



Hello We Are...



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Our Hopes & Dreams

It is our greatest dream to share our happy home, filled with love and laughter, with a child. We will provide them with stability, encouragement, and unconditional love, creating an environment where they can thrive. We hope to help them discover their passions, pursue happiness, and embrace a lifelong journey of learning and growth.

Adoption has been a dream of ours since the early days of our relationship, when we began talking about our future together. We made a thoughtful and deliberate decision to grow our family through adoption and have spent years preparing for this path. We are deeply committed to providing a stable, and nurturing home that fosters curiosity, enriches lives, and celebrates the unique strengths and individuality of everyone who lives here.

We find profound beauty in nature and are excited to take our child to awe-inspiring places like mountains, forests, prairies, oceans, and canyons. We also value education and imagination, and we will fully support and guide our child's learning journey wherever it leads them. Whether they dream of becoming an artist, scientist, musician, athlete, or anything else, we will be by their side to cheer them on and provide the tools they need to succeed. Life is full of twists and turns, and we look forward to helping our child embrace each path with resilience, curiosity, and an open heart.

One of the things we're most excited about is getting to know our child's unique personality and interests. As they grow, we will joyfully incorporate their passions into our lives, whether it's music, sports, art, dance, cooking, or something entirely unexpected! We're eager to find new family traditions and activities to enjoy together, as well as share our own childhood favorites like camping, playing family board games, and celebrating the holidays. We can't wait to create new memories and traditions as our family grows.

We are wholeheartedly prepared to provide an abundance of love, support, and stability for your wonderful child. We also want to support you through the adoption process and welcome your presence in their life in whatever way feels right for you. We are committed to fostering a connection between you and your child and will do everything we can to honor that bond.

We look forward to meeting you.

Respectfully,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

SECURITY - Above all, our priority is to provide a profound sense of security for our child. This extends beyond financial and physical safety—it also encompasses emotional security, ensuring they feel confident in who they are and deeply rooted in our family and community. We carefully chose our current home with children in mind, ensuring it would offer access to quality education while fostering an environment that supports growth and development. We value the importance of a neighborhood where a child can safely play, surrounded by other families with young children, and where a sense of community thrives. We also prioritized providing an environment that encourages exploration of the natural world—whether playing games at the park, riding bicycles, or simply enjoying the outdoors. Most importantly, we want our child to feel empowered to shape their own future without fear, embracing the life they choose for themselves.



LIFE-LONG LEARNING - We wholeheartedly believe in the transformative power of learning and curiosity. Both of us have earned graduate degrees, and the pursuit of education has profoundly shaped our lives, opening doors to countless opportunities and enriching our perspectives. While we are committed to providing our child with access to quality formal education, our goal extends far beyond the classroom. We hope to instill in them a lifelong love of learning through exploration, play, and discovery and foster a deep appreciation for knowledge and creativity. We will create opportunities for learning outside of school, including early exposure to other languages and hands-on experiences that ignite curiosity. Our home will be a nurturing environment where questioning is encouraged, exploration is celebrated, and learning becomes an integral part of daily life.



RESPECT & INCLUSION - We firmly believe that all people are equal and deserving of respect, with the fundamental right to pursue their own happiness. Differences in personality, ideas, and experiences are not just to be accepted but celebrated, as they strengthen and enrich our communities. We will teach our child that respectful debates and disagreements are opportunities for growth and finding common ground. Civility and kindness will guide these interactions, helping them understand the value of differing perspectives. Having lived and worked across the globe, we deeply appreciate the beauty and diversity that the world offers. As parents, we will nurture this appreciation in our child, emphasizing that all people are created equal and that diversity—in ideas, art, music, culture, food, clothing, and lifestyles—brings vibrancy and strength to our communities. Through this, we hope to inspire a spirit of empathy, inclusion, and open-mindedness that they will carry throughout their life.



NATURE - The health and well-being of our planet are essential, as it sustains us and provides the resources necessary for enriching and healthy lives. As a family, we value sustainability and are committed to leaving the Earth in a better state than we inherited it. We will instill in our children an understanding of how our actions affect others and the natural environment, encouraging mindfulness and responsibility. With much of our professional careers dedicated to environmental issues, we are passionate about teaching our child things they can do to care of the environment. Our child will learn to appreciate and care for nature through hands-on experiences, whether exploring the outdoors in our backyard and neighborhood or visiting kandice's parents' farm. These moments will provide invaluable opportunities to connect with the Earth and develop a lifelong respect for its beauty and resources.

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Our Home

We love our neighborhood, located in the heart of a historic district in a charming small city. It's peaceful, close-knit, and community-oriented—a place where neighbors look out for one another, catch up in the streets, and lend a hand when needed. We are within walking distance of excellent elementary schools, downtown shops, and numerous parks and playgrounds. These parks offer something for everyone, with Little League baseball fields, swings, slides, and trails that wind through beautiful, wooded areas where we often spot deer. One of the best parts about living here is that Kyle's family is nearby, making it easy to connect with loved ones and share life together. We can't wait to introduce our child to our wonderful community of friends and family.

Our home is inviting, cozy, and filled with personality. We focus on creating a space that fosters relaxation, fun, and well-being rather than striving for perfection. It's a mix of new and antique furniture, including meaningful pieces passed down through our families for more than 100 years. Our love of the outdoors is reflected inside, with indoor plants and small trees we've nurtured from seeds. The walls are decorated with pictures, paintings, and drawings of our favorite places, animals, and plants, adding warmth and character to every room.

Our fenced backyard is a hub of activity and joy. We spend time playing with our dogs, tending to our vegetable and flower gardens, and enjoying evenings under the string lights that hang over our stone patio. In the winter, our home becomes a cozy retreat where we snuggle with our dogs on the couch, watch movies, read, or finish work in a relaxing atmosphere. Weekends are reserved for unplugging from technology and embracing adventure—whether it's exploring nearby parks and hiking trails with our dogs, attending local events and performances, or taking a stroll around the neighborhood.

We're excited to share all of this with a child! We want to nurture their curiosity by introducing them to new foods, places, and activities. Family-friendly events at the local library, outdoor adventures in the neighborhood, and visits to the nearby park where Kyle played as a child will be part of their everyday life. This park, with its soccer fields, ping-pong tables, and playground, is a gathering place for young families and holds so many fond memories for us already.

The nursery, right next to our bedroom, is a beautiful and peaceful space. Its original hardwood floors and large windows overlook our backyard, garden, peony bushes, and a towering maple tree. Our wish is to create a fun and comforting room where our child can thrive and feel at home. We've included meaningful items from our own childhoods, like Kandice's cherished stuffed animals and the rainbow-colored mobile that hung in Kyle's bedroom when he was little. As we continue preparing the room, we'd love to include the birth parents—if they're interested—in brainstorming ideas to make it even more special.

We're also thrilled to share our extended family with our child. We live just half a mile from Kyle's sister and her family, which includes their two children. Our nephew currently attends the neighborhood elementary school, which our child will one day attend as well. These close family connections mean our child will grow up surrounded by love, laughter, and opportunities to create lasting memories.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Gardening, traveling, hiking, spending time with Kyle & our golden retrievers

Adoptive Father: Travel, sports, cooking, gardening, native plants and trees, spending time with Kandice and our dogs

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Data Scientist

Adoptive Father: Consultant

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Doctoral Degree

Adoptive Father: Masters Degree

PLUS:

- Family dogs
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We met during our first year of college and began dating the following year. After graduating, we moved together to Ohio and later married while living in Colorado, 10 years after our story began.

Our relationship is built on love, openness, and mutual respect. We are a team in every sense of the word, supporting each other through life's challenges and achievements, including graduate school, living abroad, and navigating long-distance periods in our relationship. These experiences have strengthened our bond and given us confidence that we will approach parenthood with the same teamwork, resilience, and joy that have guided us through life together. We can't wait to take on the adventure of parenthood as partners, ready to learn, grow, and love as a family.

We truly enjoy spending time together. Our partnership is equal, and we share many values and perspectives on family life and parenting. We also have many shared passions, especially our love for animals, nature, and learning. Much of our free time is spent outdoors—gardening, hiking, walking our dogs, and even snowshoeing in the winter. When we have time off, we love to travel, particularly to scenic places like the Rocky Mountains in Colorado or Lake Superior in Minnesota. No matter how busy life gets, we make it a priority to spend quality time together every day, whether it's playing word games over morning coffee or enjoying quiet moments outside.

Our extended family plays an important role in our lives. Kyle's family live within walking distance of our home, and we see them often—at the summer farmer's market, family meals, and during the holidays. We take turns hosting meals and love the regular connection this brings. Kandice's parents live on a farm, which is a wonderful place to visit and explore for both kids and adults. We look forward to teaching our child about life on the farm and letting them experience the joys of the countryside.

Our family traditions are especially meaningful to us. In the fall, we attend a pumpkin festival with Kyle's parents, sister, and nephews. Kandice's mother, who always sewed her children's Halloween costumes, now helps make costumes for Kandice's nieces. We look forward to continuing this tradition with our child—Kandice's favorite costume as a child was a skunk, lovingly made for her first-grade Halloween.

Christmas is another treasured time of year. We dedicate an entire Saturday to baking and decorating sugar cookies with extended family. Kandice's mother creates an amazing spread of homemade fudge, caramel corn, breads, pies, and candies. We also pick out our Christmas tree from a nearby tree farm, stopping at a food truck for sugared donuts, and enjoy the local holiday light show together.

We look forward to passing on these beloved traditions while also creating new ones as our family grows. Our extended family is thrilled about our adoption journey and excited to welcome a new member into the fold. With four loving grandparents eager to babysit and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins ready to shower our child with love, we know our family will be a source of warmth, joy, and unwavering support.



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