Greg and Erin

A Note From Us

Words cannot describe the gratitude we have for you taking the time to get to know us as you choose to make your adoption plan. Although thank you doesn't seem like enough, we appreciate you considering us for the opportunity to care for your child. With our hearts full of love for each other we look forward to welcoming a child into our hearts and lives.

A little background on us, we both grew up in small towns with loving families and close friends. We met through a mutual friend that kept telling us we were perfect for each other. She was right! We have spent every day of the last 8 years together and have been married for the last 5 years. We both work hard, but try to never take life too seriously, we love each other, and try to have fun with whatever we are doing.

Erin is a registered nurse in the recovery room at a large hospital in the area. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, yoga, running, reading, and spending as much time outside as possible. Greg is the vice president of sales for a product development and manufacturing company. He also enjoys spending time with family and friends, listening to music, watching movies, and also being outside.

As a couple we truly enjoy spending time together, traveling, cooking, supporting our local sports teams, going to concerts, trying new adventures, and taking our dog, Norman, on long walks and hikes. Adoption has been in our plan since we were married and we are ready for the next chapter in our lives and are excited for what adoption will bring. We look forward to opening our hearts to a child of any race, gender, or background and will celebrate any differences from our own.

Although we will never be able to understand how difficult this decision is for you to make we are here to give support and to reassure you that we will love, protect, and surround your child with all the love and encouragement possible. We will surround them with a community of friends and family to help them to flourish in life. We promise to let them know that you made an incredible decision to place their needs above your own.

Life gives us all twists and turns that we do not expect, and all of these twists and turns have led us here to you. Our family would be honored to be considered to love and care for your child.

With all of our love,

Erin and Greg

Our cat, Floyd

Our dog, Norman

Our home and community

We live in a four bedroom house in a small suburban community. Our street has children of all ages and great friendly neighbors. There is a park at the end of our street with a playground and the metro parks are only 5 minutes from our house with water access. We are only 15 minutes from downtown and close to the lake which we enjoy in the summer months. There are wonderful schools, plenty of restaurants, shopping, some of the best hospitals in the country, museums, and nature right around the corner.

Our neighborhood park at the end of our block

About Us

We met in 2008 after being told that we must meet each other by a mutual friend, Greg's friend from high school and former prom date and Erin's co-worker and friend. Although we were not sure about being set up, on the first warm day after a long winter we both decided "why not" and after an entire night of conversation we have been together ever since. We were engaged in 2010 and were married in 2011 in New Orleans in a celebration with close family and friends that is still talked about today.

Greg works as the Vice President of Sales for a manufacturing and product development company. He has been with the company for 13 years and has worked his way up in management. Greg's favorite part of his job is mentoring new employees and watching them grow professionally.

Erin works as a registered nurse at one of the area's large hospitals in the recovery room. She has been a nurse for 11 years working in various areas of the hospital including cardiac and labor and delivery, which is one of Erin's favorite things about being a nurse, the option to try something new. She also enjoys mentoring new employees and showing them how to thrive as a nurse.

As a couple we would describe ourselves as fun, loving, a little quirky, and ready for anything. We are always looking for something new to experience and we can't wait to share our love of exploration with a child. We love to travel, we made a goal from the beginning of our relationship to go somewhere we have never been every year and to explore different ways of life. Some of our favorite vacations have been hiking in our National parks and seeing the beautiful nature. We are excited to share our love of traveling with a child, to spark their curiosity and teach them new things. We also enjoy cooking together, trying new restaurants, live music, sporting events, hiking, being on the water, yoga, going on adventures together, playing with our 4 year old boxer Norman and our 8 year old cat Floyd, and spending as much time as we can with family and friends.

About Erin…

What can I say about Erin….I guess she just amazes me every day. When I met her, she was different than any other person I had ever met. Our conversation was different, she was easy to talk to, as if we had known each other forever. I knew she was special right away (and not because she made my favorite cookies early in our dating days). Every day I am thankful that she is in my life. She is my best friend in the world and the love of my life. Erin is the strongest, most beautiful and best person I have ever known. We do almost everything together! She is always willing to take one of our travel adventures full of unknown excursions and new things to see, feel, and learn.

The best thing about Erin is she really, truly cares about helping to create a better world for all of us, and she proves it every day by serving in the nursing field. No one cares more about family, friends and strangers than her. She always puts everyone else's needs ahead of her own.

A lot of people talk about what they want to do. Erin is the one that actually does it! She is a nurse helping people every day, a marathon runner, a yoga lover, an amazing cook and baker, a wonderful listener, a caretaker, she is trustworthy and honest. Yet, she still does not take life too serious. She is always there to cheer someone up or have a little fun with a little goofiness.

With our nieces and nephews, she is the first one to help out to care for them. She is always there to bake their favorite birthday treat, play games, do princess dress up or just be there for them. I am so excited for the day she will be a mother. She is already a great pet mother to our two furry kids (Norman and Floyd) but Erin was meant to be a mother and I know she will be great at it.

About Greg…

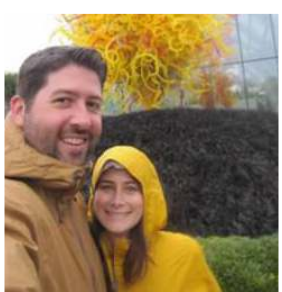
Everyone that meets Greg loves him right away and it was no different for me. Greg has an uncanny way of making people around him comfortable. He is always thinking of others first, especially his family and friends, he is patient, loyal, loving, kind, and goofy. The day Greg and I met I noticed how warm and caring he was. I could not wait to spend more time with him. Where ever we are Greg sees someone he knows and I am frequently told how wonderful a person my husband is (as if I didn't already know). I feel incredibly lucky to call Greg my husband.

If the way Greg is with our nieces and nephews is any indication of how he will be as a father I know he will be the best. Greg is always the first recruited by our nephew to be on his whiffle ball team, he is never afraid to act like one of the kids, he has become the official builder of toys at Christmas and birthday parties, and is the favorite of our niece with special needs, she calls him "my Greg". Greg truly is the most wonderful person I know. He makes me laugh every day and I know he will make such a wonderful father.

Left: Mountain Biking in Acadia National Park on our Vacation to Maine

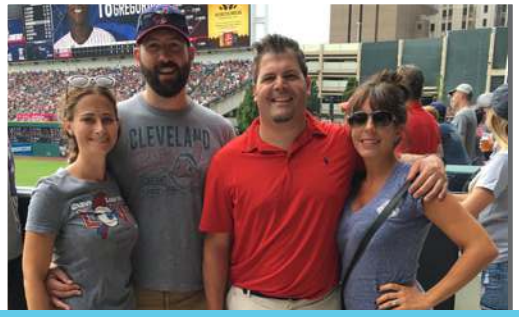
Right: Hiking in front of Mount Rainier in Washington on our Northwest Trip

Captions left to right: Our love of traveling has taken us all over from the Smokey Mountains to Seattle to South Carolina to Olympic National Park



With Greg's family celebrating our cousin's wedding

Our family and friends



Catching a ballgame with Erin's cousin and her husband

We love to spend time with our family and friends especially with all our nieces and nephews which there are now eight. Greg and Erin both grew up in small towns. Greg grew up with his older sister and younger brother playing sports and re-enacting Star Wars and Indiana Jones. What he remembers most is playing with the family pets, playing games outside and long family road trips to Florida.

Erin grew up with her older brother and spent so much time with her two of her cousins that they are considered siblings. Erin's favorite memories from childhood include going camping, taking trips to the beach, playing outside, and hanging out with her best friends that are still best friends today. Erin was taught by her parents how to be strong, compassionate, and to bring humor into all aspects of life, however unfortunately while in high school both Erin's mother and father passed away. Erin has always had a lot of support from all of her family and friends and is very grateful to have her older brother in her life who cannot wait to be an uncle!

We spend a lot of time with Erin's brother, his wife and their three children where we end up grilling out, listening to music and playing with the kids (whiffle ball is a family favorite!). Greg's parents still live in the same home Greg grew up in. We get together with them and his brother regularly to try a new restaurant, go to a sporting event or attending a concert. Greg's sister lives out of town and it is always fun when we get see her, her husband and three kids a couple times a year.

Both our families are deeply rooted in traditions. Our holiday buffet includes Slovenian Sausage with a secret family mustard sauce passed on to Erin from Greg's mother, to cavatelli, meatballs, and lasagna passed down from Erin's mother. We also have special celebrations for 1st birthday lamb cakes, family vacations to the beach and Christmas pajamas, some even date back to our grandparents back in the 1940's. Along with these, we have started our own family tradition of traveling to a new place each year and finding a Christmas ornament to remind us of the place (the quirkier, the better!).

We both have close friends we have known forever and that we consider family. Just as we are aunt and uncle to their kids, they will be to our children. All of our family and friends are very excited for us to grow our family through adoption and they will have lots of cousins that can't wait to play, and aunts and uncles and grandparents to love them.

Celebrating with our nephew

Watching the parade with Greg's parents

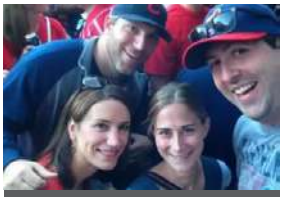
Hanging out with our twin nieces

Making crowns with Greg's sister and our niece

Our niece and "her Greg"

1/2 Marathon race in support of Prader-Willi Syndrome for our niece

New Year's Eve party with friends



Baseball playoffs with friends

Vacationing with Erin's brother and his wife

Erin's best friends since grade school