

KRISTEN & DAVE



hello

We are extremely grateful to you for considering us to become parents to your child. As a couple, we truly believe that God has led us to the path of adoption to achieve our dreams of becoming parents. Not only do we have a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for each other, but also for the strength and courage that you have exemplified in this decision. We are overjoyed to work with you throughout this process.

♥ KRISTEN & DAVE

Hello,

We want to introduce ourselves to you on a more personal level.

We are Kristen and Dave, married since August 2012, with daughter, Ella, who we welcomed in December 2018 through adoption.

We are a very fun-loving couple who value family, our faith, hard work, and commitment.

Kristen is a family physician, working more part-time now, while Dave works in the automotive industry.

We love to get together with family and more recently spend most of our free time exploring new parks and playcenters, going to cider mills, and having play dates with Ella's friends and cousins.

We have desired to adopt a second child for several years, as we always dreamed of two children and a sibling for Ella.

Kristen has one younger sister who is her best friend, and we would love for Ella to have the chance for that same close bond with a younger sibling.

We have so much love to give another child and would most certainly raise your child to be loving, compassionate, honest, and respectful. Your child would always know how completely brave and selfless you are, and how loved he/she has been from the start.

Words cannot express how grateful we are to you for considering us to become your child's parents. If selected, we promise to love your child unconditionally, and to make you proud each and every day.

We would love to share pictures and letters with you as your baby grows if you desire.

With gratitude,

Kristen and Dave

OUR
LIFE

together

We met about twelve years ago and have been married since August 2012. ***We are truly best friends who work well together as a team.*** Kristen is a family medicine physician and Dave is a commercial manager for a leading automotive supplier.



FAMILY

We both come from very close-knit families. Family togetherness is something we both have grown up with and value most of all. We regularly attend family dinners, holiday parties, and the birthday parties of our eight nieces and nephews. Kristen's sister and parents live close and we spend a lot of time with her two younger nephews, who lovingly refer to her as "Aunt Kiki." Sunday dinners with her family are something that we often enjoy during the weekends. Spending Christmas Eve at her mom's house for her annual party, followed by attending Midnight Mass, has been a tradition Kristen has grown up with, and one that we intend to continue. Kristen's parents have a condo in Florida, and we love to vacation there annually to escape the cold.



FAMILY



Dave's family is a little larger, with two parents, two older sisters and a brother, all of whom live close. *We have always enjoyed attending the baseball, football, and basketball games of his six nieces and nephews and also enjoy touring their college campuses now that they are getting older.*

Participating in the white elephant gift tradition for Christmas has been a family favorite.

Our families are ecstatic to soon be welcoming a new grandchild and niece/nephew, and we can't wait to introduce this child not only to our extended family, but, especially to his or her big sister, Ella!

Dave and I were drawn to one another as we quickly discovered that we shared many of the same fundamental values: *A strong faith, honesty and integrity, compassion for the less fortunate, a desire for a family, and, not to mention, a shared love for travel!* We became active with the Make-A-Wish Organization as wish granters prior to our marriage, and this has been such a meaningful role that we have enjoyed together.

We have always dreamed of becoming parents, but this hasn't happened for us easily. We suffered two pregnancy losses at eleven and eight weeks and struggled with infertility thereafter. These losses had a tremendous impact on us and further solidified the value we place on human life.

Our dream of parenthood became a reality in December 2018 when our daughter Ella was born and became a part of our family through the beautiful gift of adoption. Watching her grow and develop over the years has been such a joy. Our greatest desire is to expand our family through adoption, to provide Ella with a brother or sister, and another child for us to love unconditionally.



IN DAVE'S WORDS

Kristen

Kristen is the most caring, unselfish, and hardworking woman that I have ever met. *She gives so much love to others and is genuinely a good person.* Kristen values honesty, respect, and compassion, and she demonstrates this to everyone she comes in contact with. This is what truly makes her excel in her role as a family physician. *She adores Ella and is an amazing mother in every aspect.* She is a wonderful role model to our family and a true example of strength and perseverance.



caring unselfish hardworking honest



loves

- Sunsets on the beach
- Coffee
- Cuddling with Ella before bedtime
- Having a patient thank me for taking good care of them.
- Thunderstorms

IN
KRISTEN'S
WORDS

Dave



I love Dave's fantastic sense of humor and infectious smile. *He is honest, caring, and sensitive.* Dave is very hardworking, dependable, and always stays true to his word. He has a true compassion for those less fortunate, and his countless years of volunteering with various organizations has inspired me to give back to those in need. *He is such a hands-on father to Ella, and she is truly daddy's little girl.* I can see that he will instill strong values into a child, teaching them to respect others and show them by example how to care for the ones you love.

funny hardworking compassionate



loves

- Sports, especially football season
- Playing peek-a-boo with Ella
- Reading a good book
- Traveling to tropical destinations.
- Riding my bike or kayaking



ALL ABOUT

Ella

Ella is 3 1/2 years old, and is a very adventurous little lady. She loves to explore any new surroundings, especially outdoors. *She loves to read books, and especially loves Disney princesses and playing dress-up.* Elsa and Anna from Frozen and the Little Mermaid are definite favorites. Ella loves to play with her young cousins and just lights up when she is around them. *She will make a wonderful and loving big sister.*



fun facts

Kristen

DREAM CAR... Audi convertible

BEST MEMORY WITH DAVE...

Honeymoon in Aruba

MOST CHERISHED CHILDHOOD MEMORY...

Christmas Mornings with my sister opening presents.

FAVORITE MUSICAL GROUP...

Dave Matthews Band

BEST TV SHOW... This is Us

EDUCATION...

Doctorate in
Osteopathic Medicine

JOB... Family Medicine Physician

Dave

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY...

Hitting a Home Run against a rival team

DREAM CAR... Ferrari

MEMORY WITH KRISTEN...

Our trip to Europe

FAVORITE MUSICAL GROUP... U2

BEST TV SHOW... This is Us

JOB... Commercial Manager

EDUCATION...

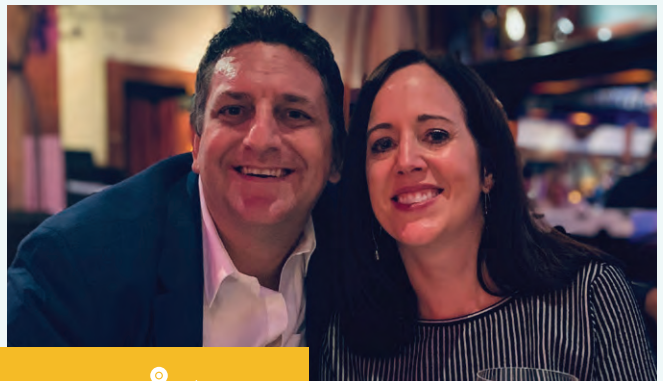
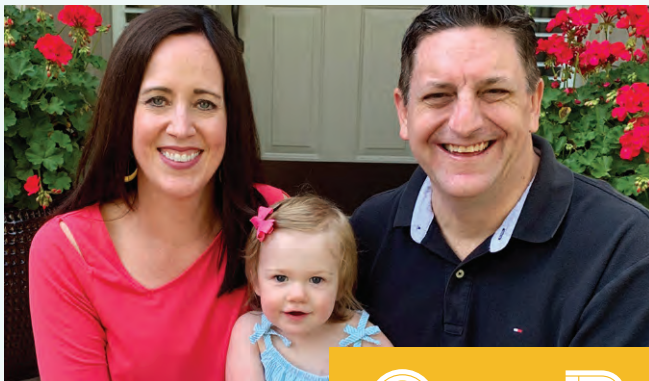
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THOUGHTS ON ADOPTION

God led us to
the path of
adoption



The challenges we had faced in starting a family definitely strengthened our relationship with each other, and with God. *We truly feel that through our countless prayers, God led us to the path of adoption to achieve our dreams of parenthood, and that this has been His plan for us all along.* Furthermore, we both have wonderful, supportive families who are beyond excited at the thought of welcoming a new baby to the family. Both of our families live close, and your child will have many cousins with whom to grow up. *We have many wonderful family traditions that we cannot wait to share with your child.*



Our Promise

♥ We promise to send pictures and letters capturing the significant milestones in your child's life so you will know that he or she is being well cared for and loved unconditionally.

♥ We do intend for your child to learn early on of their adoption story, and the extremely selfless act of love that you chose for him or her. This is a significant part of their history, and we plan to discuss it openly and proudly. .

WHAT WE HOPE TO

offer your child



We have an enormous amount of love to give a child and can assure you that your child will be raised to be an honest, ethical, respectful, generous, and faith-filled individual, who will be encouraged to pursue his or her dreams. Education will be paramount in the child's upbringing, and we intend to support and encourage the child every step of the way. We wish for this child to be active in sports or dance classes, in addition to volunteer activities to assist those less fortunate and in need. *Our dreams are for him or her to go to college to further their education, to have the opportunity to travel and see the world, and to ultimately find their soulmate and start a family of their own.* We hope to instill the philosophy to “think big, dream big, believe big, and the results will be big.”

An enormous amount of love.

Parenthood is truly the most difficult, challenging, yet most rewarding job that we have been blessed with. *Raising children to be honest, loving, polite, respectful, kind, and generous individuals will be the most fulfilling role of our lives.* We look forward to teaching our children the value of human life and the importance of helping those less fortunate. We are thrilled to once again experience a child's first words and first steps, birthday parties, and bedtime stories each night.



Raising your child will be the great privilege of our lives.

We have so much love to give, and intend to provide all of the tools necessary to help this child realize his or her own dreams and potential.

We are incredibly grateful to you for considering us to become parents to your child. While we cannot begin to imagine the emotion that is involved for you in making such a decision, we highly respect you and the strength and courage you most certainly possess. We have a tremendous amount of love for each other, and for a future child, and are overjoyed to be with you and make our dreams of expanding our family come true.

Gratefully, Kristen, Dave, & Ella ❤️

Prospective Adoptive Parents:	Kristen and Dave
State:	Michigan We own our 4-bedroom home
Homestudy:	Updated 04-29-2024

Adoption Desires

Race or heritage we want and will accept:	Anglo, Hispanic
Age range:	0-12 months
Gender:	Either gender
Drug exposure:	Will review case-by-case
Correctable special needs:	Will review case-by-case
Twins or siblings:	No
Speak to and/or meet birthparent/s:	Yes
Photos, letters, e-mails to birthparent/s:	Yes, for 18 years
Phone calls and/or visits over the years:	Yes, to phone calls. Let's discuss your desires about in-person and/or virtual visits.

Personal Information	Kristen	Dave
Date of birth:	09-19-1976	10-31-1969
Age:	47 years old	54 years old
Race:	Caucasian	Caucasian
Ancestry:	Irish	Italian, Russian, French
Languages we speak:	English	English
Religion we were raised:	Catholic	Catholic
Religion we practice now:	Catholic	Catholic
We attend religious services:	Yes; weekly	Yes; weekly
Religion we will raise our children:	Catholic	Catholic
Height:	5' 8"	5' 7"
Weight:	150 pounds	190 pounds
Hair color:	Brown	Brown
Eye color:	Blue	Brown
Education:	Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine	MBA
Occupation:	Family Medicine Physician	Commercial sales manager
Physical health:	Healthy. Polycystic ovarian syndrome	Healthy. Crohn's disease
Infertility description:	Recurrent miscarriage	None
Mental health:	Anxiety	None
Prescription medications we take:	Lexapro	Remicade, Imuran
Length of marriage:	11 years	Date of marriage: 08-18-2012
Previous marriages:	One	None
Biological children:	None	None
Children we've adopted:	Ella, Caucasian, born 12-14-2018	← Same
Other people who live in our home:	None	None
Will be a stay-at-home parent:	No	No
Length of maternity / paternity leave:	12 weeks	Two weeks
Type of child care planned:	Nanny in our home	
Discipline style:	Age-appropriate time-out, distraction, discussion, reasoning, withhold privileges, positive reinforcement, consistency. No hitting or limiting basic life essentials such as food, beverage, sleep, affection, etc.	
Pets:	None	None
Alcohol use:	1 glass of wine per week	1 beer per week, 2 glasses wine per month
Tobacco use:	Never	Never
Personality:	Loving, genuine, sincere, hard-working, empathetic, trustworthy, affectionate, funny, reliable, organized, considerate	Playful, caring, dependable, courteous, kind, family-oriented, supportive, fun-loving
Hobbies, interests, skills, talents:	Reading, volunteering	Reading, biking, volunteering
Arrests and/or convictions:	None	None

We have no health or mental conditions which curtail normal daily activities or which may reduce life expectancy. Neither person has a history of bankruptcy, mental illness, mental treatment, arrests, criminal convictions, dishonorable military discharge, rejection by any adoption agency, or court-ordered child support. We have never had legal care or responsibility for any children other than any listed above. No children have ever been removed from our care due to child abuse or neglect. We have never filed for dissolution, legal separation, or annulment of marriage to one another.