



Kent

Molly

Job Description:

Manager of Process Improvement for a Multinational Company

Program Director for a Social Service Agency

Education:

Bachelor of Science in Political Science, minor in Statistics

Bachelor of Arts in English, minor in Japanese; Master of Fine Arts in Writing

Favorites:

Classic Movie

Top Gun

Classic Movie

Coming to America

Family Activity

Playing with Our Dog, Looshie

Family Activity

Making Dinner

Hero

Abraham Lincoln

Hero

Neil Armstrong

Quality About Spouse

Open Heart

Quality About Spouse

Calm and Giving

Hobby

Astronomy

Hobby

Laughing

Children:

None

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Qualities We Admire In Each Other

Molly – Before I met Kent, I had no interest in getting married. But from our first 20 minutes of conversation at the party where we met, I knew my life was changed forever. And now with over seven years behind us, there are not enough words in any spoken language for me to tell you how much I love him. Kent is the other half I never even knew I was looking for. He is thoughtful, sincere, and will always put others ahead of himself. Since meeting Kent, I feel that I have mellowed so, and this is probably because of his cool, steady way. I can sometimes be silly and impractical, whereas Kent is definitely more focused, planful and serious than me. We provide such a nice balance for one another. Because of this balance, I believe we will raise a child who takes time to smell the roses and knows the best way to grow them.

Kent – From our first date, I knew that Molly was very special... we had so much in common, so many shared values, and similar outlooks on life, that it almost seemed “too good to be true.” But it wasn’t. Molly is the most loving person I know. She is a perfect complement to me... her humor, heart, personality, and style. Molly and I support one another in all that we do. We calmly discuss any disagreements and reach a compromise. We even refer to ourselves as a “team” because every decision we make is designed to strengthen our little family. Molly supports me and challenges me in ways that I never dreamed a partner could do. Molly has taught me to show affection, let down my guard, and find humor wherever possible.

Our Decision To Adopt

Adoption has been our first and only choice for building our family. We realize this is unconventional. Molly’s choice of adoption comes from all of the successful adoption examples that have filled her life, including her maternal aunt (adopted domestically) and best friend growing up (adopted from South Korea). And Kent’s choice to adopt comes from the fact that he is simply looking forward to guiding a child through life as a father. The fact that the child will not have our genetic make-up is immaterial. Further, we welcome the idea that our family may be a transracial one. Through our friendships and interests, we have worked to make our lives culturally and racially diverse.

Love can do a lot for raising a child, but we also know that there are many important questions that come from being adopted. Thankfully, with our relatives and friends who were adopted, we have some first-hand advice we can provide your child as he or she grows. Further, we have tapped a “fairy godmother” in our friend, Sandi, who is African-American. Sandi has promised to be a trusted ear, friend and confidant for your child and for us, as questions come about regarding race.

We believe that we have educated ourselves and our families such that we understand the impact adoption has on one’s life. We promise to work to ensure that your child is proud of everything that makes him or her unique. From being adopted to being African-American or multiracial, we pledge to give your child the resources to be a comfortable and confident child.

Our House and Neighborhood



We moved to the Columbus area almost three years ago after both living in Chicago for over 10 years. Today, we live in a large suburb that has a chocked full calendar of activities throughout the year. Our house is on a secluded street that is very quiet and not well-traveled, but our backyard backs up to a new housing development filled with many young families. We look forward to being the neighborhood destination spot for birthday parties, slumber parties and backyard barbeques. At the end of our street is a huge playground, as well as baseball diamonds and soccer fields. Also, we live in an award-winning school district with opportunities for kids with all kinds of interests.



The Front of Our House



The Back of Our House

Our House and Neighborhood, continued

We are fortunate to have our dream house, complete with a large, fenced-in yard with plenty of room for a swing set or a jungle gym. Kent and our dog, Looshie, already spend lots of time playing toss in our backyard. In addition to having a great play area, our house is surrounded by nature. There is a small stream the flows through our yard, where ducks tend to nest in the spring, and it is not uncommon to see a family of deer passing through. The room where we plan to have the nursery has four nearly floor-to-ceiling windows that let plenty of morning light flood in. We cannot wait to experience the world through the eyes of this child.

Our Extended Families



Our Parents on the Big Day

Molly: I am an only child from a small, rural town in central Ohio. My parents divorced when I was 10 years old. For many years, it was just my mom and me. But as a child, I was far from lonely. My paternal grandmother's house was in our backyard, my maternal grandparents lived across the street, my maternal great-grandparents lived next to them, and my maternal aunt and her family lived next door to us. And I had close to 15 other relatives who lived within ¼ mile from us, as well.

This tight knit community remains today, and Kent and I live about an hour away from them. We see my mom, Sandi, and my grandma, who I call Beno, about once a month. Together, Kent, Beno, my mom and I spend hours and hours laughing together, playing cards and games, as well as just sitting around the kitchen table chatting. At holiday meals, when the whole family is there, it is sometimes hard to hear everyone over all of the laughter.

I am fortunate that my mom and dad have a friendship, following their divorce over 25 years ago. My parents have respect for one another and genuinely care about each other's feelings. We also are extremely close with our best friends, Elizabeth and Mark, and their daughter, Ruby. Elizabeth is the sister that I never had. Mark and Elizabeth selected us to be Ruby's guardians, and we are so proud to be her special aunty and uncle. Given that Ruby was adopted as an infant, we are looking forward to having their family as a guide through our adoption journey.



Kent, Molly, Elizabeth, Mark and Ruby Out to Brunch

United, my family is so thrilled about our adoption plan. It is my family's goal to give your child a world filled with love, warmth, happiness and lots of giggles.

Kent: I grew up in a medium-sized city in Illinois along the Mississippi River. I was raised an only child, though I did have an infant sister, who died immediately after birth. My parents were married for 17 years until divorcing when I was 13 years old. I feel that my parents' divorce gave me an early sense of responsibility, leadership, and caring for others. However, I am proud of the fact that, to this day, my parents speak very fondly of each other and treat each other with respect. My mother, Patricia, still lives in the town in which I grew up. My father, Sam and his second wife, Sharon, live in the Chicago area. We see both parents several times a year for long weekends, both in Ohio and in Illinois.

Like Molly, I grew up close, emotionally and geographically, to each of my grandparents. Today, my 91-year-old maternal grandmother, Doris and 95-year-old great-aunt, Alice, are living. Molly and I very much enjoy visiting with them on our several visits to my hometown each year. My entire extended family has been very supportive of our decision to adopt. They have expressed nothing but joy and excitement for us, as we enter this new phase of our lives.

Pets Are Important In Our Lives



A Winter Hike with Looshie

When we were first together, we had a black German Shepherd named Connie. Two years after finding Connie, she developed the canine form of multiple sclerosis. It was so painful to watch the disease progress in her. Over the course of a year, she slowly became paralyzed in her back legs. Many thought it was ridiculous the lengths to which we went to ensure her comfort and happiness in the last months of her life. We feel that time and effort is a testament to how intensely and purely we love those closest to us.

After Connie passed, we rescued Looshie, who is a white German Shepherd. Looshie has been an important part of our family for almost five years. He is a gentle giant. When he first came to live with us, Looshie's fear and anxiety was extreme. He was tossed from a moving car and lived in a Chicago park for several months before moving to a rescue agency. We are so proud of how we have built his confidence over the years. He has been very temperate and mild with all of the babies and children he has met over the years. Pull his ears, pat his head a little too hard, it doesn't matter. He just lies there patiently. And toss a ball, and you are his friend forever! We look forward to showing this child the unconditional love and friendship a family dog can provide.



On The New England Coast

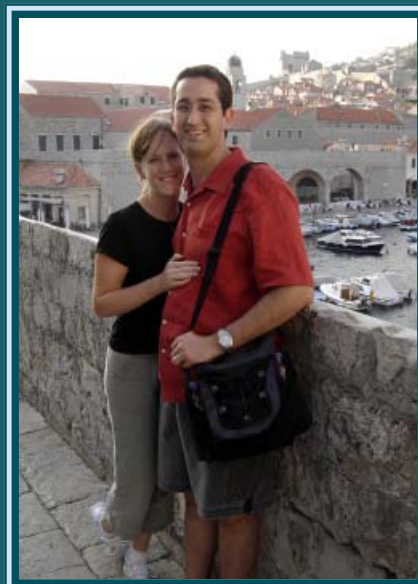


A Summer Party with Friends

Kent & Molly



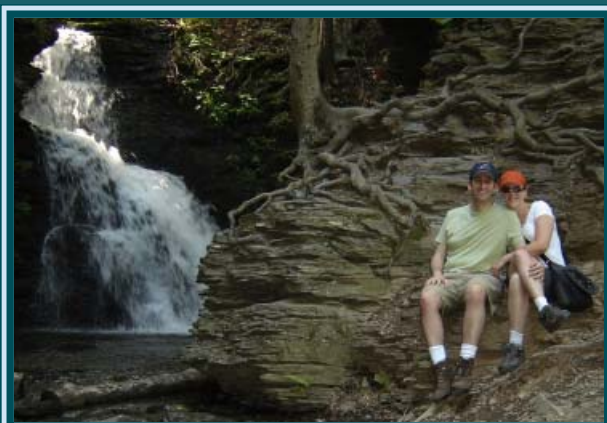
Sightseeing in Zagreb, Croatia



Touring Europe



Molly with Her Cousins



Taking a Summer Hike

Dear Birthparent(s),

Maybe someday, we will have the opportunity to talk with you and have a better understanding of all that you are going through right now, but presently, it would be impossible for us to know what you are experiencing. Most likely, the words “confused” and “unsure” don’t even come with a hundred miles of scratching the surface of how you are feeling. But please know we are so impressed with you for even considering making an adoption plan for your child. We hope that you are confident in knowing that whatever choice you make will be the right one for you and for your child.

To help you through this thought process, you’ve already read some about us throughout our profile. And now, we’d like to give you an even bigger picture of who we are, as well as who we think we will be as parents...

Molly is a program director for a medium-sized social service agency. The programs she oversees serve thousands of low-income older adults, as well as hundreds of individuals and families living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. She feels that if she can give those participating in her programs a reason to smile and keep on smiling once they leave her doors, then she has done her job. Molly is so happy she has found a way to make a career out of giving back to her community. Kent is proud of Molly’s ambition, but it is her compassion for those she serves that he admires most.

Molly always says that her hobby is laughing, but she also loves learning about people. From watching documentaries to reading fiction and non-fiction books to sitting across the table from a new face, Molly loves to understand from where people came and what makes them unique. This is probably why she got her Bachelor’s degree in literature and her Master’s degree in creative writing. Both have given her the opportunity to study the human condition.

In Kent’s job, he works to enhance business processes and operations for a large, multinational corporation. His strategic thinking and methodical way makes his line of work a good fit for him. Kent is ambitious, and Molly enjoys being his support as he works to continue to advance professionally.

Aside from his career, Kent has so many diverse interests and skills. Since he was a teenager, Kent has developed his knowledge of astronomy, the space program, and physics. Kent can look up into the night sky and understand the map of stars before your eyes. He also has a strong interest in politics and an understanding of the way governments around the world operate. It amazes Molly what a thorough grasp Kent has of the world and universe’s workings.

We hope to help this child have enthusiasm for the world around him or her, as well as compassion for those in his or her life. We promise to provide you with pictures and letters about how your child is growing and developing, and we also would be thrilled to have you be involved in some way in that development.

Adoption will always be an integral part of this child’s life, and it will be part of his or her story from Day One. We look forward to helping this child, with your assistance should you choose, understand his or her place in this world and how you, as the child’s birthparent(s), have shaped him or her.

As far as the day to day is concerned, Molly plans to continue with her current job. Both Kent and Molly will stay home with the baby for a period of time, so that we can ensure a strong bond amongst all of us. After that, we will use a local childcare provider to provide daytime care for the child. The evenings and weekends will involve family dinners, playtime, and bedtime stories.

We are first time parents...and human, so we are sure we won’t be perfect. But we can promise you three things. Your child will be loved by us unconditionally. Your child will be given guidance, support, and trust as he or she becomes his or her own person. And very importantly, you will always be one of the most significant parts of this child’s life.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us through this letter and our profile. We leave you with a smile, a virtual hug, empathy, and the warmest of wishes, as you continue to weigh your options.

Kent & Molly

