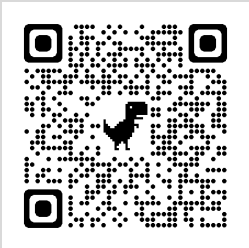


Our Favorite Things

	Anne	Leon
Sport	Football	Football
Childhood Memory	Family vacation to Disneyland	Fishing with my father and grandfather
Family Activity	Michigan State football games	Michigan State football games
Food	Chips & salsa	Pizza
Hobby	Cooking and trying new recipes	Working out
Holiday	Christmas	Thanksgiving
Leisure Activity	Watching HGTV renovation shows	Reading
Food to Cook	Lasagna	Grilling burgers
TV Show	Grey's Anatomy	Chicago PD
Vacation Spot	Destin, Florida	Eagle River, Wisconsin

Our Promise to You...

We promise to tell your child about you. We share the same goal: we know you want to give your baby the best life and future and we want to facilitate your dream for your baby. We know you are taking time to consider the best family to pick. We promise to treat your baby as our own and love him or her with all our hearts.



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Lee & Anne

Illinois



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Anne...

- ♥ Is fun and a natural mom and works as a Therapist
- ♥ Has family roots in Italy
- ♥ Loves HGTV, renovation, hanging out with friends, ice skating, piano, cooking and baking
- ♥ Her religious preference is Christian
- ♥ Stay-at-home parent? Yes

- ♥ Other Adopted Children at home? No
- ♥ Other Biological Children at home? Yes
 - ♥ Pets: Yes, our sweet pup, Zeus
 - ♥ Preferred Gender of Baby: Either

Lee...

- ♥ Is funny and social and works as a Project Manager
- ♥ Has family roots in Greece
- ♥ Loves Michigan State football, reading, writing, physical fitness, fishing and working around the house
- ♥ His religious preference is Christian
- ♥ Stay-at-home Parent? No

Our Home and Neighborhood

We live one hour from the city in a neighborhood full of single-family homes. We are walking distance to the elementary, middle and high schools. Our town has a lot of families, businesses, parks, and is a good and safe place to raise a family. We bought a fixer upper and renovated it before we moved in. It is located on a quiet cul-de-sac and it is easy to supervise children while they are at play. It's a modest, 3-step ranch with plenty of living space. We have a good sized, fenced-in backyard with a playset and a tree swing which has been a lot of fun. We enjoy sitting outside and talking to our neighbors. It's a great area to live.



Our Families and Friends

We are both of Mediterranean descent and we both grew up in ethnically diverse neighborhoods. We place a high value on family, giving love, support, and spending quality time with family and friends. Both sides of our families live within 20 minutes from us and our parents still live in our childhood homes. Anne has one sister who lives in Georgia. She and her husband have two boys. Lee has two siblings: a brother and sister who live about 20 minutes away in bordering suburbs. His sister has three girls.

We associate with people who have good character. We cherish relationships and we have kept in touch with friends from middle school, high school and college. We plan outings together with friends and their children.



Why We're Choosing to Adopt

We both have always loved kids. We had it in our heart to adopt even when we were single, before we met. We would love to have a child to love, nurture and care for. Our son Johnny is very social and loves playing with other kids. He will be a good, protective big brother! He talks about having a brother or sister someday.

Lee has three nieces he is close to. He takes them to movies, and college basketball and baseball games. Anne has close friends who had children earlier in life who consider her an "aunt." Anne has a huge love for children and nannied for a 3-year-old boy during grad school which she really enjoyed.

We are thankful Anne was able to have Johnny. After 2 miscarriages, we still have a longing in our heart to expand our family and are turning to adoption.



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Our Traditions

We take 2 family vacations every summer – Wisconsin to a cottage on a lake and one to Florida to the family beach house. We enjoy lots of traditions for each holiday.

For Easter, we attend a church service and have a family dinner afterward. We dye eggs all sorts of beautiful colors. We love taking Johnny to an Easter egg hunt in the park where he gets a picture with the Easter Bunny.

On 4th of July we attend a parade in the afternoon and have a BBQ with family and friends. Since Anne's birthday is around that time, we celebrate with a cake too! We go to our neighborhood fireworks display in the evening. On Labor Day we usually go to the family beach house in Florida to enjoy family time.

In the fall we enjoy going to Michigan to go apple picking with Lee's aunt, uncle and cousins who have a cottage there. We also find a pumpkin patch and go on hayrides and through a corn maze. For Halloween we have community events that offer trunk or treats for the kids to dress up and get lots of candy!

On Thanksgiving we start the day bright and early with a 5k Run, then we will have dinner with both sides of the family. We like to lounge around the rest of the evening.

During the Christmas season we attend a lot of community gatherings with light displays, horse carriage ride, hot chocolate, and the Polar Express train. We host a Christmas party at our house with friends and family and on Christmas Eve we attend a church service. Christmas morning we open gifts and go to our family's house to lounge around and play games.

On "Noon Year's Eve" our church has a fun event for all the kids and families at noon on New Year's Eve. They offer all the kids a fun dance party, hats, pizza and a countdown with a balloon drop! Johnny loves this event every year!



From us to You:

Hi! Greetings from Illinois! We are Lee and Anne. From our hearts to yours we would like to thank you for considering us during this process. We will be with you every step of the way and will give you peace of mind that your child will have a nice standard of living and good quality of life.

We met later in life after we had established our careers and were married in 2017. We met through a dating website, and it turned out we had multiple mutual friends! We had even gone on dates with each other's friends!!! Turns out we lived 7 minutes away from each other and we both grew up in the same area. We met at a Greek restaurant and Lee says he knew Anne was the one from the first date. A year later, Lee proposed on the campus of Michigan State University (where he went to college). Lee works for the State of Illinois as a project manager. Anne is a therapist for University of Chicago hospital and works in a remote role, so she can be at home with Johnny and our future baby.

We are very grateful we were able to have a biological child. After several attempts for a second child - fertility struggles and 2 miscarriages - we are still left with a huge desire to expand our family and are turning to adoption. We realize our dream cannot happen without someone like you being so brave! Your choice is such a wonderful gift to so many like Anne who are unable to have more kids. There is a lot of love in our household, and we would like to extend this love to your baby. We want you to know we will love your child as our very own. Your child will be surrounded by family and friends who will extend love and support. Our parents live near us, and they are ready to spoil another baby!

We can't imagine all the emotions and thoughts you are experiencing right now. We want to tell you how courageous we think you are for even considering adoption. Thank you for taking the time to look through our profile and consider us.

Growing up we were exposed to families who had adopted. We were thinking about the couples who attended our wedding and we counted 8 of the couples had adopted! Even when we were single we each had a desire to adopt and imagined doing it one day.

We are regular, down-to-earth people. We value our relationships with family and friends. Humor is an important part of our daily lives. Lee is a funny guy. We are each other's best friend. Lee is a bit of a goofball. He laughs so hard if anyone talks about farting or belching. He makes up choreographed dances to songs and performs them to groups of people at parties. He even made one up for our wedding and Anne learned it too and we performed it at our wedding reception. When we went for a check-up appointment after Johnny was born, Lee sang the Michigan fight song to the doctor and staff who delivered Johnny. Anne is a natural when it comes to being a mom. Anne is very disciplined, organized and a hard worker. She is more than capable of giving the same love to your child as she does with our son Johnny. Anne has a gift of teaching and is so patient with Johnny.

We do a lot of things as a family. Most of which include Johnny's hobbies: trips to the children's museum, gymnastics, swim classes, playgrounds, time at the library, art at home, music, and play dates with our friend's children. Johnny loves babies and always talks about having a brother or sister someday to play with.

We hope we can openly share pictures and stories with you as he/she grows up. We will be open and honest with your child about their adoption and your love and sacrifice. We will honor and respect your wishes and make sure you feel good about the relationship.

We have been praying for you since we began this journey during our nightly bedtime prayer time. Please know we will continue to pray for you even after the adoption takes place. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. You can make our dream come true.



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About Lee, by Anne

Lee is a very funny guy and humor is a very important part of our relationship. We are each other's best friend. He's also a bit of a goofball. He laughs so hard if anyone talks about farting or belching. He makes up choreographed dances to songs and performs them to groups of people at parties. He even made one up for our wedding and I learned it too and we performed it at our reception. He is so social! One day he was dressed in a red polo and khakis and we went to Target so he started taking pictures with the employees. It seems like he knows someone everywhere we go... and if he doesn't know anyone, he meets a new friend.



About Anne, by Lee

Anne is a fun woman and we laugh a lot. I could not have hand picked a better woman to be my wife and mother to my son. She is a natural when it comes to being a mom. Anne is very disciplined, organized and a hard worker. She is more than capable of giving the same love to your child as she does to our son Johnny. Anne has a gift of teaching and is very patient with Johnny. She is prudent when it comes to staying on top of finances and everyday tasks. Anne keeps me honest and does not let me slack or get lazy, so I can stay on top of my game in life. She is very good at impersonations and is very good at impersonating me.



Racial and Cultural Diversity

We live in a safe suburb and when we go to a restaurant, the movies, the gym, kids' museum, or bowling we see various races represented. This is important to us since during our single years we both lived in the city in diverse neighborhoods. Lee works downtown and is probably considered a minority at his workplace. When you live in the city for long periods of time like we did, you learn to see people for who they are – not focusing on skin color. Even now, our group of friends represent different races. Anne is part of a MOPS group (mothers of preschoolers) where there are interracial couples and other races involved. Our church is diverse as well.



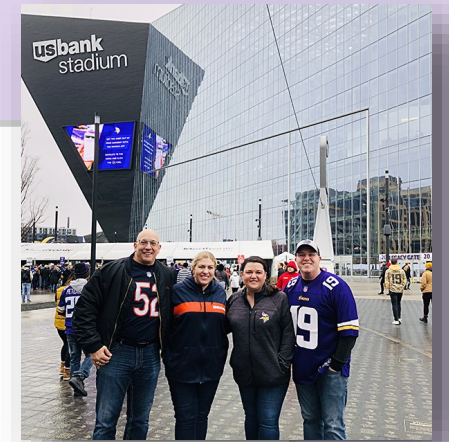
Our Lifestyle

We live balanced lives between faith, family, work, and leisure. We hold regular jobs that allow us to have quality family time and dinner together every evening. Anne is working a part-time, remote position, so she stays home with Johnny. Our house is 5 minutes to the train which Lee takes downtown 3 days a week. He uses the time on the train to read, refresh and comes home to be ready to be a good husband and father. We both truly enjoy our jobs. Anne is a therapist and takes special interest in working with teenagers. People say she is easy to talk to and that is a huge compliment when you are a therapist. Sometimes Anne's mom comes over to watch Johnny while she is on calls. He says "Grandma's here" whenever he hears the garage door open.

We live healthy lifestyles: we make our own food and we exercise regularly (walks, runs, gym). Physical fitness is a big part of our lifestyle. We enjoy eating dinner outside enjoying our yard and patio. Lee loves to grill as he says, a "big piece of beef." Lee is a former body builder, so he likes protein! Once Johnny is big enough to play ball, Lee plans to coach little league like his dad did when Lee was a kid.

We attend a non-denominational Christian church on Sunday mornings. We have made great friends there who also have kids for Johnny and your baby to play with. Our church offers fun events for kids; the children's program is what attracted us to the church.

We have faith in God and believe in eternal life after death with God through Jesus Christ. God placed the desire to adopt on our hearts and we believe He will arrange all the details and send us the baby he has for us.



Our Thoughts about You

When we hold your precious baby, we will be thinking how grateful we are to you for giving birth and will be eternally grateful you selected us! Your child will be loved not only by us, but also by our extended family and supportive friends. If chosen, we will be overwhelmed with joy and would honor the opportunity of raising your child. We hope we can openly share pictures and stories with you as he or she grows up. We will respect your wishes.



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