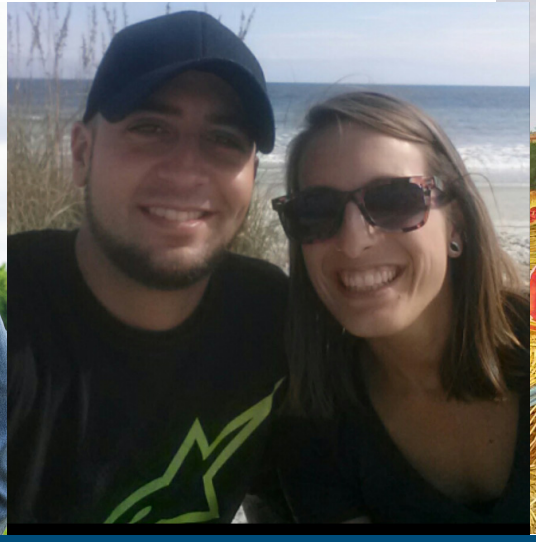
Kirsten & Gerald



About Us

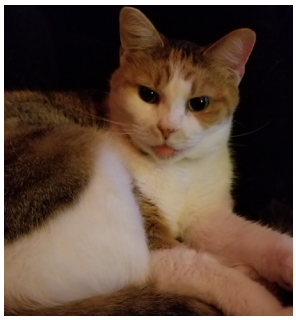
We met 8 years ago when Gerald brought his daughter Mackenzie into the childcare center that Kirsten was managing at the time. After some talking, we realized that we had many mutual connections but had never met until then. Not too long after meeting, our first date was a Halloween party – which happens to be Kirsten's favorite holiday and time of year. Two years later we got married, also in October!

We are each other's best friends and do almost everything together. We love to be at the lake, riding 4 wheelers or having a campfire outside at our house. During the week, we like to relax at home with movies, card or board games with Mackenzie and hanging out with our pets. We both like to cook, Kirsten in the kitchen and Gerald outside on the grill. Even though we enjoy cooking, our favorite is to go and celebrate Taco Tuesday at our local Mexican restaurant.

We both have very flexible schedules with work – Gerald works from home most of the time with occasional short business trips. Kirsten is the administrator of 4 childcare centers but creates her own schedule as to when she will visit each location.

Our Home

Our home is in a safe country setting, but close to a neighboring city with shops, great places to eat and many things to do. We have a 2 story brick house with 3 bedrooms, 2 living rooms plus a finished basement with lots of extra space. We have a large 1 acre backyard with a neighboring pond that we can fish in or relax by. Our home is located in one of the highest ranked academic school districts in the area.



We have 2 pets - a 12 year old Bichon Frise dog named Bones and a 7 year old calico cat named Cheetah. They are both very friendly and love to be around us. They are also best friends!

About Kirsten written by Gerald

I am incredibly grateful to have Kirsten as my wife. One of the main things that attracted me to Kirsten right away was her love and passion for children. She has taken this passion and turned it into a successful career in child care. Kirsten is always there for me to talk to and support me when I need her. Since we share many of the same hobbies such as boating and 4-wheeling, she is truly my best friend. One funny activity we like to do together is quote funny lines from our favorite movies and correlate them to real life experiences. Overall, I could not ask for a better mother for Mackenzie, and I know Kirsten cannot wait to share this love with another child of our own.

Occupation
Administrator of 4 Childcare centers

Education
Associate's Degree in Pre Kindergarten Education

Fun Fact
Coach Elementary School Cheerleading

Loves / Interests
The Wizard of Oz, roller-skating, flea markets & collecting antiques, Halloween, music, tacos and nachos

About Gerald

written by Kirsten

Gerald is hardworking and goes all in with everything that he does. He is always looking for ways to have fun and can make the best of any situation. He is loyal and has had the same group of friends since childhood, which we still hang out with regularly. He loves to be outside – in the garage, on the boat, at the lake, fishing, or just on the porch. Gerald is an amazing father to Mackenzie and I know that he will be just as amazing with another child. He is my best friend and I could not imagine a better person to have in my life or to go through this adoption journey with.

Occupation
Business Development Manager

Education
Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration

Fun Fact
Was a collegiate bowler and has 10 perfect games

Loves / Interests
Boating, fishing, 4 wheelers, bowling, Nascar, fried rice/hibachi, The Shawshank Redemption

Family & Friends

We spend most of our time together as a family of Kirsten, Gerald and his daughter Mackenzie, who lives with us every Wednesday – Saturday. Mackenzie is 11 years old and loves learning, reading, making crafts/ creations and playing outside. We have an annual tradition of spending the week at the local large fair, which Gerald grew up across the street from.

We enjoy doing almost everything together from family trips, boating or just everyday things. Both of our extended families enjoy getting together for dinners, cookouts, birthdays, holidays or just because. These extended family get-togethers are at least once a month. We both have smaller families and getting together with everyone often keeps us close and supportive in all situations.

Gerald has the same group of friends since childhood and we see friends very often. Most of the friends have families, with children ranging in age from babies to 15 years old, so there is always a lot of children to play with. We like to take all the children to the lake, trampoline park (their favorite), out to dinner or just together at one of our houses.

Everyone in our family is very excited and supportive of our adoption plan and can't wait until there is another child to love.

Kirsten with her grandma, Aunt Judy, cousins and Mackenzie

Gerald, his mom Kay and Mackenzie

Gerald's brothers, sisters-in-law and nieces

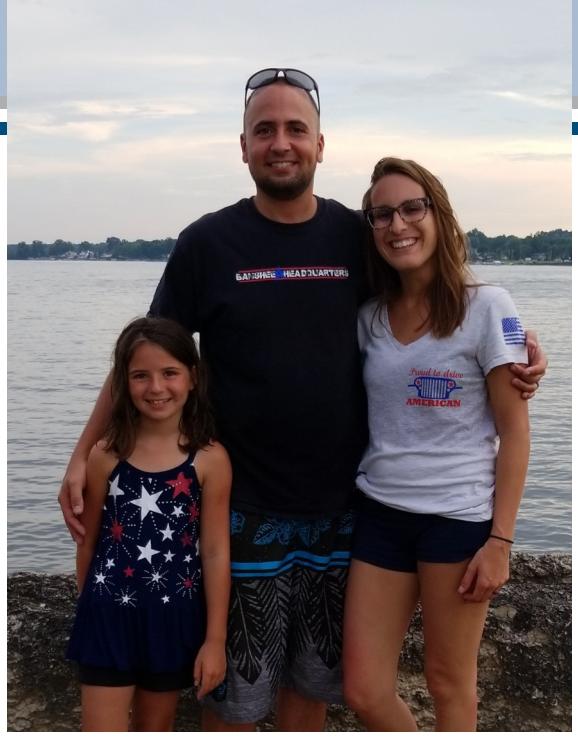
Gerald's mom and dad

Kirsten and brother Mark

Kirsten and cousins that were adopted at birth

Kirsten's Grandma and Grandpa

Gerald and brother Don



Dear Birthparent,

Thank you for taking the time to read a little about us. We know considering an adoption plan is not an easy decision. We try our best to enjoy life to the fullest and would love to share our life experiences with your child.

We will honor you and your child with love, traditions and many memories. We look forward to guiding and supporting them through life and whatever they choose to do along the way. For us, adoption is an incredible gift and we will raise them with unconditional love and support.

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Why Adoption

Natural conception and fertility treatments were unsuccessful for us. We knew we still wanted to grow our family and realized that we are meant to adopt. Kirsten's family has all grown from adoption, with her mom, uncle, aunt and two youngest cousins all being adopted from birth. We would be honored to raise your child in our home and into our family where they will be fully accepted with lots of love, regardless of race or ethnicity.