

# LYNDSAY & CHRIS

OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION



[www.lifelongadoptions.com](http://www.lifelongadoptions.com)



## ABOUT US

We are performers turned tech professionals. Chris works as a process engineer, and Lyndsay builds HR and talent programs. We are both creative personalities who left the pursuit of our dreams for the more practical realities of love, marriage, and family. Nevertheless, the creative spirit still drives us in many of our hobbies and interests, from theater, movies, and books to world travel, hiking, and scuba diving. The diversity and creativity of our youth inspires us to explore and try new things as often as life allows. Chris tends toward the outgoing, while Lyndsay balances him with the more one-on-one approach to friends and activities. Together, we complement each other's strengths and support each other's areas of growth. Each of us are lifelong learners and spend some time both together and apart, learning something new to continue to grow and thrive.

## OUR HOME & PETS

Urbanites recently turned country folk, we enjoy a life just outside the major cities in Washington and all their conveniences but with the friendly, quiet pace of a well-established small town. Our neighborhood is nestled along a small river in the middle of farmland and heavily wooded one-acre plots full of peace and tranquility and incredibly friendly neighbors. Our pets loved the change; the four dogs and two cats have room to safely roam. The town has an active community and street festivals, and events are weekly throughout the year; the whole town rallies around the high school football team, not to mention the county fair and other events at the fairgrounds throughout the summer. It's a dream life, and we couldn't be happier.



## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Chris has always been passionate about becoming a father and assumed that surrogacy would be the necessary route until he met Lyndsay. Lyndsay's mother's best friend fostered children his entire life and has now adopted the children of their first foster child. This inspiration led us to adoption. For us, we realized we want to be fathers, and that didn't mean biological fathers. We're the first to play peek-a-boo and volunteer to babysit. Our biological clock is "ticking," and we've always known we would be fathers even if our path to fatherhood is a bit more winding. We wish to follow this example and adopt and build relationships that can last generations. We can only hope we are as lucky.



OUR LIFE  
TOGETHER



GET TO KNOW

# CHRIS

**OCCUPATION:** Process Engineering

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree

**RACE:** Caucasian

**RELIGION:** Non-practicing Christian

**SPORT:** Equestrianism, scuba diving

**FOOD:** Japanese, Indian, Thai

**HOBBY:** Reading, cooking, traveling, landscaping

**MUSICAL GROUP:** The Chicks, Lady A

**MOVIE:** *Under the Tuscan Sun*, *Pride & Prejudice*

**DREAM VACATION:** Japan

**HOLIDAY:** Halloween, Christmas

**TV SHOW:** *Torchwood*, *Star Trek*

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Chorus, biology, politics

**BOOK:** *Empire* trilogy



GET TO KNOW

# LYNDSAY



**OCCUPATION:** People Program Management

**EDUCATION:** Some college

**RACE:** Caucasian

**RELIGION:** Agnostic

**SPORT:** Scuba diving, swimming, hiking

**FOOD:** French, Italian, Greek

**HOBBY:** Piano, travel, cooking, reading, dogs

**MUSICAL GROUP:** Regina Spektor, Ingrid Michaelson, Joshua Radin

**MOVIE:** *Jurassic Park* series

**DREAM VACATION:** Japan

**HOLIDAY:** Christmas

**TV SHOW:** *ER*, *The West Wing*

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Music, ballet

**BOOK:** *Masters of Rome* series

# OUR FAMILY & TRADITIONS



We were both raised by strong single mothers and both maintain a small but very tight immediate family; we come from quite large and sprawling families in previous generations.

Chris's grandparents' generation on both sides were children of 10+ siblings, and third and fourth cousins are well over a hundred but are scattered over the U.S. and Europe. Lyndsay is one of three brothers. His eldest brother is married with two children and lives in Australia, as does his mother, and we visit every other year. Similarly, his cousins are spread across Australia. Since all our families are distant from ours, we maintain regular contact via FaceTime, phone calls, text, and email.

We alternate Christmas between the mom and mum's house, and they come to visit us as often as is feasible. Both look forward to spending several months with us when we bring home a baby since this will be our first child. We look forward to their love and support.





*dear*  
EXPECTANT  
MOTHER

Dear Mother-to-Be,

It may sound strange to start this letter with the salutation "Mother-to-Be." As we sit trying to put into words how much it means to us that you might consider us as the couple to whom you entrust the precious life that grows inside you, we realize that no matter what happens, no matter the journey life takes, you will always be their mother. If you choose us, we will be forever grateful for the precious gift and responsibility you entrust to us and will be proud to tell of the brave mother who brought them into the world and shared that joy with us so that we could be a family.

As a gay couple, we knew we had few options in starting a family, and the one that makes the most sense to us is to open our hearts to adoption. We are ready to start our family. We have a home, well-established careers, and a support network and can offer everything and more that our parents offered to us. We are eager to love, cherish, and raise a child.

We cannot imagine the decision you face. We wish you the very best and hope that whatever decision you make, it's the right decision for you and your child.

With our deepest compassion,

CHRIS & LYNDSAY

