

NZMG Foundation Inaugural Grantees Give Back By Mentoring

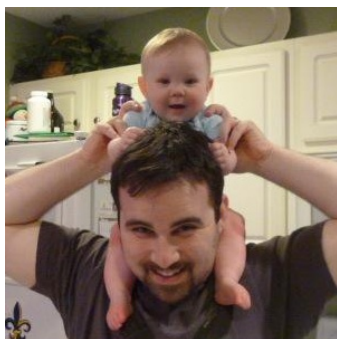
On September 27, 2012, Noah Z.M. Goetz Foundation awarded its inaugural grant to Caren and Jonathan Crain of Fuquay-Varina, NC. The award came less than 24 hours after the birth of their daughter, Hailey. Caren and Jonathan got to witness Hailey's birth, helping her birthmother throughout the delivery.



“When we met Caren and Jonathan at the hospital in Fayetteville to present them with the grant, they were on cloud nine,” said NZMG Foundation president & co-founder, Parul Patel Goetz. “They had not left Hailey’s side since her birth and were waiting to take her home. It made the timing of the award very poignant.”

Like all who begin the journey to parenthood, Caren and Jonathan did not anticipate there would be any problems and were caught off guard when they couldn’t get pregnant.

“We waited several years before trying to start a family and had no idea we would struggle when the time came,” reflected Caren Crain. “It took us two years to decide on adoption and we are so glad we did. It was an emotional roller coaster but now that we have our daughter at home with us, we know it was always meant to be that way.”



Once their adoption of Hailey was finalized in December, Caren and Jonathan contacted the Foundation, expressing an interest in giving back by becoming mentors for other couples. Not long after, they began mentoring a couple that had just completed the Foundation’s Education Program and was ready to start their adoption journey.

“When we established the Foundation one of the primary goals was that our beneficiaries would become a supportive network for others,” said Goetz. “It is so gratifying to see that happening now. Caren and Jonathan are great role models and we are so appreciative of them giving back to help others realize their dream of parenthood.”

“We are so grateful for the relationships we have build since working with NZMG Foundation,” said Crain. “We have met so many great people and built a support system that has been wonderful!” [NZMG](#)