



Jacob and Jenna



Hello,

Thank you for reading our profile book. We promise the strength and love you are exercising with this decision is not lost on us. Please know that whatever your decision, we will always honor you and your lives.

We are unable to have biological children and have joyfully embraced adoption to grow our family. We are so excited to become parents! We are ready to have an open adoption with you and your family if that is what you choose. We will respect your wishes about openness.

We are blessed with the support of a diverse community of family and friends, some of whom have experiences with adoption. We live in a safe, child-friendly, neighborhood in Minnesota.

We cannot wait to join our friends and their children at the local playground just a couple blocks from our home. We look forward to discovering a child's special talents and passions whether that be at our local library or on the athletic fields a couple blocks away.

As parents, we promise to provide a secure, positive, fun, and loving environment. We cannot wait to share our passion for life with a child. Thank you for considering us.

Jake and Jenna

Our Story

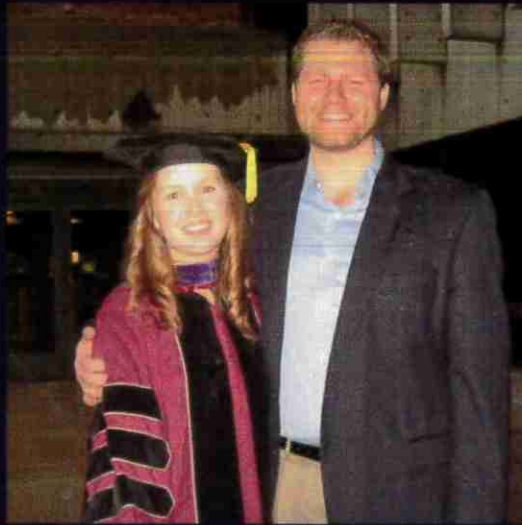
We met each other while we were in law school. They say opposites attract and we tend to agree. Jake is soft-spoken, thoughtful, and patient. Jenna is outspoken, playful, and adventurous.

We quickly bonded over our love of sports, cheeseburgers, and action movies. We spent our law school summers attending sporting events, playing outdoors, and eating our weight in fried food at the state fair.

After law school, we got married. Both of us work as lawyers for different government agencies in Minnesota. Public service is a calling that unites us.

We are best friends and true partners in life. Our relationship is built on mutual respect and kindness. We know we are better and stronger together than apart. Our marriage is a blessing.

Top left: Jenna's law school graduation
Top right: Gopher football game

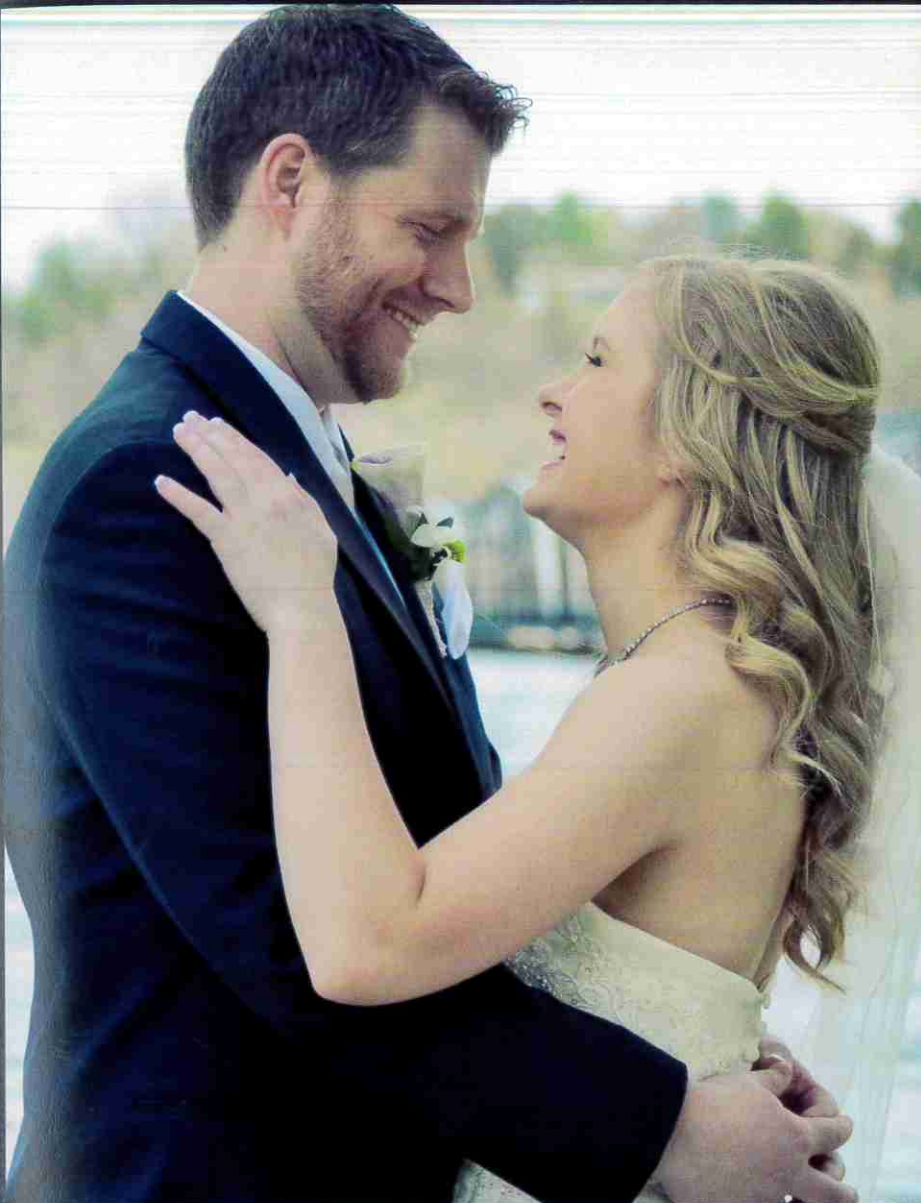


Bottom left: Tubing on the lake
Bottom right: State Fair goodness



better together

Top Middle: Honeymoon in St. Lucia
Top right: Hiking on the St. Croix



We were married in 2014.

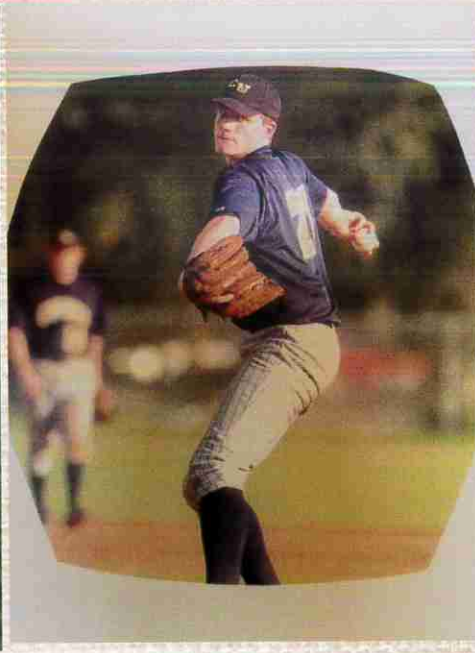


Bottom middle: Cooling off after our bike ride across Isla Mujeres
Bottom right: Jake's first catch ice fishing

More about Jake (as told by Jenna)



First year of little league



Pitching for Concordia University



Enjoying a hockey game with our friend's daughter.



Jake's softball team

Jake is the most loving and loyal person I have met. At 6-years-old, he met his best friend. 29 years later, this friendship remains one of the most loving and supportive relationships I have ever witnessed.

Jake grew up in the city. He spent his childhood competing in soccer, baseball, and basketball. While he excelled as an athlete, he also played the violin for six years. Jake received a college scholarship to play Division II baseball and also pitched in the Northwoods League. His parents raised him with Christianity and his love for God is something that still guides him throughout his life.

At work, Jake is a brilliant attorney who specializes in constitutional appellate law and frequently argues before the Minnesota Supreme Court. At home, he is an active and easy-going 35-year-old who loves to read, golf, bike, play softball, and play with our dogs.

Jake will be an amazing father because he is patient, kind, and loving. For the past ten years, he has loved me for exactly who I am, flaws and all. He is my rock and I am a better person because of him. I am so excited to watch a child experience this level of steadfast and unconditional love.

More about Jenna (as told by Jake)



Riding Joey the pony



Wakeboarding



Our nephew feeding Jenna his birthday cake.



Goofing around at the State Fair

Jenna is a remarkable woman. She has a huge heart and is always looking for ways to serve others. Her passion for service led her to become a public defender, where she uses her intelligence, work ethic, and razor-sharp wit to make sure everyone, regardless of background or income, is treated fairly.

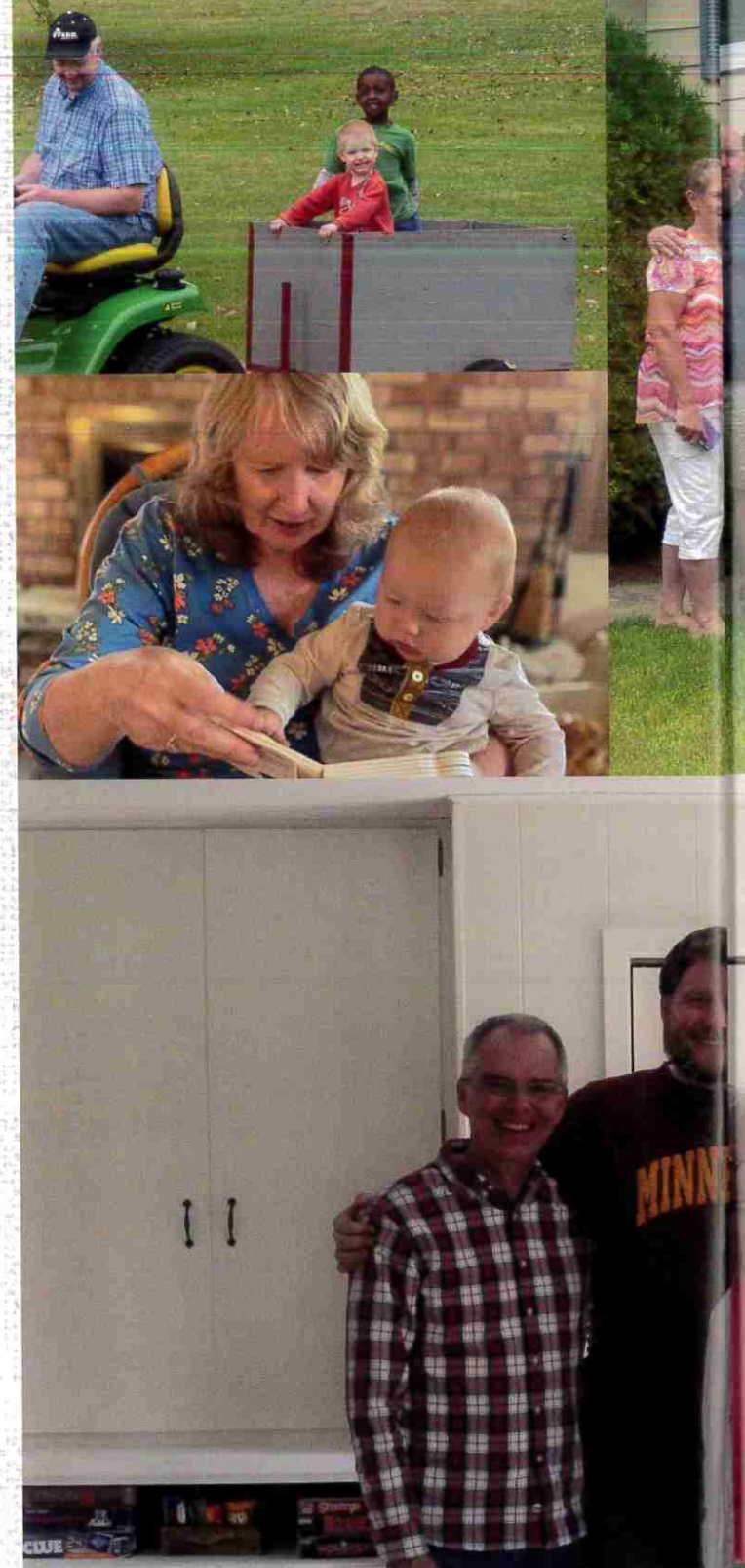
At home, she is a playful and out-going 34-year-old, who loves to laugh and goof around. She likes hiking, biking, woodworking, crocheting gifts for others, and cooking. She is a very warm and caring person who is always putting others' needs above her own.

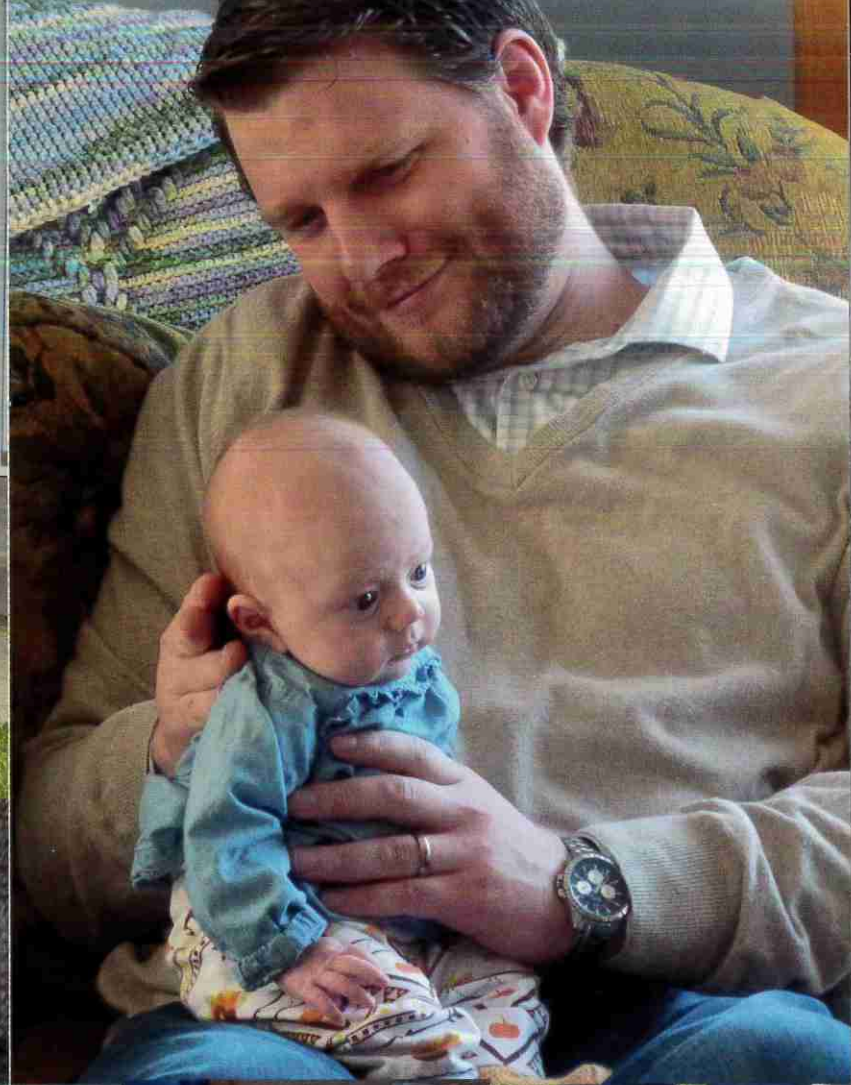
Growing up in rural Minnesota on a 10-acre hobby farm, she spent her time playing outdoors with her three siblings and various animals. She excelled in athletics (volleyball, basketball, softball) and in academics, becoming the first woman in her family to graduate from college. Her parents raised her to love God and all His children, which she does daily.

She is going to be such a great mom. She has so much love to give, and I am so excited to watch her play with our children and teach them how to work hard, have fun, and be kind to others.

Jake's Family

I grew up in a family of four and I have more aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, and nieces than space in this book can handle. Adoption is already part of my family as my uncle adopted twice when I was in college. So, I have two much younger adopted cousins. My brother and his wife have two young children. My sprawling family usually congregates together at Oma's (great-grandma) farmhouse. My little cousins, nieces, and nephews love taking turns riding around on the tractor, playing tag in the open fields, and helping with Oma's garden. We are so excited to add to the young group of children at Oma's farmhouse.





Jenna's family

I grew up in a family of six and have four nieces and nephews that are very excited to have another cousin. My brother and his wife have two young children. My sister and her husband have two teenage children. My family usually spends time together at the lake close to my parent's house. Nana and Papa (grandma and grandpa) are so excited to have another grandbaby to spoil, take on boat rides, and teach to fish.



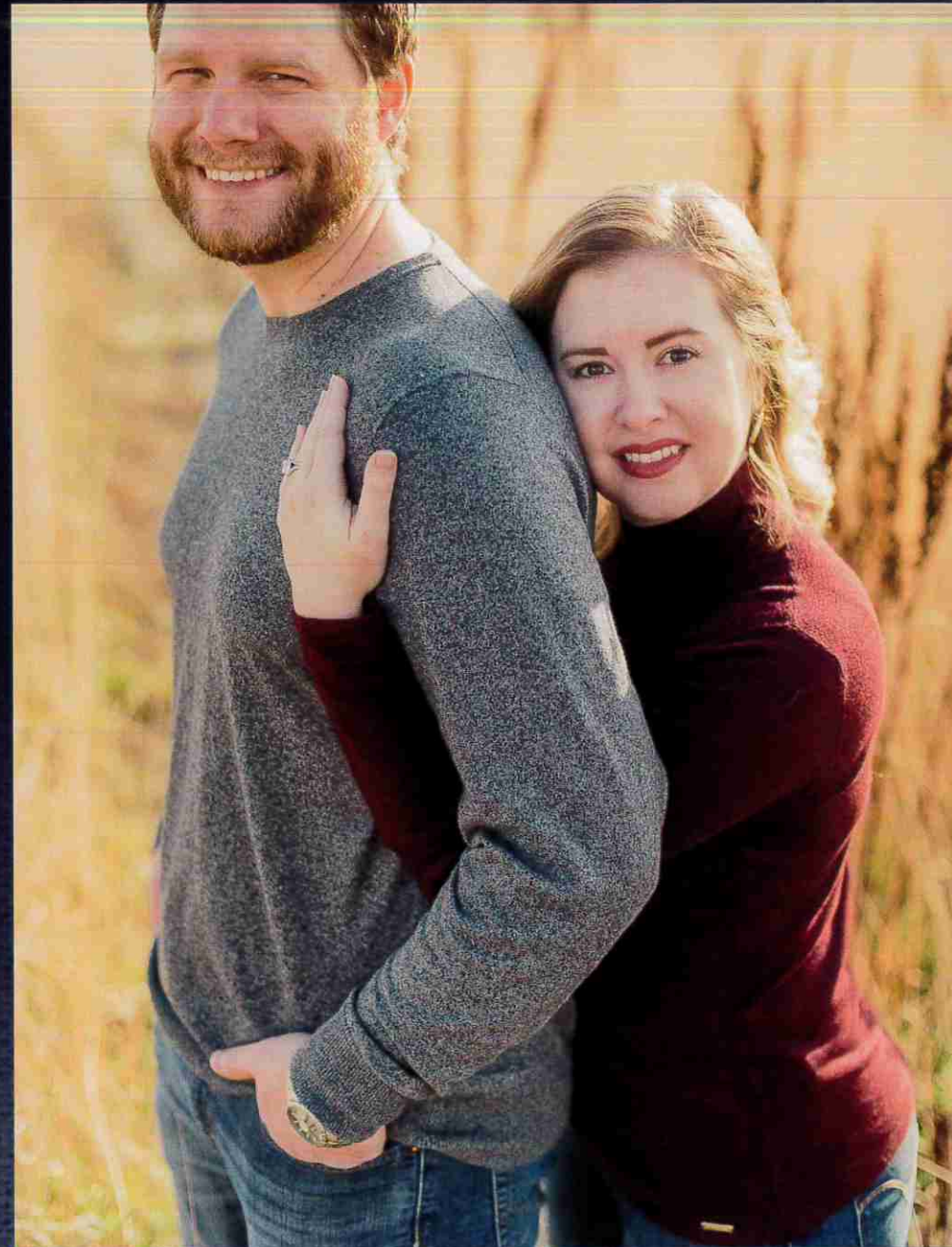


Our Adoption Story and Community

We know adoption is the right choice for us because we spent years considering this decision.

Five years ago, we learned that Jenna was left unable to conceive biological children. Rather than immediately move into the adoption process, we made an intentional choice to take time to process this experience. While it was a difficult time for us it also taught us that together we can get through anything. We have grown closer and stronger than ever.

We know adoption is the right choice for us because we took this time. We have so much joy in our lives and cannot wait to share our passion for life with a child.





When we started the adoption process the out-pouring of support from our family and friends was overwhelming. Our families are excited to meet their new great-grandchild, grandchild, cousin, niece or nephew. Jenna's work family has been overjoyed at the prospect of having another baby available for public defender playdates.

Having both family and friends that were adopted transracially or have adopted transracially, we understand the responsibility we will owe to a child. We have built a support network of family, friends, and coworkers from various cultural backgrounds to help us support a child as they explore their own culture. It is important to us for our child to have teachers, friends, mentors, and spiritual leaders from similar backgrounds.

We understand that our child will have a different cultural background than our own and we promise to seek out these opportunities and resources so that our child grows up knowing and loving every aspect of themselves. We promise to honor every aspect of their identity.

Our Home



We live in a single-family home in a neighborhood and city that we love. Our city was recently ranked one of the top ten cities to live in the United States for its 3,000 plus acres of public parks, 140 miles of weaving trails, and excellent public school district. Our neighborhood includes a diverse mixture of families from many different ethnic backgrounds and children of differing age groups.

We love our neighborhood. We love walking to our corner grocery store for treats and biking the trails connected all around us. We love joining our next door neighbors for barbeques and game nights. We look forward to walks with our child to our neighborhood playground, the soccer fields, and corner store for donuts.

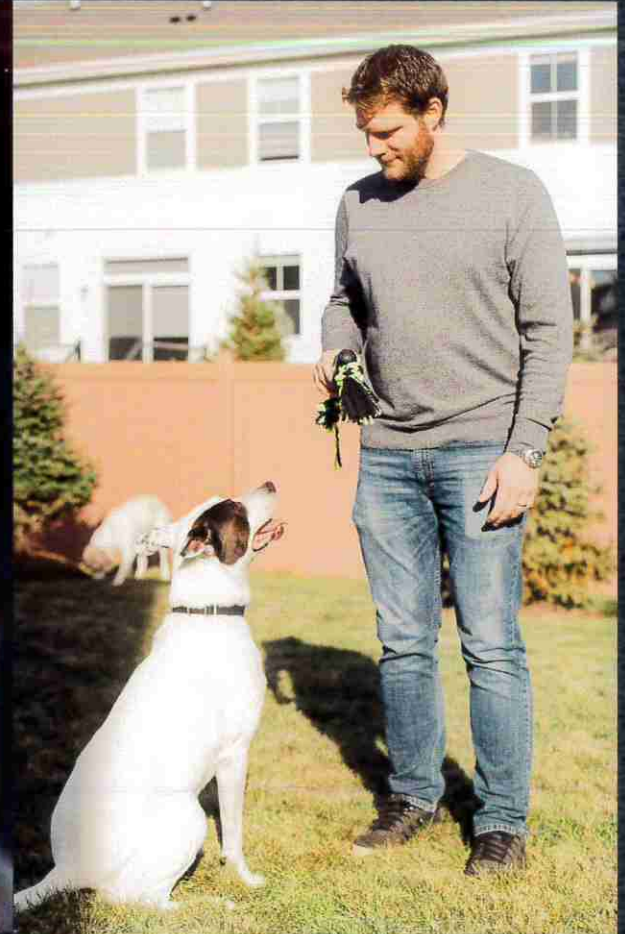


Our Pets



Vacuums are a big deal in our house, mostly because we have three sources of hair to combat: Stewart the cat; Murphy the lab; and Gordon the terrier.

Murphy came next. He is big, soft, and dopey. He is obsessed with belly rubs and eating anything dropped on the floor, regardless if it is edible.



Meet the leader of the pack, Stewart. He is a cuddly and outspoken lap cat. His favorite place to be is cuddled next to the person who does not wish to cuddle with him.

Gordon was third to join the pack. He is intelligent, energetic, and won second place in obedience school. He divides his time between playing in our backyard and napping in front of our fireplace.

Fun Facts about Jake

Jake attracts animals even while unconscious.



Favorite food: Pizza (any kind)

Favorite book as a child: Green Eggs and Ham

First car: 1985 Toyota Supra

Biggest fear: Snakes

Guilty pleasure: Anything peanut butter and chocolate

While Jake is usually soft-spoken, he can be pretty out-going during gopher football...



Fun Facts about Jenna



Jenna once ate bacon every day while on vacation in different ways. This was bacon taco day.

Favorite food: Tie between McDonald's double cheeseburger and bacon

Favorite book as a child: Matilda

First car: 1989 Cutlass Calais

Biggest fear: Velociraptors in Jurassic Park

Guilty pleasure: Puffcorn and Sour Patch Kids candy

When Jenna sings, Murphy is the only one in the house who appreciates it.



As a family, we can't wait to...



Carve Halloween pumpkins



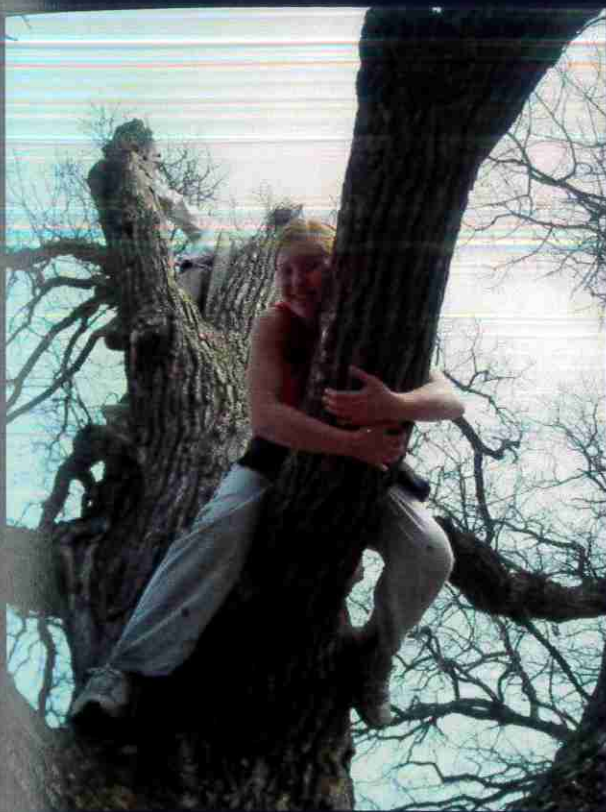
Explore
state parks



Visit national monuments



Have a Christmas cookie party

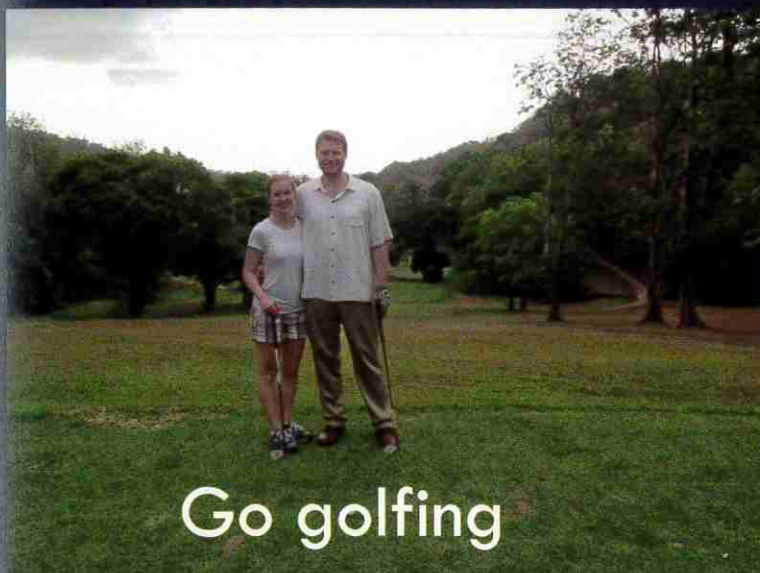


Climb some trees



Go to a Gopher
Football game

Go hiking and swimming
at our local state park



Go golfing



Go get
icecream

Our Promise as Parents

We are not perfect so we cannot promise to be perfect parents. But, there is a lot that we can promise.

We promise we will always honor your place as the birth parent(s). We will speak of you with respect and love. We will maintain an open relationship if you wish.

We will honor a child's unique background and cultural heritage. We will raise a child to be a loving, independent, and confident person.

We promise to teach a child that while life can be hard and challenging, it is also a beautiful adventure that should be bravely explored.

We promise to love the child unconditionally - forever and always.

Thank you for considering us.

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