



Hello We Are...



Seth & Kaelyn

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Our Hopes & Dreams

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us! We realize this is a difficult time for you and hope that you are surrounded with support and love during this time.

I have wanted to adopt for as long as I can remember. I was adopted by my father and my mother was adopted too. I understand being curious about a birth parent.

Seth and I have been together for more than nine years. We have a very playful relationship and enjoy teasing one another. We want to set a valuable example to our child regarding what a happy and healthy marriage looks like. Both of our parents have been married for 25 plus years and we want our children to have that same secure family unit.

We have yearned for a child for years. We want to provide a child a loving home and opportunities to thrive. We will give them a bedroom to call their own, a playroom where they can let their imagination run wild, and a neighborhood where they can run around and just be a kid. We also want to give them the opportunity to explore any interests they have, whether its sports, music, theater, or science.

If you select us to parent your child, we want to reassure you that our door is as open as you want it to be. You are welcome to come to celebrate birthdays, be a part of holidays, and to be as involved in the child's life as you would like. Your story is important to us and if you wish for it to be shared with your child, know it will be just as important to us as it is to you. We only have respect and extreme gratitude in our hearts towards any parent who makes this decision.

With love and respect,
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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

COMPASSION - As a nurse and volunteer, when Kaelyn sees someone in pain, she comforts them by holding their hand and listens as they talk. We want to raise a child that thinks about other peoples' feelings and wants to help others in distress. We plan to volunteer with our child. It's especially important to us that they know how blessed they are. One winter we took our little niece to a youth shelter to donate coats to other kids there. She kept commenting on how cold it was outside and it was awesome to see her register that many kids don't have coats to keep them warm. She instantly wanted to go to the store for more coats.



STRONG WORK ETHIC - When our child commits to a sport or task, we want to encourage them to give it everything they have. When I graduated nursing school, I felt like I barely knew anything about pediatrics since it's so specialized. I studied for six months on my own and passed the certified pediatric exam. Seth wanted to be a lawyer so he studied 6 days a week. We will teach our kids that if you want something, you can reach that goal by giving your all. It's never easy, but always worth it.

INDEPENDENCE - We each have our own careers and are independent. We don't "need" each other but want each other. We want our kids to be able to provide for themselves by knowing how to cook, clean, pay bills, and save money. We will assign age-appropriate chores and will teach them how to do dishes, cook, and handle finances. When our kids leave home, we want them to be prepared to take on the world.



EDUCATION - We are both well-educated and we want to encourage a love of learning and curiosity. Some of Kaelyn's favorite memories are of her mom and great grandma teaching her about birds and fish. We look forward to taking our child on field trips to the zoo and aquarium. We will be very involved with our child's schooling by working with them on homework to make sure they are grasping the material. If they are struggling with a subject, we will research fun ways to learn about the topic. We want to celebrate our kids' successes in a way they enjoy.

GRATITUDE - Kaelyn carries a coin in her scrub pocket at work. Whenever she touches it, she recalls one thing she's grateful for. Instead of asking our kids "How was your day?" we want to say "List three good things about your day." Focusing on the positive allows us to focus on joy. We want to give our child the tools to enjoy the little things in life.



FAITH - Our faith in God is a great comfort. We know He has a plan and obstacles are only to mold us into better people. "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10 is one of our favorite Bible verses. We want to model our relationship with God in front of our kids. We will pray with them before meals, before a difficult task, and whenever we think about it. We will read the Bible with our child before bedtime and sing hymns with them in the car.

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Our Home

We want home to be the place where our child's imagination can soar. Seth grew up on a farm acreage. He remembers running around the yard, climbing lots of trees, and exploring the barn. He loved having the freedom to run around and letting his imagination run wild. Kaelyn grew up on an acreage as well, and always ran around in the woods and creeks with the neighbor kids. Kaelyn loved pretending to be a princess and making "food" (mud pies) in the princess castle outside. We would play detective a lot and try to solve mysteries, which for some reason never went very far.

We want the same for our child. We want our home to be where they can run, explore, and use their imagination. We live right next to a large park and botanical gardens with lots of trees. The botanical gardens are a gorgeous area where we like to take the dogs for walks but we see our child running through the woods with us in hot pursuit. The YMCA is where Kaelyn works out and where we will take our child for various activities like story time and art clubs. Our backyard is fenced-in and has a slide from the deck to get down to the yard. When the weather is nice, there are always kids playing in driveways, riding around the sidewalks, and hanging out in back yards. We can't wait for our child to play with the neighbor kids, going down the slide, and playing on the equipment we will add.

We just finished the basement which has another living space with a sectional couch, TV, kitchenette, and a large space that we can't wait to turn into a child's dream playroom. It is already quickly filling with toys our parents can't seem to stop buying. This room also has a reading nook under the stairs that can only be accessed by finding the secret entrance behind the bookcase! Her parents are teaching her more about carpentry so they can build a grocery-store for the play room.

We still enjoy using our imaginations too. Kaelyn loves to throw parties. We have a Friendsgiving, Friendsmas, and Halloween party every year. Our favorite so far was a Gatsby-themed murder mystery party. We make sure there is plenty of food and spend the night playing games and singing karaoke to Disney and the hits of the 90s. We always decorate the home and especially love going all out for Halloween. This year we handed out candy to our neighborhood kids. Seth was Prince Charming, Kaelyn was Anna from Frozen, and Kaelyn's mom was Elsa, and our dogs Sherlock was Sven and Watson was Olaf.

Once we have a child, we will immediately focus on making sure the child feels loved and secure. The child's room is beside our bedroom and will be decorated once we meet our child. The room has a nice large window, big closet, and is right next to their bathroom. Once complete, we want the room to reflect the child's personality, whether that means pink walls and a princess bed or walls covered with pictures of dinosaurs and a race car bed. We want to turn it into a place our child loves, feels safe in, and can call his/her own. Kaelyn will take care of the child during the weekdays and during the weekends Kaelyn works, Seth will be the primary caretaker. Our goal is to not have daycare.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Kickboxing, reading, baking, scrapbooking, photography, painting, building projects, volunteering for Hospice care. My mom and I are currently building a kid's mushroom toadstool table and stools for our playroom

Adoptive Father: Watching college football games, playing tennis, reading, building legos, playing with our two corgis, playing videogames, spending time with family and friends, and traveling

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Registered Nurse

Adoptive Father: Associate Attorney

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree

PLUS:

- 2 dogs
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We connected on Match.com and met at Starbucks the first time. Coffee turned into a dinner date, and a month later we were both in love. We dated almost three years before getting married and have been married for six years. We are completely ourselves with each other and show our love by putting the other's needs first.

Seth perseveres, is level-headed and logical, and family-oriented. He takes dilemmas in stride and doesn't get stressed easily. He is especially patient with our niece and nephew. In nine years together, he has never raised his voice at me. He buys groceries for his grandmother and visits his grandfather in the nursing home a couple times a month.

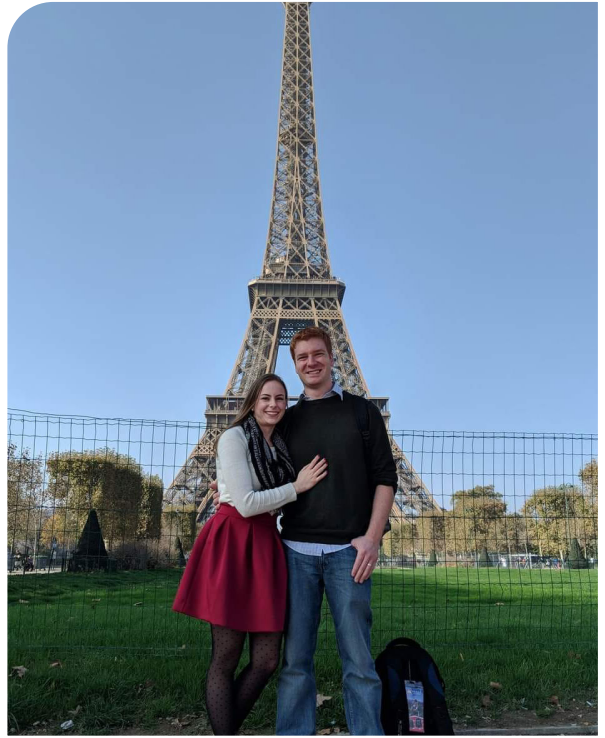
Kaelyn is nurturing, creative, and loves to learn. Her heart is full of joy when she can comfort and hold little ones at work. Even off-key, she will sing the Mickey Mouse clubhouse song to keep the kids entertained. In her time off, she volunteers with Hospice and participates in charity runs. She loves scrapbooking, photography, painting and building Disney-themed projects for the playroom.

Our strength as a couple is the way we communicate with each other. We want each other to be happy, so it is important that we calmly talk through any disagreements. We are good about apologizing and recognize when one of us needs a short break. We are each other's biggest supporter and have goals that align so we work hard towards them.

We enjoy relaxing together and cuddling on the couch. We love to travel and have been across the country and have been to Europe three times together. Close to home, we love to go places where the dogs can be involved, whether that's dog bars or corgi races.

We're ready to be tripping over toys and cleaning up crayon marks. I know when we hold our child for the first time, we will experience the most extreme form of gratitude. Our struggles and our journey will make all the little moments sweeter. When temper tantrums happen, we will be grateful and blessed to have a child. When the house is messy, I will remember I longed to clean up the toys scattered everywhere. We most look forward to hearing their laughter, playing with them, and snuggling them. We look forward to taking our child to see Disney Princesses and can't wait to dress up with them for Halloween. Christmas will involve baking sugar cookies, volunteering, and spending lots of time with family and friends.

Our family is almost as anxious as we are to add a child to our lives! Kaelyn and her parents love wood-working and crafting. They are currently working on building a little house for the kids' to play in indoors. Eventually, we would love to have a tree house. The pumpkin patch is a must, especially with our niece and nephew. We will pray before eating, read stories before bed, and have Sunday dinners with their grandparents. We will make crafts for the holidays and make grandparents t-shirts with their handprints on them. There are so many things we will treasure once we get to parent a little one.



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