

Sarah + Tom





Hi there!

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us! We feel like the pages you are about to turn are a true reflection of who we are as a couple and as individuals. We are already so excited at the possibility of meeting you, and potentially welcoming you and your baby into our hearts and family.

It's extremely difficult to write words on a page and have them accurately reflect the privilege it is that you are taking the time to get to know us. We hope and pray that the following pages give insight into our lives.

 *with love,*

Sarah + Tom







our story

We met at a church function in 2007. I (Sarah) still remember seeing Tom walk into the room. I didn't know anybody, as I had just moved to the area after graduating college. I had taken a job as a Youth Director at a different church, and wanted to meet people my age. Tom walked through the doors, made eye contact with me, and introduced himself later that night.

I (Tom) still remember what Sarah was wearing the day we met. I knew I had to get to know her right away. We were friends first, which was very important to me. She is still my best friend today.

We were married on May 7, 2011...Derby Day!



Hi! I'm
Sarah

"Sarah is a beautiful person, full of love, respect, and grace. She always cares about others' feelings and emotions. Sarah loves to entertain and serve others as well. She is wonderful in the kitchen and shares her talents whenever possible. Sarah continues to show her love for others professionally as a counselor, specializing in working with children and teenagers."



33
years old

5 foot
1 inch

blonde hair
hazel eyes

My favorite
spot is the
beach.

My favorite
band is
Coldplay.

I can be a little self-
conscious when I
meet new people.

"Sarah loves to be outside enjoying the beautiful flower beds she has created around our home. Sarah can also be found playing the piano, which she is very talented at. I think anyone who has ever met Sarah would easily describe her as selfless and compassionate."

Gentle, Loving, and Genuine





Hi! I'm Tom

"Tom is the most dedicated person I know. He pours his whole heart into his relationship with me, his relationships with our family, and his relationships with our friends. He is dedicated to being a good employee and giving 100% to his work. Tom is a go-getter and never gives up. I think this is an important attribute as we prepare for parenthood. I know without a doubt he will strive to be the best dad possible!"



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Church.

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games with the
neighborhood kids.

"Tom aims to be the best at everything he does. He goes above and beyond for people in a loving and selfless way. Tom also has a great sense of humor. I find him truly hysterical. He is very much an extrovert and many people find him fun to be around. When we are with others, Tom makes everyone laugh and is the life of any party. He's a goofball for sure!"

Honest, Passionate, and Fun



Our Family

We have a HUGE support system where we live. Tom's entire family lives only a short drive away, making it very easy to visit and spend time together. Sarah's family lives a little further away, but we visit and spend time as much as we can. We are different than a lot of families we know because of the incredible support that we have from our "extended families". This includes many couples and individuals from our neighborhood, church, and other adoptive families.

We have friends who range in age from their mid 20's to their 40's We also have some who are in their 60's. These friends we consider our second parents. They will definitely be an extra set of grandparents to our future child(ren). These are the people we vacation with, cry and laugh with, watch football with and pray with. These people, along with our biological families, have been in our corner through everything.

We have been blessed by parents and grandparents who made the choice to set money aside for our educations when we were babies. We plan to do the same thing for our child. We want to minimize the financial burden in any way we can to give our children the best possible start in life.

When we adopt, we have flexible schedules that will allow one or both of us to be home to care for our child most of the time. We are hoping to enlist some of our good friends to help out as well!



About Sarah's Family

I have one biological sister whom is married and has a son. I have three step-siblings, all of which live on the west coast. . Sadly, my father died suddenly when I was 9 years old, which really changed the course of my childhood. My mom remarried an amazing man when I was 11. We then moved to the East Coast to be where he worked!



About Tom's Family

I was adopted when I was 4 months old. I have an older sister who was also adopted. She and I are not biological siblings. My sister is married to a wonderful man, and they have three children. I am very close with my family, and they live only a short distance from us. We see them as often as we can.

About Sarah's Family

My step-father went on to legally adopt me and my sister. I have an extremely close relationship with my sister, mom, dad, brother-in-law and nephew. I love seeing them whenever I get the chance.

All of our parents, siblings and extended family cannot wait to welcome a baby through adoption. Our parents have been gathering all kinds of baby things that they can keep at their homes. Our siblings have been passing down baby gear and are ecstatic about having new cousins for their children.





— home *sweet* home —

We live in a northern suburb of Philadelphia in a two-story, single-family home that backs up to a cul-de-sac. We have a large back yard with a swing set and lots of room to play. Our neighborhood is very safe and family oriented. There is a lot of diversity, and we live in one of the top school districts in the county. We are close friends with several neighborhood families and have vacationed with them annually. We love to go to the beach, spend weekends in the mountains, and go to local community events.

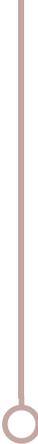


Berkley & Pbyn Lea

We have Berkley, our 9-year-old English Lab who we got before we were married. He loves everyone, and is the most gentle dog. The neighborhood kids will come by just to visit Berkley! He is also a certified therapy dog. Pbyn Lea (pronounced Finley) is our Greater Swiss Mountain Dog. She is 2 years old, and is full of love, spunk, quirkiness and energy. She keeps Berkley acting like a puppy!



Sarah's Hobbies:
Cooking, gardening,
baking, reading.



Tom's Hobbies:
Hunting, fishing,
gardening with Sarah,
building/remodeling
parts of the house,
sports--both watching
and playing.



Sarah's Interests:
The environment, bee
keeping, traveling,
hanging with family and
friends, sports-both
watching and playing.



Tom's Interests: Fitness,
hanging with friends
and family.



things we enjoy







bye for now

We promise to welcome your child with open arms, and love him or her unconditionally. We promise to always advocate for your child. We assure you that we will do our best to give him or her every possible opportunity. We promise to put the needs of your child first. We promise that your child will experience laughter, fun, adventure, support, and unconditional love every day in our home. We promise to surround your child with loving family and friends.

We promise to raise your child knowing who you are and having a relationship with you if you wish.

We hope that you feel like you know us a little better now :) ! We are hoping that we can get to know you too! We have been praying for the woman and baby that will come into our lives and forever change our hearts. We pray that you find continued comfort and strength as you make the most loving decision in the world.

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