Hello We Are...



Katherine & Ben

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Our Hopes & Dreams

Adoption has always been part of how we pictured building our family. As our life together has grown, so has our shared excitement about welcoming a child through adoption.

We've spent years building our careers, traveling, enjoying our marriage, and creating a life we love. We take our responsibilities seriously and leave plenty of room to be silly together. Through wonderful experiences and challenges, our relationship has been a steady source of comfort, humor, and support.

Now, with established careers and greater flexibility, we're ready to give parenting the time, attention, and energy it deserves. We look forward to discovering who our child is and learning how to be the parents they need. Figuring things out together has always been part of our partnership, and we're excited to bring that same teamwork and curiosity to raising a child.

We both grew up feeling loved, supported, and free to become our own people. That is what we hope to offer our child: a secure place to belong and room to discover what makes them feel most like themselves. We look forward to introducing them to different experiences, following their curiosity, and learning about whatever captures their imagination. Their interests may take us into entirely new territory, and we're ready to become enthusiastic about whatever they love.

Our dreams also include the everyday things that make a childhood special: little conversations at the kitchen counter, toys in the living room, watching their friendships grow, taking family vacations, and someone cheering at their activities. We picture helping with homework, hearing about their day, and being there to listen when something feels hard. We're especially excited to get to know their questions, their sense of humor, and their own way of seeing the world.

As we share these hopes, we also want to make room for yours. You have your own story, relationships, goals, and dreams for the future, and we hope you feel heard and cared for as you consider what is right for you and your child. We hope you have people beside you who listen and opportunities to build a life filled with happiness and the things that matter to you.

If you choose our family, we hope to build a relationship with you and for your child to grow up knowing they are loved by you. We will honor you and the important place you hold in their life.

What we hope to share through this profile is an honest picture of us: two people who love the life we've built and are ready to welcome a child's personality, discoveries, and wonderfully unexpected ideas into it.

Respectfully,
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A Beautiful Experience









Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND SUPPORT – The love we received growing up shapes the kind of parents we hope to be. One of our favorite stories from Katherine's childhood is about her brother, Peter, wanting to grow his hair long in eighth grade. Other people had opinions, but their mom understood that it was his way of expressing himself and gave him the freedom to do it. That small choice carried a meaningful message: you can be yourself here. We hope to provide that same type of grace and unconditional love. Whether our child is experimenting with a new look, working through a mistake, or disagreeing with us, we want them to feel certain of our love.

HONESTY AND OPEN COMMUNICATION – In our marriage, we talk things through. We share our perspectives, listen to each other, and work toward decisions together. We can see the same situation differently and still appreciate what the other person brings to the conversation. We want to make that same space for our child's voice. They can ask the awkward questions, tell us something difficult, or say, "I think you got that wrong." Our job will be to listen, help them work through what happened, and encourage honesty and responsibility. That includes taking responsibility ourselves, explaining our decisions, admitting our mistakes, and apologizing when we get it wrong.

KINDNESS AND RESPECT – Taking time to hear someone's perspective can make a real difference in how you respond and help. We hope to teach our child that habit through everyday life: offering help, speaking thoughtfully when we're frustrated, and making things right when we've hurt someone. We also want them to practice standing up for themselves and others with kindness. They can disagree, set boundaries, or have a difficult conversation while treating the other person with dignity.

EDUCATION AND CURIOSITY – We enjoy asking questions, thinking things through, and occasionally giving a topic considerably more attention than it probably requires. Katherine loved the independence and hands-on exploration she experienced in Montessori school through kindergarten and in a similarly structured school through fifth grade. Ben, who set his sights on becoming a lawyer early in life, appreciates the value of leaving room to explore along the way. As parents, we'd love to offer Montessori-style learning opportunities alongside books, travel, sports, art, and music. We'll encourage effort, celebrate progress, and make room for trying something simply to see what it's like. We hope learning feels like an invitation to investigate, experiment, and ask one more question.

FAMILY AND CONNECTION – To us, family includes both the people we grew up with and the people who have become family along the way. Our parents are part of our everyday lives, and we have life-long friends who are like family. Whether we're celebrating something wonderful or helping each other through a hard day, we are there for each other. We want our child to experience the comfort of those lasting connections and learn how to nurture their own. We'll make time for visits with extended family, encourage friendships, and help them find a sense of community beyond our home. Through the people in our lives, we hope they'll see that families take many forms and that love grows through the care, time, and commitment we give one another.









HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Gardening, fitness and going for walks, cooking, baking, working on home projects, road trips to new places, spending time with family and friends, spending time by our swimming pool, art and design

Adoptive Father: Golfing, watching college football, working out, putting together Legos, working on home projects, road trips to new places, spending time with family and friends, spending time by our swimming pool

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Director of Operations
Adoptive Father: Portfolio Analyst

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Masters Degree
Adoptive Father: Masters Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

Our Home

We picture our child's life filled with backyard adventures, bike rides, and friends over to play!

Our neighborhood is peaceful, with little through traffic and a growing number of young families. Seeing children outside playing and riding bikes makes us look forward to the friendships our child may build close to home. A nearby walking trail and parks throughout the city offer plenty of places for us to explore together.

Our spacious backyard has room for games, gardening, and afternoons spent following a child's imagination. During the summer, we love inviting friends and family over to spend time outside and swim in our pool. We look forward to sharing those afternoons with our child and teaching them to swim and be safe around the water.

Inside, our home is filled with art, books, pets, and things that tell the story of our life together. Katherine grew up surrounded by art because her mom was an artist. Some of her mom's work now hangs on our walls alongside pieces we've discovered over the years. We're excited to share that connection with our child and make room for their creations, too. We can picture their artwork on display, children's books and toys on the shelves, and our pets nearby, ready for cuddles or playtime.

The kitchen is where we naturally gather. Our conversations can range from the day's events to completely random stories that make us both laugh. We picture our child joining us, telling us about their day or offering a very important opinion about dinner. We look forward to cooking meals they love, trying family recipes, and experimenting together—with plenty of chances to measure, mix, taste, and discover the fun of making something to share.

Weekends give us time to slow down and enjoy our interests together. Katherine looks forward to gardening, baking, and trying new activities with our child. Ben hopes to introduce them to golf and other sports and, someday, take them to college football games with him and his mom. Whether our child is helping in the garden or cheering from the stands, we'll be excited to share those moments and celebrate what they discover along the way.

We know becoming parents will change our lives, and we're excited to see what those changes bring. Along with sharing the activities we enjoy, we want to make room for our child's own interests and routines. We imagine some of our favorite family traditions may begin with an idea of theirs.

We also look forward to creating a room that belongs to our child, with cozy places to rest, room to play, and artwork, toys, and details chosen with them in mind. As they grow, their ideas can shape the space, whether that means a favorite color, a collection they're proud of, or an interest we've yet to discover. More than anything, we want them to feel safe, comfortable, and completely at home.

Our Family



We met through mutual friends during our senior year of college and felt comfortable with each other almost immediately. Being together came naturally, and it didn't take long for us to fall in love. We dated for five years before getting married and have now been married for more than twelve years. Through it all, our friendship has remained one of our favorite things about our marriage. We make each other laugh, feel comfortable being ourselves, and know we can count on each other.

Katherine is more introverted, thoughtful, and organized, while Ben is more outgoing, playful, and adventurous. Our personalities complement each other, and our shared sense of humor brings fun to everyday life. We communicate openly, support each other's interests, and enjoy both our time together and the things we do independently. We don't always have the answers, but we listen, work through challenges together, and show up for each other. As first-time parents, we look forward to sharing the responsibilities of raising a child and bringing that same teamwork into parenting.

We both come from small families, and we're grateful for the meaningful and supportive relationships we have with them. We also have a large circle of friends who are an important part of our lives. For us, getting together doesn't need to involve elaborate plans or a special occasion. Sharing a meal, stopping by for a visit, or simply catching up is enough. Time with the people we love feels like a gift, and we hope our child will grow up knowing the comfort and joy of those connections.

Many of our family traditions reflect that appreciation for being together. Christmas has always been especially meaningful to Katherine's family. Growing up, Christmas morning meant gathering at her parents' house, opening gifts, and sharing the same familiar breakfast. We look forward to carrying traditions forward, including recipes Katherine learned from her mom, while making room for new ones our child loves as our family grows.

We also celebrate holidays with Ben's family and get together for dinners throughout the year. Ben and his mom enjoy attending college football games together, a tradition that has become even more fun since his niece joined the band. A recent vacation with Ben's family gave us another chance to enjoy each other's company outside our usual routines. Whether we're traveling together or sitting around the dinner table, what matters most is having that time to connect.

Our families have been so supportive of our decision to adopt, and we look forward to sharing our child's life with them and our friends. We picture holidays together, trips to the playground, cheering from the sidelines, and family adventures. Just as meaningful to us are the quieter moments: reading a favorite book, visiting a place our child loves, or spending an afternoon doing something that brings them joy.

We know becoming parents will change our lives and bring new interests, relationships, and traditions into our family. We look forward to getting to know our child as their own person and making room for what matters to them. More than anything, we hope the ordinary moments we share will help them feel loved and supported.





