

To our Au Pair,

We are very excited about welcoming you into our home and our hearts! We look forward to learning about you, your family, and your culture.

Our Video: <https://youtu.be/DL4f316AUgU>

We are a busy family of four. Our oldest son, Levi, is a happy and outgoing 7 year old. He loves going to school Monday through Friday. His teachers describe him as a great friend to his peers. He plays basketball in the winter and seems to enjoy assisting his team. He likes to ride his bicycle, play with Legos, and loves to read books. Our second son, Jude is 4 years old, active, outgoing, and affectionate. He loves to play with cars and trucks, view books, and play outdoors. He attends preschool Monday through Friday. He is "busy" as children his age tend to be. Jude has a mild primary speech delay, but no longer receives speech services.

We are both in our late-thirties. Jenn is a registered nurse at UVA Health System. Jamie is a systems engineer working for a small software development/e-learning company. Jamie has a somewhat flexible work schedule, but he tries to work normal business hours (8am-6pm). Occasionally, Jamie travels approximately 4 times a year for 1-4 days. We expect our AP to be flexible with slight changes in her working schedule, but will not exceed 45 hours per week. Our AP can expect to have most evenings and weekends off. We value our AP as a person and understand that adequate time off is necessary in order to feel recharged. We find that if we respect our au pair's time off then she in return, respects the time that she is working.

We have hosted five au pairs in 6 years between two agencies. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about their home and culture. Each au pair has enriched our lives in different ways. We are grateful for them and consider them a part of our family forever.

We live in Charlottesville, VA, a wonderful small city located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. In fact, Charlottesville is frequently voted as one of the best places to live in the United States. Charlottesville is about two and half hours away from the Nation's capitol, Washington, D.C. and about 3 hours from Virginia Beach. The University of Virginia, one of our country's best public universities, is located here and the city benefits greatly from many resources UVA shares with the community. We live in walking distance from the downtown and the university scene. The rear of our home has a view of Carter Mountain (orchard on top of a mountain) and access to the Rivanna Trail (22 mile trail around the city). We experience all four seasons here, but winters are usually mild and summers are usually humid and hot. There are block parties, festivals, and free concerts from April-late September. University of Virginia sporting events year round (you can hear the loudspeaker of the football stadium from our home). John Paul Jones Arena as well as smaller venues host big and small music artists (Elton John, Taylor Swift, Lumineers, Pink, Pearl Jam, U2, etc). Wine country meets horse country just outside the city in all directions where au pairs have wine toured and attended horse races and/or polo matches.

Shenandoah National Park is 15 minutes from our home. In season, hot air balloons can be seen passing over our home. Our au pairs also benefit from our family gym membership and our summer beach club (pool) membership. We are seeking an Au Pair who is responsible, attentive, organized, and eager to be a part of our family. We both work hard to communicate regularly and openly about Levi and Jude's care or any other concerns. It is important that our au pair is a good communicator (advanced English). It is also important that our au pair is honest. We view our au pair as family and include our au pair in every aspect of our family. Being an au pair is not a babysitting job. It can be difficult living and working in the same space far from the familiars of your home country. We will support you and give you our best. We hope that you will do the same for us. We hope that our relationship will extend far beyond the time that you reside with us. We look forward to welcoming you and helping you have a great experience in Charlottesville and the US.

Love,

Jamie, Jenn, Levi and Jude