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**Kip**

**Kate**

**Job Description:**

Police Officer -  
Patrol Division

Registered Vascular Sonographer  
- Lead Technologist

**Education:**

OPATA Certificate,  
(Police Certification)  
2 Yrs. Business Management

Associate of Applied Science  
in Radiologic Technology &  
Diagnostic Medical Sonography

**Favorites:**

**Leisure Activity**  
Fishing

**Leisure Activity**  
Walking Our Dogs

**Children's Book**  
Humpty Dumpty

**Children's Book**  
Velveteen Rabbit

**Thing to Cook**  
Fish

**Thing to Cook**  
Chicken Marsala

**Tradition**  
Thanksgiving Dinner

**Tradition**  
Christmas Dinner

**Shopping Store**  
Bass Pro Shops

**Shopping Store**  
GAP

**Children:**  
None

**Qualities We Love About Each Other**

**Written by Kip:** Kate is meant to be a mom. There is not a more compassionate or caring person that I have ever known. Her heart knows no limits. As a matter of fact, Kate is known to carry a bag of dog food and bowls in the trunk of her car just in case she comes across a stray that is in need of rescue or a good meal. Kate is the aunt all kids dream of having. She's the one screaming on the sidelines during wrestling matches, volleyball, and soccer games. I love that Kate always puts family first. She's always willing to be the family babysitter and loves it when the nieces sleep over. It's important to Kate that she instills family values in all her nieces and nephews. Kate has a strong work ethic and I'm proud of all her accomplishments in life.

**Written by Katie:** What amazes me about Kip is that he's always smiling! He's even happy when he hasn't had his first cup of coffee and that's an amazing feat in my eyes. He's very much a people person and has countless friends. Kip knows the value of family and friends and there is nothing he wouldn't do for them. I love how he interacts with kids. When Uncle Kip comes over the kids come running. They love to be thrown up in the air or get the piggy back rides throughout the house. I love that he patiently sits and watches Wonder Pets with my niece. I've even caught him singing the Wonder Pets song to her. Kip shares my love and compassion for animals and has taken part in my rescue attempts. Kip's kind of a neat freak and he's not afraid to help with the housekeeping. He's always doing what he can to lighten my work load. In my eyes, he will be the perfect father.

**What Led Us To Adoption**

We are meant for parenthood plain and simple. We know this because it is in our hearts. It's what we have prepared our lives for. When the doctors determined that medically it was not possible for us to have a child of our own, we realized that God had other plans for us. There was no question that we would adopt, but we were unfamiliar with the process. We began seeking out adoptive families and attending seminars so that we could observe real life experiences. We found what we were hoping for. Wonderful and successful stories of love and happiness, which only a child could bring. It is our desire to share our lives, values, and experiences with a child and finally complete the family that we yearn for.

**Our House & Neighborhood**

OHIO

Our home is situated in a quiet suburb of Cleveland. We chose this location with having children in mind. Our house is a colonial style home located in a beautiful, family oriented neighborhood. We have a large tree lined back yard that is surrounded by a secure privacy fence. If you take a walk out of our front door the sounds of children playing can be heard from all directions. Our location is very unique. We can travel 10 minutes to the south and be at a gorgeous state park with nature trails and a lake. If we travel 10 minutes to the west, we can be at a large mall.



**Our Home**

## House & Neighborhood, (continued)



Our Family's Lake House

## Our Extended Families

**Kip** was born in small suburb of Cleveland and has spent his entire life living in Ohio. Kip has one brother, Craig, who lives just a short drive away. Craig and his wife have a beautiful daughter named Ana, who is the joy of our family. Kip's father and wonderful wife Lynne enjoy the retired life. They spend the cold months in warm and tropical Florida with the rest of their time being spent at our family's lake house in Indiana. As a youngster, Kip was fortunate enough to spend a large part of his summers at the lake house. During this time, his passion for fishing and the outdoors grew. Kip also has a knack for training dogs. We currently have two, Bella and Shelby. They are Kip's babies. Kip looks forward to sharing his love of the outdoors with a child. He can't wait to share the experiences he enjoyed as a kid such as jet skiing, sailing, swimming, or just hanging out on the pontoon boat. Grandpa and Grandma cannot wait to spoil another grandchild and look forward to helping us with our family as it grows. Kip enjoys spending quiet nights at home with Kate and our girls. Most of our evenings are spent outdoors playing with our girls, socializing with family and friends, watching TV, or just curling up in front of the fireplace.

**Kate** was also born and raised in Ohio. Her Mom stayed at home to raise Kate, her two sisters, and brother while her father worked to support the family. It was important for Kate's parents that their kids have a Catholic education. All four attended Catholic school until they graduated from high school. Kate's siblings live close by and can't wait to share the joys of adding another child to the family. Kate's family loves family get togethers. With 9 nieces and nephews from her side of the family, the parties are endless. Not to mention the numerous holiday dinners and cookouts. Kate's parents are not your typical grandparents. They have devoted their lives to being involved in their grandkid's sports and hobbies. Not many days go by that Grandma and Grandpa aren't providing a taxi service or opening their doors to the grandkids for a night of being spoiled. Kate's family is supportive of our hopes and will be there for us with words of encouragement and advice when needed.



Kip's Extended Family



Kate Having Fun With Her Nieces

## Our Pets Are Important In Our Lives



Bella and Shelby Relaxing

We have been fortunate to raise dogs that have become family. Our two girls, Bella and Shelby, are the loves of our lives. Shelby is our 13 year old mixed breed. She has been with us for over 12 years and is starting to show her age. Bella is our 3 year old German shepherd and is the main reason Shelby stays young. Bella is a high energy, ball chasing machine. She has been professionally trained and is a wonderful, well-mannered, young lady. One of her greatest qualities is that she absolutely adores children. The girls are always so excited to see us whether we are gone 5 minutes or five days. The worst possible day at work goes out the window when we pull up the driveway and see them waiting at the window with tails wagging. They do a good job of filling the void in our lives and they look forward to having a play mate they can call their own. Both girls are very well socialized and trusted by all the parents in our neighborhood. Kisses are abundant and may be given with little or no notice.



Hanging Out in Alaska

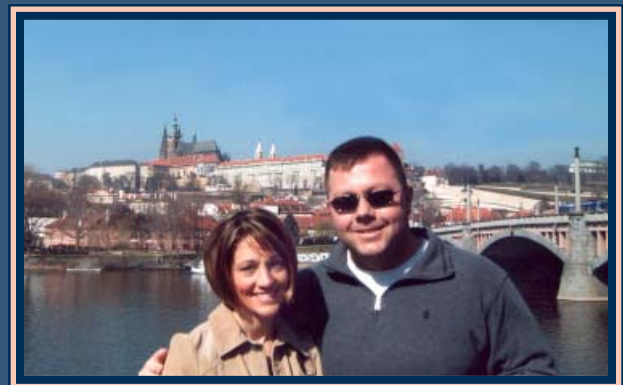


Enjoying the Hawaiian Coast

# Kip & Kate



Going Out for a Sail



Vacationing in Prague



Sightseeing at Pearl Harbor



A Night on the Town  
with Friends

## Dear Birthparent(s),

We are Kip and Kate. First and foremost, thank you for considering adoption. Secondly, thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We understand what a difficult decision you are making by considering adoption for your child. Hopefully you understand that placing your child up for adoption is an amazing act of selflessness, and courage. If you choose to bless us with your child, we promise to love them unconditionally and to make it known exactly how much their birthparents love them. You will always be portrayed in a positive, loving light. Your child will be made aware from the beginning that they have birth parents who love them very much.

Kip and I met approximately 13 years ago. Immediately we knew there was something special about one another. As a matter of fact on our first date, Kip told me that he was going to marry me. I needed a little more convincing. But after almost one year of dating, he proposed. We have been married now almost eleven years, and cannot imagine life without each other. From day one we knew that our family would include children. We already had several nieces and nephews that we adored and loved spending time with. What we didn't anticipate was how difficult it would be for us to become pregnant. After 3 years of trying with no success, we sought medical intervention. Midway through the process, I was told that it would be unlikely I would be able to conceive. This was devastating news for us. We knew we were meant to be parents, and decided that this would only be a stumbling block in our goal. Though the odds were stacked against us we continued to hold out hope because miracles can happen. Many years went by and we finally accepted the fact that God had other plans for us. We continued to live our lives, lavishing all our love on our nieces, nephews, and dogs. We traveled extensively, spent time with friends and family, and enjoyed our quiet time together. We had many blessings in our life but we both knew something was missing. Our hearts continued to ache for a child of our own to love. We knew that we were meant to be parents and that's when we decided to pursue adoption.

When we told our families that we decided to move forward with the adoption process, they were ecstatic. They of course knew how much we wanted children of our own. We have a large, very close knit family that mean the world to us. We love having family get together, especially celebrating holidays, birthdays and picnics. We cannot wait to have a child of our own to share in this. Your child will not only know love and nurturing from us, but also from Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and many cousins. Our plan is to arrange our work schedules so that daycare will not be needed. However if the need should arise, we have many family members excited to lend us a hand.

We know this child will fulfill so many of our hopes and dreams and it is our desire to do the same for them. Kate is a devout catholic and it is our plan to see that your child has a catholic school education. Kate works with the youth group at her church. She has enjoyed assisting the Youth Minister with meetings, seminars, camps, and leading teens towards Christ.

Providing your child the opportunity to attend college is a goal of ours. We have started a college fund, with hopes of having it paid off before the child begins. We do understand that college is not for everyone and will support and encourage whatever path in life they choose. We also look forward to sharing our love of travel, especially to Europe. Kate has such an appreciation for history, architecture, and has quite the eye for photography. We would love to expose your child to these travels as well. Kip is your typical outdoorsman. His passion is fishing, but is also an avid hunter, and enjoys camping when the weather is right. He looks forward to having a little fishing buddy to take out for a day on our boat. We also share a passion for animals. We currently have 2 dogs and they are our babies. We love them as though they are our children. We love walking them, taking them to the park, playing ball, and cuddling with them. Kate's love for animals goes way beyond our own dogs. She has a huge heart. Everywhere we go she is looking for strays to rescue or feed. Animals are such a big part of our life and we hope to share our love of them with your child.

We are both so excited to begin this chapter of our lives. If it is your desire to follow our story as it unfolds, we will be more than happy to share it with you by providing update letters and photographs. And in turn, if you would like to include us in the events leading up to the birth of your child, we want you to know that we would feel blessed.

## Kip and Kate

