

# Barry and Rebecca



## Our Message

*(written by Barry)*

Hopefully by reading our letters you will be able to get to know our little family a little bit. This is a wonderful experience for me to be writing this letter to an expectant parent. Maybe you are the one who will choose our family to adopt your precious baby and that prospect excites me. We wish you the best in the future ahead no matter what you decide.

Rebecca and I have a loving relationship and I love to make her smile and be happy. Since being married we have tried to always spend a lot of time together. Sometimes this is just snuggling up to watch a movie, and sometimes it is going on a drive. We like traveling and seeing new things and look forward to taking our children on new adventures. It doesn't matter what we are doing as long as we are together. Sharing our hobbies and interests with each other has been a wonderful part of our marriage.

Rebecca and I have always wanted children and adoption has made it possible for us to be parents. Owen was placed in our arms by his birthmother when he was just 2 days old. He has brought such indescribable happiness into our lives and we are ever grateful to her. Owen is a little bundle of energy. He loves playing outside where he can run and explore. He loves bath time and playing in the dirt (good thing they go hand-in-hand). Right now Owen is big into trains and space. It's not unusual to find either myself or Rebecca on his bedroom floor building a train track or counting down a rocket launch with him. He has always been an affectionate boy, loving to give and receive hugs and kisses. He will be a great big brother when the time comes.

Rebecca is a loving mother and she takes good care of Owen. It's not uncommon to find her snuggled up with Owen either watching a show together or reading or singing to him. She put herself through school and graduated with a bachelor's degree. She did this amidst a lot of adversity but she kept with it and finished when it would have been easy for her to quit. For Rebecca though, quitting was never a consideration. She tends to have a drive and devotion to finish something that she starts. Since we have known each other I have been impressed with how Rebecca always chooses the right. There is no room in her life for doing something half way or veering a little off the path. She has been a great companion; oftentimes making sure I choose the right as well.

Rebecca is a strong person in the sense that she has known a lot of hardship in her life. Rebecca lost her mother, brother, and grandmother while in high school. It was a really tough experience for her to go through. Since we've been married she has developed a special bond with my mother. They love going shopping or just talking. Rebecca is also an avid reader and enjoys reading books from many genres. Her all-time favorite has to be the Harry Potter series. She's read each book in that series at least 5 times. She also enjoys playing the guitar, sewing, crocheting, card-making and digital scrapbooking.

Ever since I can remember, I have wanted to be a daddy. All through my life there has been lots of younger cousins, siblings, and in recent years nieces and nephews. It seems there has always been a new baby to hold or a niece or a nephew who needed pushed in the swing. I've had such fun through the years with these little ones in our family. I'd often dream about how fun it would be to have a little boy or girl to call me "daddy" someday and now I do. I absolutely

love being a dad to Owen. It is a big responsibility, but it has many rewards. I just hope and pray all the time that I will be a good daddy to Owen and our future children. Being a good dad, role model, and provider for my family is very important to me. I know that there are children out there that still need to come to our family, and the way that will happen for us is through adoption. Thanks so much for taking the time to read my letter.

*(written by Rebecca)*

Thank you for taking the time to read and look through our profile. We know this is a difficult time for you especially emotionally and a lot of thoughts must be going through your mind at this time. We know that you are a good person, a person that loves and cares so much about their baby as to even consider making this huge sacrifice. Just know that we truly care.

We live in eastern Idaho where we were both born and raised. Barry grew up in a small rural community and I grew up in the city. There is quite a difference in backgrounds between us, and it has been fun since we've been married to find out all the little things that are so unique about us. Each of us has a little different perspective on life and this has helped to make our marriage strong. Barry is a partner in a family business selling landscape material and I work part-time developing Web applications.

We actually met on a blind date. Originally we planned on only having dinner that night but we ended up additionally going to the movies and making plans for another date as well. When I met Barry, I couldn't help but fall in love with his irresistible smile and sense of humor. He just had this way of making me laugh and smile and still does. He was so easy to talk to; he was simply a down to earth kind of guy. It was hard to find us apart after we started dating and the same holds true today.

Our ultimate dream of being parents was fulfilled the day Owen was placed in my arms. I am ever grateful for Owen's birthmother and her love for him. The time spent waiting for Owen truly deepened my appreciation for her sacrifice. I love Owen so much. He is the best thing to happen to us and has brought such joy into my life. He was only two days old when we got him. We have sent email updates with pictures once a month since Owen's birth. Slowly our adoption has become more open to include annual visits, occasional phone calls, and some chatting using texting or Facebook. It's wonderful to talk with her to find out what's new in her life and how she is doing. If you have decided on adoption, we realize you may not know just yet how much contact you want or you want more or less contact. We are open to discussing the contact you desire when we talk to you.

I would like to share more about Barry. He has two younger brothers and one younger sister. Barry loves working in the yard. He takes a lot of pride in our yard and even designed and landscaped it himself. He also likes doing woodwork and building projects. In his free time, you'll usually find Barry either watching or playing sports. He enjoys watching football, basketball, and Nascar and playing golf and fishing. Some of my fondest memories of Barry are those with our nieces and nephews. You'd find him on the floor playing blocks or outside pushing them in the swing with this smile that literally reached ear to ear. I would get so excited dreaming about the future where Barry would be playing with our children. Watching Barry and Owen spend time together has been a dream come true. Barry is wonderful with Owen. Barry will come home from work exhausted but always scoops Owen up the minute he gets home and holds him. Barry is just a big teddy bear at heart.

Family has the utmost importance in our lives. As a family, we love taking walks or going on a drive to see the beautiful scenery. You'll often find us snuggled up watching a movie. We like movies of all kinds. Barry has even grown to like watching an occasional "chick flick" or two every now and again. We also love to entertain our friends and family with BBQs and dinners at our home. We have fun just visiting while the kids play. Most of Owen's cousins are only months apart in age and they have lots of fun together. We both have large extended families and they are a huge part of our lives since most of them live close by. It seems there is always some family get-together happening whether it's Sunday dinner, a birthday, a holiday, or just because. The baby we receive will experience an outpouring of love and adoration by our extended family.

Our faith and belief in God and his Son, Jesus Christ, is another important part of our life. We actively participate in our church, attending Sunday service and other meetings as well as serving in assigned church positions. We also study Christ's teachings in our home and strive to live Christ-centered lives.

Most importantly, you should know that this baby would be coming into a family that will love, nurture and care for him or her always. We would love to hear from you and see how we can help you in any way that we can. May you have the peace and strength you need as you decide what's right for your baby.

Sincerely, **Barry and Rebecca**

## Photo Album



We both enjoy traveling to new places. One day we'll be able to take our children to those same places we enjoyed.



We had such a blast at the ball game. It was the first time for Rebecca to see a live ball game. Someday maybe we'll catch an NBA or NFL game.



Our wedding day was definitely a wonderful day and thinking back to that day brings lots of happy memories.



Music is a part of both of our lives. We both took piano lessons as kids. Rebecca took up guitar and Barry took up trombone in high school.



I'm not an expert seamstress but I do enjoy making quilts and basic items.



Barry has had a dog most of his life. Here he is with our dogs Bongo and Susie (now in doggy heaven).



Barry loves to go snowmobiling whenever he gets the chance to borrow some machines. Here he is with his brother David.



Barry is really talented when it comes to landscaping and making our yard look beautiful. Owen is learning to love trees, flowers and plants just as much as his daddy.



Owen is a fish out of water. He loves playing in the water and hates getting out!



We had a wonderful experience with Owen's birthmother. She had us come to the hospital to see her and Owen that same day he was born. We instantly fell in love with him the moment we saw him.



Owen visiting his birthmother and her new baby.



We started reading to Owen when he was only a couple months old. We're sure reading time will be a memory we'll all cherish.



Christmas is our favorite holiday. We added several new traditions with Owen's arrival to our family. On Christmas Eve, we get new pajamas to wear and each Christmas, we get a new ornament for our tree.



Owen helping Barry carve our annual pumpkin for Halloween. It's a family tradition.



We have a large extended family and we love spending time with them for birthdays, Sunday dinners, and even "just because". This is Owen opening his birthday presents.



Barry helping Owen to ride his bike.



We enjoy spending time outside no matter the weather. Here is Barry and Owen after a sleigh ride around our yard.



We've enjoyed many first-time experiences with Owen. Here we are at Disneyland.



We hope to create lots of fun memories for Owen to have, like making cookies with his mom.



Owen LOVES trains. Here he is in front of the Disneyland Railroad. This picture really shows Owen's true nature. He is such a happy boy and loves life.



We live in a quiet cold-e-sac in a small city. In our subdivision, nearly every home has children.



Barry's family has sure grown since we married. Living fairly close to our family has been a blessing in many ways. Not only do we have fun playing together but also find joy in helping each other.



Rebecca's family. We sure do miss her mother and brother. It's simply wonderful to have little cousins on both sides of the family for Owen to play with.



Our recent family picture taken in the farmer's field behind our home.

## Our Family

	<b>Barry</b>	<b>Rebecca</b>	<b>Owen</b>
<i>Age</i>	36	31	4
<i>Occupation</i>	Landscape Nursery (Part-Owner)	Web Programmer	
<i>Education</i>	Some College	Bachelors Degree	
<i>Ethnicity</i>	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian
<i>Height</i>	6'2	5'4	
<i>Eye Color</i>	Blue	Brown	Brown
<i>Hair Color</i>	Blonde	Brown	Brown
<i>Smokes</i>	No	No	
<i>Religion</i>	Christian (Latter-Day Saint)	Christian (Latter-Day Saint)	

## Additional Information

<i>State</i>	Idaho
<i>Married</i>	8 years
<i>Work Type</i>	Work part-time Mom
<i>Residency</i>	House
<i>Neighborhood</i>	Suburban
<i>Family Structure</i>	Married, with only adopted children
<i>Pets</i>	None - Due to allergies

## Child Preferences

<i>Age</i>	Newborn - 2 year old
<i>Gender</i>	Either
<i>Ethnicity</i>	Caucasian, Part Caucasian, Part African American, Hispanic, Part Hispanic
<i>Special Needs</i>	Drug exposed (open to discussion if occassional). Smoking exposed. Alcohol exposed (open to discussion if occassional). Mild or medically correctable. Emotional/mental disorders in family. Premature birth. Club foot. Deaf. Cleft palate or lip. Epilepsy in family. Diabetes in child. Diabetes in family. Nothing known about father (open to discussion).

## Favorites

### Barry

<i>A book I highly recommend is</i>	Any Clive Cussler or Tom Clancy book
<i>My favorite flower is</i>	Lilac, any variety
<i>A game I like to play is</i>	Ratchet and Clank for Playstation
<i>The music I listen to most is</i>	Country and Pop
<i>My favorite band is</i>	Too many to list, I like lots of different music
<i>A movie I watch over and over is</i>	Tommy Boy
<i>A T.V. show I watch regularly is</i>	The Office
<i>I drive a</i>	Dodge Ram 1500
<i>I love to collect</i>	Old milk cans
<i>If my house was burning down and I could only rescue three things, they would be</i>	My family, pictures, and important documents
<i>A smell that makes me pause is</i>	Spring flowers
<i>My favorite sport to play or watch is</i>	Play Golf and watch Football, Nascar, and Basketball
<i>My favorite restaurant is</i>	Texas Roadhouse (Steakhouse)
<i>A moment when I achieved absolute happiness was</i>	When we got Owen
<i>My first paying job was</i>	My Grandpa's farm
<i>A smell that reminds me of my childhood is</i>	Farm smells-I can elaborate if you really want me too.
<i>My favorite color to wear is</i>	Blue
<i>My strangest possession is</i>	A Tommy Boy bobble head
<i>My favorite dessert is</i>	Coconut Cream Pie
<i>The best thing about being married is</i>	Having my best friend around all the time.
<i>The thing I am most passionate about is</i>	My family
<i>Your favorite quality about your spouse is</i>	Unconditional love
<i>Your favorite drink is</i>	Diet Pepsi
<i>My favorite ice cream is</i>	Cookie Dough

### Rebecca

<i>A book I highly recommend is</i>	A Heart Like His: Making Room for God's Love In Your Life by Virginia Hinckley Pierce
<i>My favorite flower is</i>	Rose
<i>A game I like to play is</i>	Yahtzee
<i>The music I listen to most is</i>	country and Frank Sinatra era
<i>My favorite band is</i>	Jason Aldean, Reba, Eric Clapton, Kenny Chesney, Keith Urban, Josh Groban, and Michael Buble
<i>A movie I watch over and over is</i>	While You Were Sleeping
<i>A T.V. show I watch regularly is</i>	Vampire Diaries
<i>My favorite quote is</i>	Having dreams is what makes life tolerable (film Rudy)
<i>My favorite thing to buy is</i>	Clothes for Owen
<i>I drive a</i>	Saturn Aura
<i>If my house was burning down and I could only rescue three things, they would be</i>	My family, pictures, and wedding dress
<i>My favorite sport to play or watch is</i>	Watch Football
<i>The city I would most like to visit is</i>	Venice, Italy
<i>My favorite restaurant is</i>	Panda Express

<i>A moment when I achieved absolute happiness was</i>	Holding Owen for the first time
<i>My first paying job was</i>	Support technician for Internet Provider
<i>My favorite color to wear is</i>	Red
<i>My favorite dessert is</i>	Chocolate Cream Pie
<i>The best thing about being married is</i>	Having someone love you no matter what
<i>Your favorite quality about your spouse is</i>	Big heart, sense of humor
<i>Your favorite drink is</i>	Diet Dr. Pepper
<i>My favorite ice cream is</i>	Coldstone Cheesecake with Raspberries & Graham Cracker mix-ins

### **Owen**

<i>A book I highly recommend is</i>	Go Train Go
<i>A game I like to play is</i>	Lego video games
<i>A movie I watch over and over is</i>	Polar Express
<i>A T.V. show I watch regularly is</i>	Phineas & Ferb
<i>My favorite meal is</i>	Pasta of any kind
<i>My favorite color to wear is</i>	Blue
<i>My favorite dessert is</i>	Cake
<i>Your favorite drink is</i>	Root Beer
<i>My favorite ice cream is</i>	Vanilla

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