

John and Kelsey



GROWING OUR
FAMILY



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ABOUT US

Our family has a healthy mix of work and play. Kelsey is an organizer and loves to plan activities and get-togethers with friends and family. John is very laid back and makes sure we also spend time snuggling on the couch and watching movies. We goof around a lot together and find that on hard days, this is the best way to keep us all together. Kelsey is a lawyer, and John is in sales. We work hard to manage our schedules to maximize our time together as a family. We play on recreational softball and volleyball teams and always have someone to go with to the fun seasonal activity, whether sledding or a sunflower farm. Our daughter, Elizabeth, is kind and outgoing. Her new sibling will have a lifelong friend in his or her sister.



OUR HOME AND PETS

We live in a metro area in a family-friendly neighborhood. All of the schools our kids will attend are within walking distance, and we are excited for the future morning walks to school. Our house is 100 years old, and we love all of its details and character. It is big enough for us to grow into but cozy enough to keep our family close together. We have one dog, Buehrle, who is almost five years old. He is at the perfect age to play with kids, and he enjoys running and fetching in our spacious backyard. We regularly walk to get ice cream on summer nights and take the wagon into festivals, markets, restaurants, and parks nearby.



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Ever since we started talking about starting a family, we thought adoption might be part of that story. Kelsey had complications with Elizabeth's birth that made it so she can no longer carry children. At that moment, it felt like life had made the choice for us: Adoption would be next! We dream about having a big family, a full home, and children who can walk through life together.



our
PHOTOS



more about **KELSEY**

Occupation: Lawyer

Education: Juris Doctor

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Catholic

Sport: Football

Food: Morning muffin and coffee

Hobby: Reading

Tradition: Birthday cake

Musical Group: Spice Girls

Movie: *Sister Act II*

Dream Vacation: African safari

Holiday: Thanksgiving

TV Show: *Friends*

Subject in School: Spanish

Book: *Harry Potter*



more about **JOHN**

Occupation: Sales

Education: Bachelor of Arts

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Catholic

Sport: Baseball

Food: Barbeque ribs

Hobby: Playing and watching sports

Tradition: Opening day

Musical Group: Led Zeppelin

Movie: *The Natural*

Dream Vacation: Hawaii to Ireland

Holiday: Christmastime

TV Show: *The Simpsons*

Subject in School: History

Book: *Harry Potter*





our families

AND TRADITIONS

We have a great network of friends and family who live nearby, and we have very close relationships with our extended family.

John has a large family with three brothers, who all have growing families of their own, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins whom we see regularly. One of John's brothers lives in the area with his family, and the rest of the family is just a short drive away. Holidays and parties with John's family are lively, and there are always numerous cousins running around and playing together.

Kelsey has a tight-knit family, especially after the recent passing of her father. Her sister lives close by, and her mother lives just a drive away. We often spend holidays with Kelsey's extended family as well, often at the family cabin.

We spend a lot of time in the northern lake country at our family's cabins. Up north, we love to swim, pontoon, fish, and spend time in the fresh air.



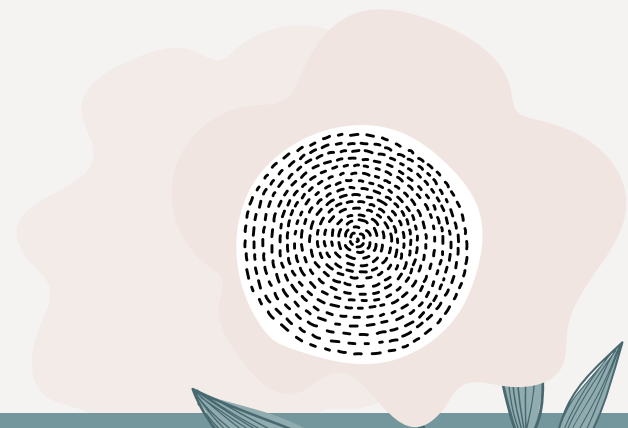


dear expectant mother

Thank you for taking the time to look at our profile. While we cannot pretend to know how you are feeling, we understand you are facing an incredibly challenging and emotional decision. We would love to walk with you during this difficult time.

We are so grateful you are considering adoption for your child and possibly giving us such a beautiful opportunity at the same time. We promise we would give your child the kind of home where laughter is the best medicine. We promise we would support and love your child. We promise your child will always know his or her full story.

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