Chris & Ashley

About Us

We met in 2006 through a mutual friend at a group dinner. Ashley was wearing a hoodie with the British flag on it and Chris asked if she had ever been to London (she hadn't). That led to us talking all through dinner about London, other friends we had in common, and our respective jobs. A couple of months later, Ashley moved to the same city as Chris for work, and the same friend gave Chris Ashley's number. After dating for more than a year, we moved cities together when Chris got accepted to graduate school. We got engaged in 2011 and were married in 2012. Bringing our first conversation full circle, we honeymooned in London.

One of the hobbies we enjoy is traveling. One of our travel goals is to visit all 30 major league baseball parks in the country. So far, we have been to ten, including Pittsburgh, Boston and Chicago; with the hope of traveling to at least one a year. We have two pets: a dog named Chance and a cat named Ella. Chance loves to go for walks, get belly rubs, and have pup cups from Starbucks. Ella loves to find a sunbeam to nap in. Throughout our nine years of marriage, we have come to value communication, kindness, honesty and love. We prioritize open-mindedness, respect, and inclusivity, and want to instill these values into our future child.

Fun Facts & Favorites

	Chris:	Ashley:
Occupation:	Project Architect	Head Start Teacher
TV Show:	The West Wing	Gilmore Girls
Movie:	The Shawshank Redemption	Beauty and the Beast (1991 version)
Book:	A Walk in the Woods	The Royal We
Hobby:	Playing the Magic: the Gathering card game and Minecraft	Taking adult ballet classes, playing the flute
Vacation:	London	London
Food:	Mexican	Mexican
Music:	80s, Pop/Punk, Bon Jovi	2000s Pop, Pentatonix
Holiday:	Halloween	Christmas
Color:	Green	Pink

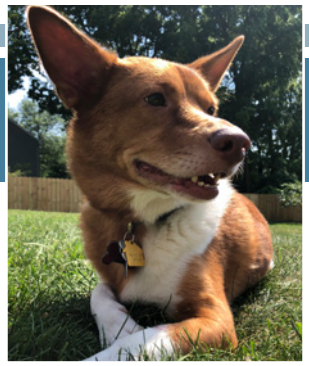
About Chris *by Ashley*

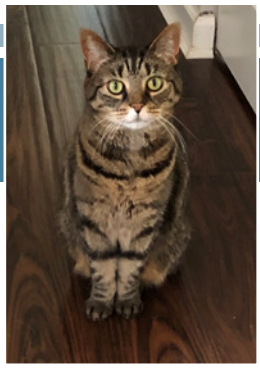
Chris is one of the most kind, loving and supportive people I know. He cares deeply about his friends and family, and will do whatever he can to support them. He helps his parents with projects around their house, and is always willing to lend a helping hand to our neighbors. Through his work as an architect, Chris has had the opportunity to volunteer with different charities, such as Habitat for Humanity and A Kid Again. He believes in the importance of giving back to our community. Chris has a great sense of humor, especially when we are with our friends. During board game nights, we end up laughing and joking more than playing the game itself. Chris loves to travel, and has even been as far away as Egypt! We enjoy traveling together, and Chris does a great job with organizing the details of our vacations. We can't wait to see where our adventures take us next!

About Ashley *by Chris*

Ashley is the most cheerful person I know. She is almost always in a cheerful mood and gets these bursts of happy energy to bounce around the house with our dog and cat. She teaches three to five year olds in Head Start and just melts when she's around little kids. She loves children and is constantly talking about her classroom of preschoolers and what antics they got up to with her that day. Ashley is always coming up with new activities to teach her kids and keep them interested and interacting. She cares deeply about all the friends she's made that love and support her, and is always going out of her way to spend time with them. We love going on vacations together, and with friends, to new places Ashley has never been. Her favorite destination so far has been London, and she really wants to go back some day while on the way to seeing the rest of the world.

Our home

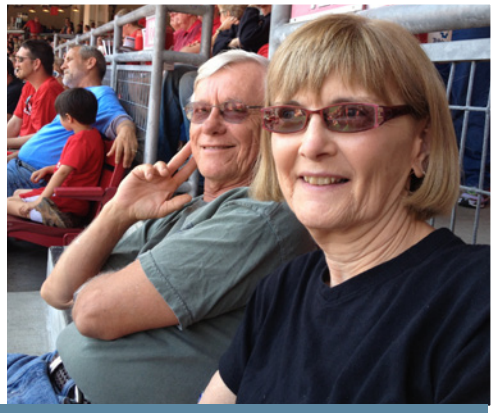




We bought our home in 2015 and have enjoyed making it our own. It is a bi-level house with three bedrooms and a large fenced in yard. We have enjoyed painting, decorating and sprucing up the outside. We live in a quiet suburban area, and have access to parks, a rec center and a brand new library. The local elementary school is around the corner from our house and many of the children in the neighborhood walk to it. We are close with many of our neighbors, most of whom have small children of their own. It's not unusual for us all to get together and visit, especially on the weekend. Our dog Chance even has a couple of dog friends in the neighborhood!

Touring a historic mansion with Chris's college roommate

Chris's Dad with his siblings



Watching a baseball game with Chris's parents

Girls day out with friends

Our Family & Friends

Chris is an only child, and we have a wonderful relationship with his parents, both of whom are retired. We enjoy going to baseball games, trying new restaurants, and spending holidays with them. Ashley has a younger brother who is married with two children. Our niece affectionately calls us "Aunt Ashy and Unka Kiss" whenever she sees us. Ashley's father is also retired and likes to explore different parts of the country on his motorcycle. We have a close group of friends and neighbors, for whom we often host board game nights, cookouts, and other festivities. More recently we have started hosting an annual Halloween party for all of our friends complete with a costume contest and games. Some of our best friends, Zach and Jen and their baby daughter, live across the street from us. We love to spend time with them around town and have gone on vacation with them to New York City.

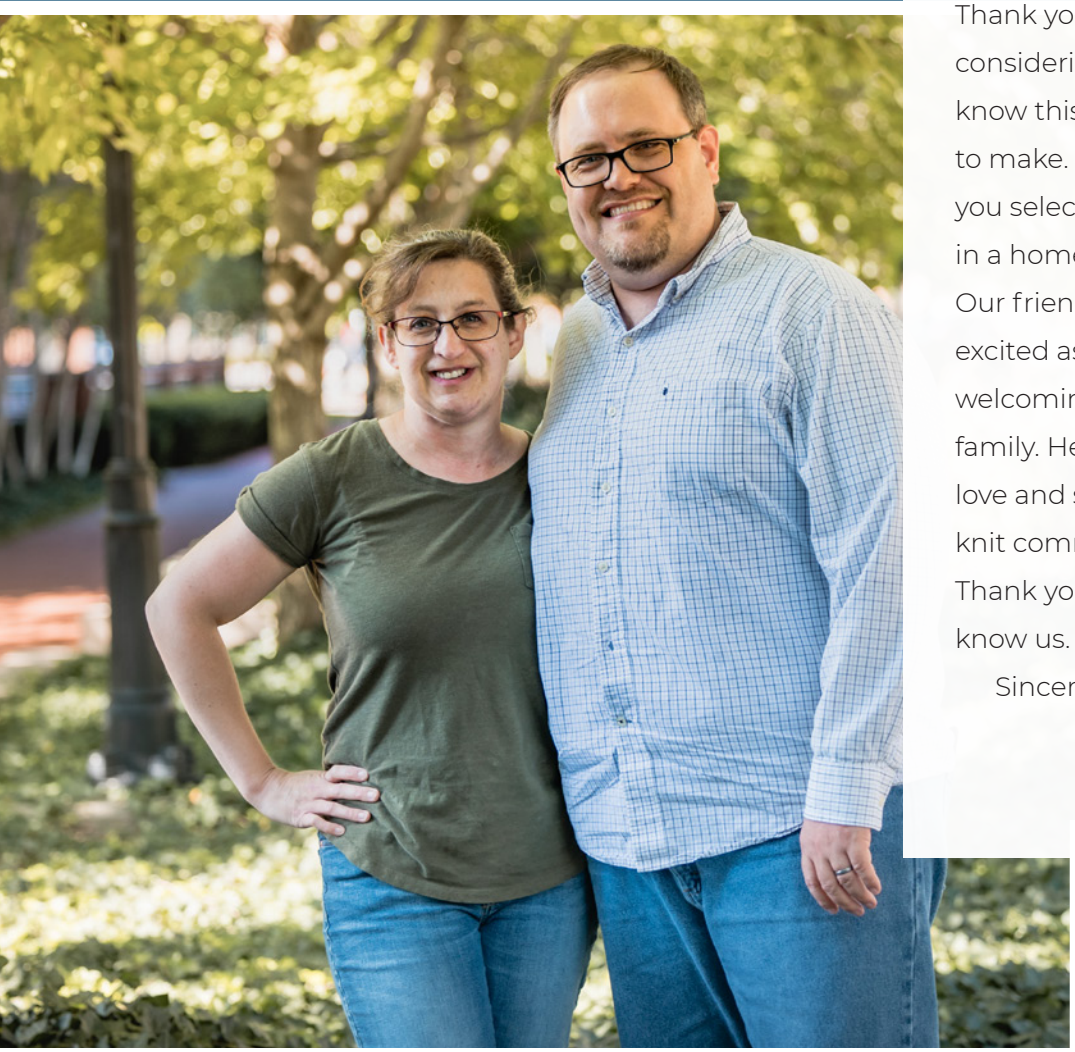
Traveling to NYC with our neighbors

Celebrating our friend's birthday

Photo booth fun at our annual Halloween party

Ashley and friends attending a local festival

At the finish line at the Color Run with our friends



Dear Birthmother,

Thank you for reading our profile and considering us to adopt your child. We know this isn't an easy decision for you to make. We want to reassure you that if you select us we will cherish your child in a home filled with love and kindness. Our friends and family are almost as excited as we are at the prospect of welcoming a new member into our family. He or she will not only have our love and support, but also that of a close knit community of friends and family. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

Sincerely,

Chris & Ashley

Why Adoption

We always knew that we wanted to add to our family by having a child, but Ashley cannot safely carry a child. While we were deciding what options to take to expand our family, one of our friends adopted a child. Through them, we saw what an amazing and fulfilling experience adoption could be. After much thought, we decided that adoption was the path we were meant to take. We are ready and able to commit our lives to raising a child in a home full of love and laughter. Our home is welcome to any child regardless of race, culture or religion. Families come in all shapes and sizes, and we believe that love is what makes a family, not genetics. We are committed to each other, are financially secure, and have a strong support system through our family and friends.

Building Blocks Adoption Service Inc.