

Hello we are...  
Kevin and Nicole





## *Our Hopes and Dreams...*

When we first met 11 years ago, we didn't know we would be unable to have biological children together. We prayed very hard about the decision to have children and the answer we received was adoption. Because we have many family members who have placed a child for adoption or have adopted, this answer made perfect sense. Six years after starting the process, we brought home our first adopted child. Isabella, now 2, can't wait for a sibling!

Although we have adopted before, and have close family who has placed a child for adoption, we can't know what you are going through. But please know how much we respect you for making this decision. It was the blessing of an expecting mother, perhaps similar to you, that helped us start our family. We look forward to that blessing again.

If you chose us to parent your child, we commit to you that they will have everything you want for them. They will go to sleep every night in the safety of our home, and will wake each morning to the security of our arms. They will be respected and honored as an individual. They will be surrounded with love.

With love,

*Kevin and Nichole*



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## Our values and beliefs as parents...

Family means everything to us! We come from very close families that love playing and spending time together. We enjoy several family vacations each year to Florida and Memphis where we spend time with our family playing at the beach, site seeing, and visiting the zoo and beautiful parks. We believe having such a close family gives a child the sense of love and security that every child needs.

We understand how important self-respect is for children, and believe, as parents, it is our responsibility to help them develop that quality. We believe having respect for yourself helps you to be secure, confident and happy. Every smile and giggle we experience helps us to know that we are further developing our children's core qualities.

We believe understanding and valuing people's differences helps us be more loving and accepting individuals. Whether its religion, cultural, or any other differences, allowing others to be different from ourselves opens us to learn, grow, and respect others. We hope to share the desire to seek out and accept differences to improve our children's life just as it's enhanced our lives.

We were both raised to understand the importance of education. That it doesn't matter what you do, as long as you love what you are doing. And, that if you want to accomplish something you have to work at it. Our children will have every opportunity to pursue an education, if that is what they wish. Whether they want to go to a trade school or to graduate school we will support their dreams.

We love traveling! Besides our regular family vacations, we have traveled to New York, Arkansas, Alabama, Colorado, and Wyoming. We both grew up in families that found travel as a great way to broaden your horizons and experience new places. We value a sense of adventure and believe travel is a fun way to explore desire.



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## A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers
- Family dog

### HOBBIES:

#### **Adoptive Mother:**

Reading, traveling, cooking, spending time with family

#### **Adoptive Father:**

Computers, anything technology related, yard work and home improvements

#### **Family:**

Traveling, spending time with family, going to parks, reading together as a family

### PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Optometrist

**Adoptive Father:** Stay-at-Home Dad

### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Doctoral Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Associates Degree, EMS

## Our home...

We live in a great neighborhood with lots of parks and playgrounds for all the families with young children. Our street is quiet and safe. We've been told that our house makes our guests feel comfortable and at ease; just what you need to make a house a home.

We have a lot of outdoor and indoor space to run and play. We have a large playroom where all the children usually gather to explore their world and a deck and large fenced-in yard to discover the outdoors. Our weekends start off with watching cartoons in bed. After we've all had time to enjoy Mickey, we make pancakes or cinnamon rolls for breakfast. We enjoy going to the zoo, taking walks to the park, and going to Chuck-E-Cheese.

Having waited so many years to have children, we don't take anything for granted. We look forward to everything and anything about a child. We look forward to 2am feedings, cleaning up spit-up, and washing the crayons off the windows and furniture. We look forward to watching them grow, learn and explore their world. We can't wait to hear their first word and to see them ride a bike for the first time. We even look forward to changing dirty diapers.

We can't wait to love another child and give them all the security and support they need.

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## Our family...

We met when Nichole took a job at an optometrist office where Kevin worked as an optician. We were instantly friends, however waited 8 months to start dating. We know that being friends first gave us the foundation that has made our marriage so strong. Even after all these years, we are still very much in love!



We decided early on that we wanted one of us to stay home with our children until they were school-age. Nichole started her own private practice three years ago which gave our family the flexibility we wanted. That is, for one of us to stay home with our children. For now that is Kevin. While we know this is not the traditional roles of most families, it works for us. Kevin is a loving father, he enjoys the extra time he gets with our daughter, and we know that our children will always be surrounded by someone who loves them.

We were blessed to adopt our daughter two years ago and can't wait to expand our family with one more child. We love to spend time together, whether it's traveling, going to the store, or simply watching a movie together, no amount of time is too small.

Our relationship with our extended families isn't entirely different. While we are spread throughout the country, we spend as much time together as possible. We love spending time together, specifically on our vacations and during the holidays when we all bake and decorate cookies together and enjoy the big Thanksgiving and Christmas meals we've prepared together.

We all look forward to sharing our daily lives, as well as our family traditions with another child. The fact that our child will be adopted will be a perfect addition to our family.



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