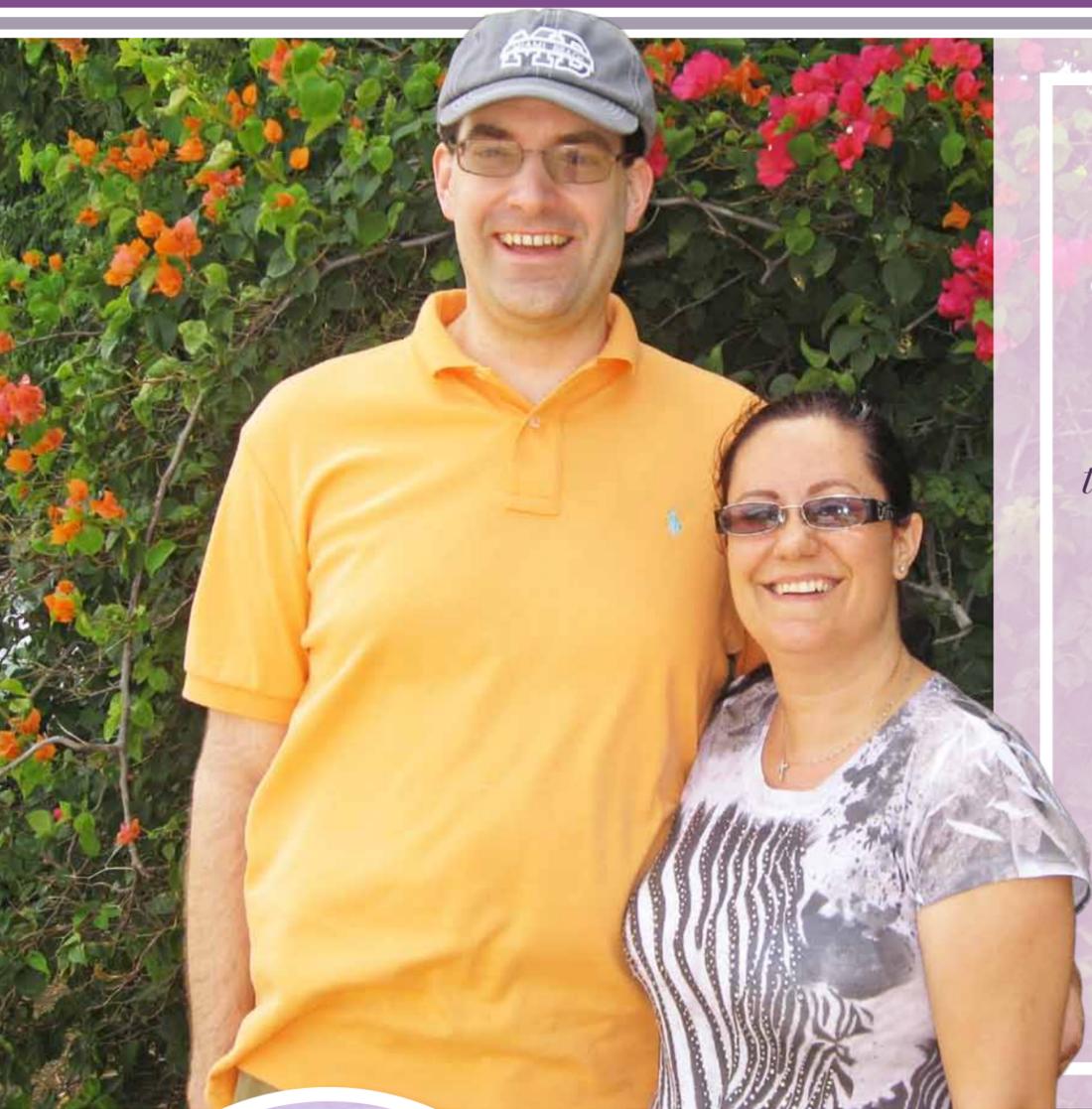


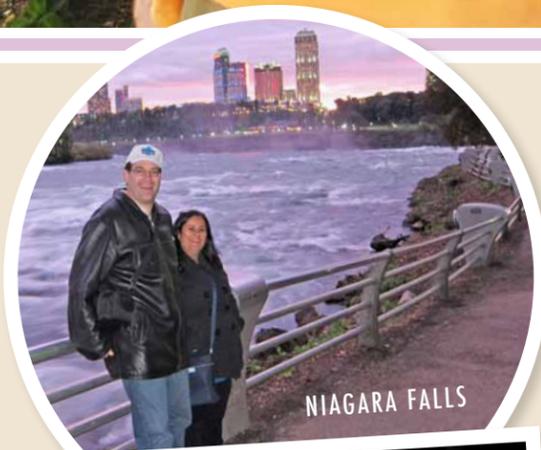
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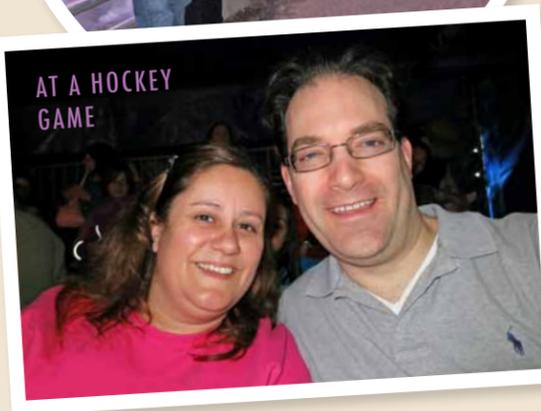


*Hello*  
 &  
**THANK YOU**  
*for taking*  
*the time to read*  
**OUR STORY!**

IT HAS BEEN  
 OUR GREATEST  
 WISH TO SHARE  
 THE LOVE THAT  
 WE HAVE FOR  
 EACH OTHER WITH  
 A CHILD OF OUR  
 OWN.



NIAGARA FALLS



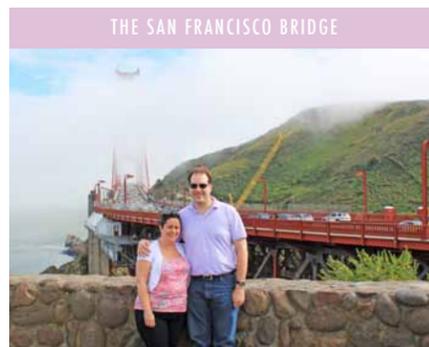
AT A HOCKEY GAME

We already consider ourselves a “family”, but to grow that number from two would be our ultimate dream come true. Just know that whatever your decision is we already admire your strength and kindness.

We have been together for 11 years, and we recently celebrated 6 years of marriage. We always dreamed of having a family. We spoke about it early on in our relationship. We never really considered that it might not happen or that we would have an issue in achieving that dream. And, I cannot tell you how many nights we prayed to have a child. Once we knew that the traditional way wasn't working for us, there was no hesitation in how we would go about becoming a family. *To us adoption is simply a natural extension of who we are as a couple, and it is the right choice for us due to our mutual love and respect of children.*



CRANBERRY FESTIVAL



THE SAN FRANCISCO BRIDGE

*Our Story*

WRITTEN BY ELIZABETH



We met on New Year's Eve of 2005. The funny thing is that we are from two very different worlds...literally. My husband, Warren, was born on the East Coast. I was also born on the East Coast, but moved with my family to Europe as a child and was raised there until I was 20 years old. I am from a close-knit Portuguese/American family. He is from a loving German/Czechoslovakian/English and Polish family, but lived all his life in the USA.

We first saw each other on a blind date after speaking on the telephone for about a week while I was on vacation with my family in Las Vegas, Nevada. We were set up by a mutual friend of my family who had requested my telephone number. Our friend said he wanted for me to meet a really nice single guy.

Our friend even got paper and a pen so that I could write my telephone number down. *He guaranteed that my husband would give me a call very soon.* Warren called me and we connected immediately. As the week away went by Warren was calling me every day to see what I was up to.

Warren asked me when I was going to return so I told him on New Year's Eve. He then asked me if I had any plans that evening when I got home. I said “No, but why?” and he replied “I would love to take you out to dinner if that is ok, when you return home?” and I said “Yes”.

AND THE REST IS *History...*





AT THE THEATER

## Our Interests

Elizabeth is very talented in foreign languages she speaks and writes four languages fluently. She loves to travel and has visited many countries in the world and exotic places. We have visited many countries in Europe, many states in the USA and countries in the Caribbean together. *We are always open to travel anywhere by plane or on a cruise ship and someday we would love to take our child on some adventures and visit Disney World and Disney Land in our future as a family:* Elizabeth enjoys everything from cultural activities and speaking with people from other countries is always exciting for her. She is fascinated by other cultures and would love to teach our child foreign languages. Warren is fascinated with technology and loves playing with the newest gadgets. We also like to try different types of international cuisine together.

*“We are both family oriented & both have big extended families.”*

*We love to spend time with family, friends and children especially our little niece of which we have a very strong bond with and love to go on swings and play with her.*

We like to do outdoor activities such as riding our bicycles on the weekend or after work at the park on a nice sunny day. We also enjoy viewing works of art, arts and craft shows, going to museums and looking at Claude Monet’s paintings together. We love theatre.

We love to go to the beach or lakes and go swimming, boogie boarding, boating, snorkeling and parasailing whenever possible. We also like the indoors, watching a good movie, cooking or baking together or simply just enjoying each other’s company.

Elizabeth loves to make many Portuguese traditional dishes that she learned from her Mom. Warren likes to make breakfast in the morning on weekends and loves to bake his delicious peach pie. We also share a love for flowers and plants and love to have them in our home or in our garden.

Elizabeth likes to go shopping with girlfriends or our sister-in-law and is interested in fashion. Warren likes to work on cars in his free time and watch a good football game on TV. We both enjoy going to car shows with siblings and friends. Elizabeth also loves to dance and is a good dancer. She also enjoys singing karaoke or just singing for fun or to kids in school. Warren loves model trains. We like to go to soccer and hockey games together.



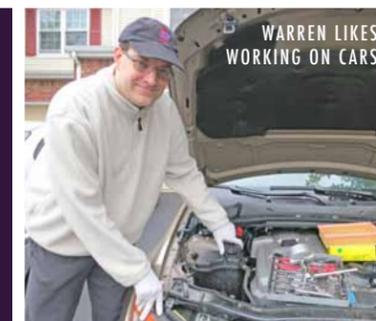
OUR FAVORITE ARTIST, CLAUDE MONET

## 5 Things you might be surprised to learn about us

- ♡ We met on New Year’s Eve
- ♡ Warren likes cars and Elizabeth likes sports cars
- ♡ Elizabeth can speak and write four languages fluently
- ♡ We both like to take photos
- ♡ Warren went Zip Lining and parasailing



A BEAUTIFUL SUNSET IN CAMBRIA BEACH CALIFORNIA



WARREN LIKES WORKING ON CARS



CELEBRATING NEW YEARS EVE



ENJOYING BREAKFAST AT THE VIRGINIA BEACH BOARDWALK

## Things that make us happy

1. CHILDREN LAUGHING
2. RAISING OUR BABY AND BECOMING A FAMILY
3. MY WONDERFUL HUSBAND/WIFE
4. OUR LIFE TOGETHER & OUR HOME
5. OUR HOBBIES
6. OUR FAMILY & OUR FRIENDS
7. BEING THE REASON FOR SOMEONE’S SMILE
8. SEEING OTHERS HAPPY
9. OUR FUTURE
10. WALKS ON THE BEACH AND TRAVELING TOGETHER
11. THE SMELL OF FRESH BREWED COFFEE IN THE MORNING
12. FRENCH TOAST WITH MAPLE SYRUP.

# Meet Elizabeth

WRITTEN BY WARREN



Elizabeth is a genuinely loving and kind person. She is beautiful inside and out and is so sweet and full of life. People are always drawn to her from the moment they meet her. I think that they instantly sense her warmth and fall in love with her radiant smile. She has a bubbly personality and makes you feel like you are the center of the world. She gives everything of herself without the thought of ever receiving anything back. Elizabeth pours her heart and soul into the people she loves. She is fiercely loyal and protective of anyone she cares for. She has amazing integrity and family values. She is strong, confident and so smart that she makes me proud to know that I have her support and love on my side. Elizabeth has made me a better man and is my biggest fan through good times and bad. She keeps our home immaculate and is so very talented. I look forward to every day with Elizabeth. It doesn't matter what we do as a couple—dining out or watching a movie from the comfort of our couch, we love spending time together and never want to be apart. She is the best thing that ever happened to me, and I couldn't imagine my life without her. She is my heart.

Elizabeth is so ready to be a stay-at-home Mom and give all of her time and energy to taking care of our own child. And, any child that has Elizabeth as a Mom will be blessed and extremely lucky. She loves to get right down to their level and play with them for hours at a time. I know in my heart being a Mom is what she was always meant to do, and as a Mom, Elizabeth will be a natural extension of who she is as a person. It makes me love her even more.



*"I know in my heart being a Mom is what she was always meant to do, and as a Mom, Elizabeth will be a natural extension of who she is as a person."*

ENJOYING A NIGHT OUT



ELIZABETH IS A NATURAL!



## Elizabeth's Career

Elizabeth is a talented Teacher of Foreign Languages/Home Instructor for French and Spanish, in addition to those she is also fluent in Portuguese and English. Once we are blessed with a child, she wants to focus all of her time and energy into raising our child.

TAKING A BREAK FROM RIDING HER BICYCLE IN VIRGINIA BEACH



LITTLE ELIZABETH



ELIZABETH LOVES TO BABYSIT OUR NIECE!





EXPERIENCING A COOL CULTURAL EXPERIENCE



WARREN RIDING HIS BIKE BEFORE SUNDOWN



A DELICIOUS MEAL ON VACATION

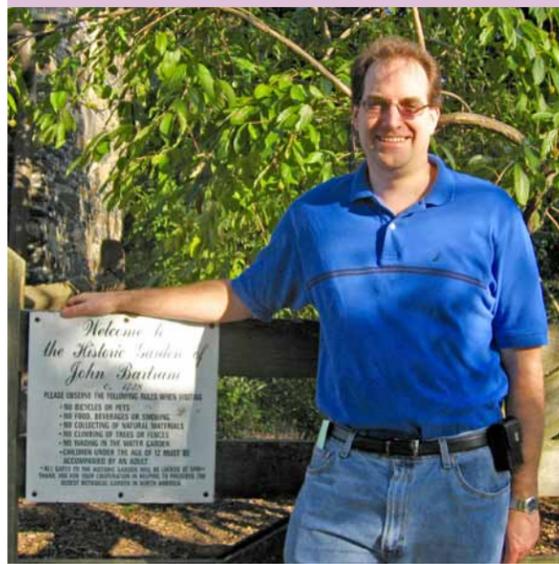


WARREN IN HIS FAVORITE SMART CAR

WARREN AS A BABY



FUN WITH OUR NIECE AT THE PARK



WARREN AT THE BARTHAM GARDEN IN PENNSYLVANIA



BABYSITTING OUR NIECE

## Warren's Career

Warren is a successful Systems Engineer who is dedicated and driven. *He amazes me with the level of responsibility he takes on and continues to excel in his career.* He has great medical/dental/prescription and retirement benefits.

# Meet Warren

WRITTEN BY ELIZABETH



*"He bears all the qualities to be an amazing Dad who would do anything for the well being and safety of his child."*

I know that I am going to sound sappy when I try to explain in words what I love about Warren. He is hands down the kindest, most sweetest and thoughtful man I have ever known. I remember when I first met him; I told my Mom that he seemed almost angelic and untouched by anything bad or harsh in the world. He is genuine through and through and most people who know and love him say that too. He is generous to a fault, but not just in sharing with others but in his pureness of heart. Make no mistake, he is my strength when I need that anchor and shoulder to lean on, but he will also sit down and watch a romantic, girlie movie and cry right along with me. I know some guys may have a hard time showing their feelings, but not Warren. He is so secure in himself that he will openly admit that yes, he will shed a tear if it is warranted. He is also terribly witty and funny with me, friends and family and people laugh a lot around him. I love him with all my heart and we are very tight! And it is not just because we are a couple. *We are the very best of friends, and he is everything to me.* When they say we all have a soul mate somewhere in the world, it's just a matter of finding them. Well, I did and I am so very lucky to have him in my life. I thank God every day!

Warren would be the most supportive and loving Dad. He is a gentle and affectionate man with a playful, silly side. He will spin me around while we are cooking in the kitchen and just start dancing with me. He also loves to hug me while we are together and loves to hold hands. Warren loves to come home to me after work and surprise me with flowers just because he knows it makes me smile. *He bears all the qualities to be an amazing Dad who would do anything for the well being and safety of his child.*



COOKING QUICHE FOR DINNER



### OUR FAVORITE HOBBIES

*Cooking, traveling, coloring, knitting, origami, reading, singing, watching movies, yoga, playing with gadgets*

SHOPPING AT THE MALL FOR SOME SUNGLASSES



FUN AT THE BEACH WITH A BOOGIE BOARD

AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS



## Our FUN FACTS & FAVORITES

### A FEW OF OUR favorites

#### TV SHOWS

*The Voice, Man vs. Child: Chef Showdown, Kids baking championship, Property Brothers*

#### CARTOON CHARACTERS

*Bugs Bunny, Pink Panther, Dora the Explorer and Sponge Bob*

#### FOODS

*French, Italian, Turkish, Greek, Lebanese, Portuguese, German, Spanish*

#### BLOG/WEBSITES

*Youtube, Travel & Humor*

#### ROOMS IN OUR HOME

*Our living room & kitchen*

#### SPORTS TEAMS

*NY Giants, Barcelona and Benfica*

#### ANIMAL

*Dog, Cat & Fish*

#### ICE CREAM FLAVORS

*Chocolate chocolate chip, pistachio, mango, and mint*

#### WAY TO RELAX AT HOME TOGETHER

*Cook, Bake, watch a movie together*

#### SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

*Our Mom and Dad*

#### ACTOR/ACTRESS

*Charlize Theron, Bruce Willis, Tom Hanks and Jennifer Lawrence*

#### MUSICAL ARTIST

*Adele, Coldplay, Celine Dion, Carrie Underwood, Shania Twain, Amalia Rodrigues, Edith Piaf and Adam Lambert*

#### PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD

*Disney World, Disney Land, a*

*beach, the park and the Zoo*

#### VACATION SPOT

*Paris, Cannes, Geneva, Lisbon, Porto, Algarve, Barcelona, Rome, Aruba, Saint Martin, Curacao, Saint Thomas, Antigua, Puerto Rico, Saint Lucia, Dominica, Bermuda, Bahamas, Barbados*



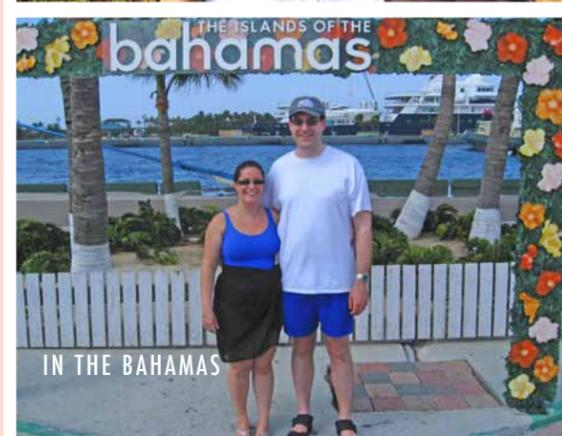
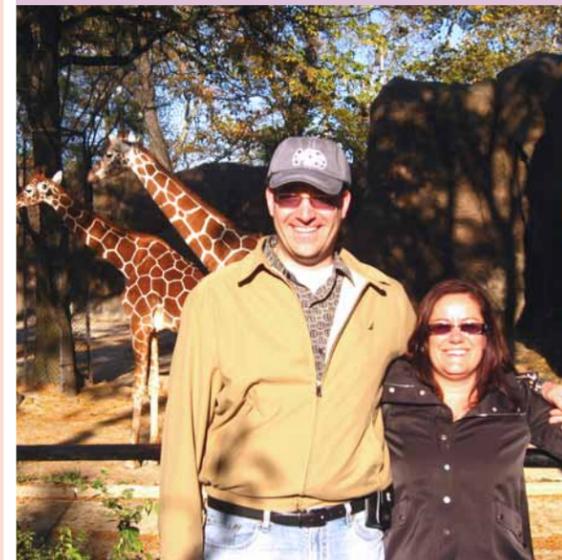
DRESSED UP FOR A CHRISTMAS PARTY



### OUR FAVORITE HOLIDAYS

*New Year's Eve, Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING OUR CHILD TO THE ZOO



IN THE BAHAMAS

# Our Village

FAMILY & FRIENDS



ELIZABETH LOVES BEING AN AUNT!



VACATION WITH ELIZABETH'S FAMILY



ELIZABETH AND HER MOTHER, HER BEST FRIEND



WARREN WITH THE MEN OF THE FAMILY AT HIS MOTHER'S HOUSE



WITH FRIENDS ON A CARRIBEAN CRUISE



ELIZABETH & WARREN ARRIVING AT A FRIEND'S HOME FOR SUPERBOWL



ELIZABETH & WARREN AND HIS FAMILY AT HIS BROTHER'S HOUSE

My Mom is hands down "The" or, at least, one of the best Moms in the world. She was a stay-at-home Mom. It was because of her constant care that my brother and I had such a fantastic and memorable childhood. *I plan on being a stay-at-home Mom too when we are blessed with a child.* I value what it was like to have my Mom there whenever I needed her, and I

feel strongly about doing the same with my own child.

My grandmother, who I was very close to as well, was like a second Mom to me. It was her strength, compassion and incredible love for her family that also provided the groundwork of who I am as an adult and laid the path for my own strong, family values with a focus on education. I have always been

around children. I was raised with my first maternal cousins who lived nearby and we are still as close as siblings.

Warren lived in the USA with his Mom and Dad and four siblings and extended family. Warren was close to both of his grandmothers growing up. His maternal grandmother spoke German and his paternal grandmother spoke

Polish. Warren's Mom taught him how to have a sense of humor since they both share the same witty personality.

His father taught him family values, work ethic and the importance of education to become knowledgeable and self sufficient in his career. He helped educate his family, children and his students

since he was an educator for 26 years. *His father set a good example of what kind of man Warren has become. The values he has learned from his father will be a good example of what he could transfer to our child.*



OUR SUPPORTIVE & AMAZING family!

*If we are Lucky*  
**ENOUGH TO BE CHOSEN**  
*as parents, our child...*



- ♥ *Will be loved unconditionally*
- ♥ *Will be our first and foremost priority*
- ♥ *Will be provided a secure and stable family environment full of happiness, love and support*
- ♥ *Will have faith, strong family values and integrity*
- ♥ *Will travel and see the world with us by his/her side and hopefully; will love Disney World as much as we do*
- ♥ *Will know what it is like to be strong, confident and get what they want through perseverance and believing in themselves*
- ♥ *Will know just how very much their Birth Mom loved them to give us such an amazingly, selfless gift*
- ♥ *Will always know about you, your bravery and your generosity of heart*
- ♥ *Will forever connect us to you through the bond we share in the love of our child*

## *Home Sweet Home*

*We* own a spacious three bedroom home in a beautiful town. We have a large kitchen with a sliding glass window onto a backyard deck, a formal living/dining room, and a two car garage. We especially love our kitchen because of all the

cooking we do. Our town has top rated public and private schools. We take advantage of what our neighborhood has to offer-the many beautiful parks, local pool, and quaint town center are a few reasons why we fell in love with our community.



DINNER WITH COUSINS IN PORTUGAL



SPRING PARTY AT WARREN'S BROTHER'S HOUSE



## *our family Traditions*

*We* go to the Portuguese and German cultural clubs with our families. Another family tradition is that before Christmas we visit a tree farm to search for the perfect tree and set it up together at our individual homes. We decorate our Christmas tree together with many sentimental ornaments. All of our family gather together to prepare our favorite meal at our home for Christmas Eve. We then have a Christmas Eve dinner with our traditional dishes Portuguese, German and Polish. Also for Easter we have a brunch together at Warren's parents house and the whole family enjoys spending time together. We also go egg hunting with our niece. We get together for Thanksgiving at Elizabeth's brother's home or her cousin's house early in the day then we all drive to Warren's brother's home and have a Thanksgiving dinner. We spend time with all of our siblings either at our house or at Warren's or Elizabeth's family's home.

*We also love to travel!*





*We* want to thank you again, for your time. We feel so very lucky that you would consider us as parents. We hope we have answered some of your questions and that you have a good feel for who we are and what we value. We would like to express our gratitude for what you are doing. We know that you are making one of the most difficult decisions of your life. *Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**KIND REGARDS**

*Warren & Elizabeth*

