

# Ashley AND Kathryn

OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION



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## ABOUT US

**Hi! We are Ashley and Kathryn. We are elementary music teachers for a large school district in Kentucky. We met fourteen years ago while taking summer music courses at a local university. Our friends like to say we met at band camp! Ashley plays the clarinet, and Kathryn plays the harp. We are active and love to be outdoors. We camp, hike, bike, and kayak with friends and family. Food is our love language! We enjoy cooking together and trying foods from many cultures! Ashley loves to sit by the firepit, travel, and build with Legos and is an avid University of Tennessee fan. Kathryn enjoys baking, working out, traveling, and listening to audio books. She is beginning to enjoy Tennessee orange too, even though she won't admit it! We end each day taking a walk together with our dogs, allowing us to connect and reset.**



### *our home + pets*

We built our home in a quiet community close to where we teach. Our yard is fenced in and perfect for a growing family. Our neighborhood is diverse and is filled with families and children from many cultures. When we sit on our front porch with our dogs, Luna and Lucy, neighbors stop to talk, and we see families walking and exercising and children playing and riding bikes. Neighbors in our community look out for each other and are friendly and kind. Our community has a farmers market and hosts many events for children and families in the local parks. We are located outside a city with access to unique cultural experiences, sporting events, and a vibrant arts scene.

### *what led us to adoption*

We have always known we wanted children and that adoption would be part of our family's story. We work every day with families and children who have been touched by adoption and have several friends who have their own personal adoption journeys. We are excited to be parents and are committed to raising a child (or children) in a loving, nurturing home that encourages and supports them in becoming the person they dream of being.



*our*  
**PHOTOS**





about

# ASHLEY

**Occupation:** Elementary music teacher

**Education:** Master of Education - Music and School Counseling

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Christian

**Sport:** College sports

**Food:** Thai - Pad See Ew

**Hobby:** Camping

**Family Tradition:** Vacation, summers in Michigan

**Musical Group:** Little Big Town and Pink

**Movie:** *The Goonies*, *Sweet Home Alabama*

**Dream Vacation:** Alaska

**Holiday:** Christmas, birthdays

**TV Show:** *Modern Family*

**Subject in School:** Music

**Book:** Harry Potter series



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**Education:** Master of Education - Music

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Christian

**Sport:** I love sports for the food and social gathering! :)

**Food:** Cookies, Mexican

**Hobby:** Baking

**Family Tradition:** Putting up Christmas decorations and baking Christmas cookies

**Musical Group:** Country, Brandi Carlile

**Movie:** Hallmark Christmas movies

**Dream Vacation:** Greece

**Holiday:** Thanksgiving, Christmas

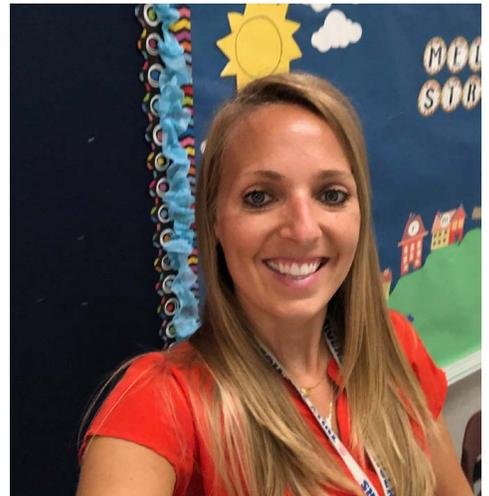
**TV Show:** *Schitt's Creek*, *Parenthood*

**Subject in School:** Music

**Book:** Author Kristin Hannah

about

# KATHRYN





# OUR FAMILIES

We are blessed with a supportive and caring family! Ashley is an only child and is close to her parents. We talk to them every day and visit often. We spend holidays with them, play board games, and enjoy extended family too.

Kathryn comes from a large family and has three siblings. We often meet her parents for dinner at local restaurants and order all the desserts! Kathryn’s sister lives in another state with her four children. Distance is a challenge, and we don’t see them enough. Kathryn’s brothers live in a city close to us. They both have three children. We FaceTime weekly and see them frequently! We spend holidays together and enjoy local events. Kathryn’s large extended family gathers for Thanksgiving at her parents’ house.

We are fortunate to have a close “chosen family.” These incredible people surround us in prayer, make us laugh, and keep no secrets. We camp throughout the year. One of Kathryn’s favorite traditions is camping on Halloween weekend. We have a group costume theme, and the kids love Ashley’s scavenger hunts. Each December we host Friendsgiving. This tradition is Ashley’s favorite. Our chosen family comes together, plays games, shares a meal, and exchanges silly gifts.



*and traditions*





DEAR

## *expectant mother*

We would like to begin by saying thank you. Thank you for considering making an adoption plan for your child and for loving them beyond words. We cannot begin to imagine the situation or circumstances that led you to this place, but we are so thankful for you. We have dreamed of starting a family for years and are honored that you are taking the time to get to know us through our profile.

If chosen, we want you to know your child will be raised by loving parents who will strive to give your child every opportunity in life. They will always know they are loved unconditionally and wholeheartedly. We promise to raise your child in a home where love and laughter surround them and where they are given the tools they need to become the person they are meant to be. We will help them develop strong character and provide them a safe place to learn and grow as they explore the world around them.

Experiences such as hiking, swimming, camping, and travel will be part of your child's life as well as opportunities to play sports, learn instruments, and dance, just to name a few.

We know you are making a difficult decision, and we want to thank you for considering us as potential parents for your child. We will always be grateful to you for considering us to be a part of your child's journey.

With Love,  
Ashley & Kathryn



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