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Back in the early 90's, I had the opportunity to work along side with Todd. Though our association was purely professional to begin with, my wife and I began to spend time with both Candice and Todd building what I consider a strong foundation based on friendship and respect for their passion for life and their many talents. It would be effortless to simply list all the reasons why they would make extraordinary parents but I prefer to present a different approach from what their child's perspective may be. I, myself, am adopted so I understand their desires to have a child from a recipient's point of view.

Family and a close inner circle of friends would immediately embrace Candice and Todd's child. Their child would have a stable foundation to begin developing life experiences and relationships right from the beginning. Their child would be privileged by today's standards, having a wonderful inviting home to live and play in, a backyard that not only affords safety and boundaries but offers a unique perspective on Candice and Todd's creativity.

Candice and Todd's child would be exposed to opportunities such as art, architecture, travel, museums, music and most likely football. This list goes on forever but I do know for a fact that their intension is not to live vicariously through their child but allow a natural process of exploring the many facets of life and what it has to offer.

As their child enters into the early grade school years, Candice and Todd would invest heavily in education and scholastic opportunities. Their child's mind would be well developed and equipped to succeed in any venture or challenge. Their child would have many doors to select from and opportunities to move forward choosing their path with full support of Candice and Todd.

Candice and Todd's child would have a level of accountability and parental guidance to ensure development of self realization, integrity and characteristics only found in ladies and gentlemen. Their child would be proud of his/her parents and friends. Their child would have a strong sense of identify and understand that being adopted only enforces a love and commitment that transcends biological ties.

Candice and Todd will have invested in a financial infrastructure to allow their child an opportunity to continue into college -- providing paths for the future beyond high school. This is important to Candice and Todd, quite evident in their investments both scholastically and interpersonally.

Their child would enjoy adventurous vacations. Candice is a master at itineraries and tends to take the road less traveled. I suspect their child will learn to sketch, take photographs and pronounce names of great Architects at an early age. There wouldn't be much time for watching television because Candice and Todd's child would be experiencing life first hand. Candice or Todd won't allow the precious commodity of "time" being wasted away on busyness, rather embrace each moment and immerse their child within their world. What a wonderful and unconventional way to watch life unfold.

I can't speculate on whether the child would be a boy or a girl, his/her heritage or origin but I do know that my dear friends would embrace a child and cherish their every heartbeat together. The love of a mother and father are the ties that bind. Having parents that would make sacrifices for their child, provide a safe haven, love unconditionally, provide opportunities, nurture and develop interest, provide clear boundaries and accountability are but only a few of the many aspects that Candice and Todd offer as parents.

*Best Regards,
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