

Hello we are...

Bobbie & Keith



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

Our hopes and dreams are to share our love and home with a child. We look forward to watching him or her grow into a strong, independent adult who has compassion for other people and animals.

I have always known adoption was the path I was meant to go down. Even when I was in high school my friends remember me saying I wanted to adopt. When Keith and I were preparing to get married we discussed adoption as an option we would consider when we were ready to have children. After trying to have a child for two years, we realized adoption was the path we were meant to take. We are so excited to be on this journey together!

We have so many things we want to give our child - a stable home, unconditional love and a place where they can be themselves and feel safe. We also want to give them every educational opportunity they desire and encourage them to pursue their dreams but most of all to have fun doing it.

We look forward to all the joy, laughter and fun a child will bring to our home. We can't wait to hear the pitter patter of little feet running around the house and the squeals of delight when they are playing with us. We look forward to hearing about their day and sharing meals together. We can't wait to teach them new things and watch them discover things on their own. We look forward to going to their school events. If they want to participate in sports, we can't wait to teach them or learn with them if it's a sport neither of us has played. We can't wait to see them grow up with our pets and see the bond between our child and our pets develop over time.

For a mother considering adoption, we have nothing but respect for you and the decision you are making. It takes so much love to make an adoption plan for your child. If you select us to parent your child, we want you to feel secure in your decision and know that we will love your child unconditionally. Your child will grow up in a good home surrounded by family and so much love. Your child will have every opportunity to learn and explore who they are and who they want to be. We hope that you find peace in your decision and have the opportunity to achieve your own hopes and dreams knowing your child is safe, secure and surrounded by family that loves him or her.

Sincerely,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Family - We believe the love and support family provides makes us into the people we become. We both grew up in loving families and share the same thoughts, feelings and ideals when it comes to how we value family. Both of our families encouraged us to try new things, work hard, go to college, and be the loving caring people we are today. We, as well as our families, will always support, encourage, and cheer on our child throughout their lives. We will show our child the importance of family through family dinners every night, spending holidays with extended family, traveling together, and just having fun.



Openness - We believe in being open to people, experiences, cultures, and places. There is so much to do and see, things to learn, and so many positive experiences to enjoy, we want our child to be ready and willing to engage in all of it. Openness also means being open minded to other's life experiences. By listening to others and appreciating their point of view we can grow to be better people. We will encourage our child to build open and honest relationships with us and others so they may share their feelings, interests, and experiences with those they hold close.



Education - We want to give our child every opportunity to be successful in school and in their careers. Growing up, our parents supported and encouraged us throughout our academic years and continue to do so in our professional careers. Our parents helped us with our school work when we needed it and came to all our extracurricular activities to support us. As parents we know we will be our child's first teacher, we will support them and give them the tools they need to achieve their dreams. We will support our child in each of their endeavors and encourage them to find their passion.



Fun - We believe in always having fun. We have fun every day in big and little ways. From silly text messages to going for a walk, bike riding or traveling, we always enjoy our time together. We even have fun when a six-mile hike accidentally turns into a ten-mile hike. We love having friends and family over for dinner, game nights and spending the weekend with family. Bobbie and her mom love to go on little day trips and Keith has fun playing online video games with his friends. We can't wait to play with and share those simple joys with our child. We look forward to showing our child how they can turn a cardboard box into a castle or how to build a fort with chairs and a blanket. Keith can't wait to introduce our son or daughter to comic books and share his love of Batman. Bobbie can't wait to share her love of cooking and baking.

Kindness/Compassion - We believe in showing kindness and compassion towards each other, people and animals. For the last twelve years animals have been a big part of our lives, whether it be helping to transport a dog to a foster or adoptive home or raising money for a rescue. Over the years we've expanded our giving to donate to the food bank, as well as other causes close to our hearts. We want to teach our child showing kindness and compassion to others helps a person grow. When our child is old enough we will volunteer together by participating in volunteer activities like Meals From The Heartland or with an animal rescue. We want our child to feel good about giving back to the community.

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Our home...

We live in a suburb of a larger city on a tree-lined street in a family oriented neighborhood. The neighborhood has recently started going through a turnover as families with grown children move out and young families move in. During the warmer months you can't go more than a few houses without seeing a family playing in their yard along our quiet street.

We are close to several schools with playgrounds, a busy library and an indoor pool. There is a walking path right across the street from our house. To preserve the land, there are several green spaces around town. The area has many things to do with events such as food and art festivals happening almost every weekend. There is also a zoo, a science center, amusement and water park, and several minor league sports teams nearby.

Our home is our sanctuary with laughter and fun abound. It's a place meant to be lived in - by people and our dogs. One of our favorite memories of our home is the day we welcomed our first adopted collie Dallas into our home. He arrived without us having ever met him, he was on his way to a foster home and was making a stop at our house to see if he was the dog for us. He was much bigger than expected, but his gentle nature and happy face won us over right away. We have been in love with the collie breed ever since.

Our house is warm and inviting with its open floor plan and warm paint colors. People feel at home when they walk into our house. We want them to feel comfortable plopping down on the couch or sitting at the kitchen table. When we have guests over, we gather around our kitchen table to talk, eat and play games. If we are grilling, we spend time at the patio table chatting and watching the dogs play in our fenced backyard.

Our favorite time of day is the evening when we get home from work and have the opportunity to catch up on each other's day. Keith takes the dog for a walk and when he returns Bobbie prepares dinner with Keith at her side to help. No matter what is going on, we always sit at the table together for dinner. We enjoy the quiet of Saturday mornings, often spending a bit too long lounging around. Sunday mornings we always meet our friends and their dogs at the dog park. We can't wait to incorporate a child into our routine and shake it up with lots of playtime, learning time, Saturday morning cartoons and having fun from day to day!

The nursery is ready! The walls are painted a relaxing green, there is a beautiful tree decal complete with picture perfect birds and owls. We have a crib, dresser, changing table and a rocker where we can't wait to snuggle with our child for a nightly bed-time story. Bobbie's mother quilted and embroidered a beautiful blanket for her grandchild that sits prominently on the crib.

We can't wait for all the love and laughter a child brings to life and home.



- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Cooking, baking, riding bicycles, reading, listening to music, hiking, playing board and card games, traveling

Adoptive Father:

Running, riding bicycles, playing video games, comic books, reading, hiking, traveling

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Sr. Finance Analyst

Adoptive Father: Lead Web Developer

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree



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Our family...

We met 16 years ago on the first day of college. Keith was helping a friend from high school set-up her printer when Bobbie stopped by the room. We hung out later that night and quickly became friends. Over the next several weeks our feelings for each other grew. One night two friends enjoying a bad movie and pizza together became our first date.

During the summers we lived several hours away, but still made the long drive to visit each other every other weekend. After we had been dating for about 3 years Keith intended to propose on one such visit. However, the jeweler sent the ring back after being sized without the diamond. So instead Keith proposed on the first day of our senior year with the same ring his father used to propose to his mother. We have been married for twelve years.

We are not only husband and wife we are best friends. We talk about everything, we share everything, and we are always there for each other no matter what. We have supported each other through some very difficult times and been each other's shoulder to lean and cry on. We balance each other out extremely well. I push Keith to get out and be social, Keith is good at getting me to slow down, take a break, relax, and not worry so much. For fun we enjoy watching movies, playing games, bike riding and exploring new places. On vacations we like to go without a plan and see where the adventure takes us in whatever city or national park we visit.



Many of our family traditions center on the holidays. Easter and Thanksgiving are hosted at our house with Bobbie's family around a large brunch or dinner prepared by Bobbie and her mom. Christmas means a trip to see Keith's family and a weekend full of get-togethers, meals, and present exchanges. Bobbie's extended family also hosts a get together twice a year in her mother's hometown area. When we get together with family we play games, catch up and simply hang out and have fun. As a couple we have a few of our own traditions as well, including 4th of July at a concert and fireworks show put on downtown, couple's weekends with a few of our closest friends, and "Collie Frolics" with our dog Austin and his collie buddies, sometimes hosted in our own backyard.

We want to continue some of the same traditions we have already started and our families can't wait for our child to join in those traditions. We will also start our own family traditions with our child. For example, if our child's mother has traditions that are special to her. Perhaps she has a favorite recipe for special occasions or a tradition she would like us to share with her child.

Both of our families are very excited for us to add to our family and are always asking for updates on our journey and talking about how they are going to spoil our child. Keith's sister is planning to set aside clothes as her child grows out of them. Both grandmas are already talking about all the cute outfits they will buy for the baby, and Bobbie's mother is looking forward to watching her new grandchild once we both return to work. Everyone is extremely supportive of us, they are even planning to take some of the classes we have taken to prepare for our adoption journey.



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