

Kelley and Chris



Thank you



Hello! We are Christopher and Kelley from Cincinnati, Ohio. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and for considering us as potential adoptive parents. We hope these pages give you a true sense of who we are as a family—one surrounded by love, laughter, and a strong support system near and far.

Although we haven't met, we recognize that this journey can be filled with many emotions. While we cannot fully understand what you may be experiencing, we deeply respect the strength it takes to consider adoption. Above all, we know that every decision you make comes from love and a desire to do what is best for your child.

We are truly grateful for the opportunity to share our story and a glimpse into the life we enjoy together. We would love the chance to get to know you in whatever way feels most comfortable for you.

We are very comfortable with openness in adoption and being honest with an adopted child. It is important to us that our child grows up knowing their roots and understanding their story, while always honoring the importance of their birth parents. We value openness in adoption and believe that maintaining a connection—whether through letters, photos, or visits—can be incredibly meaningful, and we also understand that openness can look different for everyone. We are committed to following your lead and respecting what feels right for you, both now and in the future.

We have so much admiration and respect for you. Your strength, courage, and trust do not go unnoticed. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and for considering us as part of your and your child's story, now and in the years to come.

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Our Story

Both of us were looking for something new in the fall of 2008. We met through eHarmony and, just a few short weeks later, had our first date at The Melting Pot. It didn't take long for either of us to realize the other was "the one." What a whirlwind it was!

A few months later, during Christmas, we introduced each other to our large families and have been inseparable ever since. Life together has been full of adventure, including travel experiences such as camping, kayaking, hiking, and riding thrilling amusement park rides. We are a true team—foodies at heart, happy to geek out over movies like Star Wars and Marvel, and always enjoying the chance to work side by side on household design projects.



Why We Choose Adoption



“Adoption was always part of how we envisioned creating our family. Even before an infertility diagnosis, Chris was introduced early in our relationship to the possibility of adoption. We discussed it at length and agreed it was a shared life goal.

Adoption has always felt especially natural to us, as we have many family members who were adopted. For Kelley, given her extended family’s history, adoption felt like a meaningful and familiar way to grow our family. We both come from large families—Chris is the fourth of five children, and Kelley is the oldest of five. Because of our own experiences growing up with siblings, we always hoped our son, Henry, would have siblings as well.

After years of infertility and miscarriages, God reminded us of our original dream: to grow our family through adoption.”

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All About Kelley



Kelley is the most honest person I know. She is down to earth and always tells it like it is. She is a fun, free-thinking spirit who is always up for an adventure or a good laugh with friends and family. Kelley is understanding, passionate, hardworking, and intelligent—qualities that serve her well as a teacher of the Deaf/hard-of-hearing and as a working mother.

She truly enjoys all the cuddle time she can get from me, our pets, and especially our son, Henry. We share so many interests and beliefs that it feels as though she has been by my side my entire life, even before we met! I am incredibly blessed to have Kelley as my loving wife and the mother of our child.

Kelley's Favorite Things...



Animals: I've always adored animals and once dreamed of becoming a veterinarian. Fiona the hippo holds a very special place in my heart and never fails to make me smile.

Hobbies: I love to travel and dive headfirst into new places and cultures. If it's part of an adventure—camping, hiking, biking, water activities, museum hopping, or tracking down the best local food—I'm in. When I'm home, I love cooking and experimenting with dishes from around the world.

Reading: I'm a proud news junkie and lifelong academic, though I also enjoy getting lost in a good novel now and then.

Music: I love the Beatles, with a special soft spot for anything Paul McCartney.

Movie: It's a Wonderful Life—a classic for a reason.

Holiday Activity: Driving around to see holiday light displays—pure joy every time.

Season: I need all four seasons to feel balanced, but fall has my heart.

Sports: Forever cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers and always happy to catch a baseball game.



All About Chris



Falling in love with Chris was the easiest and best thing I have ever done. He is a loving, kind, and deeply involved father, friend, and husband, and at his core, simply a genuinely good person. As an architect, he's thoughtful, detail-oriented, and intentional—qualities that carry through in how he works, loves, and cares for others.

Here's what hooked me- From the very beginning, Chris showed his love through small but meaningful acts, like always making sure I had water with me because I struggled with dry mouth. Acts of service are truly his love language. Whether he's cooking when I'm busy, helping friends and family, coaching Henry's soccer team, or helping with homework, Chris shows up every day. I knew early on he would be a wonderful father because of his patience and natural connection with children.

He's just as happy with a fun night out as a quiet night in, and he's always on board with whatever wild ideas Henry or I dream up- no doubt we keep him on his toes! Chris is everything I ever hoped for in a partner.

Things that Make Chris Happy...



Activities: I enjoy kayaking, biking, hiking, and camping. In quieter moments, I love working on crossword puzzles and building LEGO sets—especially Star Wars and architectural collections.

Travel: I love to travel and am just as happy immersed in nature as I am exploring cities. My appreciation for urban settings comes from a love of history and engineering.

Food: I enjoy trying new foods and learning about their cultural connections. Mediterranean cuisine is my favorite.

Books: I value quiet time spent reading. My favorite genres include adventure, fantasy, historical fiction, and history.

Music: I enjoy a wide range of music, from movie scores to classic rock. My favorite artists are Billy Joel and Rush.

All About Henry

Henry is our precocious, funny, endlessly energetic boy—full of big questions, a strong sense of justice, and an even bigger heart, especially when it comes to animals (cats reign supreme). He is the light of our lives, and we couldn't be prouder of the thoughtful, curious person he is becoming.



His love of adventure showed up early. By age three, Henry was fascinated by landmarks and eager to visit them—starting with Big Ben and the Eiffel Tower and quickly expanding to the Statue of Liberty, the Washington Monument, and famous skyscrapers around the world. While we haven't made it to Europe or beyond just yet, we've made a point to bring him to places he's loved learning about, like a camping trip to Tennessee to visit the Titanic Museum. Experiencing the world through Henry's eyes makes even familiar places feel new.

Just as big as his love for animals is Henry's gentle heart for little ones. Sitting right in the middle between older and younger cousins, he naturally gravitates toward the "littles" and plays with patience, kindness, and enthusiasm. Our closest friends have a two-and-a-half-year-old toddler, and the love between them is truly heart-melting. In fact, Henry's biggest wish is to have a sibling of his own—someone to teach, protect, and adventure with, just like his favorite two-year-old buddy.



Henry's Favorite Things...

Favorite Places: Disney World (pure magic!) and spending quality time with his cousins in Columbus and Western Pennsylvania.

Hobbies: Violin 🎻, soccer ⚽, competitive swimming 🏊♂️, track and field 🏃♂️, and video games (balance is everything!).

Reading: The I Survived series and Wings of Fire—survival, action, adventure, and dragons are always a win!

Food: Ramen... lots of ramen. In fact, he's what we lovingly call a "hopeless ramen-itic" 🍜

Movies/Shows: Naruto Shippuden and The Last (another Naruto production).

Favorite Holiday: Christmas 🎄—the lights, the magic, and the excitement all rolled into one.

Sports Teams: A loyal fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers ❤️💛, the Pittsburgh Pirates 🏴‍☠️, and FC Cincinnati ⚽



Meet Our Pets... ♡



Casper

Casper, our Border Collie/Basset Hound mix, is obsessed with balls (thanks, Gigi!), food, and his feline sidekicks. He joined our family as an 18-month-old rescue found wandering in Kentucky with four missing teeth and a big heart. Now a little older and calmer, he still loves playing with Henry, tumbling with the cats, and a good game of fetch. When he's not on the move, Casper is happiest hanging out with us at home. He's such a good boy, and we love him so much!



Flynn

Flynn—aka Flynnie, aka Chubbs—is the family's Garfield. He's obsessed with food, cuddles, and judging the world via "kitty TV" at the sliding glass door. A Kentucky rescue originally named Meatloaf (Oh, the irony!), Flynn was found as a 5-week-old orange fluff on someone's porch. As leader of our three cats, he's taught the others key life skills like drinking only the freshest water from the bathtubs and demanding breakfast at 4:00 a.m. Despite the 4:00 a.m. wake up call, he's the "bestest" boy!



Pretzel

Pretzel came to us after a call from my best friend: "I found this kitten wandering a busy gas station—I'm allergic, can you take her temporarily?" Cue Chris: "We are NOT keeping her!" (Spoiler: We kept her!) Meet Pretzel- our first girl and first foster fail! Everything is on her terms. Despite her age, she's an old soul who seems to have life figured out. She's beautiful, she knows it, and while she's full of cat-a-tude, she'll tolerate your presence and reward you with the honor of an ear or hiney scratch.



Gladys

One year later, Henry found a scared little gray creature camouflaged against the concrete at The Cone in West Chester—far too close to a busy road. After a little chaos, she was rescued and brought home to be "fostered". Ha! Meet our second foster fail: Gladys the Grey, aka little girl. Full of energy and spunk—do not pick her up! Cuddles only come after exploring and maximum mischief, and as the baby of the family, she definitely gets away with more than she should... and oh, the places we've found her!

Our Home and Community



We live in a village just 20 minutes from downtown Cincinnati, admired for its historic mansions, colorful Victorian homes, and a charming village square filled with locally owned shops, restaurants, and a small museum. While much of the village dates back to the 1850s, our neighborhood is part of a development that is over 50 years old. Our street and school district are wonderfully diverse, with neighbors of many backgrounds, cultures, and ages, and an almost even mix of families of color and white families—creating a welcoming and inclusive community. The local school district is well rated by the state and offers a variety of enriching programs that support academic growth, creativity, and student engagement. We couldn't be happier with the district's diversity, academic rigor, support, and enrichment!



Our village is very family-friendly, with its own library offering storytime, organized youth sports, scouts, and year-round community events such as summer concerts in the park, an autumn street fair, and a Christmas festival paired with a historic home tour. Kelley is involved with the school district's student shop and volunteers as a local transporter for a wildlife rehabilitation organization. Chris coaches youth sports and participates in the village's historical society.



Though our village may be small, it is truly mighty—rich in history, diversity, and community spirit!





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From Our Family and Friends. . .



My name is Jeannette, and I have known this family since 2011. I first met Kelley when we worked together as part of an educational team in Piqua, Ohio, collaborating on teaching and therapy strategies for students with hearing loss. From the very beginning, Kelley demonstrated deep care for her students and colleagues, consistently giving her utmost time, energy, and expertise to meet each student's individual needs.

Over the years, our professional relationship grew into a close friendship. Through that friendship, I have come to

know Kelley, Chris, and Henry outside of the work setting, attending family celebrations and many social events. I have witnessed firsthand the love and devotion they have for one another—and especially for Henry. I truly do not believe you could find parents who love their child more deeply than Kelley and Chris. They are fully devoted to Henry, thoughtfully supporting his strengths, addressing his needs, and nurturing his interests with intention and care.

Kelley and Chris are compassionate, open-minded, and consistently focused on what is best for Henry and their family. They have created a home that is loving, accepting, and inclusive in every sense. I am confident that they will continue to be the most kind, giving, and devoted parents imaginable. Any child would be incredibly blessed to call them “Mom” and “Dad.”

Hello! My name is Chantel (Shawn). I am Kelley's mother and Christopher's mother-in-law. I have known Kelley since birth and Chris since 2008.

Kelley is a loving, kind, and compassionate person who works as a teacher of the Deaf/hard-of-hearing. She connects beautifully with children and is patient, thoughtful, and a wonderful listener. Chris is equally kind and steady. From the moment I met him, I bonded with him—he is truly like a son to me and one of the best things to ever happen to my daughter.

One of my favorite childhood memories of Kelley is when she insisted her newborn sister be renamed because the name didn't feel right to her. When my ex-husband jokingly announced the baby's name was “Katie,” my five-year-old Kelley was distraught and insisted it must be Amanda. Even then, she showed a strong sense of justice, confidence, and deep love for her family.

Kelley and Chris are already wonderful parents to their son, Henry. I know they will be incredible parents again, raising a child in a warm, devoted family. I will be this child's “Gigi,” welcoming my eleventh grandchild into a home filled with love, laughter, and togetherness.



THANK YOU FOR READING



Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. While we can never fully understand the weight and complexity of the decision you are considering, we hope you find the path that feels right for you. Most of all, we hope you are being cared for, feeling loved and supported, and able to find peace as you reflect on your options.

While we don't know what the future holds, we do know this: the four of us—you, me, Chris, and Henry—have so much love to give. Our families, filled with aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and close friends, are ready to welcome this child with open arms, endless affection, and lots of kisses.

As we imagine a blended, extended family, we hope you will be part of our lives in whatever way feels right to you. We understand how important this child's birth story is, as well as the importance of culture, identity, and family of origin, and we promise to always honor that. This child will be surrounded by love—from us, from our families, and always from you as well.

We wish you peace and comfort, and we pray for blessings for you and your baby.

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