



Kelsey & Brian



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about **us**

We love adventures. Outside of work and school, our weeks are filled with introducing the boys to new experiences and spending time together. We are both passionate about our careers, Kelsey as a small business owner and Brian as a management consultant. After a career in architecture, Kelsey opened a childcare business, integrating our family and her work. We love that our children see us pursuing our ambitions without it taking away from our time with them. Family time is important to us, and we make an event out of cooking together, building forts, or inventing games. Weekends and holidays are spent with friends and family, often at a lake. We're easy-going and fun-loving and, above all, want our children to be proud of who they are and what they like, know we're there for them unconditionally, and get to explore everything from new activities to new places.

OUR HOME

We own a house in northern Virginia in a neighborhood full of families with young children. In the summers, children ride bikes to the playground down the block, and countless houses, including ours, have lemonade stands set up outside. We spent this summer building a clubhouse with our sons in our backyard to be their reading room, superhero headquarters, or hideaway when friends come over. The local elementary school is just down the street, where our oldest plays on a neighborhood kindergarten soccer team. There are coffee shops, restaurants, and little urban pockets within a 15-minute walk from our house, and the center of a large city is a 15-minute drive, where our kids love exploring with us.



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We love houses full of energy, commotion, and those who adore each others' company. When we got married, we knew we wanted several children. We have friends who were adopted and who recently adopted, and we talked early on about adoption being part of our family. We currently have three children. While biologically ours, all are incredibly different, and it's so clear how much they love their uniqueness and how much love they have for each other. We think of family as the people we love and who are an integral part of our lives. For us, adoption is a natural and beautiful extension of that. We strongly feel our family was meant to bring another child into our house and to make this their home.



OUR LIFE
together



Kelsey

Occupation: Business owner, childcare and family services

Education: Master's in architecture, Master's in business

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Jewish

Sport: Diving, biking, skiing

Food: Artichokes, steak

Hobby: Reading, arts and crafts, cooking

Family Tradition: Homemade pasta, bedtime stories and snuggles

Musical Group: Ingrid Michaelson

Movie: *Miracle*

Dream Vacation: Sailing around the BVI with friends

Holiday: Thanksgiving

TV Show: HGTV home reno shows

School Subject: English

Book: *A Light in the Attic*



Occupation: Consultant, management and financial services

Education: Master's in public administration

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Catholic

Sport: Soccer

Food: Ramen

Hobby: Comic books, running

Family Tradition: Oysters at Christmas

Movie: *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*

Musical Group: Red Hot Chili Peppers

Dream Vacation: Jungle cabin in Bali

Holiday: Halloween

TV Show: *Boardwalk Empire*

School Subject: Physics

Book: *Dune*

Brian



OUR FAMILY & TRADITIONS

We come from tight-knit families that have grown to include our extended families. Brian has three siblings who live within 15 minutes of us, and his parents moved to the area to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Our kids have five cousins, and we often do Sunday night dinners together. We see each other every week and spend summer weekends together at our lake house hanging out, doing water sports, and watching the kids play together in the sand or backyard and swimming. Every summer, the entire family (around 20 of us!) spend a week at the Outer Banks on the beach so the kids can play together.

Kelsey is also extraordinarily close to her older sister as well as her parents. Her parents typically come to visit once a month and have an incredibly close relationship with our children. They have been known to stay on FaceTime for hours, reading books aloud or telling stories. Trips to visit (“grandparent camp”) are talked about all year and are packed full of activities picked out specifically for each child, and we’ve also begun annual trips with them, such as skiing and the lake.





DEAR

expectant mother

We've rewritten this a thousand times to find the perfect words for you to really know us. But ultimately, we get that you don't know us. Not yet.

We promise that if you choose us, you will know us. We will share ourselves with you so you feel confident your child is in a loving, lively, and joyous house. We have three children, and they have so much love to give to their future sibling. We've seen them welcome each of their siblings. They sleep holding each others' hands. Their new sibling will be adored, loved, and one of the most important people in their lives. We don't know what it feels like to be making this decision, but we know it is hard. We will do everything in our power to understand the feelings you have, to respect them, and to provide space for them.

We don't know your child yet, but we want to...so very, very much. If we are lucky enough to be given that chance to love them, we will celebrate all the things that make them unique and make them special, all the ways in which they blend parts of you with parts of our family.

As hard as it is to know what to say when writing this letter, we're sure it's even harder knowing what to imagine when reading it. Whether or not you choose us, regardless of what path your adoption journey takes, thank you for taking the time to imagine what a future with us might look like.

WITH LOVE,

KELSEY & BRIAN



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