



Greg, Joanna *and* Ian

Who We Are

We hope that we may be the family that moves forward with you if your decision is to choose an adoptive family. So, let us tell you a little bit about who Greg, Joanna, and Ian are...

Greg and Joanna have been together since high school, married for 16 years, and are committed to each other, our marriage, and our family. Becoming parents has been our greatest journey and every day we love being parents more and more. Because having children has not been an easy road for us, we think of it as a privilege, and try to take the time to appreciate all of the new experiences each day brings. We are so grateful that we have the possibility to bring another child into our family.

We live in a country area here in southwestern Pennsylvania and we spend a lot of time outdoors and with each other. We try to make our home a welcoming place where family and friends feel comfortable coming to relax and enjoy each other's company. Almost every weekend, we have some family and friends over to cook out, swim, or just spend time together. Sundays are family days, going to church, playing games, and taking walks with our dog Zona.



Hi! We are Greg, Joanna, and Ian. Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and get to know a little bit about us. We are excited about the opportunity to grow our family and would be honored to be considered as an adoptive family for your child. We hope that this letter will give you a picture of who we are and what our lives are like.

Ian

Ian is a happy, healthy, and energetic little boy. He has been an absolute blessing to us since the day he was born. He loves music, reading books, swimming, fishing with dad, and beating Grandma at Connect Four! We love to introduce him to new firsts like going to the beach or the zoo but our favorite thing is just to have fun and make each other laugh. One of our favorite activities is putting together scavenger hunts for him around our property. It is amazing to watch him change and grow and we would love for him to have a brother or sister to share adventures with.

Greg

Greg has worked for GE for over 18 years. He loves to fish, watch hockey, listen to music, and spend time with family. He is very handy and always has a new project to work on. Greg is kind and generous and is a great dad. He grew up in a big family with 3 sisters and 2 brothers and they are all still very close with each other and with their parents. Now there are 14 nieces and nephews, which makes for lots of birthday parties, summer picnics, and fun times at holidays!

Joanna

Joanna is a social services manager for a non-profit agency. She loves her job because she feels that the work that their team does makes a difference in people's lives and their community. She is also grateful because she has flexible hours that allow her to work from home sometimes and to help with Ian's school events like field trips. Joanna also has a brother and a large extended family with whom she is close. Joanna enjoys reading, cooking, swimming, and planting flowers, but mostly she loves just being a wife and mommy.

Our Promise

Whenever we are chosen to welcome a new child into our lives, we promise that we will provide a home that is full of love, laughter, family, and faith. Parenting has been such a gift to us, and we are committed to being parents that will take the time to listen, have patience, be encouraging, and guide our children to grow and learn, be creative and curious, and show kindness and respect for the people around them. We will support them in having the opportunity to explore their own talents and take advantage of the endless possibilities that will come their way. We will provide a solid foundation with a safe and loving family that will cheer all of their successes and comfort them when they go through hard times. Most importantly, they will know that they are loved and wanted always.

Although we have not yet met, the fact that you are considering adoption tells us that you are taking the time to make thoughtful and caring decisions for this child, and we wish you all the best in choosing the path that you feel is right. Thank you again for considering our family as part of your adoption plan journey. We are open to all different kinds of situations, and we would be happy to take the time to answer questions and talk about your needs and wishes for yourself and this child. It is difficult to express all that we would like to share in this brief space and there is so much we would like to learn about you too! If you would like to talk more, please contact us at gregandjoanna@yahoo.com or 724-998-1254, request to follow us on Instagram @gandjfam or you can contact the Children's Home of Pittsburgh to speak with an adoption counselor who will support you and help you to explore your options. They can be contacted at: 412-441-4884 or visit their website at www.childrenshomepgh.org.



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