

Cara & Jake



Hello! We are Jake & Cara

We are honored that you are considering us as prospective parents to your little one. We appreciate your time and effort to learn about us. Thank you for considering us!



It has been a longing desire of ours to become parents through adoption and we are thrilled to begin this journey with you.

We are ready to give our unconditional love to your child and expand our family through the miracle of adoption. We have always loved the idea of pursuing adoption to grow our family.

We will instill in your child...

- Be accepting of others for who they are
- Be respectful and kind
- Be grateful
- Trust your heart
- Follow your dreams
- Stand up for what you believe in
- Love one another

Our Story

We attended the same schools growing up.

We both share the love for the outdoors and other common interests, which is how we came to find each other. We like to spend time together and enjoy all that Wisconsin weather has to offer- from snowshoeing in winter, to gardening in spring, walking our dog Matti on summer evenings, or gathering around a fire with friends. We hope to extend our love for the outdoors and common interests with your child someday.



SUNSET WALK ON THE BEACH

HIKING BOND FALLS IN UPPER MICHIGAN



POST COLOR RUN!



ICE FISHING



Hobbies we love

We love the wonderful life we have built for ourselves and we enjoy spending time together! We like many activities such as hiking, walking our pup Matti, cooking, watching movies at home, bike rides, spending time with our friends and families, and the occasional camping trips in the summers.

We are avid sports fans! We enjoy watching sports of all kinds and we play a few as well. We play volleyball throughout the year, participate in color runs with peers in the summer, and occasionally enjoy a good game of golf. In winter, when we're not snowshoeing, you can usually find us out on the ice, fishing. Family is very important to us and we include them whenever we can in our many common activities and interests. We cannot express how overjoyed we are to one day share all of these sweet adventures with our future child.

Meet Jake

About Jake, by Jake



FISHING FUN!

I love being outdoors with the changing seasons. My favorite time of the year is fall because I'm either harvesting from the garden or hunting at my parent's land. Some of my fondest memories growing up as a child are hunting and

fishing at my childhood home. I'm lucky enough to have our own home within biking distance of where I grew up, and enjoy a lot of the same hobbies as when I was younger. Other interests of mine include hiking, biking, trap shooting, volleyball, tennis, golf, and racquetball. I have always wanted to be a dad and I am fortunate and grateful to have a partner in life who wants to be a parent and have a family as much as I do. As a dad I'm really looking forward to showing your child all the things I've enjoyed doing when I was a kid, and I hope we'll be able to come up with a few new shared hobbies that we can experience together.

Jake's Favorites

→ **COUNTRY I'VE VISITED**
Iceland

→ **SPORT I LIKE TO PLAY**
Racquetball

→ **IDEAL VACATION**
Sequoia, Glacier, or Denali National Parks

→ **SUMMER HOBBY**
Gardening

→ **MOVIE** Good Will Hunting

→ **SUMMER SPORT** Biking

→ **MOVIE THEATRE SNACK** Sour Patch Kids

→ **CHILDHOOD BOARD GAME** Life on the Farm

Meet Jake, by Cara

Jake is a wonderful husband and is always doing the little things to show his love towards me. He is a great cook and enjoys experimenting with food in the kitchen. He enjoys helping me with the "honey do list" and always puts 110% in everything he does. He is confident, hard working, and is always willing to help others. I can't wait for Jake to be a dad! I love watching him around our nieces and nephews and how sweet and patient he is with each of them. I can see how much he wants to be a dad and what an excellent dad he will be.

RACQUETBALL WITH OUR NIECE



Meet Cara

Cara's Fun Facts and Favorites



- **FAVORITE SPORT TO PLAY:** Tennis
- **I RUN A 5K:** Every month
- **FAVORITE AUTHOR:** Coleen Hoover
- **FAVORITE COLOR:** Purple
- **FAVORITE DISNEY MOVIE:** Beauty and the Beast

- **I COLLECTED ROCKS** as a little girl (and still do!)
- **FAVORITE WINTER ACTIVITY:** Snowshoe
- I love to push **MOW THE LAWN**
- I WILL go back to **HAWAII** someday

About Cara, by Cara

I love Children! So much that I've worked in childcare with all ages for 14+ years. I am passionate about children and cannot wait to have one of my own. I am excited to become a mom and introduce your child to our adorable nieces. I enjoy spending time with our nieces and love singing Disney songs with them, as I have a love for anything Disney. When not engaged with children, I enjoy baking, reading, biking, hiking, and participating in 5k's within our community. I look forward to parenthood and passing some of the values and traits that my parents instilled in me growing up.



WITH MY NIECES



TURTLE TROT 5K!

Meet Cara, by Jake

One of the first things I noticed about Cara was her complete dedication to her career. She's held a position in child care for over 14 years, and during her free time she babysits for various families. I've never met someone that's committed so much time and energy towards caring for other people's children. She takes an incredible amount of pride in everything she does, and I know she would take the same amount of love and care for the kids she looks after now and show that towards your child. Ask anyone that knows her, and I can guarantee they'll agree that Cara will make an amazing mom!

We live in a quiet neighborhood where children are usually riding their bikes and running from house to house to play with one another.



FOURTH OF JULY AT THE LAKE



Meet Matti

Matti is an 11 year old peekapoo with a lot of love to give. She loves a nice lap to curl up into at any time of day. She gives the best kisses and is very gentle and sweet. Matti loves to chase the squirrels that are under the bird feeder in the backyard and enjoys going for walks in the evenings. Matti is great with kids and can't wait to meet your child!



Our Home

We also have a neighboring park, usually filled with laughter of children or community gatherings. In our large backyard, we enjoy watching bats fly at dusk while sitting around an open fire, listening to the nearby creek. Jake does a great job manning the grill out on our spacious deck where we like to host get togethers with friends and neighbors. Jake's grilled pizzas do not disappoint!

Our home has plenty of space for hide and seek, arts and crafts, and blanket forts. We are excited to create these memories, and many more! Our favorite room in the house is the family room, where we watch movies and play family board games.

We Dream About...

- Lots of love and giggles
- Teaching your child how to ride a bike
- Reading bedtime stories
- Building blanket forts
- Chasing your little one around the yard
- Singing Disney songs
- Saying prayers before bed
- Attending soccer games or dance recitals

ANNUAL CHERRY PICKING





BRUNCH WITH CARA'S DAD'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY

Our Loved Ones



Family is very important to us. We are fortunate to have been raised in wonderful, supportive, loving families who are a lot of fun to be around.

We love to be with our extended families. We get together for birthday parties, cookouts and holidays. We live within 5 miles of Cara's mom and grandparents and Jake's parents and brother. Cara's parents are divorced and both live in the same town as us. Her parents have maintained a good relationship over the years, always making sure their children came first. We see or talk to each of our parents on a regular basis. Our family and friends have expressed a lot of excitement and support for our plans to adopt! It is comforting to know that your child has so many amazing people ready and excited to be in their life.



CARA AND HER MOM



OUR NIECE'S DANCE RECITAL

Faith

We were both raised in loving Christian homes.

We plan to raise your child so that they know the importance of faith. We feel it is important to have God in our lives. We have turned to our faith during the difficult times and rejoiced in our faith in the happiest of times.

FAMILY REUNION ON BALD HEAD ISLAND, NORTH CAROLINA



Thoughts on Parenting

We promise to honor your child and teach him or her where they came from. We promise to tell your child about you; your favorite color, your favorite food, and that you love them more than anything in the world. We cannot wait to share our unconditional love with your child and raise them with an open mind and generous heart. We are looking forward to having an open relationship with you and send you pictures and/or milestones throughout your child's life. We are not perfect, but will strive to be the best parents to your child. We are ready to start a family with you and your child and begin making everlasting memories with them.

In Closing

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us.

We promise that every day your child will be surrounded by endless love, honesty, kindness, faith, and support. We will communicate and maintain contact at the level you feel most comfortable. Please know that we would be honored to have you in our lives. You are in our thoughts and prayers and we wish you the best in your journey. We know you have a lot of decisions ahead and no matter what you choose, we hope you find peace and clarity as you research all of your options. We look forward to hearing from you!

Jake & Cara

