

Hello We Are...



Kenny & Tiffany

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Our Hopes & Dreams

We are content and happy in our lives together, yet what we still hope for and dream of more than anything else is to become parents.

Our journey to adoption started with an infertility diagnosis fourteen years ago. We began seriously researching and looking into adoption five years ago, after our best friends started the adoption process. They have an open adoption with their son's birth family, and their experience allowed us to witness the beauty of an open adoption.

We spent a year as foster parents, hoping that it would eventually lead us to adoption. We fostered six children ranging in age from newborn to teenager. Being foster parents provided us the unique experience of being a childless couple with parenting experience. We learned how to help all of the kids feel loved, wanted, and welcome within our family. We had the honor of getting to know their families and building relationships with them as well. It was an invaluable and loving experience.

If you select us to parent your child, we promise to love him/her with our whole hearts. We will fill his/her childhood with adventures, sentimental memories, and laughter. We will provide every opportunity we can to help them chase after their own hopes and dreams.

We have never been in your shoes, so we can only imagine what the experience is like. We doubt it's a decision you take lightly. We imagine that you have poured a lot of thought and love into your choice. We hope that reading our profile and gaining a glimpse of the kind of family we will be for your child is reassuring and brings you comfort. We want you to feel peace, love, and support not just during the adoption process but in life. We pray your future is filled with happiness and that you live a life that brings you joy.

Sincerely,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents



UNCONDITIONAL LOVE - Our love for each other has always been unconditional. We recognize that neither of us are perfect, yet our love has only grown deeper over the years. We know that kids are gifted with wide ranging personalities, temperaments, strengths, and needs, and therefore each child needs to be parented a little differently. A lot of grace and flexibility are important. We promise to love your child for who they are and to provide them with every opportunity to become their best selves. There is nothing imaginable that could ever change our love for them; it is truly unconditional.



FAITH - Our faith in God is the foundation of our lives and marriage. We were both raised in Christian families and plan to raise the child placed with us in much the same way. At home, we pray together, read the Bible together, listen and dance to worship music often, and make our best effort to model Christian values such as compassion, kindness, and love. We've been members of the same church for many years and are currently volunteering as youth pastors. Our church has a growing children's ministry with amazing volunteers that our child will get to be a part of as they get older. Our church is small, but everyone from the pastor to the pew loves big.



FAMILY - We know that when family come together in a child's life, everyone benefits, especially the child. Many of our routines and traditions encourage family bonding like cooking together, eating meals together, and even doing simple things like fishing or reading together. Tiffany works a flexible nine month schedule like teachers with summers, spring breaks, and holidays off to spend extra family time together as a family. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins also will be involved in the child's life, with outings to zoos and slumber parties together.

LIFELONG LEARNING - We believe preparing our child for their education really begins with helping them develop a lifelong love of learning. As parents, we will make learning fun by practicing spelling words in sidewalk chalk and using snacks to learn math. We will also use toys such as LEGOs, dolls, and costumes to encourage him/her to use their imagination and creativity while playing. While reading books, we will use silly voices and animated gestures to bring the stories to life. When the child gets older, we will encourage and provide support for him/her to earn a college degree or learn a trade if they choose to do so.



HUMOR AND FUN - When we met, it was love at first laugh. Humor and laughter are a big part of what makes our life together so happy. Bantering is something we often do in our home and with our family. We will help our child learn to value fun and humor by modeling joy and contentment in the simple things. We will help them develop their own sense of humor early on by playing with them, tickling them, and smiling and laughing with them. We will play peek-a-boo and blow raspberries on their tummy to make them laugh. When he/she gets older we will tell jokes, playing harmless silly pranks, and banter with them. Our child will grow up surrounded by a family that loves being silly and laughing together.

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Our Home

The first time we stepped inside our home, we knew it would be perfect for raising children. A cozy built in bench and nook greets you at the entryway. Tucked beneath it are baskets filled with our nieces' and nephews' favorite building toys and books. The living room and dining room are a large open space with high ceilings that serve as the perfect spot for Friday night dance offs, Mario Kart races, LEGO building contests, and board game battles. The large atrium window in the living room provides lots of natural light for reading, crafts, and puzzles during the day.

Our home is about 30 minutes from the beach in a quiet, family friendly neighborhood with scenic oak and pine tree lined streets that are perfect for afternoon and weekend strolls. We are in walking distance of two kids' parks, the city pool, ball parks, the splash pad, and the elementary school. One of the biggest perks of living by the coast is having year round access to local beaches, bays, rivers, and state parks. We love visiting the beach in the spring and fall to swim, build sandcastles, and search for sea shells. We are also close to a zoo, a theme park, shopping, restaurants, and have a wide variety of family centered activities available such as movies in the park, themed festivals, and a seasonal circus and county fair.

We spend our summers in our large front yard. Our child will enjoy jumping on our trampoline, racing down the slip and slide, riding their bike around the yard, and cooling off in the kiddie pool. We have a fire pit for roasting hot dogs and S'mores in the fall and enjoy planting and harvesting fruits and veggies from our raised garden beds in the spring and the summer.

The kitchen is the hub of our home. We love eating dinner together at the table in the evenings because there are no distractions and we can share about our day. Kenny does most of the cooking. His homemade chocolate pies and banana puddings are a cherished family favorite that he cooks from his late grandmother's old recipe. We can't wait for Kenny to have a little assistant helping him in the kitchen. We look forward to our refrigerator being filled with coloring pages, activities and family photos.

We have a furnished nursery ready decorated in a Disney theme. Our favorite children's books and Disney stuffed animals decorate the book shelves and whimsical paper lantern balloons hang from the ceiling. Family members and church friends have made crochet blankets and bought books for the baby, and our nieces and nephews have given their favorite baby toys for us to share with their new cousin.

We look forward to watching them learn and grow as they explore the world and discover their place in it. We love all of the laughter and love that a child brings into the family. We're looking forward to all of the exciting things like holidays with kids because kids make the holidays so much more fun and magical. We look forward to witnessing and celebrating their milestones, being involved in whatever activities interest them, and just being there for all of the everyday activities like snuggles in the recliner while watching their favorite cartoons and building LEGO worlds to get together in the living room. We look forward to everything, really.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Reading, creative writing, vacations in the mountains or at the beach, kayaking, collecting tea cups and typewriters, watching football, learning new languages, trips to new places, eating at my favorite restaurants, and binge watching my favorite TV shows.

Adoptive Father: Fishing, hunting, kayaking, camping, collecting rare coins, observing wildlife, exploring nature's treasures (crystals, panning for gold, etc.), cooking and baking, and traveling for leisure, and going on missions trips.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: School Counselor

Adoptive Father: Test & Activation Specialist

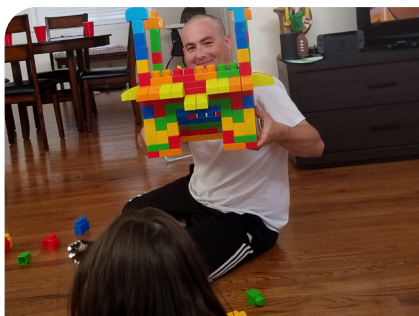
EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Master's Degree

Adoptive Father: Professional/Vocational

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers



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Our Family

We met early in our sophomore year of high school when a mutual friend decided to play matchmaker, and thankfully, he was spot on with the two of us. We became instant best friends, were inseparable from the start, and by the end of our sophomore year, we were both head over heels in love. Looking back, it feels like a miracle finding one another so young. Kenny later shared that throughout our entire sophomore year, he prayed every night that if we were meant to be together, we would start dating before summer break. Kenny got his answered prayer on the very last day of school. He always jokes that this is how he knows God has a sense of humor. We dated the next two years, and a few months after graduation, we eloped.



Our complimenting personalities bring out the best in each of us and make us a great team. Kenny is kind, charitable and easy for people to like. People are drawn to his quick wit and contagious smile. Tiffany is nurturing and encouraging. We love spending time together whether it's lounging around in our PJs watching sitcoms or camping at one of our favorite state parks. We love day trips to theme parks, county fairs, the circus, zoos, and aquariums. The mountains are our favorite weekend getaway, and if we have more than a weekend, we love going to theme parks. Above all else, our favorite time together is Christmas break when we're both off for a few weeks to relax, travel, and visit with family.

Once the child is old enough, we'd like to visit Disney World. We both love theme parks and think it would be exciting for our child to meet and explore the world of all of the characters we watch in Disney movies. When the child is old enough to travel internationally, we will travel every few years to see new places, learn about other cultures and languages, and try new foods. We feel that this experience fosters a love of learning and broadens a child's appreciation and acceptance for people, places, and cultures that are different from their own.

Growing up, Tiffany spent a lot of time with her maternal grandparents while her mom was working, and she can see a lot of their influence in her life. We are excited to have our parents living nearby to share in the joy of having a new grandchild to celebrate. Kenny's parents are very active, traditional grandparents. They visit often and love hosting campouts in their living room for the grandkids. Tiffany's mom is the fun grandma and always spoils her grandkids with fun trips to the city pool, the beach, trampoline parks, and shopping.

We have a few simple family traditions we can't wait to share. Such as celebrating the end of the school/work week with a fun at home family night of Mario Kart races, board games, pizza, dance-offs, movie marathons, and popcorn. We love our nontraditional Thanksgiving when we get together to watch the Iron Bowl game and eat a tailgating type meal. On Christmas Eve we open presents with Kenny's family and get our nieces and nephews excited about Santa. Afterwards, we come home to read Christmas books, bake cookies, and track Santa's location on the news together before bedtime. It's the kind of Christmas we both enjoyed as children, and we would like for our child to experience those same sentimental memories.

Our entire family is excited to meet and love the newest member.



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