



Hello We Are...



Chris & Becky

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Our Hopes & Dreams

Our greatest hope is to give a child a life that feels full in every sense of the word—one rooted in unconditional love, security, and a deep sense of belonging. We are ready to give everything we have to a child, and we look forward to watching them grow and develop their own personality, interests, and dreams— supporting and encouraging them every step of the way.

We imagine a life made up of both meaningful traditions and simple, everyday moments. Bedtime stories that become a favorite part of the day. Summer afternoons spent learning to swim and winter days ice skating together. Time around the dinner table sharing stories, helping with homework, or exploring new ideas and curiosities. We look forward to being present for every game, recital, and milestone—both big and small. At the same time, we are excited to create traditions that are uniquely our own, such as family-annual trips chosen together, birthdays that feel truly special, and routines that grow into lasting, cherished memories.

More than anything, we are excited to discover who your child is. Every child brings their own perspective, personality, and spark, and we cannot wait to learn what makes them light up—their favorite activities, what makes them laugh, the questions they ask, and the path they choose. We know they will shape our lives in ways we cannot yet imagine, and we welcome that wholeheartedly. We are not simply adding a child to our lives, we are creating something entirely new together.

If you choose us, we promise to raise your child with intention, joy, and unwavering love. They will grow up knowing they are deeply wanted, cherished, and part of a story that began with incredible strength and love. Our home will be one where both parents are present, supportive, and fully committed—sharing responsibilities, working through challenges with care, and always putting family first.

To you, we want to say this with sincerity and respect: we see you, and we honor the strength it takes to consider a decision like this. More than anything, we hope you feel a sense of peace, knowing that your child will be deeply loved, cared for, and supported every day. If you choose us, we will spend our lives honoring your trust. Your child will always know where they come from and how deeply they are loved by all of their parents. We are open to maintaining a connection in whatever way feels right to you, and we will always speak of you with gratefulness and compassion.

With respect and gratitude,
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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

KINDNESS AND HUMILITY - Kindness and humility are at the heart of how we hope to raise our family. We believe it is important to choose and practice kindness every day, in both the big moments and the small, both when it is seen and unseen. Humility, to us, is a quiet strength; it's about being confident in who you are and what you can accomplish, while always treating others with genuine respect, dignity, and care. We will guide our child to listen with intention, act with thoughtfulness, and approach others with compassion and courtesy. Our hope is to raise a child who feels secure and proud of who they are, while also celebrating the success of others. We want them to understand that character is not defined by recognition, but by how they show up in the world, with integrity, empathy, gratitude, and a sincere care for others.



EDUCATION - We believe education is one of the most powerful investments we can make. Becky earned her master's degree in speech-language pathology, and Chris completed his PhD at Yale—paths shaped by a shared belief that learning opens doors and expands the way we understand the world. It has influenced how we think, how we solve problems, and how we build our lives; we are grateful for the opportunities it has provided. We are committed to giving our child that same strong foundation by prioritizing excellent schools, surrounding them with enriching opportunities, and creating a home where curiosity is strongly encouraged and celebrated. Through books, meaningful conversations, hands-on experiences, travel, and support when needed, we hope to foster a love of learning that feels natural, engaging, and lasting. We will encourage their passions and ensure they have every opportunity available to build a future that is meaningful to them.



RESILIENCE - Our journey has taught us the meaning of resilience in a way we will always carry with us. Through times of uncertainty and challenge, we have learned how to lean on one another, stay hopeful, and move forward with purpose. These experiences have shaped how we approach life and how we hope to parent. We believe resilience grows through love, support, and gentle guidance—not by avoiding life's challenges, but by learning how to move through them with confidence and care. We will walk alongside our child, helping them understand their emotions, stay grounded in who they are, and find their footing when things feel uncertain. Most importantly, we want them to always know, without question, that they are strong, there is a path forward, and they are never alone.



TRAVEL - Travel is one of the ways we connect most as a couple, and it's something we are truly excited to share with our child. We treasure opportunities to explore new places, experience new things, and reconnect with old friends. Some of our favorite memories—whether from an early road trip to Niagara Falls or a quiet walk along the Grand Canyon—have come from simply being present together. As we grow our family, we look forward to including our child in those same experiences—letting them help choose destinations, following their interests, and seeing the world through their eyes. We imagine exploring nature, visiting museums, trying new foods, and creating traditions around travel that center on connection and curiosity. For us, travel is about sharing experiences, learning together, and creating memories that will stay with us for a lifetime.

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Our Home

We have always been the house where people end up - for dinner, for a holiday, for no particular reason at all. That is exactly the kind of home we want our child to grow up in. One where the door is always open, Penny, our dog, is always happy to see you, and there is always room at the table.

Our home is comfortable and lived in, art on the walls from places we've traveled, comfortable furniture that sometimes has a story, a kitchen that almost always smells like something good around dinner time. Nothing too precious, nothing too formal. People find their way to the kitchen table, and they stay there for hours, long after the food is gone.

In the summer we gather in the fenced-in backyard, play music, and people chat or play corn hole, while Chris grills dinner. We have a patio with a table and lounging area; the patio is surrounded by grass where we imagine our child running around with our dog. We stay out until it gets dark and the string lights turn on overhead; we light a bonfire and enjoy the evening until it burns out.

Some of our favorite memories have happened right at home. One that stands out is our Fourth of July celebration, which conveniently falls just two days after Canada Day, making it the perfect excuse to bring together our American and Canadian friends and cousins for a joint celebration. We smoke ribs and grill hamburgers like many fourth of July celebrations, but in a nod to Becky's Lebanese heritage, we'll also grill Shish Tawook (chicken). One year we took the party across the street to a baseball diamond in the park; it ended up being a fully committed Canada vs. USA kickball game that we still talk about. It is exactly the kind of day we want our child to grow up having.

Holidays tend to bring the whole family together under our roof. We love to host Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas, Birthdays, and holidays in between, most of it happens in the kitchen and the backyard, which is exactly where we want to be.

Breakfast in our house is casual. We were both box cereal kids who ate before running out the door and not much has changed. Dinner is a different story; it's our favorite meal and one of our favorite parts of the day. We have a shared love of food and genuinely enjoy exploring new recipes and cuisines together. We usually walk our dog after dinner. There is something about that stretch of the evening - the meal winding down, stepping outside together with Penny as the sun sets - that feels like the best part of the day. It is easy, and it is ours. After whatever the day has thrown at us, it is nice to have this space to talk together or just enjoy the silence. We cannot wait to add a stroller to this evening ritual.

We look forward to the big events, like watching their faces light up when they see presents under the Christmas tree, and we look forward to building new routines around this whole new person: bedtime stories that become another nightly ritual we all look forward to, a walk where our child tells us everything that happened at school, a dinner table where a little voice has opinions about the new recipe Becky tried.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Walking the dog, working out, traveling, cooking, trying new restaurants, reading, decorating, gardening

Adoptive Father: Reading, science, history, news, video games, walking the dog, traveling, exercise

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Speech Language Pathologist

Adoptive Father: Manager of Electric Vehicle Strategy

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Masters Degree

Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

At the center of everything is our relationship, built on deep trust, mutual respect, and a true sense of partnership. Over the past sixteen years, we have chosen each other through every season of life – cross country moves, career changes, celebrations, and moments of grief. We have learned how to communicate when it's hard, extend grace when it's needed, and stay committed to growing, both individually and together. Those experiences have shaped how we show up today: making decisions together, supporting one another, not keeping score, and always moving forward side-by-side.

We balance each other in ways that matter. Becky leads with warmth and draws people in naturally. Chris leads with steadiness and a quiet depth that anchors everything. She is spontaneous, he is grounded. She is detail oriented, he thinks about the big picture. She fills a room; he makes it feel safe. Together we cover a lot of ground, and we have always been better as a team than we are individually. That is the home our child will grow up in.

We did not get here alone, and we will not raise our child alone either. Our families are warm, welcoming, and deeply connected – the kind of group that shows up for one another. We are both the oldest of four children and grew up in busy, close-knit households, something that continues to shape our family life today. Most of our family lives nearby, making it easy to help each other, stay connected, and spend time together, to talk, share laughter, and for a little friendly competition.

That sense of connection extends far beyond our immediate families. Between us, we have more than a hundred cousins, aunts, and uncles, most of whom live nearby. They are truly part of our everyday lives, not just people we see on holidays, but friends whose children we get to watch grow and thrive. It's a family where everyone is included, supported, and genuinely excited to welcome another child into the mix. Our child will be surrounded by the same sense of belonging that we had, growing up with cousins to play with and a wide, loving support network always close by.

Our families have shown up for us consistently, and their support has grown into genuine excitement and anticipation for what's ahead. As the first grandchild on both sides, our child will be deeply loved and celebrated from the very beginning.

Having collectively raised eight children, our families bring a wealth of experience, love, and guidance (and will happily remind us of it). When we bring our child home, they will be embraced immediately and surrounded by a family that shows up for everything, from little league games and birthday parties to religious events, and even the ordinary Tuesday visits just because someone wanted to stop by.

At the same time, we are excited to create traditions that are uniquely our own as an immediate family, annual trips chosen together, birthdays that feel special to them, and Christmas mornings they will look forward to year after year. More than anything, we hope our child grows up with the same sense we both had that family shows up, that there is always something to look forward to, and that the most meaningful memories are made together.



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