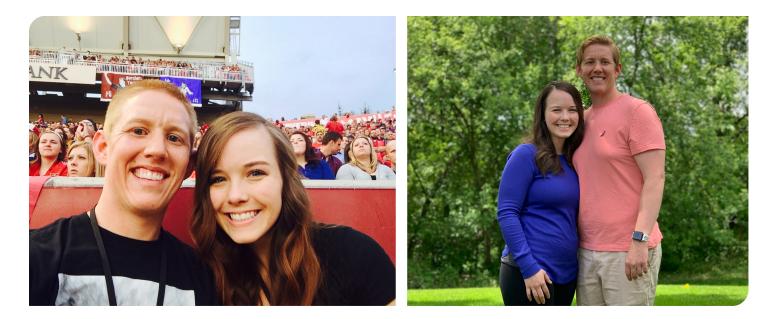


Kathy & Noah





Our Hopes & Dreams

Our hopes and dreams are to fully encourage and support a child through all stages of their life. We look forward to loving them unconditionally and we promise to dedicate our lives to providing them with all the tools and opportunities they need in order to be whatever they dream to be.

As high school sweethearts, we have been together for 15 years and this year marks our seventh year wedding anniversary. Throughout our time together, we have experienced both times of happiness and heartache, yet we've only grown closer together. We have a strong partnership because of our compassion, patience and optimism.

Years before we got married, we would dream and talk about the kids we would raise together. We spent years waiting, hoping and trying different medications and fertility treatments. Even still, our desire to raise a child has never wavered. Through encouraging stories from our family and friends who've been adopted, we were drawn to adoption as a way to expand our family. We know we want to love and care for a child no matter how they enter our lives.

Although we have not met, we feel great compassion for you on this life-changing journey. We recognize that adoption is the ultimate exchange of mutual trust and we will always hold this in our hearts. We truly believe it takes strength, courage and love to consider an adoption plan for your child. No matter where you are in your journey, please know you are on our hearts and minds.

If you choose us to raise your child, we want you to know that we are prepared to give your child a life filled with love and opportunity. We promise to provide your child with a loving support system and a strong education. We also promise to expose your child to different forms of nature, sports, and art. Through this, they will learn to love and appreciate the world, and the different people and places that comprise it. We will fully encourage him/her to lean into whatever interests them and cheer them on as they follow their passions.

We hope you choose to continue to be part of your child's life so we can share their life with you. Your child will always know where they came from and how much you love them. We can't wait to dedicate our lives to giving your child the life you dream of for them. We hope our words can give you some peace and comfort and you are able to pursue hopes and dreams of your own.

We are humbled that you've taken the time to read these words and that you may consider opening your heart to us. We would be so honored to have the opportunity to meet you and learn more about you.

Warmest Wishes,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

LOVE - We believe unconditional love is the foundation that holds all of our relationships together and we are very fortunate to have a strong support system. We spend most weekends with our family and friends: playing games, telling stories, spending time outside, and sharing meals together. Kathy's mom is anxious to take her grandchild to the zoo, and Noah's mom can't wait to show the child how to bake and feed the fish in their pond. We anticipate many playdates with their cousins and friends' children and watching our kids grow up together. We strongly believe a child needs support and encouragement in their lives so we will surround them with love and always be their number one fans.

EDUCATION - We highly value learning and believe learning extends beyond the classroom. We embrace our curiosity by reading books, visiting historical landmarks, and watching documentaries. Noah likes to listen to audiobooks and podcasts about management, health, and human mechanics that he tries to incorporate in his career and exercise routines. Kathy has taught art to girls in an after school program where they learned how to embroider and sew pillows. We will expose our child to various ways of learning: art, sports, books, puzzles, and imaginary play. At home, we will teach them the importance of chores, financial stability, and other valuable life skills. If our child chooses to further their education, we will support them!

KINDNESS – We believe our relationships are grounded in love, but kindness allows them to flourish. We believe that you get out of relationships what you put into them and that even a simple smile or thank you can go a long way. No matter who we interact with, we strive to have empathy and respect for them, and avoid placing judgements against them. We want our child to understand the importance of treating others as we want to be treated. We will encourage him/ her to be kind and compassionate to themselves, family and friends, as well as strangers.

POSITIVITY - We believe our positive outlook on life has contributed to our professional success, strong relationships, and overall happiness. We know a positive mindset can improve the outcome of any situation, and that it can be contagious. We understand that life is too short to always be serious; for this reason, we use laughter as a tool to help overcome any sadness or heartache. We like to quote episodes from The Office, sing our favorite songs and tell jokes. We will teach our child that we can't always control the situations we're faced with, but we can control how we respond. We will teach him/her that life is to be enjoyed and that it is important to appreciate what we have while you have it.

ADVENTURE – Growing up, our families took yearly trips that allowed us to escape our normal routines, push our comfort zones, and learn to be openminded. We believe these experiences helped form the bonds with our families that we hold so dear. Noah is also anxious to take our child on his family's annual camping trip. It is one of his favorite memories and he can't wait to share the magic of a place so close to his heart. When we aren't on trips, we choose to enjoy nature together and we look forward to showing our child the beauty and calmness of the outdoors. We look forward to taking him/her to explore places in our area: lakes, walking trails, parks, and the science center. Wherever we are, we will make it a priority to create fun and memorable experiences as a family.

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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Spending time with family and friends, walking our dog, standup paddle boarding, reading, listening to Broadway music, attending concerts and plays, sewing, and crafting.

Adoptive Father: Spending time with family and friends, weight lifting, running, bike riding, camping, kayaking, walking our dog, cooking and grilling, watching sports, video games, and listening to podcasts and audiobooks.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Wedding Dress Designer Adoptive Father: Mortgage Lender

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree Adoptive Father: Some College

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

Our Home

We live in a quiet neighborhood on a street with lots of mature trees. There are families with kids of all ages and many family-centered activities. We are lucky to live in one of the best school districts in the state. The elementary school is in walking distance from our home. There are parks, pools, walking paths, shopping areas and public libraries close to us. We chose our home because we loved the greenspace in our backyard and in our neighborhood. Although we live in town, our backyard gives the illusion of living outside the city.

We knew our home would be perfect for growing our family as well as providing room for friends and family to meet. Our home is warm and inviting so the space instantly makes people feel welcome and comfortable. We enjoy hosting friends and family from out of town as well as college football watch parties. We love our indoor living space, but also enjoy our large back deck that is partially screened in so we can spend time with company outside as well.

Our home is designed to be lived in and enjoyed. Our furniture is big and cozy and our house is decorated with photos of family and past adventures. We especially like to relax in our back living room, where there are large windows overlooking the wooded creek in our backyard. This is where we cuddle up and watch movies on the big TV above the fireplace.

Our favorite time of day is in the late afternoon. You can find us either at the lake paddle boarding and kayaking, or on a trail near our house walking our dog, Harvey. We also enjoy relaxing at home and catching up with each other after our work days while cooking dinner together. On weekends, we like to play card games with friends on our deck, or enjoy a weekly virtual game night with our family. We can't wait for a child to join us on our family walks and help us prep dinner every night.

Upstairs, the nursery is only a few short steps from our bedroom. The room is painted white and navy, with a white crib and a comfy gray rocking chair. The best part of the child's room is that it overlooks our tranquil backyard. Kathy can't wait to crochet a special blanket just for them.

We can't wait to watch their face light up as we give them "under-dogs" on the swings at the park and listen to them giggle as we play tag in our yard. We look forward to filling our nights with games, songs and bedtime stories. We will love to play dress up with them and invent silly stories to spark their imagination. We are so excited to watch them learn, grow, and develop their own personality. We especially look forward to spending time with them in our backyard: kicking around a soccer ball, catching fireflies, playing in the creek, and looking up at the stars.



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Our Family

We met more than 15 years ago in our high school Algebra class. In college, we lived hours apart but we took turns visiting each other on the weekends. After college, we moved into a tiny 1-bedroom apartment together where we appreciated living in the same city, began our careers, and have been inseparable since.

Our love is pure, and is directly reflected in how we support each other. We alternated taking leaps of faith to follow each other's career aspirations by relocating to different states to help each other grow professionally. It takes quite a bit of trust to move thousands of miles, with little notice, select a new home and meet new people - but we did just that, multiple times. With these moves, we only grew stronger as a couple. We have now settled ourselves back in our home state to be close to family as we prepare to have a family ourselves.

Our marriage is a partnership where the roles and responsibilities are equally distributed. We cherish our time together, but also respect each other's time to indulge in individual interests. Noah is soft spoken, loyal and calm. He always makes his friends and family laugh with a new joke or a funny story. Kathy, also an introvert, is very artistic, compassionate, supportive and caring. She likes spending time at home, watching musical theatre, and FaceTiming with nieces and nephews. As an entrepreneur, she is



always working on new creative projects. We appreciate the balance we've created in our lives and cannot wait to add a child to the mix.

We both grew up in large, tight-knit families where we spent time with our parents and many siblings, but also with our grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. We cherished our time with extended family, so we plan to provide our child with those same opportunities to create great memories and wonderful relationships. Their grandparents will only be a short drive away so they will spend many weekends together and they will see their many aunts, uncles and cousins often.

Kathy's mom stayed home to care for her and her siblings until they were school-aged. Since Kathy's design work is flexible, she will stay home with our child for years to come. Noah has established himself with a great company that allows him to stay home for four months after placement, as well as the flexibility to work around the child's activities.

We want our child to spend quality time with their family so they can develop deep bonds with them. Noah's family hosts Thanksgiving each year. As a family, they wake up early to prepare the entire meal, making hors d'oeuvres, turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. They are always up for a family game of touch football. Kathy's family hosts a great Christmas get-together. After a delicious meal and the white-elephant gift exchange, it is a tradition to make the annual Christmas craft. With such a large family, these times are very special and is spent catching up and playing with aunts, uncles, cousins, and even 2nd or 3rd cousins.

We also look forward to creating new traditions too. We can't wait to take them on family vacations to explore the country. With learning and adventure so dear to us this will be a great way to bond while soaking in the beauty of the states, visiting historical landmarks and trying the local cuisine wherever we go.



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