



**Rob**

**Kim**

**Job Description:**

Farm Manager on Family Farm

Autism Program Teacher in a Public Elementary School

**Education:**

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Bachelor of Science in Education Specialization in Multiple Handicapped and Hearing Impaired, Master of Arts in Education

**Favorites:**

**Quality About Spouse**

She Takes Care of Me

**Quality About Spouse**

His Sense of Humor

**Classic Movie**

Dr. No

**Classic Movie**

The Wizard of Oz

**Hobby**

Snow Skiing

**Hobby**

Music / Singing

**Thing to Cook**

Steak on the Grill

**Thing to Cook**

Chicken Parmesan

**Family Activity**

Going to the Movies

**Family Activity**

Putt-Putt Golf

**Children:**

None

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**Qualities We Admire In Each Other**

**Kim about Rob:** Rob is the love of my life, my best friend, my confidant. There are so many wonderful qualities about Rob that words cannot express. He is a kind, gentle, honest, trustworthy, hard working, funny, patient, loyal man. Family always comes first for Rob and he makes sure that in his busy days he leaves time for me and for the ones he loves. His devotion to his family makes me positive that he will be a wonderful dad to your child. He will stop what he is doing to help family or friends in need. He is extremely hard working and always puts his all into everything he does both at home and at work. Nothing stops him from accomplishing what he starts.

**Rob about Kim:** I knew from the first time I met her that Kim would be my wife. She has so many traits that would make her a good mother. She has wonderful patience with her students, always making sure they learn what they need to know for life. She goes the extra mile to make sure that her students get the attention that they need to make them successful. As a wife I could not ask for a better partner in life. Her family is very important to her. She makes sure to talk to her parents at least once a week. She takes wonderful care of making our house a home. I know she will make a wonderful mother to your child.

**What Makes Us Unique**

When we think of the word “unique” we think, “what makes us stand out from others”. For us, it’s our careers that separate us from the rest.

Rob is a 5th generation farmer. He manages the family farm with his dad and brother. In a world where farmers are few and far between this is what makes him unique. On any given day, Rob can be found in a tractor planting corn, combine cutting wheat, or working with the cattle. At times he has taken his nieces and nephews for a ride in the combine with him. His family farm consists of about 2,000 acres of corn, soybeans, and wheat. Being the manager of the farm allows him the flexibility to work the hours that he needs in order to be home with your child for all important milestones in life.

Kim has taught school for 15 years. Teaching school in and of itself is not unique but what she teaches is. Kim teaches young children with autism and has done so for 9 years, prior to that she taught children with multiple disabilities and hearing impairments. Kim loves to see the look on her students face when they discover something for the first time! Kim has been told that her greatest strength is patience. Being a teacher allows for Kim to have all holidays and summer off to spend with your child. She can’t wait to learn with your child and be there for all milestones in his/her life.

**Our House & Neighborhood**



We have a beautiful ranch home in a quiet rural Ohio neighborhood with two bedrooms, one of which is set up as a nursery, two bathrooms, kitchen, family room/dining room, and newly finished basement. Our house sits on two acres of land allowing a child plenty of room to run, grow, and play with friends, and is surrounded by our farm land that overlooks the family’s horses. In the evening we can sit out on our deck and see the fireflies as they glow in the dark and listen to the chirping of the crickets and other insects as the beauty of the night stars shine in the dark. In the winter it is not unusual to see many snowmen line the streets.



**Our Home**



Family Horses Seen From Our Front Yard

### House & Neighborhood, (continued)

Our community has many things to offer such as a wonderful elementary school, which has earned an excellent rating, just minutes away from our house, libraries which offer an amazing amount of programs and our church which is very welcoming of families and children and has several members with adopted children and often holds community activities such as Easter Egg Hunts and Ice Cream Socials. Also in our nearby community are festivals, fairs, and parks and many opportunities to be involved in 4-H and scouting activities. We are close to many area swimming pools and recreation centers which are always filled with kids during the summer months, many which have soccer, baseball, gymnastics, and other sport activities for children. We are within 20 minutes from a large city which offers even more experiences such as museums, zoos, shopping, sporting events, and theaters. There is always something to do within close driving distance.

### Our Extended Families

We are extremely close with our families and are blessed with the support that they show to us in all that we do including adoption. Our families share in our joy as we open this new chapter in our lives and are anxiously waiting until they can babysit the new baby. We live across the street from Rob's parents and within a few miles of his sister and brother. Kim's family is a short 3 hour drive away.

**Kim** is the oldest of three. She has a younger sister and a younger brother. Her brother is married with two children whom she adores and sees as much as possible. Her sister is active in many activities and enjoys teaching her niece and nephew about her hobbies. Her parents have been happily married for 41 years. Her dad is a retired mechanical engineer and her mom was a teacher, then stay at home mom, and now a librarian. Kim enjoys spending time with her active 85 year old grandmother. She enjoys seeing her family every 6 to 8 weeks and talks with her parents on the phone every week. Holiday's with Kim's family are always fun! At Thanksgiving the entire family including cousin, aunts, uncles, and whoever else needs a place to go sits around the table and enjoys a huge meal that the men prepare and clean up. Afterwards, hours of laughing and joking take place as board games are played. Kim, not being very competitive when it comes to games, usually is chosen last for teams. To this day, no one will let the "penguin" she drew while playing Pictionary go. After 8 years she's still reminded about it lovingly every Thanksgiving.



Kim's Extended Family

**Rob** is the youngest of three. He has an older brother and an older sister. His brother is married with three children whom he sees daily and his sister is married with two children who live just minutes away. Rob's parents have been happily married for 45 years. Rob's dad works on the farm with Rob and his mom was a stay at home mom although she was a teacher prior to having children. Rob also enjoys visiting with his 92 year old grandmother. With his family so close by gatherings occur frequently. Usually cooking steak on the grill and playing backyard games of croquet with the kids are involved in these gatherings. Christmas with Rob's family starts on Christmas Eve with the entire family at his parent's house opening gifts and eating way too much and ending at the Christmas Eve church service. On Christmas day a brunch is held at Rob's sister's house which ends with the men and children building a huge train throughout the house making it difficult to walk anywhere without part of the train being in the way.



Rob's Family at 4th of July Fireworks

### What We Do For Fun



Disney World - Kim's Favorite!

We love to spend as much time together as possible. One of our favorite things to do together is downhill ski. Although Rob is much better at it than Kim we both have fun. In fact, Rob proposed to Kim while on a ski trip in West Virginia. We also enjoy traveling, watching movies, playing putt-putt golf, going to amusement parks, and doing outdoor activities such as walking and hiking. We have traveled to many places such as Atlantis in the Bahamas where we had a wonderful time swimming with dolphins. We have also visited Niagara Falls, Las Vegas, and Disney World, just to name a few.

Disney World is always a favorite of Kim's as she has a collection of Disney Snowglobes, movies, posters, and stuffed animals to share with your child. We also enjoy spending time with our friends and family and their children whether it be at the zoo, a cookout, or just the backyard.

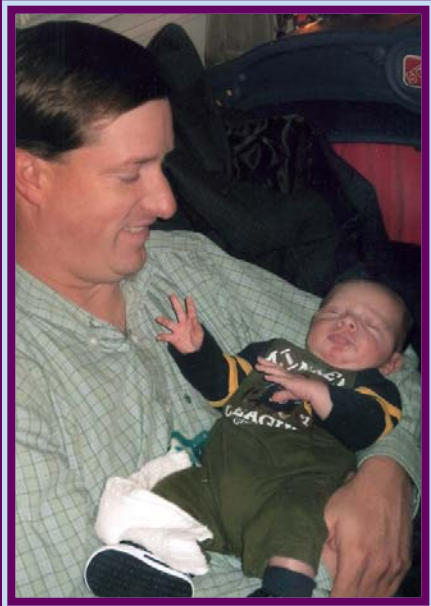
You can also find us listening to music together as we are both music lovers and listen to all types of music. When not spending time together, you can find Kim reading, shopping, swimming, or working in the yard and Rob hunting, tinkering on projects, or spending time outside. We look forward to sharing our love of these activities and more with your child.



Macinac Island Vacation



An Evening Out



Rob Holding Kim's Nephew

# Rob & Kim



Easter with Aunt Kim



Las Vegas



Fun at Cedar Point

## Dear Birthparent(s),

Hi, we are Rob and Kim. It is a great honor that you are taking the time to read about us. We realize that you are facing a very difficult and emotional decision and we have an enormous amount of respect for you as you make this hard choice for yourself and your child.

We live in a small town in Ohio within 20 minutes from a large city. We met on a blind date in 2003 and have been crazy in love ever since. After we got married, we tried for years to carry a child and underwent many infertility procedures all without success. Yet, we never let that stop us from wanting a family. We decided that adoption was the right choice for us.

We both are from large families, each having 2 siblings and several nieces and nephews. Rob's parents live across the street from us and his brother and sister are within a few miles. Although Kim's family is not as close (they are a short 3 hour drive away) they are just as excited to welcome a new member to the family. Both sets of grandparents and all of our siblings are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new baby.

Both of us work full time but have jobs that allow us the flexibility to spend time with each other and the new baby. Rob works on the family farm as the farm manager. He is only minutes from the house and can work the hours that he needs in order to be home for all important aspects of your baby's life such school events and doctors appointments. Kim is a special education teacher in a public school district which allows her to have all holidays and summers off as well as a work schedule that allows her to be home each day by 4:30. She is extremely patient and can't wait to see the baby grow and learn new things and is anxious to read to your baby each and every day.

We love holidays and can't wait to share them with your baby and incorporate them in everything that we do including our family traditions. We are also excited to start new traditions with your baby. Some of our favorite traditions include eating a huge Thanksgiving meal at Kim's parents' house with all the extended family and then sitting around and playing board games. Another tradition that we can't wait to include your baby in is building a train so big that it encompasses the entire house at Rob's sisters' house at Christmas time. Of course, we are so excited to see the face of your baby at Christmas time as he/she open their Christmas presents and the joy on his/her face as they pick the perfect pumpkin or color the most beautiful Easter egg.

Education and church are very important to us as well. We will make sure to encourage your child and support him/her to follow their dreams and choose their own career path. A college fund will be set up for the child. Both of us grew up going to church and continue to attend regularly the church in our community where we were married. Your child will attend this church with us and as they grow will be encouraged to foster their own thoughts and beliefs.

We are eager to incorporate your baby into every aspect of our lives. We are so very excited to take him/her to the zoo, museums, parks, and other places that we love. Our love for traveling will only be more enjoyable with a baby to share it with. One of our favorite places to visit is Disney World as Kim is a huge Disney fan. She can't wait until the baby is old enough to enjoy a trip to one of her favorite places.

We are committed to offering this child a life of unconditional love and constant nurturing. We believe he/she should always know and feel your love and we will do everything we can to make sure of that. We hope that the pictures and letters we provide will be a comfort to you. May God bless you.

Love,

**Rob and Kim**

