



JILL + PAT



Hello!



SO NICE TO MEET YOU!

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We have so much respect for you and the love, strength, and courage you have for considering adoption.

We have thoughtfully prepared our hearts and home to welcome a child. From the very beginning, we want our child to grow up knowing they are deeply loved-by us and by you. We are committed to honoring the level of connection you feel comfortable with, and if open, we look forward to building a relationship whether through letters and photos, visits, or a combination of both..

We look forward to creating a stable home filled with laughter, support, and a strong sense of belonging

We are thinking of you and wishing you peace and strength.

With much love and gratitude.

Jill & Pat

our adoption story

Our journey to adoption has been shaped by hope, resilience, and a deep desire to become parents. We began, like many couples, expecting to grow our family naturally. When that didn't happen, we pursued fertility treatments. This brought moments of hope, and challenges that tested us in ways we never expected. Through this, we grew stronger as a couple with a deeper understanding of how much we want to love and raise a child.



Adoption is not a second choice for us-it is a path we have come to embrace with intention and gratitude. We have great respect for birth parents and the strength it takes to consider an adoption plan. We approach this journey with humility and hope and feel ready and excited for the opportunity to grow our family through adoption and to provide a life filled with love, stability, and belonging.



a little bit
ABOUT US

We are an online dating success story! While we met online, we were living just three miles apart! Now, having known each other for ten years and being married for eight, it's fun to think back through the years and recognize the growth we've had through the fun, joy, and challenges. Our life together has been filled with learning and growth: cooking classes, golf lessons, and together exploring our city through parks, arts, and events. It's this foundation that has not only kept things fun but has strengthened our trust and communication as we prepare to be parents.





Following Xavier in the NCAA tournament!



Anniversary trip to Hawaii



Enjoying a fall hike.



Whale watching with family in Cabo.

*We're so excited to become
parents!*





MEET

Jill



Jill loves being outdoors, exploring new places, and making a positive impact on the world around her. In the warmer months, you'll find her tending her vegetable garden or hiking local trails, while winter brings her indoors where she enjoys cooking and baking.

Her curiosity has taken her across the globe—including-Nepal, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam, and she has taught in China and Egypt—all experiences that have broadened her perspective and deepened her appreciation for different cultures. Closer to home, she and Pat enjoy adventures together, from Hawaii to New Orleans and beyond.

Service has always been at the heart of who Jill is. For over 15 years, she has volunteered every other week at a local food pantry, welcoming clients and helping provide groceries. She also helps guide a local organization that offers hot meals five days a week as a member of its board of directors.

Professionally, Jill uses her engineering degree working for a healthcare nonprofit, where she improves processes, leads projects, and introduces technology to solve problems. She loves the variety her work brings each day—and the chance to do it all from home with her dog, Reggie, by her side.



FRIENDS DESCRIBE ME AS : Kind, Adventurous, Caring, Smart, Loyal, Brave,

FAVORITE WAY TO SPEND A DAY OFF: Outside exploring nature and local businesses

OCCUPATION : Non-profit Business Operations

FAVORITE PLACE : Nature-whether it's the woods, beach, or mountains

FAVORITE TRADITION : At the end of each day, Pat and I talk about the best parts of our days.





MEET

Pat



Pat grew up in a family with 2 brothers and a sister who he is still close to and frequently calls and texts. While they don't live close, a few times each year, everyone gets together as a family. He and his family enjoy time together at the beach in the sun.

Pat is a dedicated high school teacher who works in an alternative education program, helping students stay on track through credit recovery. Now in his ninth year of teaching, he finds genuine joy in the relationships he builds and the opportunity to support students as they reach their goals and graduate. His classroom is a welcoming space filled with personality-often decorated with past themes-and, more importantly, a place where students feel supported and understood. This past year, he was honored as Teacher of the Month for his district, a recognition he received with humility and appreciation for his fellow educators.

Outside of work, Pat enjoys staying active and spending time with their dog, Reggie-together they go for walks and visit local dog parks. He's a longtime fan of Xavier basketball with over 20 years as a season ticket holder and loves following Cincinnati sports. He also makes time for the gym a few days each week, enjoys listening to podcasts, and, a few times a year, dons a captain's hat to catch his favorite band, Yacht Rock Revue.



FRIENDS DESCRIBE ME AS : Genuine, Sincere, Funny, Reliable, Honest, and Caring

FAVORITE WAY TO SPEND A DAY OFF : Long Walk with Reggie, Exploring an Outdoor Market, and Making dinner.

OCCUPATION : High School Teacher

FAVORITE PLACE : Anywhere where my feet can be in the sand and I can see the ocean.

FAVORITE TRADITION : 4th of July with my family.





JILL *in* PAT'S WORDS

Jill is my forever person. When we were dating, we'd talk about being in each other's tomorrows — and to this day, we still ask each other about the best parts of our days. Many days, Jill is the best part of mine.

Jill is also one of the hardest workers I know. She brings that same dedication to our home that she brings to everything else—staying organized, keeping us grounded, and doing a hundred little things that make our family life warm and steady. But what moves me most is how deeply she cares for others. It's not something she turns on- it's just who she is. I have watched her love people through hard things, and I have no doubt that same love is going to make her an incredible mother.



PAT *in* JILL'S WORDS

Pat makes me laugh every single day—he always has a quick one-liner or pun ready, and it never fails to brighten my day. He cares deeply about the people in his life and is the one his friends turn to when they need help or support. As an uncle, he's incredibly special—our nephews and niece light up the moment they see him, and he makes a real effort to stay connected and involved, even from a distance.



Pat is my partner in every sense of the word. Our strengths balance each other so naturally—where I tend to be an organized planner, he brings a relaxed, go-with-the-flow perspective that keeps us grounded. What stands out most is his selflessness, his sense of humor, and the genuine joy he finds in being around children. I know these qualities will make him an incredible dad.

FAMILY *and* FRIENDS

Our family and friends are a big, loving part of our lives, and we feel lucky to be surrounded by people who truly show up for one another. Pat is the third of four siblings in his family and talks to his siblings and their families daily. Jill has one older sister who is married with three young boys. Her sister has been so helpful in helping us to prepare for a baby! Jill's parents enjoy sharing the tales of their retirement travel and host all of the holiday gatherings.



Fourth of July celebration



Celebrating fall birthdays



College friends in town for a visit!



Celebrating a friend & colleague's birthday!



Annual golf outing



A delicious dinner with grad school friends

While much of our immediate family lives a few hours away, we stay closely connected. When we visit, we make the most of our time together—whether it's a long weekend celebrating holidays, gathering for birthdays, or spending a week at the beach with siblings, these moments help us stay rooted in one another's lives.

Friendships are just as meaningful to us, and many of our friends feel like extended family. We've built lasting relationships over the years and love sharing both everyday moments and life's milestones. Many of our friends are now parents, and some have personal connections to adoption, which has offered us valuable perspective. Above all, we hope a child would grow up surrounded by caring, supportive people who will celebrate them and be there every step of the way.



Celebrating Pat's birthday



Extended family celebrating Jill's parent's 50th Anniversary





our HOME

Our home is a place we've intentionally created to feel warm, welcoming, and full of connection. We love gathering friends around the table for dinner and creating a space where people feel comfortable and at ease. We keep some "old-fashioned" elements that help us stay grounded: we have a robust vegetable garden and a large dining room table-it's the same one Jill's grandparents gathered around for decades of holiday meals. We feel grateful to continue traditions of bringing people together. and sharing our abundance.



our COMMUNITY

We live in a centrally located, walkable Cincinnati neighborhood, where we've built friendships with our neighbors and enjoy a strong sense of community through participation in social, service, and town council events. When deciding where we would call home, it was important for us to find a neighborhood that has great public and private schools, parks, and has a diversity of ages, families, and lifestyles.

We especially love how caring and helpful our neighbors are.

For a child, our home and community will be a place to feel safe, supported, and surrounded by love—whether that's playing in the yard, joining us in the kitchen, or exploring the neighborhood and making friends.



The neighborhood kids made a memorial for some wild bunnies that got caught in the cold.



We have logged thousands of steps exploring our city and community on foot with this walking tour book!



our FAITH *and* TRADITIONS

We both grew up in Catholic families that went to church regularly. Today, we continue to attend Catholic mass each week, and have sought out a community that leads with empathy, respect, and truly welcomes all. While we anticipate raising our child in the Catholic faith, we hope to raise a child who feels safe asking questions and forming their own understanding of the world.

The Christmas season is one we particularly enjoy. We pick out a live Christmas tree for our home and decorate it with the ornaments we've collected from our travels and throughout our lives. When the decorating is done, we curl up on the couch to watch Muppet's Christmas Carol and drink hot chocolate. During the holiday season, Pat always makes sure we attend a local holiday parade that features dogs (and owners!) dressed up for the occasion, and we map out holiday light displays and spend an evening driving around, listening to Christmas music and enjoying the lights. We cherish the idea of opening Christmas gifts with our child and building on our family traditions.



We have found an inclusive Catholic community that we love.



A holiday photo-always a challenge to get one where everyone looks good, but that's half the fun!

our ADVENTURES

Whether it's a weekend road trip to Nashville or exploring Hawaii, we've loved discovering different places, foods, and perspectives together. These experiences have shaped how we see the world, helping us grow more curious, open-minded, and appreciative of the many ways people live and celebrate life.

One place that holds a special role in our lives is our family beach house in North Carolina. Pat's family has been going here for three generations. It's where we slow down for a couple weeks, spend time together, and create lasting memories.


As we look ahead to becoming parents, we know our travel will look different—and a bit less frequent—but we're excited to share these opportunities and spirit of discovery with a child and to find joy in both big adventures and simple moments.





Reggie

Every family needs a Reggie.



Our nine-year-old Mini Goldendoodle came into our lives just before COVID, when Pat's mom brought her for a visit, and she never left! We like to think she chose us. Reggie is truly a people dog who loves everyone she meets, and she has a special place in her heart for kids, happily entertaining our nieces and nephews for years. Whether she's making friends at the dog park or watching the neighborhood from the screen porch, Reggie brings a gentle, joyful energy to our home. We know she'll be a loving, patient, and playful companion for a child—always ready to be a friend.



Many people say she's the best dog!




OUR PROMISE



We promise to love your child with our whole hearts and to provide a life full of love, stability, and opportunity. We will nurture their curiosity, encourage their individuality, and teach them the importance of kindness and empathy. We will celebrate who your child is, support their dreams, and walk beside them through every stage of life. We will honor their beginnings and ensure they grow up knowing how deeply they are cherished.

THANK YOU



Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and consider us as part of your story. We have deep respect for you and the selfless love behind every decision you are making. If we are chosen, we promise to honor that love every day and to raise your child with care, compassion, and gratitude for you.