



Chris

Katie

Job Description:

Computer Programmer

Stay-at-Home Mom

Education:

Bachelors of Science in Accounting

Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Favorites:

Disney Movie
Lilo & Stitch

Disney Movie
Jungle Book

Family Activity
Traveling

Family Activity
Playing Games

Musical Group
Led Zeppelin

Musical Group
Beatles

Quality About My Spouse
Care/Concern for Others

Quality About My Spouse
Sense of Humor

Sport to Play
Golf

Sport to Play
Kickball

Children:

Steven (1/17/2010)

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Our Passions

We share many common passions, but our biggest passion is traveling. We take two to three trips a year, ranging from a cruise, to just taking a short road trip for a weekend to a cabin. Our biggest joy however is truly the open road. We have made road trips to Maine, South Dakota and New Jersey, just to name a few. Some of the things we do along the way to break up the monotony include visiting local wineries, or visiting some 'novelty' areas, like a corn palace or a fifty foot jolly green giant. For Katie, this passion stems from an old family tradition that her grandparents started with her mother and four siblings. They drove all over the country and visited almost every state. For Chris, he has many memories of seeing 'novelty sights' in the surrounding states, and thus looks forward to seeing them and even some new ones as an adult. Another passion is music. Chris has a great passion for music, as it shows in his ability to play the guitar and piano. Katie played the trumpet for a short time in her grade school years, but really enjoyed playing the hand bells in the Christmas recitals held by her school.

What We'll Tell Your Child About His/Her Adoption

We had the joy and privilege of adopting our first child, Steven, in 2010 and we are so excited to be back. Further growing our family by introducing your child would be such a blessing as well. We look forward to introducing your child into our family and sharing the same love and appreciation for your child's unique adoption story. We plan to tell he/she how much their birthparent(s) loved them and wanted a better life for them. We created a scrapbook for our first child about his adoption process and will create one for your child as well. We of course would love to share anything you may want to send to your child. We will share details of your child's adoption in an age appropriate way, with the use of storybooks and songs. Should your child wish to seek and meet you when they come of age, we will be supportive of that.

Our House and Neighborhood

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Our home is located in a quiet suburb in Ohio. There are several families in our neighborhood with pre-adolescent children. There are two in particular next door to us, a boy and girl that are so eager and excited to meet a new baby and gain a new friend. A new baby was also born in 2011 to our neighbors on the other side, so your baby will have a friend very close in age. We attend a Christian Church that is a 5 minute drive away. Our church has a large group of children ranging from toddlers to teens.

Our home is about a quarter-mile from the Metroparks and we often get visitors in our yard, of the raccoon, rabbit and deer variety. There is a lake and waterfowl sanctuary within the park about a mile from our home, as well as numerous places for picnicking and play.

Our city has a newly built recreation center, where there are opportunities to exercise, learn to swim, or take seminars in a wide range of topics. The city also has a newly renovated library. The local grade school is also very well accredited and within 5 minutes of our home. Throughout the year, in the center of town, the city holds four to five carnivals during the warmer weather months. During the Christmas season, the city decks out the square with a beautiful lighted Christmas village that we visit every year.



Our Home

Our House and Neighborhood, continued



Our Backyard

We live in a quaint, ranch-style home on a quarter-acre of land. We have two fruit trees in our backyard, apple and cherry, and a mulberry tree in the front yard. Every summer, we enjoy working in the garden and growing our own vegetables. We usually have such abundance from our garden that we do some canning in the fall. We have an outdoor fireplace on our deck that we love to use when we have cool evening weather. We have three bedrooms and two full baths. We have a spacious kitchen with a breakfast nook and a cozy living room. In our basement is a spacious recreation room, used for playing music and games, and also for exercising. There is also a study and craft room off of the recreation room. For some outdoor recreation, we have a basketball hoop in the backyard. Despite the quaint size, our house has much room to grow into and is inviting to our families and friends.

Our Extended Families

We both have very supportive and loving families that we know we can count on for guidance, support and comfort. We are both very close with our families and we see them as often as we can.

Chris was raised in a very stable home. He is the younger of two children. He attended public schools throughout his primary education. His brother, Michael, is married with two step-daughters, one of which is married with a young daughter. All of Chris' immediate family lives within 30 minutes of our house. Chris and his father do lots of activities together. They make wine in the fall with his father's homegrown fruit, they do woodworking projects in the winter, many of which are used in our home, and in the summer, they work together on whatever home improvement projects Chris and Katie plan for that year. His family celebrates birthdays, holidays and special occasions together, complete with an occasional gathering around a campfire, playing a game, or simply enjoying a cup of coffee around the dinner table.

Katie is the second oldest of three children. Her older brother, Jason, is married with one step-son and two daughters. Her younger brother, James, is a bachelor. She attended private schools for most of her primary education. She was the first in her immediate family to go to college and graduate. Katie's entire family is very close knit. Her family celebrates almost every birthday in the family, as well as holidays, and any special occasion. Katie and her mother make homemade gifts to exchange at Christmas-time. Her family also does a big Easter egg hunt, where, rain or shine, there are eggs to be found! One of her cousins has a birthday near Halloween, so her family celebrates with a big costume party almost every year. In the summer, there are often cookouts with a rousing game of volleyball or a campfire. Katie's family also lives within 30 minutes of our home.



Chris' Extended Family



Katie's Extended Family

There was an incredible abundance of excitement and support when we shared the news of our plans to adopt with our extended families and friends. We all have so much love and affection to share with a new baby. This baby will be showered with enough love and support to last a lifetime.

Thoughts on Education

Our parents both instilled in us how truly important it was to get a good education. We both pursued secondary educations and have gained so much from it. We hope to serve as good examples to this child of the benefits of going as far as you can to reach your goals. We will do our best to nurture his/her talents and help them to achieve whatever they want to be when they grow up.



With Our Nieces at Christmas

We will strive to find schools that will provide him or her with a quality education, and look forward to helping them with homework and creating class projects. We will encourage and support the child's decision to further his/her education beyond high school and hope they go on to be a good example to others.



At a Luau in Hawaii

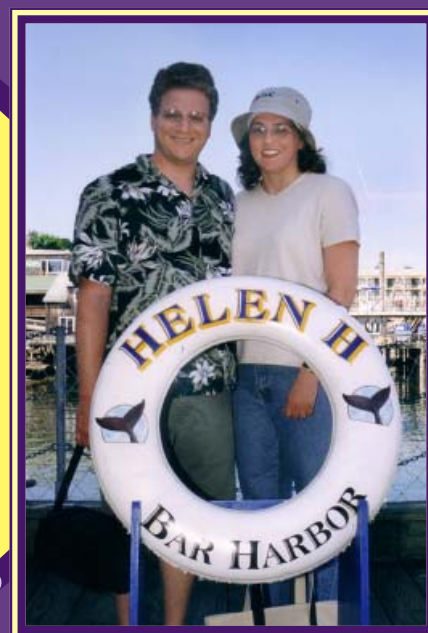


Proud New Parents



Enjoying Formal Night on
Our Caribbean Cruise

Chris & Katie



On a Whale Watch in
Bar Harbor, Maine



Mom & Steven
Relaxing in the Living Room



Steven & Dad
Enjoying the Outdoors

Dear Birthparent(s),

Our names are Chris and Katie. First, we would like to thank you for considering adoption for your child. We can't imagine what this must be like for you, but we can only hope and pray that you are getting the love and support you need through this difficult time. Please be assured that we will honor your decision and will make it known to your child and our families of your unselfishness and generosity. We will strive to make sure that your child knows of you and we look forward to sharing pictures and letters with him or her. He or she will know early on that you loved them so much and had dreams and aspirations for him/her.

We've been together for thirteen years and have been married for almost nine years. We met through a mutual friend, and due to Chris' job at the time, we only had three days before Chris was to leave. To avoid running the risk of never seeing each other again, we came together for a lunch break one day and our lives have never been the same since. At almost our ninth year of marriage, the romance has never dimmed. There are many instances where Chris will go and slow dance with Katie anywhere she may be when the right song plays. We have our own traditions, such as singing 'Birthday' by the Beatles on each other's birthday. We take time for each other at least once a week, whether it's a date, a quiet evening at home, seeing a movie, or just talking. We have had so much joy together, that we wanted to share it with a child. So, for five and a half years, we tried to have a biological child, but were unsuccessful after many infertility treatments and a miscarriage. Despite what has happened, we have come out stronger in our faith and we believe that we will be better parents, having more appreciation for the precious little gift you have and are willing to give than we ever thought possible.

Katie is a stay-at-home parent. It is her plan to continue to be at home. Chris has a regular job, but very understanding management, which have supported us when Chris has needed time off. Chris often has the flexibility to work at home also, if need be.

We and our families have so much in store to share with your child. From our numerous family events and activities, to traveling across the country, we are so excited to give your child the chance to see and experience so many different environments. Our families are ever growing, so there are many young children for your child to grow up with. There is so much quality family time to be had, whether it's with the extended family or just us. We love to watch movies, play games or even take a stroll through the nearby park. Our cozy little home is perfect for your child to grow up in. Despite its small nature, there are plenty of places to play, indoors and out. Our neighborhood and surrounding area is so inviting and active and there are lots of friends who cannot wait to meet your child.

We would make great parents because we are open-minded, honest and loving and we look forward to passing on these qualities to your child. We will strive to be the loving and supportive parents that we had growing up, that were with us through the laughter and tears that we have had throughout our lives. We will give your child room to grow his/her imagination and talents, and will nurture as many as we can through education or simply some fun activities. We look so forward to discovering your child's interests, dreams, and talents and sharing in the joy of watching him/her do what they love. We can't wait to preserve the immeasurable amount of great memories we will have with your child by way of photos, scrapbooks and videos.

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Love,

Chris and Katie

