



Hello We Are...



Sam & Kaylie

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## Our Hopes & Dreams

Words do not seem enough to express how much we admire you. We can't image all the feelings you must have as you move through this process, however, 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 15 years and adopted our first son, Sebastian, in 2019. His arrival was well worth the wait as we actively sought to grow our family for many years. Becoming parents has been a true gift to us and we dream to add another beautiful child to complete our family. We've dreamt of having children 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 our children as we delight in the little things, appreciate all the adventures they will bring, and offer a place for them to grow. We will be actively present for both children every day of their lives.

We promise to provide a home filled with love and laughter, and to openly share their adoption story. Adoption has brought richness to our family tree - we have family and friends who are adoptive parents and others who are adoptees. We have several people in our life we consider "family" even though we aren't biologically related. We hope you will become part of our family too as we all love this child. We hope to share memories with you, have visits with you, and that you will be another person to cheer this child on through life.

We know that being parents is 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, watching a sibling bond blossom, helping them with everyday challenges, and being present for them. We will encourage our children 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 & 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 your child explore their interests and encourage them to take pride in their abilities. We will support and send your child to a college of their choosing; however, college is not the only way to further education. If your child instead dreams of a career in a specific trade, we would, of course, be supportive of this aspiration. We want to ensure that whatever your 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 we have to other cultures, ideas, lifestyles, etc. the more open-minded and accepting we are of others who are different. 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 their perspective. We want our children 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 children 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 your 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 your 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 your 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 home 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 your 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 his heritage and connection with your child.



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## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Active, healthy lifestyle. Yoga, gardening, hiking, swimming, and cooking healthy meals. Traveling, experiencing new cultures, photography and reading. Watching Sebastian learn, grow and explore, , and socializing with family and friends.

**Adoptive Father:** Enjoy playing soccer, golf, tennis, swimming, cricket, and hiking.. Game nights, reading, playing chess. Home renovations. Traveling, experiencing new cultures and photography. Watching Sebastian learn, grow and explore and socializing with friends and family.

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Director of Philanthropy

**Adoptive Father:** Entrepreneur

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelors Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Masters Degree

## PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

# Our Home

Our neighborhood is in a historical district just outside downtown. 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 welcoming community. There are lots of kids and dogs around to play with.

We have great biking and walking trails, large parks, 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 enjoy playing at the city parks, splash pads, and pools in the summer, and activities like ice skating, playing in the snow, and traveling to warm, sunny places in the winter.

As soon as we walked into our home, we knew we'd love to raise a family here. Our home has been such a warm space to host gatherings and connect with our loved ones, with lots of space for children to run and play. The holidays are particularly special with our big Christmas tree and holiday celebrations.

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. We have a large playroom on the main level and books and toys throughout most rooms in the house.

Our favorite time of day is when we come together in the evening. It offers us an opportunity to spend time together in our kitchen while cooking and to sit around the table and enjoy conversation over homemade food. There are many evenings where we will spend hours around the dinner table talking and laughing, while playing peek-a-boo and other games with our son. Hearing his happy squeals ring through the house brings us so much joy and we can't wait to double that happiness. We enjoy neighborhood walks every night, scouting for flowers in the summer, Christmas lights in the winter, and all the big buses and trucks a little child's eyes can find all year round!

Sharing a life with our children is so important to us. From daily activities like reading bedtime stories, eating meals together, riding bikes and playing, to big things like sharing old traditions and building new ones. We enjoy exploring nature and the world. Most importantly, we cherish sharing our values and unconditional love, which has been a dream come true for us. We can't wait to share our life with another child, and our children to form a sibling bond and become lifelong playmates.



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# Our Family

We met on Sam's very first day of college while Kaylie was studying abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland. 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 15 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 use humor daily. We work well together and bring out the best in each other.

Ever since we met, we have spent most of our time together – traveling, cooking, watching movies, gardening, renovating our home, and spending time with family and friends. We also run a photography business and enjoy being creative and growing that together. Since Sebastian's birth, we have grown even closer in our role as parents. Sam is an incredibly patient and devoted dad. He makes everything more fun, is adventurous, trusting, and supportive. Kaylie is a very affectionate, warm, and loving mother. She is patient, empathetic, attentive, and aims to make all experiences special.

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. Our families often hold 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. These traditions have become even more special as we grow our family. On Thanksgiving, we all gather for a big lunch and then participate in the Thanksgiving Family Olympics. The grandkids 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 and we continue that as a family each year.

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 our lives. Your child will be welcomed with open arms from our families!



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