

Hello we are...

*Sam & Kaylie*



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## Our Hopes and Dreams...

Words do not seem adequate. They do not seem enough, to express how much we already admire you. We can't image all the feelings you must have as you move through this process but we do know that the decision you are considering for your child is made purely from love, courage, and selflessness. And while we may not know you yet, it says so much about your strength of character and the love you have for your child. Our respect, compassion, and empathy for you runs deep and we want to ensure you feel safe and valued through this journey.

We've been together for more than 13 years and have actively sought to grow our family for more than four years. We've dreamt of having a child to nurture, provide for, and love unconditionally, to steward them through life and help build them into adults who value kindness, integrity, and helping others. Our world will revolve around this child as we delight in the little things, appreciate the adventures a child will bring, and offer a place for this child to grow. We will be actively present for this child every day of their life.

We promise to provide a home filled with love and laughter, and to openly share their adoption story. Adoption will bring richness to our family tree and we feel adoption is a normal way to add to our family. We've always dreamed of bringing love and nurturing to a child whether biological or adoptive. We have family and friends who are adoptive parents and others who are adoptees.

We know that being parents will be the most important thing we will ever do. We love to think about all the special memories ahead of us like holding them close as we say goodnight, listening to their stories about their day in school, helping them with everyday challenges, and being present for them. We will encourage our child to explore their creativity and discover their passions. We are eager to help make their dreams come true.

We are sensitive to this being a difficult and emotional time in your life and we are honored to be considered as potential parents for your baby. It will be our life's mission to provide a stable home, an excellent education, and a life full of unconditional love, opportunities, and emotional and financial support. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering us.

Respectfully,

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## Our values and beliefs as parents...



**Education** - Education extends both within and outside of the classroom. From a diverse school district to a house filled with books and activities to learn from, we want to help our child explore their interests and encourage them to take pride in their abilities. We will support and send our child to a college of his or her choosing; however, college is not the only way to further education. If our child instead dreamed of a career in a specific trade, we would, of course, be supportive of this aspiration. We want to ensure that whatever our child chooses to 'be' when they grow up, they are inspired to do something they love and that makes them feel fulfilled.



**Open-Mindedness and Acceptance** - We believe the more exposure you have to other cultures, ideas, lifestyles, etc. the more open-minded and accepting you are of others who are different than you. We hope to provide rich life experiences, through domestic and foreign travel, volunteering, and community and school based activities - sports, arts, music, and nature - to enrich his or her perspective. We want our child to learn the value of empathy and understanding while being an independent thinker who is open to others' perspectives. We truly look forward to showing our child what the world has to offer.



**Kindness** - Every act of kindness strengthens our ability to empathize, forgive, or care for another person. We want to share and role model kindness through helping our neighbors with tasks, giving to others when in need, empathizing with others, or showing forgiveness. Kindness is weaved into our everyday life and we hope to weave that thread through our child's heart and actions. We will teach the importance of being honest, authentic, learning from our mistakes, and always trying to be the best version of ourselves to reach our full potential.

**Giving to Others** - We look forward to teaching our child the importance of their words and actions. We were both raised to be grateful for what we have and to always give back to others. We are involved in community efforts to build a more equitable and inclusive community, we volunteer our time at local non-profits and both have jobs that help the community. We look forward to our child joining us in helping others by donating gently used toys and clothes and volunteering their time as they grow up and form their own interests.



**Joy and Fun** - We will provide a life that is fun, positive, and loving. Humor is a daily occurrence in our household and we find joy every day. In our experience, time, and space for fun sparks creativity and curiosity of the world around us. It helps us maintain perspective and appreciate all that is good.

**Family and Friends** - Time with family and friends is very important to us and we are fortunate to have a supportive network of people around us. We spend time with our family as much as possible and look forward to introducing our many family traditions as we raise our child. One family tradition we love is our 'family Olympics' day on Thanksgiving with Kaylie's family. We visit Sam's family in England annually and look forward to sharing that heritage and connection with our child.

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# Our home...

Our neighborhood is in a historical district just outside downtown with a great mix of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. All of our neighbors are kind, social people who enjoy spending time together. We look out for each other and it truly feels like a warm, welcoming neighborhood. There are plenty of kids and dogs around to play with.

We have great bike trails, large parks, access to walking trails, a public pool, and an art gallery all within walking distance. We are close to downtown, which features great family restaurants, a large sculpture park, a science center, and lots of family friendly festivals that we attend each year. We love hiking and taking our dog to the lake to swim. We enjoy playing at the city parks and pools with our nieces and nephews in the summer and enjoying activities like ice skating and hot cocoa runs in the winter.

Our home is warm with neutral tones and has lots of space for a child to run and play. As soon as we walked into this house, we knew we'd love to raise a family here. It's a large historical home, yet clean and modern inside with updates throughout. So far our most treasured memory has been all the time we've been able to spend with family and friends. Our house has been such a warm space to host gatherings and connect with our loved ones. The holidays are particularly special with our big Christmas tree and holiday celebrations. We've truly enjoyed making it feel like our home and look forward to the addition of a child, which will make it feel complete.

Our favorite time of day is when we come together for our evening mealtime. It offers us an opportunity to spend time together in our kitchen while cooking and to sit around the table and enjoy conversation over good, homemade food. There are many evenings where we will spend hours around the dinner table talking and laughing.

We regularly entertain friends and family. We spend time around the kitchen table enjoying great food, music, and conversation. When the weather cooperates, we like to BBQ and eat outside on our large deck. We also enjoy game nights with family and friends. We rarely watch TV except an occasional English Premier League soccer game or a movie. We read at night or enjoy our hobby of photography. In the summertime, we spend as much time as possible outside, Kaylie loves gardening while Sam spends time working on home projects.

Sharing life with our child will be so important to us. We are most excited to share our time and love with our child. We look forward to daily activities like reading bedtime stories, eating meals together, riding bikes and playing to big things like sharing old traditions and building new ones, exploring nature and the world, and most importantly sharing our values and unconditional love. We can't wait to hear a child's laughter ring around our home, which will bring so much joy to our lives.

The nursery, filled with books and toys, is connected to our bedroom to ensure we are close. Kaylie's grandmother sews a beautiful baby blanket for each new great grandchild and Sam's mother loves to knit garments for her grandchildren, which will be ready and waiting for the baby's arrival.



- Both non-smokers

### Hobbies:

#### Adoptive Mother:

Healthy lifestyle. Yoga, gardening, hiking, playing volleyball, and cooking healthy meals. Traveling, experiencing new cultures, and photography. Hosting and socializing with friends and family.

#### Adoptive Father:

Active. Enjoy playing soccer, golf, tennis, volleyball, swimming, cricket, and hiking with our dog. Game nights, reading, playing chess. Home renovations. Traveling, experiencing new cultures and photography. Hosting and socializing with friends and family.

### Professions:

**Adoptive Mother:** Director of Philanthropy  
**Adoptive Father:** Founder/Communications Director

### Education Level:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelor's Degree  
**Adoptive Father:** Master's Degree



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# Our family...

We met on Sam's very first day of college while Kaylie was studying abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland. Through a serendipitous clerical mistake, Sam's dorm accommodation was placed with all the international students. The American students were next door and we met at a social event that first evening. After four months of being friends, we began dating. A month later, Kaylie had to return to the United States. Sam visited the U.S. for the first time that summer and stayed with Kaylie for six weeks. It was then that Kaylie decided to move to Scotland to complete her nursing degree. We've lived together ever since. We were together for six years before we got married and have been together for more than 13 years.

Our strengths as a couple include our love and commitment to each other and a tight companionship, friendship and respect for one another. We confide in each other for strength, guidance, and love. We rely on strong, honest, and open communication. We practice compassion and flexibility to ensure we can both reach our goals in life. We also share a strong affection for each other and use humor daily. We work well together and always see ourselves better when together.



Ever since we met, we have spent most of our waking hours together - cooking, watching movies, gardening, renovating our home, or hanging out with friends. Our favorite activity is traveling and experiencing new cities or countries together. We also run a photography business and enjoy being creative and growing that together.

We see our extended family regularly enjoying home cooked food, playing games, hanging around outside when the weather is nice, and enjoying each other's company. Kaylie's family often holds hotel nights where the family gets together to play games, swim, and order in pizza. We have family 'house crawls' where we rent a bus and have a progressive dinner around all the cousin's houses. The whole extended family joins as we travel around all the local houses and enjoy great food along the way.

We have many special family traditions, especially around the holiday season. We can't wait to start our own traditions as we grow our family. It's not unheard of to have six or more family Christmases. On Thanksgiving, we all gather at Kaylie's sister's house for a big lunch and then participate in the Thanksgiving Family Olympics. Our nieces and nephews develop a board of activities and we spend the rest of the day competing in games such as basketball knock-out, crab walks, timed word search puzzles, volleyball, and dodge ball. It's all in good fun and the whole family participates. One of Kaylie's favorite traditions as a child was getting to open one Christmas present on Christmas Eve. We can't wait to share little things like that with our child and add to it with new Christmas jammies and books.

Both sides of our family are already celebrating the promise of a further addition to our family. They feel excited and joyful about the new little one and really look forward to another addition that will enrich all of our lives. This will be the 13th grandchild for Kaylie's parents and the 4th for Sam's parents and they are thrilled. Our child will be welcomed with open arms from both of our families.



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