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Our Strengths as Individuals

Our strong relationship as a couple is because of our strengths as individuals and the fact that we bring different talents to the table.

Kendra can take on any challenge. She is the type of person who can find a solution to any problem, and a way to make everything great. She is always organized and thinks ten steps ahead. She gives generously of her time to our friends and family. Kendra spends many hours babysitting for her cousins, or doing the hair of our teenage neighbors for a dance they are attending.

Bryan is spontaneous and loves to make people laugh. He is great at putting people at ease and making them feel important. He also loves to teach and will spend hours teaching our friends' kids to throw a football or helping our next door neighbor study for her high school biology test. Bryan is very loyal and tries to protect all those he loves from getting hurt.

Our Priorities in Life

Family is what we value most in our lives. With a large extended family, and close friends who we consider family, we have many people who are a priority. We love being able to lend a hand to our family and feel secure that if we ever need anything, we would have many hands willing to pitch in. To us, family means celebrating all the wonderful events in each others' lives as well as being willing to sweat together to help out on a family project.

This past summer, Kendra's cousin purchased a building to serve as a home and business. We happily spent a day, along with many other family members, scrubbing and painting walls. A few weeks later, we helped Kendra's aunt, as we do every year, at a local art show where she sells her paintings. After the work is done we all get together for pizza, laughs and celebration for a job well done. But it is not all work; there are birthdays and celebrations throughout the year where we get together with family and friends.



Our House & Neighborhood

We live in a close knit neighborhood with many young families. Several of Kendra's cousins live only a few blocks away. We are very close with our neighbors and often spend summer days grilling with them. The two teenage girls who live next door are eager to babysit. Our community has wonderful metro parks that we frequently visit and we have a neighborhood park that is only one block from our house. A zoo, science center and art museum near our house make it possible to have wonderful day trips.

Our house has three bedrooms and a finished basement, with plenty of room for toys and playing. It is located near several amazing public and private schools. We feel fortunate to have so many wonderful options in education.

Bryan

Kendra

Job Description:

Chiropractic Physician Vice President/
Employment Consultant

Education:

Doctor of Chiropractic, Doctorate in Psychology,
Bachelor's in Human Biology, Masters in Psychology,
Bachelor's in Biology Bachelor of Arts

Favorites:

Childhood Memory **Childhood Memory**
Football Games with My Dad Vacations at the Lake

Family Activity **Family Activity**
Playing Cards Swimming at My Parents

Subject in School **Subject in School**
Biology Social Studies

Quality About Spouse **Quality About Spouse**
Her Intelligence His Playfulness

Dessert **Dessert**
Double Chocolate Cheesecake Apple Pie

Children:
None



Our Home

Our Pets



Our Friendly Dogs, Odin & Loki

We are the proud owners of two labrador retrievers. Loki is a seven-year-old black lab and Odin is a three-year-old chocolate lab. We cannot imagine our life without the joy that these two dogs bring to our lives. Their size and bark keep away the door-to-door salesmen, but they are really big lovers. Loki could play fetch and swim all day, every day. Odin is goofy and an instant friend to anyone who pets him. They love running around in our fenced-in backyard with the kids that come over, and happily clean up the food that any of the kids drop. We spend many mornings walking the dogs at our neighborhood park or at the metro parks in our community.

Our Extended Families

There is always plenty of laughter at our family gatherings, because both of our families instilled in us the importance of enjoying life and the value of a sense of humor. We each have only one sibling, both of whom are significantly younger than us. Kendra has a sister, and Bryan has a brother. While our immediate families are similar in size, our extended families are very different.

Kendra has a large extended family and has cousins that are more like brothers and sisters, and second cousins that are more like nieces and nephews. Almost all of her family lives in our area and we see them regularly to celebrate birthdays and holidays, and just for fun. Bryan has become very close to Kendra's sister, joking and teasing her like she were his own kid sister. They have such a great relationship that she even works for Bryan at his office. Kendra's parents are both retired. Her father is a retired art teacher and her mother is a former retail director. Her family is eager to welcome a child into the family and cannot wait to teach the child to swim since many of our summer gatherings are held next to the pool in her parents' backyard.

Bryan's extended family is much smaller and lives a few hours from our home. We see them several times a year, including at every holiday. Bryan's family members are huge sports fans, so our non-holiday visits usually mean attending a football or baseball game and cheering loudly for the home team. Holidays mean plenty of time playing board games and laughing at old family stories and new one-liners. Now that Bryan's cousins have kids, the house is always a buzz of activity. Bryan's father retired as a Major in the Army after serving as the commander of a rescue helicopter unit. Bryan's mom is enjoying the success of raising two wonderful boys. Bryan's family is eager for us to have children to spoil, instead of just spoiling our dogs.



Some of Kendra's Family at a Birthday Party



A Trip to the Grand Teton's with Bryan's Family

Education

Education is something that we treasure and is a value that we plan to impart to any child that enters our lives. We feel fortunate to have had an appreciation of education instilled in us by our families and to have had the opportunity to attend wonderful universities.



Hiking in Yosemite

Our educations have opened many doors for us and given us insight into how the human body and mind work. We have taken away a sense of wonder and passion for the world we live in, and a desire to make our community a better place. Our love of learning carries into all that we do.

Our Leisure Time

We enjoy the outdoors and try to spend much of our time enjoying the beauty of nature. Our vacations are usually spent hiking and taking photographs in a national park. One of our goals is to hike in all of the major national parks in the United States. We have hiked in the Grand Canyon, the Great Smoky Mountains and several other parks, but our favorite is Yosemite National Park. The beauty of this park has no match and we are eager to share our joy of the outdoors with a child.



Hiking in the Grand Canyon



Teacups at Disney World
with Kendra's Sister

Bryan & Kendra



Walking Along the Water
at a Metro Park



An Evening Out



Bryan with His Cousin



Kendra Celebrating Birthdays
with Cousins

Dear Birthparent(s),

Love, Family, Learning and Humor are the words that best describe our values and the values we hope to share with a child. We fill our days spending time with our incredible family and friends, working at jobs we love, learning all that we can, and laughing any chance we get.

We know this must be a difficult time for you, and we cannot possibly understand what you are going through. What we can promise is that if you choose us as your child's adoptive parents we will love your child unconditionally and do whatever we can to provide them a happy, healthy and fulfilling life. We appreciate you considering us. This process must be overwhelming, so we want to be open and honest with you about ourselves and how we would raise your child so you can make the best decision.

In our seven years of marriage, we have come to balance each other's strengths and weaknesses. We are opposites in so many ways, but come together as a fantastic team. We love to take on new challenges together, and have conquered many obstacles hand-in-hand and with a bit of humor. We are eager to start our next great adventure together: parenthood.

Our hope is to share all that we love with your child. That will include trips to hike in our national parks. We love the outdoors and try to see as much of the beautiful scenery that this country has to offer. In between trips, we spend many hours enjoying the parks near our home and playing fetch with our dogs in our backyard.

Another love we hope to share with your child is our love of learning. We both have advanced degrees, but have never stopped learning. We want your child to have a wonderful education and find joy in learning. We will teach him/her to love the adventure of life by helping them experience it through reading wonderful books, exploring nature, and appreciating the arts.

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Flexible work schedules make it possible for us to put a child first. Kendra works from home two days each week, and Bryan sets his own hours. Our extended family allows us to have a wonderful childcare network. Now that Kendra's parents are retired, they plan to fill their days caring for the child we adopt. Since Kendra's father is a retired art teacher, your child is sure to spend many hours creating masterpieces that will be proudly hung on our refrigerator.

We believe children are curious and deserve to understand the world they are in, so we want to be open with your child about his/her adoption story. We believe adoption is an amazing gift and want him/her to understand your love, strength and courage. We are willing to keep an open line of communication, and will be happy to provide you with frequent letters, pictures and refrigerator art. We want to make sure you are comfortable with the amount of contact we have.

Once again, thank you for considering us. We wish you the best in whatever decision you make.

Sincerely,

Bryan and Kendra

