# elizabeth and kristina

**GROWING OUR FAMILY** 





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#### **ABOUT US**

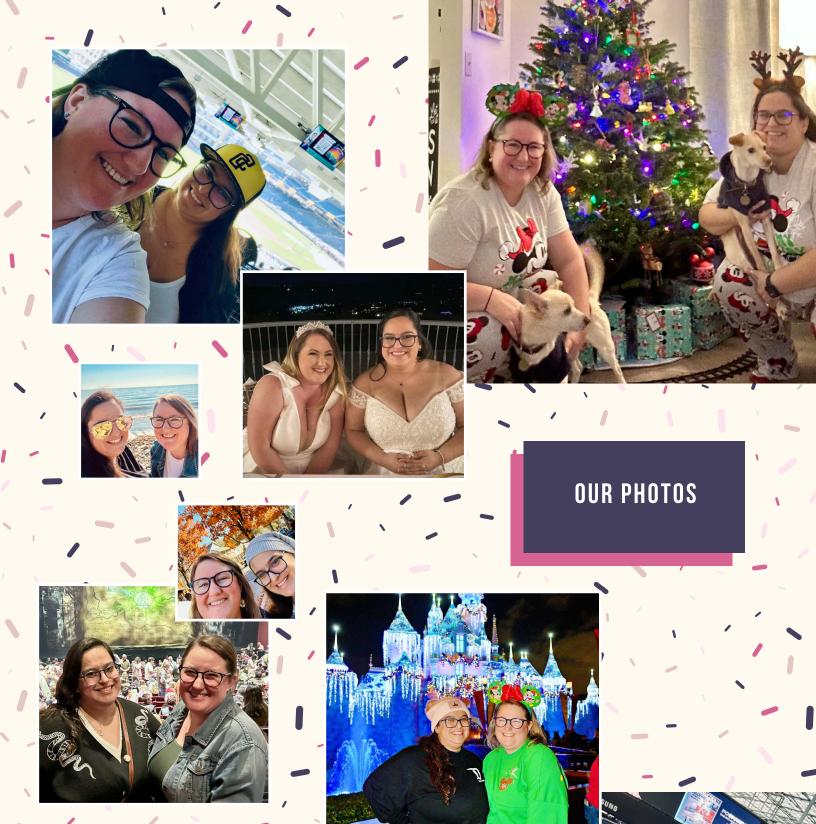
Hello, expectant mother! We're Elizabeth and Kristina, and we're so glad you're taking the time to learn about us. Our journey together began online almost ten years ago, and from the start, our relationship has been rooted in a deep friendship. As a bubbly preschool teacher, Kristina brings fun to every day, while Elizabeth, a passionate leader in adoption and relative care, is dedicated to helping families. We've both built careers that have given us the privilege of working closely with and supporting many children. To balance that, our interests range from the excitement of live concerts and sports games to the calming and creative activities of crafting and baking at home. Together, we find joy in exploring the local Disney parks, hitting our beautiful mountain trails, and unwinding at the beach. Our pups, Fritz and Mickey, are usually right there with us on our outdoor adventures, and we're excited to welcome a child to share in these experiences.

#### OUR HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD

We live in a charming small town in California, a place that perfectly blends mountain charm with California's rich diversity. Our community thrives on local events, from music festivals to cultural and holiday celebrations. Our family includes two lively pups, Fritz and Mickey, who are great with kids and can't wait to welcome a little one into our home.

#### WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Our path to adoption was shaped not only by our desire to grow our family, but also by our professional and personal experiences. We've both had the privilege of supporting families through their own adoption journeys in our work. Additionally, learning from the experiences of close friends and co-workers who have adopted and been adopted has deeply informed our approach to expanding our own family.









## more about ELIZABETH

**Occupation:** Program Lead: Adoption + Relative Care

**Education:** Masters in Clinical

Counseling

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Christian

Sport: Softball, Basketball and

Football

Food: Macaroni & Cheese and

**Sweet Tea** 

Hobby: Hiking, Reading and

Baking

Family Tradition: Christmas

Cookies

Musical Group: Beyonce

Movie: Cinderella

Dream Vacation: Scotland or

France

**Holiday:** Christmas

**TV Show:** Gilmore Girls

Subject in School: English

**Book:** The Things They Carried





# more about KRISTINA

**Occupation:** Preschool Teacher

**Education:** Associates in Child

Development

Race: Hispanic

Religion: Christian

**Sport:** Softball and Women's

Soccer

Food: Chicken Alfredo or

Enchiladas

Hobby: Hiking, Reading and

Crafting

Family Tradition: Birthday

Cupcake

Musical Group: Taylor Swift

**Movie:** Avengers

**Dream Vacation:** Portugal

Holiday: Halloween

TV Show: Golden Girls

**Subject in School:** History

**Book:** Harry Potter



# our families

### AND FRIENDS

Kristina's family includes a sister and a large, warm, and welcoming extended family of cousins, aunts, and uncles. Kristina's large family is fortunate to live near each other and share strong bonds, allowing them to get together often with ease. Elizabeth remains close with her two brothers, even with one living in North Carolina. Elizabeth's immediate family, which lives locally, is actively engaged and very supportive of our desire to grow our family. Much of her extended family, however, remains in her home state of North Carolina. Together, we are fortunate to have both close chosen family and relatives who are incredibly supportive and eager to embrace any child we welcome into our home. Our families love gathering for holidays, sharing meals and celebrations, and marking birthdays. You can always count on them to host a spontaneous cookout when they're missing you!





Dear Expectant Mother,

We understand that you are facing an incredibly difficult and courageous decision for your baby. We want to express our deepest appreciation for your strength in considering adoption as a path for your child's future.

It means the world to us that you are taking the time to consider us as potential parents. We can only imagine the profound depth of emotion and the immense hardship that can be part of an adoption journey. Our hope is to be a kind, supportive, and understanding space for both you and your baby throughout this process and beyond.

Should we be given the incredible opportunity, we would welcome your baby into our loving family, and we would be honored for you to become a part of our extended family.

A mother's love is truly boundless, and it is because of the immense love you hold for your baby that this opportunity exists for us to become parents. We are committed to providing a child with a safe, loving, and supportive home, nurturing their spirit, and offering them every opportunity and adventure that come their way.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Kristina + Elizabeth

