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Keith

Catherine

Job Description:

Attorney with the Federal Government.

Managing Director for a Bank

Education:

B.A. in Psychology. He also has a Law Degree and a license to practice law

B.A. in History with a Minor in Business. She also has a Law Degree and a license to practice law in Ohio

Favorites:

Childhood Memory

Going to Ireland with Family

Childhood Memory

Camping with my Family

Hobby

Exercising

Hobby

Gardening

Dessert

Hot Fudge Sundae

Dessert

Cheesecake

Children's Book

Peter Pan

Children's Book

Cinderella

Shopping Store

LL Bean

Shopping Store

Target

Children:

Mary, age 3

Our Daughter, Mary

We have a three year old daughter, Mary. She is loving, active, confident, and outgoing. Her favorite treat is to spend time with one of her good buddies or share a visit with Owen, her one year old cousin, who lives out of town and often visits our home for the weekend. We have discussed the adoption with her, and she regularly asks if we can pray to Jesus for a brother or sister.

Mary is overflowing with love and affection to share with a baby brother or sister. She will love the baby and eagerly welcome him or her to the family. The roles that our siblings have played in our lives have been tremendous. With Mary as your child's older sister, he or she will have a great friend, confidant and guardian.

Leisure Time

In keeping with our philosophy that life should be lived to its fullest, our leisure time is jammed packed. Keith is a triathlete wannabe with his late evenings and early mornings (when the rest of the family is asleep) spent biking, running and swimming. These activities offer a respite to the daily grind experienced at the office. It also keeps Keith in shape in order to keep up with Mary and the many fun activities that she is in to - which oddly enough include biking and swimming (and ballet).

Catherine serves on the board of several not-for-profit agencies. Her job affords her the opportunity to do pro bono work which allows her to utilize her skills to help the elderly, her college, as well as the church and severely handicapped children. These experiences have enriched Catherine's life to no end and have greatly expanded her world view.

Our House & Neighborhood

OHIO

We live in a well established, tree-lined neighborhood in Northeastern Ohio. Many families with young children are attracted to our neighborhood. There are two parks with great playgrounds within a five minute walk from our home. The foot/bike path entering the local Metro Park System sits at the end of our street. We often take advantage of the easy access to the miles of bike paths, ice cream parlor at the marina and two golf courses. A brand new recreation center opened recently in our suburb, offering sporting activities for all ages, as well as multiple pools. The "rec" is next door to a state-of-the-art library which also hosts many kid friendly programs throughout the week. We use all of the amenities in our community, and also belong to a private club that has year-round swimming and activities for kids.



Our Home

Our House & Neighborhood, continued

Our home has three bedrooms with two and a half bathrooms plus an office. On the lower level, we have a finished family room that doubles as a large playroom. While comfortable, we have plenty of space to host family for weekend visits, holiday gatherings and parties. We have a spacious yard with plenty of room for a game of kick ball, tag and toys. Each summer, we host a party for our friends and their children. Only a "make it yourself" sundae bar can distract the kids from their games.

We are very lucky to live in a city with well-established public schools with brand new facilities as well as strong private education options. Both are well funded and highly competitive.



Keith & Catherine at Home

Our Extended Families



Catherine and Her Sisters

Catherine is the oldest of 3 closely knit sisters - the youngest was born on Catherine's third birthday. Although one sister lives out a state, they all maintain an exceptionally close relationship. Catherine considers her sisters one of her greatest gifts.

Keith is the youngest of 7 children. His 6 siblings are each a year apart from each other, except for Keith who was born 8 years after his brother closest in age to him. This age difference provided Keith with many sets of eyes looking after him, when he was growing up. It also provided him with great friends whose constant counsel and support Keith greatly appreciates.

We have 14 nieces and nephews who are an integral part of our lives. We see our nieces and nephews often and they have close relationships with one another. The cousins have sleepovers or head to the sporting events of the older kids on a regular basis. We rarely go several days without seeing a sister, brother or one of their children. As a group, we gather often to celebrate birthdays, holidays or some other excuse to spend time together.



Keith and His Siblings

Our fathers were both born in Ireland so half of our families are still there, but distance has not been an issue in maintaining that relationship. We have had the pleasure of sharing extended periods of time with our cousins by spending time with them both here and abroad for weddings and other family celebrations. Keith and Catherine's most recent trip to Ireland was for a New Year's Day wedding of Catherine's cousin, Kevin. The hospitality shown to us on our travels has made a deep impact on our home life. The doors to our home are always open to friends and family that find themselves passing by. Our home is a constant buzz of activity and laughter which is greatly enriched by the fun and good people who have made their way to our home.

Our Favorite Vacation Spot

We have had the ability to do a great deal of traveling individually and together. Keith has spent time in England, Spain, Mexico, England, France, and Russia. Together we have visited Ireland, Canada and Greece as well as a good portion of the United States. Becoming parents has not diminished our love or ability to travel. Since Mary's birth we have been fortunate to take family vacations to Florida, Niagara Falls, the Blue Hills of Kentucky and the Jersey Shore.

However, our favorite trip is the one we take each year to the beaches of North Carolina. We enjoy a week of outdoor activities - swimming, sand, sun and laughter. For the past several years we get a house with three other families - all of whom have young children. The kids have an absolute blast. We spend most of our time at the beach or the pool (with the occasional rainy day spent visiting nearby historical sites). Each night one family takes a turn cooking dinner and cleaning up while the others take the kids on a bike ride in bike trailers or to the playground. The memories made on these trips are priceless and we would love to share what we have with another child.



Our Annual Trip to Outer Banks, North Carolina



Jersey Shore on the Boardwalk

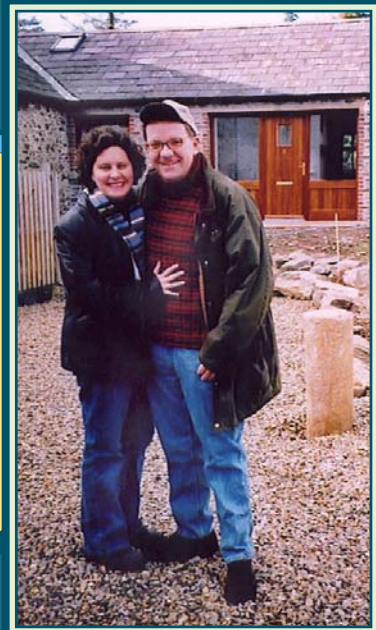


Outer Banks with Friends



Our Wedding Day

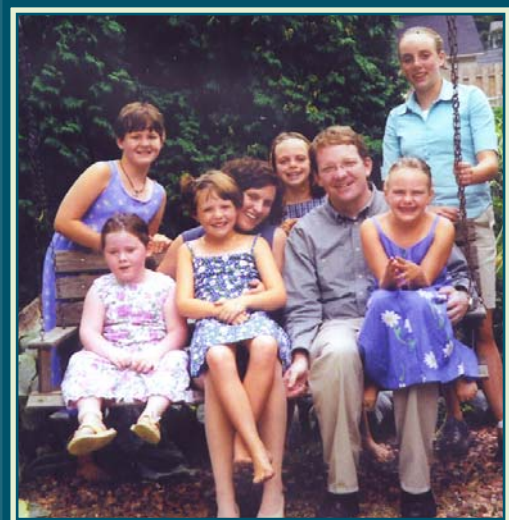
Keith & Catherine



Our Trip to Ireland



Halloween with Mary & Her Friends



With Our Nieces

Dear Birthparent(s),

First of all, we would like to thank you for taking the time to read this and for considering adoption. We cannot imagine how tough this decision must be for you. We admire your willingness to consider taking such a step. The purpose of this letter is to tell you a little about ourselves and from these few paragraphs inspire confidence that we will be able to provide a loving and nurturing home for your child.

How we met: We met 15 years ago in graduate school, but our friendship did not deepen until we were studying for the bar exam. We married two years later.

After going to law school at night and working full-time for four years, neither of us expected to fall in love during the most critical part of our studies, but that is what happened. The summer we started dating was one of the most hectic, yet enjoyable summers of our lives. That summer set the course for our life together - extremely fun times coupled with the challenges that life has sent us. The best thing about our relationship is the ability to hang onto each other through the rough times, riding the waves until the calm waters return.

Our families: Since early in our relationship, we have anticipated raising children together. We have spent a great deal of time discussing our priorities and goals as parents. This comes from our similar family backgrounds. Both of our fathers immigrated to the United States from Ireland. They instilled in us a strong work ethic. Catherine's dad spent the majority of his working career at a local utility. Keith's father worked construction for 50 years. Our mothers have both retired from their respective careers as a dietician and banker.

Catherine is the oldest of three sisters. The girls are very close in age and are in continuous contact. Keith is the youngest of seven children and uncle of thirteen. We love spending time with our nieces and nephews. They look forward to meeting a new cousin soon. We both maintain close friendships with our siblings and enjoy seeing them on a regular basis. Our brothers and sisters provide us with constant support and guidance.

From the start of our life together, we knew that adoption would be the avenue by which we would grow our family. In June 2006, we were blessed with what our doctors describe as a medical miracle- the healthy birth of our daughter, Mary. Parenthood is hard work, but we love it. After years of living life on our own schedules while waiting for a child, we consider dirty diapers on a Saturday night, late night crying and bills from the pediatrician to be gifts rather than a burden. Mary is high energy with plenty of love to share with a little brother or sister. Even at her young age, she has learned the value of sharing and waiting her turn- preparing her to share life with a new sibling. Mary has spunk and spirit and will be a doting and protective big sister. Bottom line our family has plenty of love to share with you and your baby.

Keith's thoughts on Catherine: Catherine's smile and elegance first attracted me to her. I found that underneath that beauty was an intelligent mind that came attached to a compassionate heart. Catherine has a resilience that is impressive beyond words. She remains constantly loving in the face of any obstacle she encounters. Catherine uses her skills as an attorney working for a bank where she guides her clients through the mine field of estate planning. She is extremely goal oriented. Once a goal is set, or a plan is put in place, she will move heaven and earth to make sure that the objectives are met. Her plans for her children are simple, namely to ensure that they live up to their potential and enjoy themselves throughout the process secure in the knowledge that they are loved.

What Catherine thinks of Keith: Keith is a strong, intelligent, loving man with a quick wit. Although his incredible sense of humor first drew me to him, I soon learned that he also has tremendous focus and dedication. His unlimited ability to offer love and support makes him a great father.

Keith worked as a social worker for 8 years and currently works as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Health of Human Services. You've got to love a man whose career choices mirror his home life - always finding ways to help those around him.

Our thanks to you: Through hard work and perseverance we have established a very comfortable lifestyle and consider ourselves to be extremely blessed. We have a lot to offer, but the most important asset we can offer your child is our unconditional love. We look forward to sharing that love, our lives and our family with a child. Thank you for taking time to learn about us. Regardless of what you decide, we wish you all the best.

Take care,

Keith and Catherine

