playful nature. In college, she was an excellent nanny and I know that experience will make her a great mother!

Heather's gift of storytelling amazes me. Each tale she tells reflects exactly who she is, a loving person committed to making the world a better place. It's easy to imagine her reading to our child every night or even creating a new story with our little one! I know Heather looks forward to staying at home as much as possible. She can't wait to create memories with our child and explore the world. No one would guide a child better morally or provide more unconditional love. Heather is my best friend and has made my life more rich and interesting. I know she will do the same for our child and I can't wait to see their loving relationship.



Aunt Heather cuddling with sweet Colin.



Visiting the Parthenon in Athens, Greece!



Heather helping our neighbor, Joe, fly!

• OUR HOME •

We love living in historic downtown Fredericksburg, Virginia. The city, most famous for its role in Civil War history, keeps us entertained. Our child will never be bored given all there is to do within walking distance of our house! No doubt we'll be found sitting on curbs during street festivals, tubing down the Rappahannock River and eating yummy Carl's Ice Cream. We can already picture our child with a face full of chocolate ice cream and sprinkles! We have a huge park behind our house and live just one hour away from all of the museums and wonders that Washington, D.C., has to offer. Taking our child to the White House Easter Egg Hunt is a must!



Visiting with April's Mammaw and Mom.



Christmas dinner with Heather's parents.

• FAMILY •

We are blessed to have such amazing family and friends. April's family lives in Bristol, Tennessee, while Heather's family calls Apollo Beach, Florida, home. From the mountains to the beach, we have family waiting to welcome our child into their lives. We can't wait to see our little one building sand castles on the beach with cousins or strapping on little snow skis!

Every Sunday will be Family Fun Day, a tradition in Heather's family. Our adventures will be captured by Grandma Ginny, April's mom. She loves preserving memories and is always taking pictures or filming home videos. She's already dreaming about filming us tickling our little one or teaching him or her how to ride a bike. We can't wait to share all of these moments with our child!

• THANK YOU! •

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn a bit about us. We know you have a lot to consider and we truly wish you the best. Our thoughts are with you and we hope to hear from you soon!

Best Wishes,

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