

GAY NEIGHBOR

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Gay Neighbors Thor and Marc

Love, family and commitment are common values we all have, gay or straight.

Marc and I jointly fostered Lily from December, 2006 to March, 2008. In March, 2008, I adopted Lily. Unfortunately, Wisconsin does not allow gay and lesbian couples to adopt children as a couple, nor to adopt one another's children. While the State recognized us both as foster parents, only I am legally recognized as her adoptive parent.

Imagine if a straight couple had a baby and the first thing the doctor asked was "OK, which one of you wants to be the parent?"

Although we know that no law can break the love and support we share as a family, laws that do not allow us to jointly, adopt inhibit our ability to become a cohesive family with all the rights and legal protections that are given to male/female couples.

These billboards are an important way for our child to identify and appreciate the diversity that exists within her family structure. Both families of origin and families of choice can be happy and successful. This campaign gives us a way to emphasize our common values.

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