

# *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 your child's adoptive parents. It is our hope that you will get a good sense of who we are as a family, surrounded by love and support both near and far. Though we haven't met, we cannot imagine the feelings you have or will experience, but we do know that you want what is best for your child no matter what you choose. You have our sincere support.

We hope our story will provide you with peace as you move forward. We are thankful for the opportunity to tell you about us and the life we enjoy together. We can't wait to get to know you too! We believe in being open with an adoptive child. We want our baby to grow up knowing about his or her roots, background, and story, but most importantly, we want him or her to honor the importance of his or her parents.

We have so much admiration and love for you. Your strength, courage, and trust in us are humbling.

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## Our Story

Both of us were looking for something new in the fall of 2008. We met through eHarmony and met in person for our first date at The Melting Pot a few short weeks later! It didn't take long for each of us to figure out that each person was "the one". What a whirlwind it was! We introduced each other to our large families a few months later during Christmas and have been inseparable since then. Life has been full of adventures with travel experiences that include camping, kayaking, hiking, and amusement thrill rides. We are a team who are foodies, who love to geek out to movies like Star Wars and Marvel and enjoy working together on household design projects.

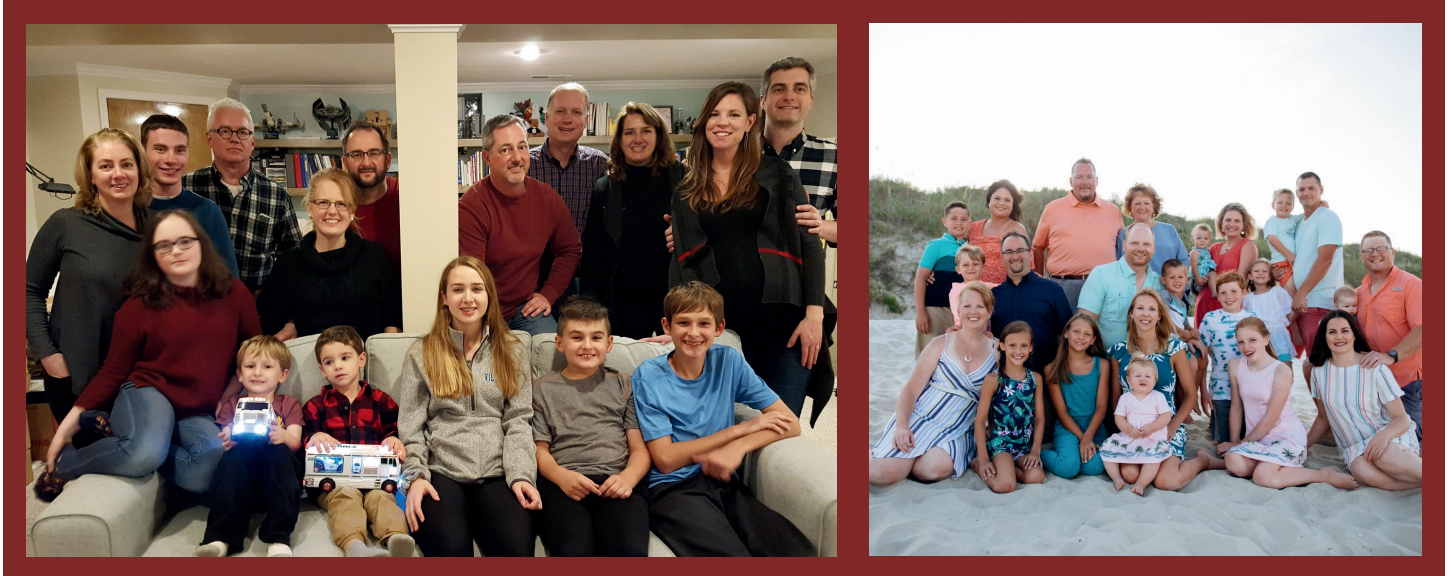
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# Why We Choose Adoption



“Adoption was always a part of how we would create our family. Even before the diagnosis of infertility, Chris was approached early on in our relationship about the possibility of adoption. We have many family members who are adopted, and especially for Kelley, adoption seemed like a natural way to create a family. We are both from large families. Chris is the 4th of five children and Kelley is the oldest of five children. Given our experiences with our siblings, we have always hoped for siblings for Henry. So, after years of infertility and miscarriages, God called us to Kelley’s dream of adoption.”

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# All About Kelley



Kelley is the most honest person I know. She is always down to earth and tells it like it is. Kelley is a very fun and free-thinking spirit who is always up for an adventure or to have a good laugh. She is understanding, passionate, hard-working, and intelligent. Kelley has the biggest heart in the family. She is a very attentive and caring mother. She truly enjoys all of the cuddle time she can get from me, the pets, and especially our son, Henry. There are so many interests and beliefs that we share, it is like I have had her by my side my entire life even before we met. I am incredibly blessed to have Kelley as my loving wife.

## Kelley's Favorite Things...

**Animals** - I adore many animals. I initially wanted to be a veterinarian growing up. Fiona the hippo also makes me happy!



**Hobbies** - I love to travel and experience new places and cultures. I also love all the activities that go with traveling such as camping, hiking, biking, water activities, visiting museums, and visiting the food scene. I also love to cook and play around with food from different cultures.



**Reading** - I'm a news junkie and an academic. Those are the topics I most consume, but I like novels too.

**Musician** - I love The Beatles, especially Paul McCartney.

**TV Show** - The Golden Girls, This Is Us, HGTV

**Movie** - It's a Wonderful Life

**Food/Drink** - Middle Eastern, Mediterranean/Chai



**Holiday Activity** - I love seeing the area holiday light displays and evening walks in the snow.

**Season** - I love and need all seasons, but my favorite is fall.

**Sports**- Pittsburgh Steelers, baseball



# All About Chris



Falling in love with Chris was the easiest and best thing I have ever done! Chris is a loving, kind, doting, and involved friend, father, and husband. He is just the sweetest man I've ever known and an overall good guy. Here's what hooked me- when we first started dating, Chris always made sure that I had water since I had spells of dry mouth. At the time I thought it was very sweet as I never felt cared for in that capacity. Chris' love language is to be of service. He still makes sure that his loved ones are cared for whether it's cooking on nights when I'm swamped with work, making himself available for friends and extended family, doing the dishes, coaching Henry's soccer team, or helping Henry with homework. I knew early on he would be a great dad, especially since he was so engaging with even the most reluctant of kids. Chris is always up for a good time out, a quiet night in, or whatever crazy idea Henry or I have- no doubt we keep him on his toes! I could go on about Chris. He's everything I had hoped for in a partner.

## Things That Make Chris Happy...

**Activities** - I like kayaking, biking, hiking, and camping. Also, favorite pastimes that I continue are crossword puzzles and Legos. I mostly collect Star Wars and architecture Lego sets.

**Travel** - I like to travel. I like being in nature as much as I like exploring urban settings. Part of why I like urban settings is because I love history and engineering.

**Food** - I love trying new foods and their connections to other cultures. Mediterranean cuisine is my favorite.

**Books/Music**- I enjoy quiet time, listening to music and reading. My favorite genres are adventure, fantasy, historical fiction, and history.

**Music** - I enjoy most genres of music from movie scores to classic rock. My favorite artists are Billy Joel and Rush.



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# Our Home and Community



We live in a village 20 minutes from downtown Cincinnati. Our village is admired for its historical mansions, colorful Victorians, and the village's center filled with shops and restaurants. We live in a development that is over 50 years old, compared to the other developments that were started during the 1850's. Our street has a cul-de-sac filled with many ranches and split-level homes. Our street and our school district are very diverse. Much of our street is split evenly between people of color and whites. Though we appreciate diversity, given the makeup of the homes, what our street does not have are a lot of young families. Many of the homes are perfect for retirees and those becoming empty nesters. That said, Henry has rarely been without playmates. We do have a few families with children. Luckily the retirees have grandchildren!

Our village is very family-friendly, as it's a mix of many families of different ages. Our village has its own library that hosts story time, it has its own organized youth sports, and a number of events like concerts at the park, an autumn street fair, and a Christmas festival. These are just a few happenings in our community.

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# From Our Family and Friends...



My name is Jeanette. I have known this family since 2011. I first met Kelley when we worked as an educational team in Piqua, Ohio. We collaborated on teaching and therapy strategies for students with hearing loss. Kelley cares about her students and those she works with and gives her utmost time, energy, and expertise for her student's individual needs. We became not only colleagues but great friends. As friends, I began to know Kelley, Chris, and Henry outside of the work setting, attending family celebrations and numerous social events. I have seen the love and devotion they have for each other, but also for Henry. I don't think you could meet any parents

who love their child more than Kelley and Chris. They are devoted to Henry, guiding him in his strengths, needs, and interests. They are compassionate and open-minded and are always doing what is best for Henry and their family.

I know that Chris and Kelley are going to be the most compassionate, kind, giving, and loving parents. They have created a very loving, accepting, and inclusive home environment. Any child would be so blessed to call them "Dad and Mom".

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

Kelley is a loving and caring person. She interacts beautifully with other children as she's a teacher of the deaf and hard-of-hearing. She is a kind, understanding, and is a great listener who offers good advice. I admire her for her unique qualities and strengths. As for her husband, Christopher, I have never seen a man more reasonable and kind. I bonded with Christopher from the moment I met him. He's more like a son to me. I know that he is one of the best things that happened to my daughter.

My favorite memory of Kelley was when her sister was born. It was promised that if the baby was a girl, that baby was to be named, Amanda.

When my second daughter was born, my ex-husband called my older children to share the news, a little girl named, "Katie". Upon finding out about "Katie", my then 5-year-old Kelley was so upset that her baby sister was wrongly named. Kelley demanded that her sister to be renamed, Amanda. All of this was a joke set up by my ex-husband of course, but Kelley surely thought she had a say in naming her little sister.

I feel that Kelley & Chris would make great parents because they are raising a great little boy, Henry. I will be this child's GiGi as my other grandchildren call me. He or she will be my 11th grandchild and will be a part of a great devoted and affectionate family with many family gatherings, and fun times.





# THANK YOU FOR READING

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. Though we can't fully grasp the weight and complexity of your decision, as you consider all your options, we hope you find the decision that's right for you. We hope you are being cared for. We hope you are feeling loved and supported. We hope you are able to find peace as you think about your options. Though we do not know what our futures hold, here is what we do know: the three of us have so much love to give! Our families, full of aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and close friends are ready to adore this child with open arms and tons of kisses. As we think about a blended, extended family, we want you to be a part of our lives, as much as you want to be. We know how important this child's birth story is, and how important culture, identity, and family of origin are. We promise to never lose sight of that. This child will be so lucky to have so many who love and care for him/her, including being loved by you. We wish you well and God bless you and your baby.



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