



Kim + Jo

completing our family



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about us

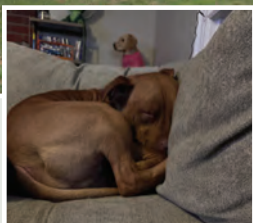
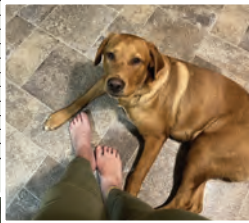
We are a family full of laughter, happy and organized chaos, and learning new things. Kim is a high school teacher, and her students see her as a school mom and therapist. Joanna, or Jo as most people call her, is a corporate restaurant trainer who travels the country making friends while helping people reach their potential. Both of us were born out of state; Kim was born in South Florida, and Jo was born in Germany, where her parents were stationed. We have been in Virginia for the majority of our lives and love it. Kim loves to be outdoors, running, weightlifting, or just enjoying the sunshine; Jo has a wide variety of interests, like mystery documentaries and different types of music. Jo is affectionately called a jukebox because she loves music, especially '90s hip-hop. We both love trying new restaurants and even have our seven-year-old trying new foods from different cultures.

our home and pets

We live in a large, three-bedroom home located in the middle of a settled community. We bought the house a little over three years ago, and we fell in love with not just the space inside the house but also the size of the yard. The backyard is fenced in, which is perfect for not just kids but also our two dogs: a four-year-old mix named Woody and an eight-month-old Lab named Phoenix. They are the same color, which is pretty funny since they are different breeds but definitely brothers as they love to cuddle, run, and play. Our son lays with them and plays with them, and they protect him as one of their own.

what led us to adoption

Adoption has always been part of the plan. When we first started dating, it was never an "if we would adopt," just a when. We have so much love to give, and our family is meant to grow. For us, blood doesn't equate to family; love does. Both sides of the family have adoption present, so it's natural for us. Jo's dad and stepmom adopted her brother as an infant, and Kim's mom placed a little girl for adoption when she was 18. Recently, Kim's sister, Angela, made contact, and that may have been the tipping point. Talking with Angela has been eye opening; she explained her feelings of gratefulness that their mom was able to make such a hard decision that gave her an exceptional life and opportunities.



our photo album



get to know

Kim



OCCUPATION: Teacher

EDUCATION: Master's degree

RACE: Caucasian

SPORT: Soccer

FOOD: Cheese

HOBBY: Running, reading, sunshine

TRADITION: Birthday song

MUSICAL GROUP: Paramore, Kelly Clarkson

MOVIE: *The Mummy*, *Fantastic Beasts* movies

DREAM VACATION: Month traveling Europe

HOLIDAY: Summer solstice

TV SHOW: *NCIS*, *Criminal Minds*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History, theater

BOOK: Author - Tamora Pierce

get to know

Jo



OCCUPATION: Corporate trainer

EDUCATION: Some college

RACE: Caucasian

SPORT: Soccer

FOOD: Asian, seafood

HOBBY: Puzzles

TRADITION: Christmas

MUSICAL GROUP: '90's hip-hop

MOVIE: *Steel Magnolias*, *The Wizard of Oz*,
Harry Potter

DREAM VACATION: Germany, Ireland

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: *Grey's Anatomy*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History

our family

+ traditions



Large family gatherings are a way of life for us. Every year we gather multiple times with different sides of the family for annual reunions. Each of us have memories of traveling to see family members and fond memories of yearly vacations. One of our greatest joys is taking Jacob, our son, to visit family and have them show us what makes their home city unique.

Joanna has a very large family on her mother's side. Her grandmother was one of 13, so they were always around cousins, aunts, and uncles. She was raised by a single mom with her sister. She is the oldest sibling of four. Her parents divorced when she was young, and her father remarried; we've been happily welcomed into her stepmother's family. Her dad has two children from his second marriage: Joanna's half-sister and then a brother who was adopted as an infant.

Kim is the youngest of six, with one brother and four sisters. Her parents both come from large families. Her parents divorced when she was a teenager, and her dad has since remarried. Three of Kim's siblings have kids, so she has multiple nieces and nephews. Holidays and summer vacations bring the family together for mini reunions every year.





dear
**expectant
mother**

Dear Expectant Mother,

We cannot begin to imagine the choice you are having to make, but we are exceptionally grateful that you would consider trusting us with your little one. We want you to know we won't take this choice you're making lightly.

If you choose us, we can promise your little one will know you love them, and they will know they are loved endlessly. We will gladly share updates, milestones, and pictures. They will be surrounded by love, laughter, hugs, family, adventures, and a life full of possibilities. Our support network is not just vast but diverse and will be able to give your little one all of the love, compassion, and safety possible. We truly appreciate you considering allowing us to grow our family.

With such gratitude, we are so excited to watch our family grow. Jacob, our son, has been so excited just talking about becoming a big brother. He is excited to show off his new sibling and teach them everything he can. They are sure to have many adventures.

We thank you from the very depths of our hearts.

Forever thankful,

Kim and Jo



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