



Hello We Are...



Katie & Matt

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Our Hopes & Dreams

Adoption has been part of our conversations since the beginning of our relationship. Even before we met, Katie felt drawn to the possibility of building a family through adoption and forming a connection with a child and their birth parents. For Matt, adoption has always felt familiar and meaningful because his mom and uncle were both adopted. As our relationship has grown, so has our shared hope of welcoming a child through adoption.

If you choose our family, our greatest hope is for your child to grow up feeling safe, deeply loved, and comfortable being themselves. We want to provide a stable, supportive home where they can simply be a kid—with time to play, room to explore, and encouragement to discover their interests. As they grow, we will listen to what matters to them, support their dreams, and help them develop their own sense of identity.

We look forward to both the adventures and the ordinary moments of family life: traveling somewhere new, trying something for the first time, laughing around the dinner table, and celebrating holidays together. We are excited to learn alongside your child, see what captures their curiosity, and experience familiar places through their eyes. Most of all, we look forward to playing together and discovering the little moments that become favorite family memories.

Your child will also have an extended family ready to welcome them, share traditions, and celebrate them as they grow. Our families have lived in our community for generations, giving us deep roots and a strong sense of belonging. The local high school gymnasium is named in honor of Katie's father, and the community's sports field is named after her grandfather. Katie's work as a pastor connects us with another caring network of people. We hope these connections give your child the comfort of growing up among people who know them, take an interest in their life, and show up for them through both happy and difficult days.

We also want your child to grow up knowing their story, their roots, and the love you have for them. We welcome a meaningful relationship with you, shaped by your comfort and wishes, and hope your child can experience that connection as part of their everyday life.

As you consider what is right for you and your child, we hope you feel respected and supported. We recognize that this is a deeply personal decision, and we will approach you with compassion, honesty, and understanding. If our lives become connected through adoption, we will honor your place in your child's life and help them grow up knowing they have been loved from the very beginning.

Blessings,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

CONNECTION - We believe relationships create the foundation for growth, belonging, and a meaningful life. Through connection with others, we have become stronger individuals than we ever could have alone. These relationships provide a space where we can be supported, challenged, encouraged, and nurtured. They also allow us to participate in something greater than ourselves, finding purpose and meaning through shared experiences, service, faith, and caring for others. As parents, we hope to create a life where our child feels deeply connected and knows they belong. Above all, we want them to understand that life is richer when shared with others and that they will always have people who walk alongside them as they discover who they are.

LEARNING - We believe learning is a lifelong journey that helps us grow in understanding, discover new possibilities, and see the world through different perspectives. We enjoy exploring new places, trying unfamiliar foods, traveling, and learning about the people and cultures that make our world so rich and diverse. We approach life with curiosity and recognize that there is always more to discover about the world around us and about ourselves. We look forward to learning alongside our child, encouraging their questions, exploring their interests, and giving them opportunities to try new things. We hope to nurture a love of learning that extends beyond school, helping them understand that mistakes are opportunities to grow, curiosity is something to celebrate, and they never have to stop discovering who they are and what the world has to offer.

EMPATHY - We believe everyone deserves to feel seen, heard, welcomed, and valued. We strive to approach others with compassion and understanding, recognizing that each person has a unique story and experiences that shape who they are. Our relationships with family, friends, and neighbors have shown us the importance of showing up for one another, offering support, and creating spaces where people feel they belong. We hope to help our child recognize and appreciate the experiences of others, extend kindness to people who may feel left out, and approach differences with openness rather than judgment.

SERVICE - We believe we all have a responsibility to care for others and to make our community a more loving place. We hope to teach our child that service does not always require grand gestures; often, it begins by noticing what someone needs and choosing to help. As they grow, we want to give them opportunities to serve alongside us, discover the causes they care about, and find meaningful ways to contribute to their community. We hope they come to understand that they have something valuable to offer the world and that even small acts of kindness can have a lasting impact.

INTEGRITY - We strive to be the same people in public as we are behind closed doors, approaching our work and personal relationships with authenticity and consistency. We also acknowledge when we make mistakes, take responsibility for our actions, and make a genuine effort to do better. As parents, we hope to model these qualities and encourage our child to make thoughtful decisions, act with honesty, and take ownership of their choices. We want our child to know that they do not have to be perfect to earn our love and respect. We hope to create a home where mistakes are opportunities to learn and grow, and where they feel supported in continually striving to live in a way that reflects their own values.

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Our Home

Our home is a place to relax, spend time with the people we love, and enjoy the little moments of everyday life. As we imagine welcoming a child, we picture afternoons playing in the yard, family dinners filled with conversation, and cozy evenings winding down together. We want our child to feel comfortable being themselves, with room to play, explore, and discover what they love.

That welcoming feeling extends into our neighborhood. We live on a quiet street where several families have children, our neighbors look out for one another, and are always willing to lend a hand. Children often gather in one another's driveways and yards to ride bikes, swing, draw with sidewalk chalk, and play. Their laughter and the sight of families spending time outside bring life to our neighborhood while it remains a peaceful place to call home. We look forward to our child joining in that everyday fun and building friendships close to home.

With family and friends nearby, our child will also grow up surrounded by people who know them, cheer them on, and take part in their daily life. Visits are frequent and informal, with loved ones and neighbors often stopping by to catch up, share something from their garden, work on a project, or simply check in. Shared meals are often part of these visits, but conversation and laughter are at their heart. We love that spending time together doesn't require a special occasion or elaborate plans, and we want our child to feel the comfort of having people who consistently show up for them.

Our outdoor spaces give us plenty of room to enjoy that time together. The fenced backyard has space for running and playing, along with cozy seating areas for meals, projects, or relaxing. As our family grows, we imagine adding play equipment, inviting neighborhood friends over for games, and gathering for outdoor dinners on warm evenings.

During warmer months, we spend time outside every day, whether reading a good book or soaking up the sunshine on the deck. In the evenings, we enjoy grilling, sitting beneath the pergola lights, watching the fireflies, playing with our Goldendoodle, Lucy, and taking in the sunset. We look forward to sharing these simple pleasures with our child and discovering what catches their attention. After a day outside, our media room offers a cozy spot to curl up on the couch and settle in together.

As we make these everyday moments part of our family life, we will build routines that help our child feel secure while leaving room for their interests and personality to shape our days. We look forward to learning what excites them, encouraging their passions, and making plenty of time to play. Their discoveries will help us see familiar things in new ways and create memories that are uniquely ours.

Their room will be another place where they can feel that sense of comfort and belonging. We imagine the nursery with soothing colors, soft blankets, and books to spark their imagination. As they grow, their room will grow with them, reflecting their changing interests and personality. Above all, we want our child to know that our home is their safe place where they are loved, supported, and free to be themselves.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Ice skating, reading, traveling, attending sporting events, playing tennis and pickleball, painting, going to museums, writing fiction, spending time with family, cooking, celebrating holidays, and watching Disney movies

Adoptive Father: Golfing, attending sporting events, landscaping, watching good movies, family gatherings, trying new restaurants, and traveling

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Associate Pastor

Adoptive Father: Banking Market Manager

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Doctoral Degree

Adoptive Father: Masters Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We have known each other since childhood, growing up in the same church with families whose connection began long before we were born. Our friendship grew in college, where we both played basketball on scholarships, and we were best friends for years before becoming a couple. As we began our careers, we knew we wanted to build a life together.

That foundation of friendship continues to shape our relationship. We respect each other's individuality, talk openly about what we need, and listen to one another's perspectives. As parents, we want to offer our child that same respect and supportive home where they can share their feelings, ask questions, and know that what matters to them matters to us.

We enjoy being together, whether we're cheering at a sporting event, working on a puzzle, watching a movie, or playing tennis. Trips to the zoo and museums, cooking classes, travel, and trying new foods give us opportunities to explore and learn together. We look forward to including our child in these experiences while discovering their own favorites, whether that means spending extra time watching an animal at the zoo or choosing a new recipe for us to try.



Some of the memories we are most excited to share come from our family traditions. We take at least one beach trip each year, beginning the first evening with pizza and A Goofy Movie. We also enjoy painting excursions together, and making a special breakfast on Christmas morning. As our child grows, we look forward to adding traditions such as baking cookies for Santa, building gingerbread houses, planning a special outing before the first day of school, and celebrating the start of summer break. We want them to have comfortable moments to look forward to and play a part in creating new ones.

Our child will also grow up with grandparents, cousins, aunts, and uncles nearby. Both sets of our parents and our brothers' families live close enough that we spend time together at least once a week. Birthday dinners, Christmas and Thanksgiving gatherings, annual fall festival trips, and family vacations are regular parts of our lives. Our young nieces are excited to welcome a cousin, and Matt's grandparents are looking forward to meeting their first great-grandchild.

We know how much those everyday connections can mean to a child because we grew up with them ourselves. Katie has thirteen aunts and uncles, and fond memories of Sunday afternoons spent sharing meals and stories with extended family. Matt also grew up sharing meals with relatives throughout the week and seeing them in the stands at sporting events and at important school functions. We look forward to our child having that same experience of looking into a crowd and finding familiar faces cheering them on.

Our families have also shown us how caring for someone can make a lasting difference. Years ago, Katie's father helped Matt's mother secure a scholarship so she could pursue her dream of attending college. That kindness is a meaningful part of our family's shared story and reflects the generosity, faith, and care we hope to pass along to our child.



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