

Hello we are...

*Sara & Kyle*



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## Our Hopes and Dreams...

We love each other so much and know we will provide a stable life and home to a child. Our hope is for our child to have the best opportunities afforded in life so he or she may reach their own dreams.

We have been married for more than eight years and took the time to establish ourselves as a married couple before we decided to expand our family. This gave us the opportunity to build our home life, our careers and our financial security. When we began the journey to expand our family, we struggled with infertility. We have spent the last several years searching, trying and hoping for a child.

Throughout this process, we have continued to lean on each other, family, and God. We feel God has placed adoption on our hearts. As we began learning more about adoption, we saw that God had been leading us towards adoption for years. We know a child does not need a biological link to us for us to love this child unconditionally. We have faith a child has been chosen for us already through God's will.

If we are selected, we will spend every day honoring your decision by being the best parents we can be. We both have life experiences we look forward to sharing with our child. Kyle was born with a physical disability which led to 26 surgeries. He has an amazing positive attitude, thus leads a successful life. As a special education teacher, Sara knows the importance of inclusion and that every child matters. We will teach your child to have love and compassion for everyone. Your child will be raised in a God centered home, where love, patience, and grace will be experienced. We look forward to having a relationship with you as well. We live an open life where everyone is accepted and belongs.

Warmest Blessings,

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# Our values and beliefs as parents...



**Faith** - We believe in putting God first. We both grew up in Christ-centered homes. Church was always made a priority for us. As we grew together in our relationship, we worked to find a church where we felt like family. We have always prayed together in our relationship which has allowed us to follow God's will and hear his calling towards adoption. The vision of our church is "To Live and Love Like Jesus." We will raise our child in a church which makes him/her feel like family. Establishing a routine with church will allow our child to hear about God from an early age and to learn how to Live and Love Like Jesus.



**Family** - As a married couple, we are each other's priority and family. We see our family regularly and they are an active part of our life and support system. We all know what's going on in each other's life, we simply pick-up where ever you left off the last time you saw them. We spend holidays together and take vacations together at the beach each year. We play baseball on the beach, play in the surf, and build sand castles. We are excited to share our sense of family with our child. We want our child to know that no matter what happens in life, their family will be there for him/her.



**Equality** - We accept everyone for who and where they are! We believe everyone is equal, everyone belongs, everyone makes a difference, and everyone has the right to live out their dreams. This is who we are at our core and what we have spent our life supporting. Sara is a special education teacher and the Chairperson of the Autism Team, she works every day for the students she serves. Kyle lives with a physical disability, however, this doesn't define him. He knows he is equal to everyone else. Our child will grow up knowing everyone is equal and differences do not define or divide us, they make us special.



**Responsibility** - We both grew up with parents who taught us that we have to work for the things we want in life. We both worked through college and have continued to work hard to provide a financially stable home for our family. We each have responsibilities within our own family - work, pay bills, and help each other do chores around the house. We also take responsibility for our failures and our successes. We will provide our child the opportunity to learn responsibility at a young age with small chores, such as picking up their toys. We want our child to know their dreams can come true by being responsible and working hard.

**Education** - We believe education helps children become secure adults and will support our child's learning inside and outside our home. Kyle has a bachelor's degree in Communications, Film, and Television. Sara has an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and Special Education, and a master's degree in Special Education. This has allowed her to live out her dream of educating and helping others. Our educations have enabled us to provide emotional and financial stability for our family. Our child will attend preschool at an appropriate age so that he or she is ready for elementary school. Our hope is that our child will attend a University as we both did in order to have access to further advancement in the field of their choice.

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# Our home...

We live on a cul-de-sac in a friendly and welcoming neighborhood. It is a place full of laughter, kids having fun riding bikes and skateboards, and playing in the yards. Most families have basketball hoops in their driveway, and at the end of road there is park with swing sets and slides. There is another park just minutes from our home with walking trails, baseball fields, and a huge playground where we will take our child for some outdoor fun!

We are fortunate to live close to some amazing attractions. We both grew up going to the zoo, science center, and children’s museums and we look forward to sharing this experience with our little one. Kyle’s mom and dad’s house is just a short drive away. They have an in ground swimming pool where we spend many summer days. We also look forward to visiting the beach and mountains with our child, just as we did as children.



Our favorite time of day together is coming home after a long day. We enjoy telling each other about our day, eating dinner at home together, and catching up on our favorite shows. It is our time to re-connect and regroup before going back out into the world for another day. One of our favorite meals together is Italian BBQ Chicken. When we were in college, Sara’s roommates made this one night because they couldn’t decide if they wanted Italian Chicken or BBQ Chicken for dinner. When Kyle would come to Sara’s apartment for dinner, this would often be something that was made. Since then, this has been one of our favorite meals together. It is quick, easy and we have great memories of eating it in college when we were dating.

We have a home that is available to our friends and family to simply hang out, watch a ballgame, or enjoy a holiday together. We enjoy fellowship, laughter, and a variety of good food for everyone to enjoy. We play ping-pong and darts, and if the weather permits, we like to grill outside, and enjoy dinner on the deck. We moved into our home ten days before Christmas. The first thing we put up was our Christmas tree. Both of our families helped us get settled in and we hosted them for Christmas celebrations. We look forward to celebrating Christmas and other holidays carrying on other family traditions as well. Kyle and I enjoy exchanging pajamas on Christmas Eve. We are excited to see the joy in our child’s eyes when they open their presents, and creating the new traditions of ‘Elf on the Shelf’ and taking pictures with Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny.

Our nursery will have a zoo animal theme in gray, blue, and green. The zoo themed animal blanket matches the musical mobile that hangs over the crib. A gray dresser matches the gray crib, and a glider will sit in the corner of the room where we will cuddle and read. We look forward to seeing our child first thing in the morning and the last thing before we go to bed. We are excited to read to our child before bed time, especially the books that have been handed down from our parents.

We know our home will be filled with so much laughter and love. We look forward to building many memories with our child.

- Both non-smokers

### Hobbies:

#### Adoptive Mother:

Crafting, spending time with family and friends, traveling, finding new places to visit and eat, and playing with our dogs, playing ping pong and darts, attending sporting events and concerts

#### Adoptive Father:

Attending sporting events, especially UNC Tar Heels and Atlanta Braves, traveling, spending time with family and friends, spending time with our dogs, playing ping pong and darts, going to concerts

### Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Special Education Teacher

Adoptive Father: Solution Specialist

### Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Master’s Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor’s Degree



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# Our family...

We met eleven years ago through mutual friends during our second year of college. To this day, we reminisce about our first date. Kyle reached out to Sara on Facebook Messenger to begin getting to know her. After many hours of instant messaging and Facebook messages, Kyle said that they should go out in a group sometime. Sara mentioned that her girlfriends were going to see "The Guardian" that weekend if he wanted to join. Kyle had already seen it, but he of course said yes. Following that date, we became fast friends and soon afterwards started dating, enjoying going to movies, cooking together, helping one another study and complete assignments, going on family vacations together, and even running errands together.

We dated for two years before getting engaged. One weekend Kyle surprised Sara with a weekend away. During their weekend, Kyle surprised Sara with a horse carriage ride, and on the top of a mountain overlooking the resort, Kyle got down on one knee and proposed. Sara took it all in and the happy tears began to flow. It was the most magical moment and wonderful day. We have been happily married for more than eight years.

Kyle has a contagious positive nature about him. He has a 'go getter' attitude and wants to do the best he can. Each day he faces the day with a smile and tries to please all of his customers. Sara is organized and has a loving heart. She wants to see her student's succeed and she tries her best to see them make progress. We enjoy traveling, finding new places to visit and eat, playing with our dogs, playing ping pong and darts, and attending sporting events and concerts.

We spend a lot of time with our extended family and enjoy holidays, family reunions, family beach trips, and road trips to visit them. Each holiday season, we visit all of our grandparents and extended family members. Each January, we host our family's New Year celebration, and every Spring and Fall we spend a week at the beach. We enjoy eating out, cooking in, shopping and spending our days on the beach. The kids enjoy playing in the surf together. Over the years, we have found vacations are a good way to spend quality time together with extended family and have brought us all closer.

Holidays are a time to appreciate and reconnect with our families. On the Fourth of July, we go swimming, cook out, and then watch fireworks with Kyle's family. Kyle's parents have a pool in their backyard, so their home is a great place for us to enjoy summer holidays. We celebrate Halloween with Sara's family by getting together, making Halloween themed food, and watching old Halloween movies. We celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with both of our families, eating great food. On Christmas Eve we open Christmas PJ's and we spend Christmas morning together eating a special breakfast and opening gifts. Later we join our families for lunch and dinner. We can't wait to include our child in all these holidays, celebrate every day together, and start our own family traditions together.

Our family will welcome our baby with open arms. They are prepared to bond, connect, and love our little one.



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