

Jeff

and

Tricia

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our story

(and ella)

We met in college and realized very quickly that this was something special. There was never a doubt that God had given us to each other and that we were supposed to build a family together. After getting married in 2002, we started trying to have children a few years later. Despite being two very creative people, a baby is something that we just can't create.

After years of trying to conceive, God placed in our hearts the desire to adopt. We knew that there could be absolute, unconditional love for a child that was not born to us but instead entrusted to our care. This has been proven so true with the adoption of our daughter, Ella. However, we know that our family is not yet complete as we have more love to give. We appreciate your consideration of us in your decision. You and your baby are already on our minds and in our prayers.



the artsy one



the crafty one



the sweet one



the fat one



the cuddly one





Love



my jeff

BY TRICIA

When I first met Jeff, I was absolutely blown away with his caring heart and ability to make me laugh. In our 17 years together, my love and appreciation of him has only grown. He is passionate about and protective of the people he loves. He truly is my best friend.

The first time I saw Jeff, he was drawing and I don't think he has stopped since then! He uses his artistic talent to not only tell his creative stories but also to help provide for our family. I am so proud that he works to do something he loves for a living.

Jeff is very close to his family and I have been blessed to call them my family for over 17 years. They are have been so excited to welcome our daughter to the family and can't wait for the next!

I love to see Jeff in his role as a father, passing on his caring spirit, sense of humor and loving heart. He loves to play and rough-house with Ella and makes up a silly song for everything that they do together.



jeff's family



HE IS:
GENEROUS
FUNNY
HARD WORKING
CARING
IMAGINATIVE
TALKATIVE

HE LOVES:
HIS FAMILY
WRITING
DRAWING
COMICS
SCIENCE
THE CATS

HIS JOB:
COMIC CREATOR
COLLEGE PROF.

HIS HOME:
S. CALIFORNIA

my tricia

BY JEFF

Tricia is one of the most amazing women I've ever met. I was accidentally placed in a college class with her, and by our second date, we bought dishes together (which we still own!)

She was a missionary kid growing up in Africa, so she missed a lot of 80's & 90's American culture, which she has caught up on these last 17 years. I love that she's brought a world view into my life and we've even travelled back to Africa a few times!

Her family, while spread out from coast-to-coast, is very loving and very connected to each other, seeing each other often. They're great people I'm lucky to call my family.

There aren't any words other than, I love her. She's my closest friend and I love spending quality time with her.

Tricia is an incredible mom to Ella, and you can see the love Ella gives her right back. To watch the two of them read a book warms my heart.



tricia's family



SHE IS:
LOVING
SELFLESS
CRAFTY
INTELLIGENT
BOOKWORM

SHE LOVES:
HER FAMILY
SEWING
READING
PHOTOGRAPHY
TRAVEL
HOT TEA

HER JOB:
ART DIRECTOR
COLLEGE PROF.

HER HOME:
KENYA, AFRICA



eleanor (ella)

A little bundle of joy and opinions, adopting Ella changed our lives and made it so much richer. Happy and sweet, she is still strong-willed and stubborn, making every day something wonderful.

On any given day, Ella “helps” Jeff create artwork by grabbing his pens, wrinkling his paper, and distracting him with her big belly laughs and infectious grin. Tricia and Ella spend time singing, reading books and playing outside.

Right now, Ella’s favorite things are Daddy, Mama, the alphabet, reading her books, and having things her way! She talks all the time and when asked if she wants a baby brother or sister, she says a brother AND a sister!

3 YEARS OLD!

After living in Phoenix for 15 years, we were blessed to be able to purchase a home in the neighborhood near our church, close friends and family. There is always artwork of some sort being created here - whether Jeff is drawing or Tricia is crafting. We both thrive in an environment of fun, learning and creativity. There are books in every room in our house and reading together is one of our favorite activities.

simba (lion)

Simba (aka, the fat one) is dramatic and loves being the center of attention. He runs the household on his feeding schedule and lets us know if we are late! Simba is our “watch dog” cat and is protective of Ella.

tembo (elephant)

Tembo (aka, the cuddly one) is a love who wants to be petted or scratched at all times. If you are sitting, he is on your lap. He is a bit shy of new people and will hide until he is comfortable.

our home

the cats

the future

The Lord has led us to adoption and we have been beyond blessed with the addition of Ella to our family. We cherish the close relationships we have with our siblings and we want Ella and our future little one to be able to experience the joy and security that comes with those loving relationships.

They say it takes a village to raise a child and our “village” of family and friends are praying with us, supporting us and excitedly wait with us to welcome our child home.

We wait patiently for him to grow our family. We trust in the knowledge that he knows you and your baby. We trust that our years of infertility were not wasted time but instead he was making us in to the people that we needed to be to best love and parent your baby. We can’t wait to call them “our baby” too.

