

A photograph of a child walking on a beach at sunset. The child is in the lower right, walking away from the viewer towards the ocean. The sky is a deep blue with a bright sun in the upper right corner, creating a lens flare. The ocean has gentle waves with white foam. The beach is dark and wet, reflecting the light from the sun. The entire image is framed by a white, torn-paper-like border on the left side.

THIS IS OUR

FAMILY



Hi Lovely,
We're Jon, Jenika & 'Baby Bear'!

Thank you so much for taking a few moments to get to know us. Our dream has long been to give back by opening our home to children through adoption.

We live in Southern Illinois, just outside of St. Louis, Missouri.

We love Jesus and live to love others regardless of their position, lifestyle, or status. We pursue peace and rest by keeping a pace of balance and prioritizing worship.

Gratitude is our heartbeat.

As we walk through this comprehensive process, we are praying our way through it - for you and for a 'by-divine-design' match.
xoxo



We live outside city limits in a quiet neighborhood - in fact, beyond our backyard fence is an undeveloped, wooded area where we often see deer and fox.

We're off the beaten path, but close to lots of great shops, a movie theater & arcade; and, of course, the city.

We live near lots of family and see them often. We spend the majority of our time with our family or friends from church.

Our hobbies include reading, fitness, and lots of family time. Family is a foundational value for us.





We've been married for over 12 years and are best friends. No marriage is perfect and we certainly aren't exceptions to the 'marriage is hard' mantra; we've committed to the process and learned many years ago that we must fight "back-to-back" instead of face-to-face. This approach continually reminds us that we have one another's back in all situations.

It's us until the end - ride or die (as long as we can stop for snacks).

We believe a healthy home begins with a healthy marriage. So we continually strive to care for one another and make [plenty] of room for each other and all our quirks.

Together, we enjoy movies, checking out new restaurants, and date night - digital putt putt is our favorite!



Jon

Animal - Elephant
 Bible Verse - John 3:17
 Cartoon - Animaniacs
 Childhood memory - When my dad rescued baby ducks off the highway
 Childhood toy - Nerf Gun
 Children's book - Dr. Suess
 Color - Green
 Dessert - Dark Chocolate
 Disney Princess - Merida (Brave)
 Food - Chicken
 Fruit - Berries
 Board game - Monopoly & Cribbage
 Hobby - Working Out
 Holiday - All of them!
 Holiday tradition - Birthday Cake for Jesus on Christmas Morning
 Christmas Movie - Home Alone
 Quality about your spouse - Her grit
 Favorite Superhero - The Hulk
 TV show - The Office



Jenika


Animal - Elephant & Tiger
 Bible Verse - Zephaniah 3:17
 Cartoon - Big City Greens
 Childhood memory - Water fights with my brothers, we'd all gang up on my mom.
 Childhood toy - A hairbrush to sing at the top of my lungs.
 Children's book - You Are Special by Max Lucado
 Color - Black
 Dessert - Creme Brulee
 Disney Princess - Ariel & Belle
 Food - Cheeseburgers
 Fruit - Mango
 Board game - Poetry for Neanderthals, Chess
 Hobby - Reading!
 Holiday - Christmas
 Holiday tradition - Reading the Christmas story of Jesus on Christmas Morning
 Christmas Movie - It's A Wonderful Life
 Quality about your spouse - His servantheart and room for me
 Favorite Superhero - Black Panther
 TV show - Ted Lasso

Baby Bear

Animal - Banturang
 Bible Verse - Luke 2:7
 Cartoon - Big City Greens
 Childhood memory - When my baby cousin was born
 Childhood toy - iPad
 Children's book - You Choose Color - Sapphire Blue
 Dessert - Ice Cream
 Disney Princess - Cinderella
 Food - Hot Dogs
 Fruit - Strawberries
 Board game - Mousetrap
 Hobby - Crafts & Drawing
 Holiday - Christmas
 Holiday tradition - Opening Presents!
 Christmas Movie - Home Alone
 Movie Quote - "Merry Christmas, Ya Filthy Animal!"
 TV show - Junior Bake Off

Our Favorite Things

Why Adoption?

A person is running through the shallow waves of the ocean at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, and the water is reflecting the warm colors of the setting sun. The person is in the center of the frame, running towards the viewer.

Our dreams have always included opening our home for adoption. My (Jenika) personal belief is that children are so much more in tune with life than adults - without reservation or pretense... and serving these little hearts in any way we're able surely is the work of Jesus. He said, "Let them come to Me..." and encouraged all of us to be like Him. We know of no other way better to portray the heart of the Father than through adoption and helping children live their best lives.







Thank you

WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME FLIPPING THROUGH THIS LITTLE BOOK. NO MATTER WHERE YOUR JOURNEY TAKES YOU - REMEMBER YOU ARE VALUED AND GOD LOVES YOU. YOUR PATH NOW IS NOT EASY, SO WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR PEACE AS YOU MAKE THE HARD DECISIONS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR BABY & YOURSELF.
MUCH LOVE TO YOU, SWEET MAMA.