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FOR

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Hello everyone!! It’s so great to be here to celebrate the wedding of Sara and Josh. I want to congratulate Sara’s parents. (**Name Sara’s parents and brothers and sisters if any**). To you, Tracy and Bill, you’ve always been like parents to me and I am so happy for you and all of your kids… and to all of you: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that were there as our friendship grew… you who witnessed the antics, the drama, the goofiness, I want to wish all of you great joy as your family expands, Josh ***officially*** joins the family, and new and wonderful memories are made with all of you and especially with precious Leila.

I’m sure we all have stories about Sara… or about Josh… or about Sara ***AND*** Josh, and believe me I am ***NO*** exception!! Sara and I go wayyyyyyy back… almost as wayyyyy back as two young people our age can go… You see, for those of you that might not know, we met when we were both about five years old. Some wise man once said, “Everything I know I learned in kindergarten.” For me that’s kind of true because that’s where Sara and I met. Back then I remember meeting a shy but sweet and caring little girl. She was really pretty and we became great friends because she cared so much and seemed so kind and considerate. She also had a special way of finding the patience to listen to endless hours of drama and still be interested enough to give great advice. Fortunately for me, that quality remains and has blossomed. Being friends with Sara has taught me so much-I realized some valuable lessons about life and people: A friend hangs out with you. A good friend shares stories, but a great ***lifelong*** friend really listens and tries to give the best possible advice. True, great friendship makes me feel like I am really home with that person and I’m lucky that for me that great friend is Sara. Of course when we were five years old we were barely formed, and everything was really just fun and games, but over the years time has proven that our friendship is genuine- our personalities have grown to complement each other as our experiences have multiplied and if anything, Sara has become “more Sara” throughout the years- and that’s a very good thing!!!

Now don’t get me wrong… she may look like an angel… but is she a saint??? (**Wait for the laugh**) and as I tried to think of typical stories to share with all of you I couldn’t help but smile…. The good news is…. We’ve had some ***GREAT*** times together… the ***BETTER NEWS***??? There’s not much we can really talk about in public!! (**Wait for the laugh**) … except there was that one time in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.... no. Wait… can’t tell that one either (**Turn and wink at Sara and wait for the laugh**). Don’t worry Sara…. our secrets are safe with me!!

I do remember that we spent so much time together especially at her house at McClure Avenue but we’d also spend time at my house. I will never forget the time way back in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when somehow we decided my father needed an “extreme makeover.” Imagine that… may dad… all blushed up and painted… The sight of that alone was enough to send us rolling on the floor in gales of laughter….**SO** much so that Sara….wellllllll let’s just say (**do you want to say this?)** she really ap***PEE***ciated the moment!!! (**Wait for the laugh- if that’s too risky to say, just say *appreciated* instead and exaggerate the word**).

Well, Sara, now you’re officially a married woman and the future is waiting for you and Josh and Leila. I have to say that I don’t know Josh as well as I would like to…. yet… but what I know I really like and I can’t wait to get to know him even better. Josh, I know how much Sara loves you and I know how good you are to her and how happy she is with you… you’re also a great father to Leila. I can’t wait to share in the making of new memories with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ family!!

Before I sit down I want to share a little passage I found. It really touched my heart and I hope it means something to both of you too:

**As you sit side by side through the rollercoaster of life, remember to**

**Scream from the peaks, hold hands through the dips, laugh through the loop de loops,**

**And enjoy every twist and turn**

**For the ride is better because you share it together!!**

Here’s to a great ride!!! We love you!!! Congratulations!!