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Jason

Job Description:
Photographer

Education:
Bachelor of Journalism
in Photojournalism

Childhood Memory
Warm Summer Nights in
Missouri, My Home State

Hobby
Yard Work

Subject in School
Science

Tradition
Summer Cookouts

Quality About Spouse
Ability to Forgive

Kristen

Job Description:
Art Director and
Graphic Designer

Education:
Bachelor of Journalism in
Magazine Graphic Design

Childhood Memory
Opening Christmas Stockings
While Sitting on My Parents' Bed

Hobby
Playing the Piano

Subject in School
English

Tradition
Going to the Apple Orchard

Quality About Spouse
Sense of Humor

Children:
None

How Our Family Been Personally Affected by Adoption

Kristen's sister is adopted and came into her life as an infant. Kristen was only five years old, but she remembers being the first to meet her sister's birthmother and the baby. Her sister's birthmother put the baby in Kristen's arms and she was the one who brought the baby to her parents. Even at such a young age, Kristen knew that day was special and her love for her sister was limitless from that day forward. Though marriage has taken Kristen and her sister to different parts of the country, they text and/or talk almost every day and try to see each other as much as possible. Kristen's sister is so excited to share the common bond of adoption with your child, and she can't wait to be an aunt for the first time.

Qualities We Admire About Each Other

Kristen about Jason: The qualities that I admire most about Jason are his strength and his work ethic. When we've faced difficult decisions or losses, he is always strong and is there as a husband and a friend. He always puts his loved ones ahead of his own needs and does whatever he can to take care of them. He is also the hardest working person I know. He started his own business a few years ago and he has worked tirelessly to make it a success. I am incredibly proud of all he has accomplished and I know that there are more good things in store for him.

Jason about Kristen: The qualities I admire about Kristen are her bravery and her ability to focus on accomplishing goals. In 2000 Kristen suddenly and unexpectedly lost her mother. At the time Kristen's mother was the most influential person in her life and her loss was very hard on Kristen. However, Kristen has gone on to face many life altering challenges without her mother. It is the memory of her mother that gives Kristen her bravery. Kristen is also the more organized of the two of us. She has a remarkable ability to set goals and focus on them until they are accomplished.

Our House & Neighborhood



Our home is a cozy three-bedroom, two-bath house built in 1929. We absolutely love the character of the beautiful woodwork, built-in cabinets and wonderful front porch with a porch swing. We live in a very family-oriented and diverse neighborhood in Northeast Ohio. There is a mixture of young families, as well as families who have lived here for decades. We have a playground at the end of our street and several choices of schools in the neighborhood. We also are within walking distance of a wonderful educational nature center, small lake, trails and several restaurants and shops.



Our Home

Our House & Neighborhood, continued

Every summer our neighborhood has a block party as well as a music festival where residents host groups who play music from various cultures. It's fun to spend time with friends and neighbors and experience all different forms of music, all while never even leaving our neighborhood. Our neighborhood is also only a few-minute drive away from our city's sporting venues, museums, theaters, concert halls and large public library system.

Our neighbors and friends are always there for us. We have weekly get-togethers where we all have dinner and spend time with one another. Backyard cook-outs are common and we always make more than enough because we know people will drop by to join us. The relationships we have formed with our neighbors has made our area a great place to call home!



Our Backyard and Deck

Our Extended Families

Both of us come from extremely tight-knit families. We both have one sibling, but we also have numerous aunts, uncles and cousins with whom we enjoy spending time. Our families do live out of town, but we see each other several times a year and we make the most of each and every visit -- between big family-style meals, exploring museums and watching sporting events, we like to experience a little of everything together. Because our family is not as close in proximity, we have also created our own family-like bond with several friends and neighbors around us. We call them our "local family" and we know they are there for anything we would need or want.



Jason's Family at His Sister's Wedding

One holiday we look forward to every year is Thanksgiving as we love to host the meal at our home. We invite all of our loved ones and Kristen makes all the traditional trimmings ... plus some extras ... and family and friends feast all day long. Then we often end the evening by playing board games or watching a movie.

Our families are all ecstatic we have chosen to adopt and are anxiously awaiting the news. We have many young children in our family that are all excited for your child to join them as a playmate!



Kristen's Extended Family

Our Pets Are Important To Us



Our Dogs Sierra & Josie

Our dogs were our first "children." Both are rescues that came to us through different paths, and we love that we've been able to offer them a good home. Our first one is Sierra, a mixed breed dog we found at a local rescue group. We brought her home when she was only 13 weeks old. She is now 5 years old, and she loves to swim, play and loves children.

Josie, our second dog, came to us through our doggie daycare provider. She was being fostered there and she and Sierra played all week long one time when we went on vacation. When we returned and we met her, we fell in love. She is also a mixed breed dog who had been neglected by her previous owners. Josie is about 12 years old and she is the "lover" of the family. She loves to give lots of kisses and wants to be by your side as much as possible.



Boat Ride on Lake Erie



On Vacation in Myrtle Beach

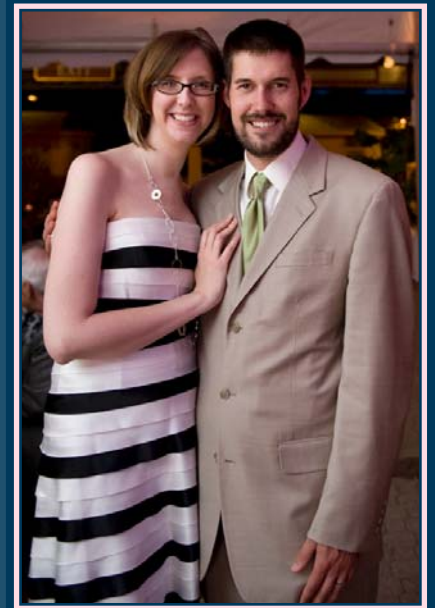
Jason & Kristen



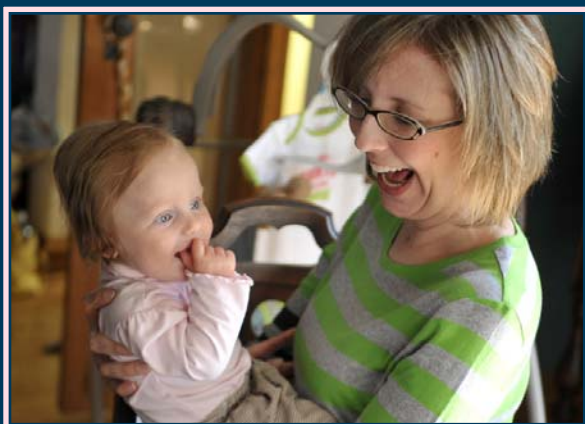
At the American Heart Association's Annual Heart Walk



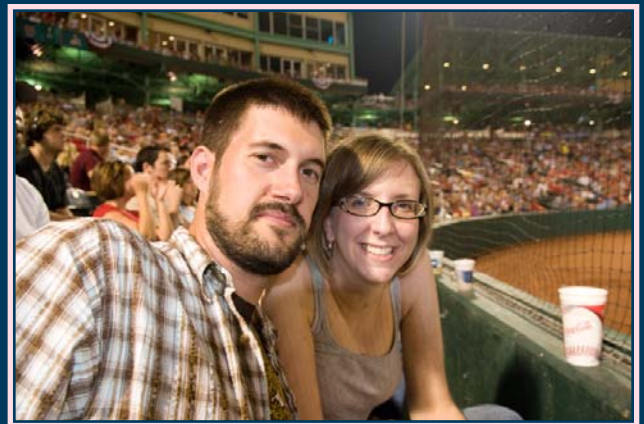
On Our Porch Swing



At Our Local Zoo Benefit



Kristen and Her Goddaughter Evelyn



At a Baseball Game

Dear Birthparent(s),

Our names are Jason and Kristen, and we want to thank you for reading our letter. We truly hope that you see something in us that you find comfort in. As nervous and excited as we are to embark on this journey, we can only imagine the weight this choice has put on you. We hope that our profile helps to ease a little of your concerns and that we can help you to make your decision.

Let us tell you a little about ourselves. We both work in the visual fields, Kristen as an art director and Jason as a photographer. Jason owns his own business, which allows him plenty of flexibility to work when he wants, and Kristen works at a magazine publishing company and has the ability to work from home a bit each week. Outside of our jobs, we have varying interests that complement each other in our lifestyles. Jason is very outdoorsy and loves to spend time biking, camping and rock climbing, while Kristen loves to play the piano, read and explore restaurants and attractions in our city. Our differences allow us both to try new things and let us experience all kinds of activities. On the weekends, we love to walk around a lake in our neighborhood, go to the farmers' market, cheer on our favorite sports teams and just spend time with family and friends.

We are so looking forward to the day we become parents and can share our lives with a child. Having met in college, we traveled in the same circle of friends for more than a year before we started dating. It was while we were dating, that we first started talking about adoption. We both knew in our hearts it was the way we hoped to form our family. It is our connection on these big decisions, as well as everyday choices that makes our marriage amazing. We have the same core values and commitment to each other, and we truly love and support each other unconditionally.

Your child also will be shown that unconditional support. As parents, we will not only treasure the big events such as your child's first words, first steps and first day of school, but we also will revel in and appreciate each and every small moment.

We promise to encourage and help him or her to reach all goals and dreams. Education is extremely important to us and we will urge your child to pursue academics with enthusiasm. We hope to share our passions and talents and encourage your child to develop some of his or her own. We can't wait to share our love of animals, family vacations and overall outlook on life.

We are also committed to encouraging your child's moral education by leading by example and being positive role models in addition to being adoptive parents.

However, we know that we are not perfect. We know we will make mistakes just as any parent would. But like your child will grow, we know that we will learn and grow as parents. We know that for every moment of laughter, there will be a moment of tears. But we promise to be there by your child's side for all of it.

You will also be able to count on us. We promise to consistently send you pictures and letters documenting all things small and large in your child's life, and we would be open to deciding with you the post-placement plan you are most comfortable with. No matter what you decide, we promise that your child will always know your love for them and will know that you did not take the decision to make an adoption plan lightly. We want to remind your child everyday that they are not only loved by us, but also by you.

We know that this decision must seem impossible to make, but you are amazingly selfless for even considering it. Just by reading this, you have given us hope that our dream of a family will one day be realized and for that, we can't thank you enough.

With all our hearts,

Jason and Kristen

