Chris & Shannon

How we met

We met online and first communicated through phone calls and messages before meeting in person. We quickly discovered that we had several things in common. We both love traveling, cooking, music, and animals. Our first date was at the Cheesecake Factory, where we didn't even eat our meals as we were too busy talking. We soon found out that we would never be short of conversation.

About Shannon *(written by Chris)*

Shannon is very outgoing, funny, smart, kind and beautiful, but what sold me on her was her wit. I told friends after our first date that I had met my "match". Someone who could keep up with me, someone who could challenge me, someone who could push me to be better. She hasn't stopped that since our first date 7 years ago. She is the most selfless and patient person I know, taking care of myself, our 4 animals along with being a strong leader at her work. She is the best pet mom ever, and I can't wait to raise a child with her. She has such a big heart and does all she can for people and animals in need (our two rescue cats and saving a baby bunny while driving it over an hour away to a rescue facility are examples). When I see her with our nieces and nephews, I see a great teacher, mentor and mother. Shannon loves taking them on day trips and spending as much time as she can with them. She loves painting, doing fun projects and spending time with friends and family. She is great at everything she does, but the one thing she wants more than anything is to be a mother and I can't wait to be by her side the entire time. I couldn't be more proud to say that she is the perfect match for me, and that she is my best friend for life.

About Chris *(written by Shannon)*

Chris is a great husband, but most of all, he is my best friend. He is dedicated, intelligent, hilarious, and loving. No matter the situation, he is able to make me laugh effortlessly. He takes so much pride in everything he does from work to his hobbies which only inspires me to do the same. He loves making our time together feel special by creating traditions from apple picking to making wonton tacos every year on New Year's Day. He is the best pet dad, and seeing how much he cares for our four animals gives me a little glimpse of what a wonderful father he will be. I am truly blessed to have found such a great partner to share this life with.

Fun Facts & Favorites

	Chris:	Shannon:
Career	Finance Manager	Director of Fixed Ops
TV Show	MLB Baseball	Law and Order
Meal	Sushi	Stuffed Peppers
Vacation Spot	Hilton Head, SC	Cannon Beach, OR
Hobbies	Golf, Spending time with our dogs, Swimming	Wood Burning, Drawing, Biking, Kayaking, Gardening, Hiking with the dogs
Color	Green	Blue
Holiday	Halloween	Christmas

Our Home

Our home is located on a cul-de-sac in a beautiful subdivision with lots of families, great neighbors and very little traffic. We have a 4 bedroom colonial with 3 bathrooms and a huge fenced in back yard with a little more than half an acre. In our backyard we have a pool and plenty of room to play and run around with the dogs. We are close to the schools, metroparks, bike paths and family!

Our Pets

We have two dogs and two cats. Angel and Luna, our cats, were abandoned as kittens and we bottle fed them back to good health. They only know each other and dogs, so naturally they have picked up some dog - like personalities. Our two dogs, Guppy and Apollo have both went through several levels of training and both completed the Canine Good Citizen training. They are playful, but are also very socialized and gentle. They love when our nieces and nephews come over to play. They have been around children of all ages and are quick to make best friends them. You can often find all four of our animals cuddling and sleeping around the house together. The bond between these four growing up together is unbreakable and they truly brighten each day with their unique personalities.

Our family for Sunday dinner

Family Vacation in Hilton Head, NC

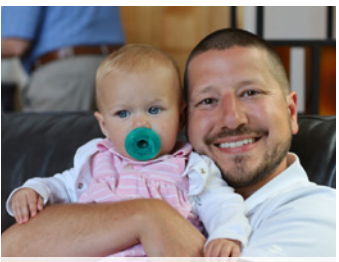
Our little cousins at a family outing

Our Family & Friends

We are so blessed to have our amazing friends and family. We live near Chris' parents and his siblings and we get together regularly for family dinners or coming over to enjoy our pool in the summer. Chris is the oldest of 4 and we have two niece's age one and 4. Shannon's mom and cousins also live nearby and are usually hanging out over the weekends with her three nephews. In our extended family, Chris has 13 aunts and uncles and over 35 cousins who all meet up a few times a year for special occasions and vacations.

Many of our friends live in close vicinity, allowing us to see them and their families. Shannon's best friend. Alyssa, and her daughter Jojo are very involved in our lives. We are often taking weekend trips and love exploring new areas with them. Our families couldn't be more supportive of us and can't wait to welcome another baby into our lives!

Shannon & Chris with their best friends



Chris with our youngest niece

Shannon with her best friend

Family Vacation in Wisconsin

Shannon with her Mom

Shannon and her friends

Shannon with her God Daughter

Us with our nieces

Shannon and her friends

To the Birthmother

We want to start by thanking you for considering us to be a part of yours and your child's family. There is no easy path to take when considering adoption, but we want you to know that we are committed to both of your lives and will do everything in our power to raise the kindest, strongest and most loving child we can. There is nothing in this world that could give us more joy than raising a child. We were not given the opportunity to have one of our own, so our greatest joy would be having the opportunity that you give us. We feel very strongly about being open and honest with our child about the adoption process and being an open book for them. We were both adopted by a step parent and know some of the questions and uncertainties that may arise first hand. The best remedy is being upfront and honest. We want to know about you- what do you love doing and what your hobbies are so we can pass those qualities on. We have a very large family and every one of us is different. We each have our own qualities that make us special, and we want to find that for your child. There will be cousins to grow up with, dogs and cats to play with and we promise to give baby a safe home with all the support and love we can offer. We can't wait to see and document all of the baby's milestones and share them with you (if you choose). First words, first steps, first grade and all the way to graduation and beyond. Life is hard, but we will be there to support and guide your child through this crazy world and never give up. That is a promise from us.

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Why Adoption?

We both knew we wanted to be parents early on in our relationship. We tried to conceive naturally, but soon found out that we would need fertility assistance. We spent several years trying different fertility treatments but throughout our time of trying to conceive, we discussed the idea of adoption. We are prepared to financially and emotionally support this child no matter what the future may bring. We are willing to educate ourselves to assist the child with any race or cultural differences and provide the child with all the support that may require. We know that adoption is the plan that God has for us, and we are excited about this opportunity to share our love with a child.