

In my view, Todd and Candice will be incredibly loving and caring parents. Simply by looking at what they do for a living gives insight to what fabulous parents they will be. As architects, they are creative and know that even with perfect plans you need to be flexible and ready to adjust to the unforeseen. There is no instruction book that comes with each child. There is not a “Users Manual” to advise and guide you on how to be the perfect parent for each specific child.

However, just like every building does not look the same, every child is not, and cannot be raised the same. Each child comes with his or her own special needs. Todd and Candice have the creativity and problem solving ability and the “thinking outside the box” attitude that will make them great parents. Just like every building needs a sturdy foundation, so does a child. From there, how the building “grows up” is up to the architect. Todd and Candice can provide not only that strong foundation for a child, but also can offer a warm and loving atmosphere for a child to blossom.

There are thousands of books on how to raise a child and what to expect, but these only go so far. Raising a child is not like working on a car where there is a clear path to the one acceptable outcome. In raising a child you are not dealing with a “thing”. You are molding an individual with a personality totally unique to any other. There are certain basic needs that must be met (diaper change, feeding) and then there is the unknown. As a parent you are exposing the child to almost everything for the first time. You are a teacher, a magician, a boss, a friend, a play mate, a nurse, a coach, a guardian angel, a psychologist and more, all at the same time. Todd and Candice have shown that they can and will be all these things.

Todd and Candice have love to share, which is a must. They have patience to give, the ability to adapt, a sense of humor, creativity and a good work ethic necessary for succeeding in today’s world. They have the means to provide and a family that loves them and supports their decisions. They will be excellent parents.

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