

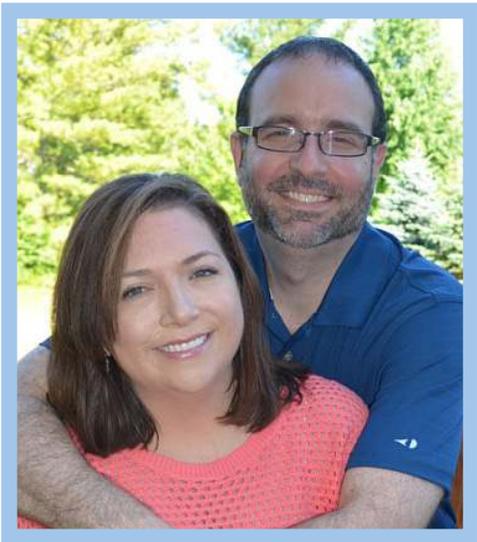
Adam & Katie

Dear Birthparent,

What you are doing for a family is life changing and beautiful. Thank you for considering us for such a tremendous blessing. We hope to show you that we can provide a loving, supportive, stable family where love is unconditional, enjoying life matters, and family is the first priority.

We are a family of three who would love to welcome a new child into our lives. We have always wanted children and we both value the experiences and relationships that came from growing up and sharing family moments with our siblings. We want that for our daughter and our future child. We have a lot of family members and friends who live near us who are very supportive of us adopting a child and who are excited to welcome him or her as a member of a large, loving group of people.

We met in 2010 and married in 2012. Soon after we met, we felt very comfortable with each other, traveled, and shared dreams of raising a family together. We discussed adoption prior to getting married and we now feel as though we were meant to be adoptive parents to a child. We deeply love and respect one another and we are very open with each other.



We are dedicated to providing our children with as many opportunities as we can in a nurturing environment. We will encourage curiosity and provide them with experiences that will give them a childhood full of wonder. Education is a priority for us and we are fortunate to live in a top-ranked school system. Our children will go to the zoo, science museums, parks, and travel. We dream of going on road trips around the United States with our children, but our biggest dream is to take them to Disney World. We will share our love of music and our appreciation of nature with them. Our faith is also important to us and we will raise the child to have Christian values and to grow up in a community of love and support.

Katie, having past experience working with children as an occupational therapist and as an after school care teacher, will be sensitive to each child's needs and abilities and know how to appropriately challenge them so that they could learn and build their self confidence. Adam has worked to help children as an attorney and he provides financial stability so that Katie can work part time and be available during the week for our daughter. We believe all children are precious and lovable and we are open to adopting a child of a different ethnic background. We would love to teach them about their history and even incorporate special traditions into our family life.

Please know that we will tell the child you are carrying that we will be forever grateful for the difficult decision you made should you choose us.

Love and prayers, **Adam & Katie**

About Us



We believe that we were meant to be together and we have been described as a good team. Even though we went to the same college at the same time, attended the same church for a period of time, lived or worked on the same street after college, and ate at the same restaurants and cafeterias, it took a Christian website to bring us together.

When we first met at a coffee shop, the connection was immediate and the conversation was easy. We would have long discussions on the phone and on hikes, go to concerts and festivals, and eventually travel together around the U.S. We had fun going to movies and watching sporting events together. We both would talk about wanting a big family and discussed adoption as a wonderful way to grow our family. Katie felt drawn to adopt ever since she was young. Her grandfather was adopted and she thought she always wanted to show an adopted child that he or she is loved by many

people and that he or she could achieve so much in life, as much as anyone else. Adam, also wanting a big family, was extremely supportive of adopting. We feel as though we could provide a financially stable, emotionally healthy, and safe home for an adopted child and we are excited for the opportunity.

Katie earned a bachelors degree in occupational therapy and she is grateful that her career allows her to make a living at making other people's lives better. She is currently working part time in an outpatient rehabilitation clinic of a major hospital organization and she has worked there for 16 years. She plans on eventually returning to working in the schools part time so that she could be even more available for her children and be on the same time and holiday schedule as they are.

Adam earned a bachelors degree in political science and a Juris Doctorate Degree in law. He works hard to provide for our family, but he knows that having time with his wife and child is the first priority. Having his own business allows him more freedom in his schedule to work from home or to be available for special events.

Even though we bond over our similar interests, we both respect each other for our differences. The difficult trials we have gone through, especially with infertility, have only made us stronger and we love and care for each other even more.

Our Home

We love where we live. We have a 2-story home in a quiet neighborhood in a nice suburb. We have a large backyard that is perfect for get-togethers with family and friends and for running around and playing. The backyard has a play set, a bi-level deck, multiple pine trees, and is enclosed by a long wood fence. We have 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths.

The school system is highly rated and the neighbors are very friendly. Our daughter calls the neighbor kids her friends. We often talk with neighbors and they have helped us with projects. The high school and grade school are within 1/2 a mile of our home and our church is less than 2 miles away. We are also close to the main street of our suburb, where they hold the county fair, parades, and where you could go to restaurants. We have done home improvement projects and Katie loves decorating the home with personal touches.

The child we adopt will have his or her own room right next to our daughter's room and pictures of him or her throughout the house. The house will be decorated for Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, and The Fourth of July. We host the family Easter holiday get-together where the house is full of family members, plenty of food is provided, and an Easter egg hunt is held.



More About Us



Katie by Adam

Every day I am grateful that I have been blessed to have Katie in my life. I loved her from the moment our eyes met, and my love for her has only grown over time. I could not ask for a better wife and mother to grow a family and share my life with.

Katie is a devoted mother to our three-year-old daughter. She gives her creative projects like painting, drawing, and working with Play-doh, and she helps her with ABC Mouse. Katie always puts extra thought into things like designing a magical bedroom for our daughter which she loved and she has thrown our daughter birthday parties with special themes. One birthday theme was based off of the Dr. Seuss book, "Oh, The Places You Will Go." One of her favorite forms of exercise is dancing with our daughter in our living room to music videos.

She's the family's chef and she keeps the home running smoothly. Katie's spontaneity and creativity keep our lives adventurous. Her artistry can be seen in almost everything she touches including her paintings, her photography, and in her home decorating. Katie is an incredibly generous, giving person. She donated her hair through a program called Locks of Love for children who lost their hair to cancer. She chose a profession devoted to restoring men, women, and children to living with more independence after suffering debilitating injuries.

Katie is the strongest person I've ever met. Despite some tragic life events we have experienced, I have watched her overcome adversity and face loss with dignity and grace. She has so much love in heart to give a child.



Our Daughter

is 3 and 1/2 years old and is the happiest child we know. When we take her to restaurants or for walks, she greets everyone we come across. She loves being with her cousins, having friends over to our house, and playing with her friends 2 days a week at pre-school. When we see how she is with other children, we just know that she would be an amazing big sister; so kind and caring. She loves singing, playing with dad's guitar and mom's piano, dancing, and hearing stories about superheroes and princesses. She also loves making cards for other people, going over to her grandma and grandpa's house, and taking care of her dolls. Natalie has talked about wanting to have a little brother or sister. Although we have always known that we wanted to have children, our daughter has taught us so much about the pure joy, deep love, and true responsibility that comes with being a parent.

Our Pet

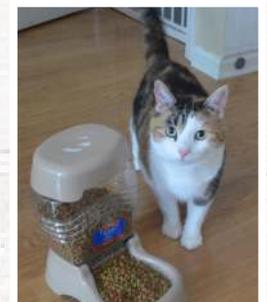
Even though we thought of ourselves more as "dog-people," we decided to bring Lucy, our calico cat, home after a patient from Katie's work brought in a box of kittens he said he found near his home in late 2011. She is lovingly called Lu-lu and she likes to hang around us and curl up next to us when we are on the computer or laying down. She plays with our feet and plays with us through the rails on the stairs. We often watch Katie's mom and dad's dog, Molly, on some weekends when they are going to be away from their house for a little while. Molly is a sweet beagle who likes to go on walks, sleep, and get a belly rub.



Adam By Katie

I feel grateful to have Adam in my life. He truly is my best friend and I love spending time with him. I admire how he lives his values and his positive outlook on life. He can always provide reassurance or think of solutions rather than focus on problems. Adam also has donated his time as an attorney free of charge to help children be in the best situation, he regularly donates his blood to the Red Cross, he donates his time to causes he believes in, and he likes to attend church regularly. He loves making people laugh and he is not afraid to be goofy if it would make someone smile. He has been known to do a mean imitation of the dancing in Michael Jackson's "Bad" music video to get a laugh. His adventurous spirit makes traveling and learning about new things, places, and people fun. He works hard as an attorney, but he makes sure he spends quality time with his family.

When I see how loving he is with our daughter, it makes me love him more. He dances with her, makes up funny stories with her at night, goes down slides with her, and even plays dolls with her if she asks. He is a strong and sensitive man, frequently telling us that he loves us and providing hugs when needed. Adam loves to bring out the best in people and he works towards learning new things and growing as an individual. He can enjoy painting with me one minute and then watch (and totally understand) a complicated scientific show on the universe the next. He is also great at finding the right song to play at the right time. His laid-back personality helps people feel relaxed and comfortable around him. He is an amazing man, father, friend, and husband and I thank God that he was brought into my life. He is truly a Superman to me.



Our Family & Friends

We are close with family and we see them all the time. Katie has 4 siblings and all of them but one lives within 45 minutes of us. We see them every major holiday, for birthday parties and other special events, and we have random get-togethers which often involve food at Katie's parents' house. Katie's parents even watch our daughter once a week. We help each other out when needed, but it is usually Katie's dad helping us with a house project or repair (he's very handy). Katie's dad was born in Italy, he loves to grow plants and golf, and he is a huge teddy bear. Katie's mom is very giving, and is also very organized. Katie's sisters and brother all have children and our daughter is very close to them. Katie also sees her cousins, aunts, and uncles for family events and occasional visits and everyone is extremely excited that we may be adding a child to our family. Katie's grandfather was adopted and 2 other members of Katie's family looked into adoption, so everyone is extremely supportive.

Adam's family lives on the opposite side of the country from us and, unfortunately, we do not get to see them as often. We went to see them twice before we got married and they have come out to see us. Both of Adam's parents were college professors in Sociology and they are very intelligent. Adam's dad played guitar in a band when he was younger and his mom is very artistic. They both love reading books. Adam has an older sister named Vickie who has 2 boys and 2 girls. She had a set of triplets and then a little girl. Vickie's 2 boys have a mild form of Autism, but they engage in conversations with family and they love to learn. Adam's family also celebrates Christmas, Easter, and the other major holidays with friends and family.



Katie's Family at a Summer get-together



Adam's Family



Katie's grandmother with our daughter and niece



Katie's mom and dad with our daughter



Our daughter, Katie's dad, and our nephew



Annual Easter egg hunt with friends & family



Katie's Family at Christmas



Adam's mother and sister



Katie and her sisters enjoying a boat ride