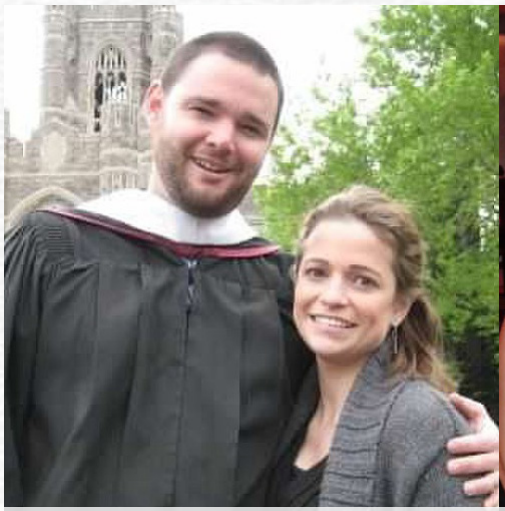
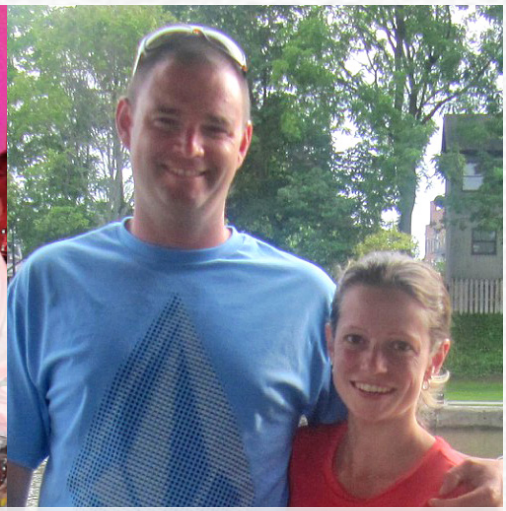
shane + rebecca



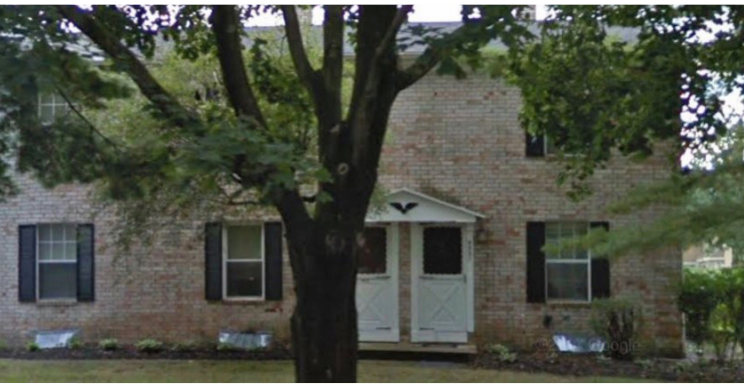


about us

We are a great team! We believe strongly in communication and balance each other well. Rebecca is quiet, practical, and thoughtful, while Shane is more outgoing, laid back, and spontaneous. We bring out the best in each other. We met in 2000 and were married in 2006 after becoming financially stable in our careers. Shane works in special education and Rebecca has been a social worker and now works as a social work researcher. Our jobs give us a great sense of accomplishment because we are able to positively impact the lives of people in our community. When not working, we watch funny movies and TV shows together, cook, take walks, read, go to concerts, travel, and explore new places. Shane likes weightlifting, basketball, and recently began stand-up paddle-boarding. Last year Rebecca completed training to be a yoga teacher. We both grew up in New Jersey and enjoy traveling back to spend time with family and friends. Some of our favorite things are going to the beach and taking trips to NYC. The food is the best!

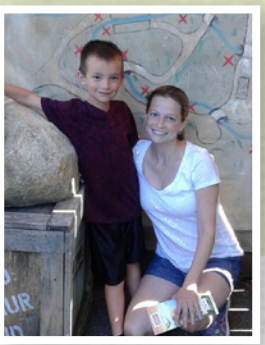
favorites

	shane	rebecca
COLOR	Blue	Green
TV SHOW	King of Queens	30 Rock
MOVIE	Field of Dreams and any comedy with Will Ferrell	A Knight's Tale
FOOD	Pizza	Turkey Sandwich
VACATION	Marco Island and Disney World	Marco Island, FL
HOLIDAY	Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving
HOBBIES	cooking, reading, lifting, running, coaching, playing sports, paddle boarding, camping/hiking	Yoga, reading, walking in the park, playing games, knitting, baking
CHILDHOOD MEMORY	Denny's Diner/weekend sleepovers with cousins; spending time with my family traveling, camping, BBQs; and playing in the neighborhood with friends	Playing with our dog in the snow
FUN FACTS	Shane won as a competitor on a kids' game show called Steampipe Alley	Rebecca once rode an elephant while in India



our home

We live in a two-story townhouse in a lovely suburb. We are close to many area parks, shopping centers, schools, and restaurants. We really like the convenience of our location and its close proximity to downtown. We believe we have the best of both worlds – easy access to all of the activities in the city, as well as the comfort and quiet of suburban living!



ABOUT rebecca
(written by shane)

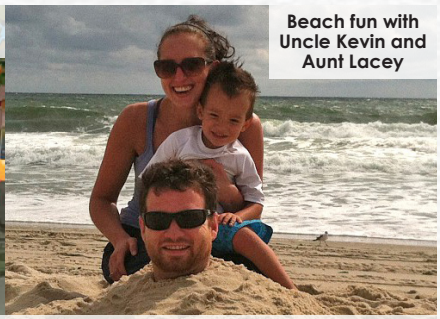
Rebecca is a wonderful mother, wife, friend, sister, and daughter. Her compassion, kindness, and patience during difficult times is inspiring. She is dedicated and trustworthy, and has a positive effect on everyone in her life. Although she is incredibly hard working and intelligent, she has a silly side too! She enjoys yoga, meditating, hiking, reading, music, playing games, and sports. She is a lifelong learner and is never one to back away from a challenge (having begun a PhD program 2 years ago). Rebecca sets an example of perseverance, service, professionalism, and humility that makes me want to be a better person. She always makes time to read to our son, draw or play Legos, and plan fun activities as a family. Rebecca cares deeply about others and is a healer at heart. She always manages to see the best in people. I feel blessed that I fell in love with such a special woman. I have had so much fun with her on this journey, and I look forward to many decades of adventures together!

ABOUT shane
(written by rebecca)

Shane is an amazing partner, father, son, friend, special education teacher, and coach. He is smart, confident, and has a great sense of humor! He is very involved with our family and helps with our daily chores and activities – including cooking and preparing healthy meals. He is a wonderful role model to our son and the students he works with. He encourages and demonstrates effort, hard work, commitment, perseverance and is also incredibly patient, generous, and enjoys supporting others' in their learning. He regularly receives positive feedback from school administrators and parents of the teenagers he teaches and coaches. They are appreciative of his genuine interest in his students' and athletes' success. Shane really loves all sports – playing, watching, and coaching. He is fun and light-hearted and helps balance my more serious-side. I'm so grateful to have him as a partner in life!

Wedding time fun with friends

At the Irish Festival



Beach fun with Uncle Kevin and Aunt Lacey

our family

We really love spending time together. The weekends are usually filled with trips to the Farmer's Market, parks, and other outdoor activities depending on the weather. During colder months we look forward to "Sunday movie nights." We choose a family-friendly movie and watch it while enjoying a takeout meal of our choice (usually Chinese food). Occasionally, we attend family art nights and we also like to play board games. When the weather is nice we prefer to be outside. We like playing sports as a family, watching Shane coach, and watching Kaeden participate in wrestling, soccer, or baseball. Recently we've begun exploring all of our city's parks. Eating well and being active is important to us. We regularly experiment with new healthy recipes, and take part in many activities to support our overall health. We share our home with our stubborn, but lovable 15 year old cat, Harley.

Our parents live out of state, but we see them several times throughout the year and communicate regularly through video calls. Rebecca's mother and her boyfriend spend every Thanksgiving with us and we visit with Shane's parents the week after Christmas. Shane has a strong relationship with his brother and parents and keeps in touch with them frequently, despite living out of state. Nanny, Pop, and Nama all adore being grandparents and look forward to welcoming a new child into the family.

Second cousins playing at Christmas time

Family trip with Nanny, Pop, and Michael to Disney World

Summer party and fun with Nama and Joe

our son

Kaeden is 7 years old. He is full of energy and a ton of fun. He's smart, silly, and super happy. He loves watching and playing most sports and is a huge Ohio State Buckeyes fan! He likes wrestling, baseball, and soccer. He loves hanging out at practice and games while Shane coaches. He has so much fun imitating the older boys and helps out gathering bats and balls, and making sure the players have enough water to drink. Kaeden loves school, is learning a lot, and has made a lot of friends there too. He's also growing into a great reader. We read together and cuddle every night before bed. Some of his favorite things are Legos, all outside activities, drawing, telling jokes, going to the Farmer's Market, and playing board games.

Cousins cuddle: Cecily & Kaeden

dear birth parent,

Thanks so much for taking the time to review our profile. We are really excited to expand our family through adoption! We are ready to welcome another child into our warm, safe, and loving home and look forward to making many fun and happy memories together. We met in 2000 while volunteering at a camp for children diagnosed with Crohn's Disease and/or Colitis. Initially we connected through our mutual interest in volunteer work with children and teenagers, and soon found we had a lot more in common! We have fun spending time outdoors, watching and playing sports, listening to music, reading, and exploring new places. Shane is a special education teacher and Rebecca is a social worker. As a family, we want to make the world a better place by modeling and communicating the need for unconditional love, respect, justice, and compassion for all people. Because of our values we are open to a child of any gender, race, or ethnicity. As we do currently, we will welcome and pursue opportunities to learn about race and culture. We are so confident about our ability to provide a loving and happy environment for another child to grow! Thanks for reading about us. We wish you peace and comfort in your decision to place your child for adoption.

gratefully,
shane + rebecca

why adoption?

Early in our relationship we talked about the possibility of adopting a child one day. This was before we knew we would be challenged by infertility. We conceived our only child through in vitro fertilization. Due to a later miscarriage and the stress of fertility treatments we have been graciously led to adoption to expand our family. We love being parents and feel our family isn't quite complete! We are a very loving and happy family and are grateful for the opportunity to adopt!