



Hello We Are...



Chris & Katie

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## Our Hopes & Dreams

We met more than 13 years ago in college, each carrying our own story of struggle, resilience, and determination. After dropping out of high school, Chris found the courage to restart his education, earn his GED, and return to college with a renewed sense of purpose. Katie had endured a serious eye injury during a summer internship and went through multiple eye surgeries as a result. That experience didn't just shape her—it fueled her desire to help others and ultimately led her to become a doctor. That's when our paths crossed.

Our individual hardships helped us recognize something special in each other—perseverance, empathy, and a drive to build a meaningful life. Together, we've accomplished many of the goals we once only dreamed of: earning our degrees, becoming doctors, and opening two practices side-by-side. But the dream that has always remained at the center of our hearts is becoming parents.

We've always envisioned a family filled with love, laughter, and togetherness. We imagined bedtime stories, games in the living room, and cheering from the sidelines of school plays and soccer games. Infertility has been part of our journey, but we've never believed that family is defined by biology alone. What matters most to us is building a life centered on connection and love—and creating a safe, joyful, and nurturing home for a child.

We don't yet have children, but our lives are already filled with little ones—our many nieces and nephews and the children of close friends who fill our hearts and home with laughter and joy. We can't wait to grow our family and share in those everyday moments that make life so meaningful.

We know that creating an adoption plan requires immense strength, love, and courage. Please know that we recognize and admire your bravery. If you choose us, you won't just be placing your child—you'll be gaining a family. We believe that people come into our lives for a reason, and we are deeply honored to walk this path with you, however you choose to move forward.

We are ready and excited to begin this journey. We have so much love to give and are fully committed to providing your child with a safe, joyful, and supportive home. Most of all, we want you to feel confident and supported in your decision, and to know how grateful we are for the possibility of building this beautiful family—together.

With heartfelt appreciation,

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**RELATIONSHIPS** - We believe deeply in the power of meaningful relationships—both in our personal lives and in our careers, where we strive to connect with our patients on a human level. To us, relationships are the foundation for lasting memories and a sense of belonging. Family holds a special place in our hearts. My mom is my best friend, and I hope to share that same kind of close, loving bond with our child. Chris treasures the memories of his dad catching up with lifelong friends over coffee and conversation—simple moments that left a lasting impact. We are also fortunate to be surrounded by a strong circle of friends and family, many of whom are raising young children. Our child will be welcomed into this circle from the very beginning, with opportunities to form friendships that we hope will grow and last a lifetime.



**PERSEVERANCE & PURPOSE** - We believe that being goal-oriented gives you strength during times of adversity. This mindset has shaped both of our lives in powerful ways. We've each faced our share of challenges, but staying focused on our goals helped us push through. For Chris, it wasn't until he discovered a passion for becoming an eye doctor that his motivation and success truly came alive. Sometimes, it just takes finding what you love to unlock your full potential. As parents, we hope to instill this same sense of purpose and perseverance in our child—not just through words, but by living it out daily. We'll show them that effort leads to reward, whether it's helping out around the house or working hard on homework and projects. We want them to see that achieving goals—big or small—deserves to be celebrated, and that persistence often leads to discovering passions and unlocking dreams.



**UNCONDITIONAL LOVE** - Life is filled with both joyful moments and challenges, and we believe that a parent's love should remain constant through it all. As parents, we are committed to standing by our child in every phase of life—the highs and the lows—offering unwavering love, support, and understanding. Our own parents were our steady foundation, especially during difficult seasons like graduate school, always encouraging us and reminding us we weren't alone. We promise to be that same foundation for our child—a source of comfort, strength, and security. Whether they're celebrating a big win or feeling discouraged after a tough day at school, we'll be there to lift their spirits, remind them they're deeply loved, and make sure they always feel safe, seen, and supported.



**FUN & LAUGHTER** - We believe that laughter is one of life's greatest gifts—and one of the best ways to connect, heal, and get through tough times. We love to laugh, play jokes, and share silly moments with each other, our families, and our friends. Lightheartedness has carried us through challenges and brought so much joy to our everyday lives. As parents, we hope to pass this gift on to our child. We want them to know that life doesn't always have to be serious, and that laughter can make even hard moments a little easier. We'll create joyful memories through birthday parties, trips to the park, games of hide and seek, swimming with friends, and plenty of silly, spontaneous fun. We'll also teach them that it's okay to laugh off life's little hiccups—like a spilled drink at dinner or a mix-up on a school project. Mistakes happen, and sometimes the best thing you can do is smile, shrug it off, and try again with a lighter heart.

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# Our Home

We live in a quiet, close-knit neighborhood filled with a beautiful mix of people—couples, young families with children, and retirees. Over the past five years, we've built strong connections with many of our neighbors. Some have become close friends, even patients at our clinics, and often join us in our backyard for evenings around the firepit, roasting s'mores and sharing stories.

Our neighborhood is full of life, especially with children riding bikes and scooters down the street, playing in yards, bouncing on trampolines, or staging epic Nerf wars in the cul-de-sac. We often see families walking their dogs, with little ones riding alongside them on bikes or relaxing in strollers. We're also lucky to have amazing attractions nearby, including a children's museum, aquarium, zoos, and several exciting jump parks—there's always something fun to do!

Our home sits on about an acre of fenced-in land, a space we've truly made into a place for gathering and celebrating life. We have a firepit, frisbee golf goals, and a comfy sectional on our screened-in back porch—perfect for everything from morning coffee to evening talks. The front porch has cozy rockers that overlook the mountains, and the yard has plenty of room for all kinds of play—swing sets, T-ball, volleyball, or anything else our child may come to love. Our screened porch also serves as a peaceful spot for outdoor naps, sipping coffee and juice in the morning, and enjoying water toys.

Everyone who comes through our door is met with wagging tails from our dogs, Reed and Abby, and warm hugs from us. We love hosting friends and family and hope each guest feels not only welcomed, but truly at home. We typically cook a homemade meal and enjoy time together with games in the yard—cornhole, board games, frisbee golf—or just relaxing and sharing laughs on the back porch. The firepit is often glowing, with marshmallows roasting and stories being told under the stars.

We are filled with excitement and love as we prepare to welcome a child into our home and hearts. The child's room has been thoughtfully designed—it's light and airy, freshly created by us and Katie's mom. The furniture—crib, dresser, and changing table—are heirlooms from Katie's childhood, lovingly preserved by her mom and refinished by us in a soft white wood. We've started to add sweet giraffe touches, including books and stuffed animals. Once we've met our child, we'll personalize the room.

We look forward to sharing our lives with a child—waking up to morning snuggles, giggles, and joyful chaos. We can't wait to play games, read books, do puzzles, and spend our days exploring the world together. From cheering at ball games and attending school events to coaching sports and throwing birthday parties, we're ready for the beautiful, busy, love-filled life ahead.



## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Crafting, home decor, playing with our 2 dogs, working out, spending quality time with friends and family, watching college sports, boating and wake surfing, home projects

**Adoptive Father:** Car enthusiast, playing with our 2 dogs, working out, watching college sports, cooking, trying new restaurants, traveling, boating, go carting

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Optometrist

**Adoptive Father:** Optometrist

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Doctoral Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Doctoral Degree

## PLUS:

- Family dogs
- Both non-smokers

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# Our Family

We first met in college in 2013 when Chris asked Katie for a pen—and all she had were purple ones. So that day, his notes were written in purple ink, and our story began with a small, colorful moment that we still laugh about today.

As fate would have it, we kept crossing paths in class after class. Over time, our friendship grew into something deeper. Katie was drawn to Chris's passion for learning, his drive to grow, and his genuinely kind heart. Chris admired Katie's intelligence, her thoughtful nature, and how easy it was to talk to her. It often felt like we were meant to find each other—two people on parallel journeys who were better together.

We dated for nine years before getting married, wanting to finish our doctorates and begin our careers before starting the next chapter. After supporting each other through the challenges of optometry school, we knew we could take on anything life brought our way.

We're best friends who balance each other well. Katie is calm, steady, and thoughtful in her decisions. Chris is passionate, expressive, and brings energy and spontaneity to our lives. While Katie brings structure, Chris brings fun—and together, we make a great team. We handle life's ups and downs with love, respect, and a shared commitment to lifting each other up.

We love spending time outdoors, especially walking and hiking with our dogs. We're big foodies who enjoy discovering new restaurants and spending time with friends on the lake. We also love to travel and explore new places together.

Family means everything to us. We're surrounded by a large, loving extended family who is overjoyed at the thought of welcoming a child. From grandparents and aunts and uncles, to cousins, and their children, our family stays close—sharing monthly dinners, attending each other's events, and making memories throughout the year. This year, we're especially excited for our first annual vacation to the beach with Katie's side of the family, where we will play in the sand, swim in the pool and ocean, relax in the lazy river, and take trips to the zoo.

Many other traditions fall around holidays. One of our favorite holidays is Easter! We have been preparing Easter baskets and filling and hiding eggs for our nieces and nephews for years. We can't wait to add one for our child as well. For the last five years, Thanksgiving has been hosted at our house. More than 13 family members come, bringing sides and fun. We watch the Macy's Day Parade and then play games in the yard after the family feast. We look forward to adding a child to our Christmas celebrations too! With family spread out, we have multiple celebrations of making and decorating cookies, spending family time together and of course exchanging presents.

We can't wait to bring a child into this circle of love and support. We want you to know that if you choose us, your child will grow up surrounded by joy, connection, and people who will love them unconditionally.



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