

Hello we are...

Kristyn & Ryan



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

We met through eHarmony about five years ago. Ryan had recently moved to the area and thought it would be a good way to meet others. We both knew early on in our relationship we had found “the one”; however, we dated for more than a year before we got engaged.

Individually and together, we have many blessings! We have wonderful families, great relationships, good health, solid finances, good educations, and rewarding jobs. We look forward to the blessing of adding a child to our family.

Before we were married, we talked about adopting a child one day, not knowing at the time we would be unable to have biological children. Once we found out, we immediately knew we would try to adopt! We know a child doesn't have to be born to us to be loved by us, or to be a part of us. Our hopes and dreams are to share our lives with a child, to help him or her realize their strengths, and instill in our child a kind heart, a sense of humor, and a joyful spirit. We will love our child unconditionally.

However, it is not lost on us that for us to become parents, a mother must make an adoption plan for her child. We can only imagine the strength it takes to make this loving and selfless decision. We hope that whatever the reason you are making this decision you can find peace for you and your child. We are also confident you want the best for your child, and this decision comes from a place of love.

We hope you will have some comfort from your decision. We want you to know if you select us as the adoptive parents for your child, we will provide a safe, loving, and caring environment for your child. Your child will know you, and his or her story will be yours to tell. We hope you will be a part of your child's life.

We look forward to getting to know you better.

Warmest Blessings,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...



Kindness - Kindness is the underlying principle for which we do everything and strive to be kind to all those for which we interact. Volunteering for the Salvation Army, helping a friend moving, caring for a niece or nephew when parents are away, and shoveling a neighbors' sidewalks in the winter are all ways we enjoy showing kindness. We truly believe in the Golden Rule, "ask yourself how you would want to be treated if you were in their shoes." From giving simple compliments to helping others when needed, we will teach our child to be kind to everyone.



Generosity - We have been very blessed in our lives, and want to share those blessings with others. We find joy in liberally giving our time and talents. Kristyn puts much time, energy, and emotion at school working with the youth, as well as teaches Sunday school each week. Ryan helps anyone he comes in contact with, including friends, family, and numerous coworkers. We will teach our child the joy of giving to others and the community by asking them to donate the toys they no longer play with and clothes that no longer fit. As they grow older, we will involve them in youth organizations like 4-H or Boy/Girl Scouts, and others who focus on generously giving.



Family and Friends - We have an extremely reliable support system; and the best part, they are really fun and good people! Our family and friends live close by so we see them often and celebrate life together regularly. From birthday parties to visiting the family farm with an outdoor pool, we enjoy hanging out, talking, laughing, swimming, playing games, and just catching up. We can't wait for our child to build relationships with our network of friends and family, and join the fun at the family farm with chickens, cows, kittens, a loveable puppy, and plenty of space for a child to run and play!



Humor - We believe comedy, laughing, and finding the funny side in most situations is truly important to enjoying life. Not a day goes by when we don't laugh, smile, or joke. We want to teach our child to find joy in all situations. Kristyn believes joking with students keeps the students engaged and keeps her young in spirit! Ryan regularly uses humor to diffuse tense situations. We both have thoroughly enjoyed our marriage, and each day is a new opportunity to make each other laugh. We look forward to sharing our sense of humor and joy with our child by engaging in childish play like snowball fights, putting tape over Ryan's favorite remote control, etc.

Diversity - Whether it be diversity in culture, thought, artistic expression, or experiences, we thrive with variety in our lives. We believe it's important to be surrounded by people with different interests and perspectives. We don't always have to agree, but we know we will grow. We take pride in our vast interests from music to programming computers, traveling to new places, and simply trying new restaurants. We look forward to providing a wealth of experiences for our child - from music, to sports, to the arts, we hope to surround our child with a variety of different people and experiences.

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Our home...

Our home is our place of peace. We visited it the first time on a whim after seeing ads for an open house. We immediately fell in love with it and could picture raising a family inside! It wasn't long before we were decorating the rooms, not in our minds, but in the home. One of our favorite memories so far was our first Christmas in the house; we finally had a big enough space and ceilings tall enough to get the kind of gigantic Christmas tree we had always wanted.

We have a large, fenced-in backyard with a patio and a garden. There is plenty of room to run, play, and for a slide and swing-set someday soon. Our driveway is large and the perfect place to draw with colored chalk and learn how to ride a bike.

The neighborhood is vibrant and growing. Neighbors are friendly and welcome new families with cookies or a bottle of wine. Yards are filled with neighborhood kids shooting hoops, throwing footballs, and riding bikes. Fourth of July is an especially celebrated neighborhood holiday, as children decorate bikes and deck out in red, white, and blue for a community parade. For Halloween and during the Christmas season, homes are proudly decorated with lights. We can't wait to help our child learn how to ride a bike and participate in the parade!

Our house is filled with homemade decorations, comfy chairs, and plenty of light. Kristyn loves to decorate and made a large farmhouse table with hopes of filling it for large family dinners, holiday meals, and intense rounds of Monopoly and Scrabble! Ryan takes pride in being able to fix anything that's broken.

We love to entertain, and it's common for us to have large groups of friends and family over for cookouts and playing games. Most of our guests hang out in the living room in the winter or on our deck in the summer. No matter what the occasion is, we have plenty of food for everyone! Kristyn bakes while Ryan grills and smokes meats. Someday our child will join the other kids playing in the backyard or watching movies while eating popcorn and M&M's.

We are excited for our home to be filled with the life of a child. The nursery is one of the largest rooms in the house and located right down the hall from our bedroom. Years ago, Kristyn purchased a wooden rocker, looking forward to one day spending time rocking our child to sleep. We also have a number of handmade quilts that our grandmothers made. Kristyn recently finished a quilt that her great-grandmother had started. She also crocheted a christening gown years ago in the hopes that one day we would have a child.

We look forward to hearing our child's laughter echoing down the halls! We look forward to playing hide-and-seek and pretending to not "see" our child hide in the most obvious of places. We cannot wait to watch our child's eyes light up as they pull radishes out of the garden. From dance parties to catching lightning bugs, we are excited to just love a child and build lifelong memories! When they get older, of course there will be homework and chores, but there always will be plenty of time for play no matter how old they are!



- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:

Playing the piano and guitar, gardening, baking, fishing, spending time with friends and family, swimming, kayaking

Adoptive Father:

Playing the piano, fishing, computers, watching and attending sporting events, spending time with friends and family, kayaking

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: High School Teacher

Adoptive Father: Underwriter

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Doctoral Degree

Adoptive Father: Currently In College



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Our family...

We met on eHarmony! Kristyn thought Ryan looked smart, and his bio seemed really funny. Ryan thought Kristyn was beautiful and had the brains to match! We started dating, and Ryan remembers starting to save for a wedding ring after the second date. Many of our dates were spent fishing, and Kristyn always seemed to have the better “luck” catching the big fish. We still playfully challenge each other to a biggest fish competition!

We dated for a little over a year before Ryan proposed. He purchased a tackle box and filled it with fishing gear and “hid” the ring in the bottom. He told her that there was a lure in the box that was “guaranteed to catch a trophy”. Once Kristyn found the ring, Ryan asked her to marry him.

Our favorite memory while dating was the trip we took to Chicago to spend Thanksgiving with Ryan’s family. It was Kristyn’s first time meeting them, and she was terrified. They immediately made her feel welcome. It was during that trip that Kristyn decided that she really wanted to spend the rest of her life with Ryan. Ryan saw how much his family loved her and what a natural she was with his nieces and nephews, and he knew that she was absolutely the one.

We love sports and competition and will attend just about any sporting event we can including football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, and hockey. When we are at home we love to play games and do puzzles. We watch TV shows together and go to the movies every now and then. We are both musicians, and we love to play music together. Every summer we spend quite a bit of time outdoors fishing, kayaking, and camping. When we are apart, Kristyn loves to shop and Ryan loves to work on computers.

Most weekends we go camping, attend concerts, head out to the farmer’s market, or spend time with friends or family. We both come from families with strong cultural backgrounds. Kristyn’s family is Czech and German, and they love to play the accordion and bake kolaches. Her grandparents came to the United State with nothing, yet managed to be very successful farmers through their incredible hard work and determination. Ryan’s family is Scottish and they love to tell stories about the history of their clan. There are many musicians in his family who have traveled all over the world and met and worked with famous people.

We have some great family traditions! Each year we try to recreate our first date, even going as far as ordering the same thing at the restaurant we went to on our first date. We go canoeing in the Ozarks every summer with Ryan’s family, and at Thanksgiving his entire family comes and stays at our home. One of Kristyn’s family traditions is going to church Christmas Eve, and going to her aunt’s home for all kinds of appetizers.

There is so much we look forward to sharing with our child. We certainly look forward to the magic of celebrating Christmas together, under the huge Christmas tree, filled with presents from us and Santa Claus for our child.



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