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About Rob

BIRTH YEAR: 1976

JOB DESCRIPTION:
Quality Director

EDUCATION:

B.S. Electrical Engineering,
Master's Degree and Doctorate
of Business Administration

FAVORITE QUALITY ABOUT WENDY:
She is outgoing and passionate.

FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK:
"The Little Engine That Could"

FAVORITE FAMILY ACTIVITY:
Playing cards

FAVORITE SPORT:
Baseball

FAVORITE MEMORY WITH WENDY:
Taking our first cruise

FAVORITE AUTHOR:
R.A. Salvatore

FAVORITE FLOWER:
Lilacs

MARRIAGE DATE: AUGUST 22, 2004

JOB DESCRIPTION:
Customer Service

EDUCATION:
Associate's Degree
in Business

FAVORITE QUALITY ABOUT ROB:
He never ceases to amaze
me with his love for me.

FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK:
"Box Car Children"

About Wendy

BIRTH YEAR: 1981

FAVORITE FAMILY ACTIVITY:
Sledding

FAVORITE SPORT:
Baseball

FAVORITE MEMORY WITH ROB:
Taking our first cruise

FAVORITE AUTHOR:
Mitch Albom

FAVORITE FLOWER:
Calla lilies

CHILDREN: ONE ADOPTED SON, SAMUEL WHO IS 17 MONTHS OLD

Our Home and Community

Our home is in a secluded country neighborhood with a lot of open space to roam. We live outside of a small town in Ohio with several acres for children to run and play. We live off a side road, so traffic is minor, and our lot is secluded from view. Our house is a three-bedroom, two-story house. We are outside of the city limits, but within easy driving distance to town. Our first story is a partially finished basement that allows for a playroom for kids to enjoy, whether it is video games, board games, or playing with toys/cars/etc.

During the summer, we love to work outdoors and grill. We live within minutes of the city and parks allowing for boating and fishing or access to a bike trail. We take advantage of many of our local city festivals, as well as those of our neighboring cities — including arts and music festivals, city fireworks and Fourth of July celebrations, farmers markets and county fairs.

Our Families

ROB: I am the oldest child of two from my parents' original marriage. My stepfather has four children from a previous marriage, and my father has one daughter from his remarriage. I have five living sisters in my family. My family is in the Midwest and we normally see each other several times a year during family get togethers, big holidays, or birthdays where we love to eat and play cards.

WENDY: I am the youngest child of three. I have two sisters and am blessed with three nieces and two nephews. We love to get together during the holidays and treasure our children. We love to visit and watch movies. My family is located in Northeast Ohio.



Enjoying the outdoors!

Rob's dad and stepmom show Samuel his new ride!



Wendy's parents at Samuel's first Christmas

Rob's mom & stepdad with Samuel



Our Lifestyle

As a couple we both enjoy different activities, however one thing we can agree on is our love of cruises. We enjoy the variety of activities on a cruise that cater to both of our likes while simultaneously providing us a relaxing and carefree opportunity to vacation together. Rob enjoys the sound of the ocean and the variety of trivia games. Wendy enjoys relaxing in the sun and swimming. We both enjoy the variety of food and entertainment shows that the ships offer.

As a family, we enjoy going to local festivals and fairs. We love to listen to the live music, see the local arts and crafts, experience a little bit about the local history, and enjoy the festival food. Each new festival is an opportunity to find new experiences to enjoy, or new favorites to visit year after year.

At home, we enjoy different things. Rob enjoys working in the yard and around the house while Samuel loves to explore the yard and play in his playset. Rob also enjoys woodworking and gardening. Wendy enjoys yard sale hunting, relaxing in the sun and swimming. She also enjoys exploring the yard with Samuel with his cars and seeing him find new plants with his shouts of joy.

We enjoy family get-togethers where we get to visit with family members, and enjoy games while the kids all run and play. Family is very important to us, and we use every holiday as an opportunity to gather.

Our Traditions

Every major holiday, it is tradition for our extended family to come together. A large meal is prepared, and everyone happily visits with each other, catching up with members who may have missed the last gathering. After a time, the family begins to break out cards, and numerous card games ensue, with members drifting from game to game, visiting with aunts and uncles and other cousins. Smaller children play, watch movies or learn to play games. The family tries to rotate hosting during each of the holidays so no one individual is burdened with always preparing the food or cleaning the house.

We would like to continue this family tradition along with creating some new traditions of our own. We would like to expand these traditions by continuing our love of cruising and travel and instilling this in our children. We would love to show our children the pleasures of setting foot on a new land, seeing new sights, and enjoying the time as a family away from the bustle of normal life.

We would like to create family traditions of working in the garden, planting and harvesting, and passing on previous generations' jelly recipes. We believe family time is important, and being able to spend the time together can be the best time of a child's, and the parents', lives.

What it Means to be Parents

Being a parent is a lifelong responsibility to raise, nurture and guide a child to realize their full potential. Being a parent means providing a child with a safe and loving environment, as well as creating fond memories to reflect upon for life. We both come from large families full of life and children, where family get-togethers are an opportunity for children to connect with an extended caring family who provide a variety of new perspectives.

We believe our greatest strengths as parents will be our willingness to teach and share experiences. The joy of creating memories for a child is one of the aspects we are looking forward to the most. We have a mutual desire to pass along joyful memories of playing, visiting parks/zoo's, and sharing a zest for life through a variety of activities and experiences. Enjoying life by witnessing the many small moments of new excitement and experiences is as fantastic for us as it is for them.

Our dream is to raise a family to carry on our traditions and to share our excitement of learning. We love to experience the joy of watching each milestone be achieved and each new experience be absorbed. When a little face lights up with understanding, or awe at a new thing it is the greatest feeling in the world. Watching our son see new animals at the fair, or try new foods makes us feel like children experiencing everything new again ourselves.

Dear Birth Parent(s),

We want to thank you for taking the opportunity to read our letter. We understand that this is a difficult time for you, and we admire your strength and conviction in considering adoption for your child.

We are Rob and Wendy and have been married for more than 14 years. We believe that stability has provided us a solid foundation to provide a caring and nurturing environment for your child. Our love for one another has not diminished over this time, and we still look at each other as if we are newlyweds. From little notes of love, to surprise flowers, a special meal, or just cuddling on the couch, we enjoy sharing time and love with each other.

Rob is from a large farming family. He has nine aunts and uncles who were all instrumental in his childhood development. He is the oldest from his parents' original marriage and has one sister, one half-sister, three stepsisters, and a stepbrother. In addition, many of his cousins have children of their own. Holidays in his family are an opportunity for the entire family to get together, visit and eat good food, and socialize over card games, board games or general discussions. Every major holiday, from New Year's, to July 4, to Thanksgiving and Christmas is an opportunity for the family to reconnect and grow. Every family get-together is an opportunity for children to play together, rain or shine, summer or winter. From bobsledding down the hill to camping out in the yard.

Wendy is the youngest of three girls. Her oldest sister had three children of her own, two boys and a girl, and her middle sister is raising two stepdaughters. Her family loves to get together during the holidays as well, with an opportunity to shower gifts and attention on the children and provide chances to play and socialize. Her city roots allowed her to grow up with many neighborhood kids, and Wendy enjoyed social interaction and playing in the park, whether it was a baseball game or sledding down the public hill.

Children are very important to both sides of our families. That belief and our strong support network will provide a caring and supportive home to your child. We believe the most important thing for a parent to do is to provide a nurturing and supportive environment that gives new experiences and learning opportunities to children. We believe that this environment, combined with unconditional love and support allow the child to explore their world and their dreams.

As your child grows, we would love to share letters and pictures of their development. We would continuously share the story of the adoption with them, letting them know that they are fortunate to be loved by many people.

Raising a child is a lifelong commitment. We would be honored and blessed to raise your child in a loving family, and to create a lifetime of memories for them. We would like to thank you again for reading our letter and taking the opportunity to get to know us a little better. We pray for your strength as you move to make this decision.

Sincerely,

Rob & Wendy

