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**WENDY**  
 **JASON**  
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Hello!

WE ARE

WENDY
AND JASON

FROM ILLINOIS.

WE WOULD LIKE
TO START BY

THANKING
YOU

for taking the time to read our profile
and learn more about our family.

We are honored that you are considering us to parent your baby. As you read through these pages, you will learn more about our caring, fun, and busy family. **We have an enormous amount of love to offer!** We want you to know that we believe you are making perhaps the most courageous decision of your life by considering placing your baby for adoption.

We respect, honor and cherish the opportunity while recognizing the gravity of your decision. **We wish you strength and peace during this process.**



OUR GROWING
FAMILY

HERE'S OUR STORY



BEING SILLY AFTER CLEANING
UP THANKSGIVING DINNER



DOWNTOWN ENJOYING THE OUTDOOR LIGHTS

We were introduced by a mutual friend at college when we were 21. We met quickly, Jason took notice of Wendy, and we went our separate ways. As fate would have it, we shared a class together and reconnected a few days later during the class. Wendy said, "Don't I know you?" We got to talking at each class period. There are mixed memories about how the

phone numbers were exchanged, but we started hanging out and dating a month after we met. Our first sort of date was a trip to Walmart in search of poster board. We browsed around the store like a couple with nothing better to do until we landed at Wendy's then-favorite fast-casual restaurant, TGI Friday's.

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS
OF MARRIAGE



» Our first 'real' date started a little different. Wendy was home for the weekend, and Jason drove out to pick her up from her parents' home. He didn't know the area, and GPS wasn't a thing yet. While relying upon spoken directions, it turned out the street name changed at one point and he was unable to find his destination. Finally reaching Wendy's parents house, he was greeted by Wendy's dad who gave him a wary eye for his spiked hair and hoop earrings, but let him into the chaos underway. Wendy's brother-in-law was racing around the house with his two boys screaming in delight. As soon as he could escape, Jason grabbed Wendy and they went for another wonderful date. **The rest is history. We married in 2003 and here we are 20+ years later.**

SEEING ERIC CHURCH IN CONCERT



OPPOSITES REALLY

DO ATTRACT;

We make a great team! We have different backgrounds, different skills and different upbringings.

We like different TV shows, different foods, one Coke-one Pepsi. However, because of those differences, we work really well together. Wendy is compassionate, empathetic, caring, thoughtful, and someone who will remember everything you said and can retell a conversation as it happened. Jason is reliable, methodical, organized and always active.

ABOUT WENDY

BY JASON

WENDY SPORTING A NEW "SORRY NOT SORRY" STOCKING CAP. ATTITUDE FORTHCOMING.

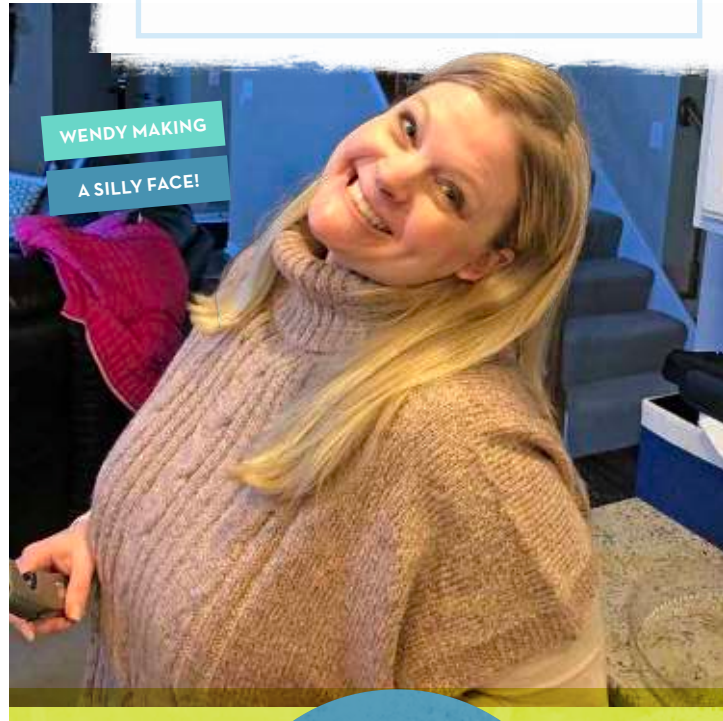


WENDY IS PATIENT, SO PATIENT.

She understands how a little one is processing information, what they might understand, and how to have them help bake cookies. She can hold a child's attention and help them grow through nurturing and education.

Two years ago she took on a student part-time, over Zoom. The boy is autistic and his parents were told he was not likely to speak or carry a conversation. Wendy met with him day after day. Some days he just cried and screamed. Some days he was engaged a little and distracted a lot. **After a few months, she reached him.** He learned his mom's phone number which may not seem like a lot, but it created the comfort for mom and son that he was ready to venture further into the world.

Wendy is an advocate for what's right and the best for her children. She's compelled our school district to add programming and advanced placement for gifted students. She's been the PTO president. She's volunteered at every class party. **Wendy has helped other families find a way to support their child's needs at school and help those children also be their best self.**



WENDY MAKING

A SILLY FACE!

WENDY IS A FULL-TIME

STAY-AT-HOME MOM

TO THE KIDS.

Being available to her kids has always been of the utmost importance to her.



HAYRIDE WITH

THE KIDS



WENDY, THE CONSUMMATE CHEERLEADER, SUPPORTING NATHAN AT A LOCAL 5K



WENDY DEMONSTRATING MAD SKILLS WITH A SPOON AFTER DINNER

WENDY'S FAVORITES

Favorite Animal

SLOTHS OR DOGS

Favorite Hobby

EXERCISE OR BAKING

Favorite Vacation Spot

ST. PETE BEACH, FL

Favorite Holiday

HALLOWEEN

My Perfect Day Looks Like...

PLAYING AT THE BEACH!



OUTSIDE WITH NATHAN

ABOUT JASON

BY WENDY

JASON IS A TRULY DEDICATED FATHER AND HUSBAND.

Jason has always worked tirelessly to make sure his family had everything they needed.



HANGING OUT IN THE LIVING ROOM

Despite working a demanding job, Jason makes time to coach any sport his kids want to try or attend any meet they are involved in. Always willing to jump in and lend a hand, Jason will often be found cooking breakfast on the weekends, or fixing whatever item has recently been broken (anything from a bike wheel to a leaky toilet.) Jason is an avid fan of the Chicago Bears and will be found watching (or listening to) the game every Sunday.



JASON AT THE KITCHEN TABLE SPORTING HIS FAVORITE ATTIRE... BEARS SWAG

Jason is a grill master, and often enjoys cooking for large family gatherings. 'Uncle Jason' is a favorite of his two year old nephew Bennett, who is always looking to Jason to pick him up or play with him. Jason is also a master lego builder, and will play foos-ball or pool anytime someone is willing to play along.



JASON THE GRILL MASTER (HIS SUMMER JOB)



JUMPING IN THE BACKYARD POOL

JASON RELISHES IN HIS

ROLE OF PROVIDER.

HE'S A BIT OF

a prankster, with dad jokes and ready for nerf wars anytime!

JASON'S FAVORITES

Favorite Animal

GIRAFFE OR DOGS

Favorite Hobby

WATCHING LIVE SPORTS

Favorite Vacation Spot

CARIBBEAN/BEACH

Favorite Holiday

THANKSGIVING

My Perfect Day Looks Like...

ON THE BEACH



THE FRONT OF OUR HOUSE



EPCOT & DISNEY TRIP AS A FAMILY

AS A FAMILY, WE ENJOY

PLAYING GAMES TOGETHER,

WATCHING SURVIVOR & THE VOICE

AND SWIMMING IN OUR BACKYARD POOL.

OUR HOME

WE RESIDE IN

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

about 50 miles outside of Chicago.

We've been in our current home almost 8 years and picked this home because of the beautiful forest preserve around our house. We live in a cul-de-sac with the preserve immediately behind our fence and surrounding the other houses, covering over 300 acres and over 2 miles of trails. We have seen a racing pigeon who spent an afternoon around our in-ground swimming pool.

As a family, we spend as much time as possible in and around the pool. Our favorite season is the fall, followed by summer. We love the colors of the forest in the fall, especially our burning maples. Our favorite activity nearby is walking our dog through the neighborhood.

MEET OUR CHILDREN

We have two living biological children. Carly is 15 and Nathan is 13.

Carly is a bundle of energy; she always has been. At 12, she started channeling that energy into competitive swimming and she's never looked back. She calls the pool her home and says she doesn't chase boys, she passes them (in the pool). Outside of swimming, she is a compassionate friend who demonstrates a high degree of empathy and loyalty.

Nathan is relaxed and maintains a more subtle personality with a dry and observant sense of humor. He's always been inquisitive. His interests are currently his competitive running teams, video games with friends, and coding club. He is highly social and can make a friend anywhere he goes, however, he's also a fan of quiet time reading or playing legos in his room.

Dillon is our angel in heaven, who we lost during a tragic car accident while Wendy was pregnant. Through tragedy, we have learned to be the best parents possible for our children. We are reminded just how precious life is and the importance of giving to others. Every year, in Dillon's memory, our family chooses a non-profit to support. We have donated to children in Haiti, a local food pantry, to foster youth, and more. We often do random acts of kindness, which makes us feel so good and brings us even closer as a family. Dillon's light reminds us to love hard and spread that love wide. We are eager to share our love with another child.

DILLON IS REPRESENTED BY AN ORANGE DAISY



MEET OUR

LOVED ONES



WENDY'S EXTENDED FAMILY

Jason's side of the family lives within a 90-minute drive. His Mom, Linda, is a retired educator and administrator. She lives a quiet life in a 55+ community that she moved to a few years after Jason's dad passed in 2008.

Wendy's family all live within 30 minutes of our home. Her parents are both retired: Mom from the local school district and Dad from Xerox.

OUT TO DINNER

WITH GRANDMA



CARLY WITH AUNT LAURA

AND UNCLE MATT

» Family gatherings are always loud and fun. There is a lot happening and all sorts of interesting stories to share. We've recently celebrated a 50th anniversary in the Lake of the Ozarks, three 50th and two 70th birthday parties. Over the years Wendy's parents owned a lake house where we all gathered regularly from Memorial Day until Labor Day.



JASON'S SISTER AND HER CHILDREN WITH OUR FAMILY AT A HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY



HOLIDAYS

We started hosting

Thanksgiving a number of years ago as Carly's birthday happened on the same day. It was important for us to have a birthday celebration for her and it just made sense to combine it with Thanksgiving. One of our favorite traditions is going to the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago on New Year's Eve. We've done this a few times to see some of the animals and holiday lights for the event.

PETS

We have a 85 lb. great dane/lab mix named Lucy. She's a pushover with a loud bark. She loves to go for a walk and collect as many hugs and pets she can during the day. Her little buddy is a black cat called Maverick. He's an active and spunky little fella who often acts more like a dog than a cat. He is in the mix with everything going on and has sampled foods like steak and dirt cake.



CARLY, LUCY, MAVERICK AND NATHAN POSING BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE

OUR VALUES

TO SHARE

» Jason always says, “people make choices.” He’ll keep saying this as it represents how we believe. We may not understand why people do what they do, or how they do it, however, it’s important to recognize that others choices don’t make things wrong even if we would have done something differently. **We believe in equality for women and people of all walks of life. We believe in respect for all. We believe in education. We believe the world needs more compassion and grace; we think it needs a lot less of a divide. We believe there is more gray in the world than opposition.**



THANK YOU
AGAIN

FOR TAKING

THE
TIME

to learn about us
and our family.

We are grateful for the opportunity to adopt and grow our family. More importantly, thank you for considering us to parent your child. Our children are the most important part of our lives. We love them unconditionally and devote our lives to them. Your child will become part of that fold. We want you to understand we can offer safety, security and love to your child. You will always be a part of your child’s story. **We promise to support your child in every way we can.** We know you love your child and want to offer them the very best and we are honored if we get to be part of that journey.

WITH
LOVE,
WENDY
&
JASON