



Phil, Kiki, & Ivy Jane



hello

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We hope this booklet gives you a glimpse into our story and who we are. We can't imagine the emotions and thoughts running through your mind at this time. We know this decision must be hard. We want you to know that what you are doing is courageous, loving, and extremely selfless. There is nothing we would love and want more than to grow our family and we feel confident that we are more than ready to adopt for a second time. We have a lot of love and fun to give and we look forward to meeting the person who is willing and able to give us the biggest gift we could ask for.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We promise to give your child the life you dream for them. We promise to create an environment that is nurturing and educational. We promise to support them through every stage of their life. From infancy to adulthood, this child will have our undivided attention, full support, and unconditional love. We promise to respect you and your wants and needs. We promise to be open with you, however you are most comfortable. We promise to tell this child the story of you...how you made this choice with courage and love.

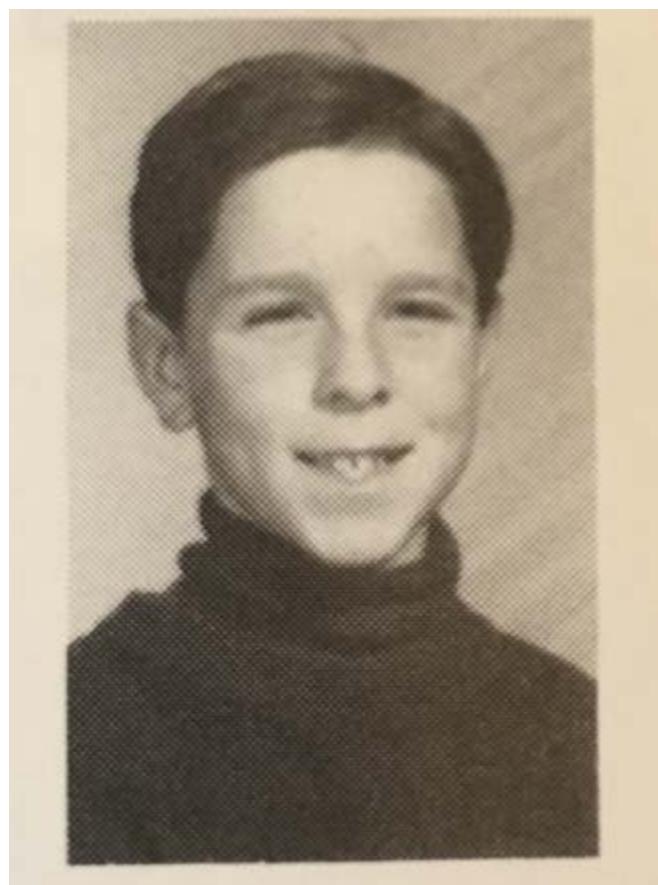
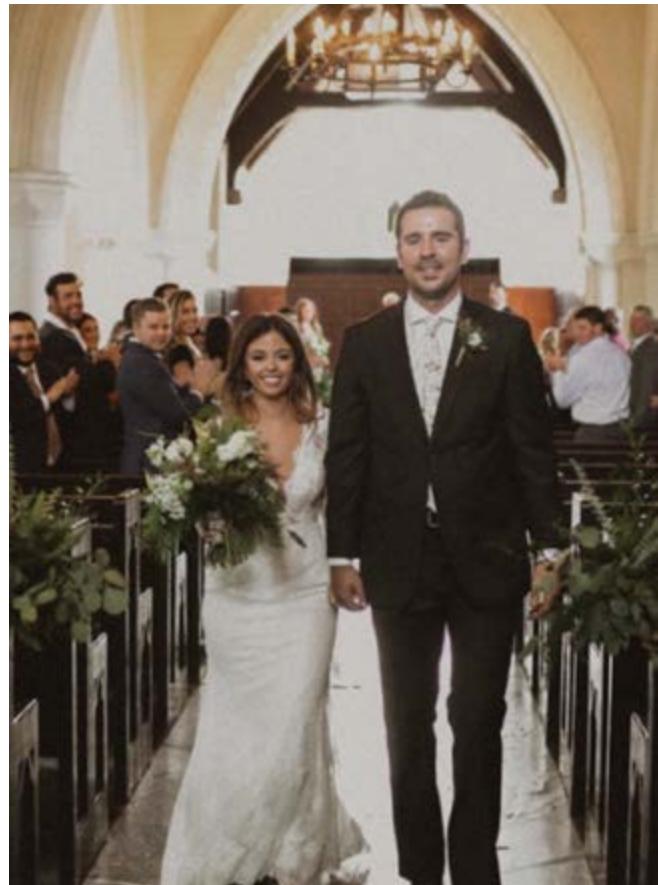
We look forward to being on this journey with you!

Our Story

We met in grade school, when Phil was in the 3rd grade and Kiki was in the 2nd. In the years ahead, we became part of the same circle of friends. Hanging out occasionally as we grew up, we went on to high school, college, and our early adult lives. We finally reconnected when friends we had in common suggested we go on a date. To our surprise, we started spending time together and soon became inseparable. Since we already knew each other pretty well, our relationship moved fairly quickly. We became friends with each other's siblings, bought a house together, and soon...a wedding!

We had a small wedding, marrying in a chapel down the road and a reception in our own backyard. What a party it was! Close friends and family...dancing and laughing in our yard all night!

Since then, we've focused on making our house a home, spoiling our dogs...Calvin & Clyde...and of course, welcoming Ivy in to our family.





To our surprise and great disappointment, we spent years trying to expand our family with no luck. While it was a challenging time, we became closer to each other through the struggles. After meeting with the wonderful people from Adoption Professionals, we met the best thing that has ever happened to us...Ivy's birth mother.

Not long after that wonderful moment, Ivy Jane arrived and we have not stopped smiling since!

We feel we're reliable, trustworthy, thoughtful, and kind people. We have so much love to share. We have big, happy extended families that want to see us grow our family.

We feel so grateful to watch Ivy grow every day and we can't wait to see what's next for us!

MEET *Kiki*



Hey there! My name is Kiki and I'm a 36 year old stay at home mom. I was born in Orlando, FL but moved to Cincinnati to be closer to family when I was just 3 years old. My birth name is Sarah, however, my older sister refused to call me Sarah, and would only call me Kiki. The nickname quickly stuck and fast forward all these years later...there isn't one person in my life who calls me Sarah, it's just Kiki!

I don't feel very comfortable talking about myself but if I had to list my best qualities, I would say I am genuine, welcoming, loyal, responsible and thoughtful.



I taught PreK and Kindergarten for 14 years and truly loved being in the classroom. Not only were the students entertaining and very fun to be around, I loved the growth and progression I would see in them throughout the school year. Along with loving watching them develop into their true selves, I loved being a part of their families. I strongly feel early childhood education is an essential building block for a child's future. Now, I get to see everything I've ever learned about child development unfold right before my eyes with Ivy.

Since leaving the classroom, I love spending my days with Ivy! We go to story times, music classes, parks, the zoo...we are always busy exploring and learning new things! She fills my days with joy and is truly the best thing that has ever happened to me.

in Phil's words...

Kiki is the most selfless person you could ever meet. She is always putting the needs of others before her own and constantly looking for ways to make the people around her better. If you could see the letters and emails that Kiki has received over the years from parents of her students, you would know that she is truly one of a kind.

Kiki is never quick to anger and always takes the high road. She is patient, has the kindest soul, and is never one to judge a book by its cover. If you want perspective on something or life advice, Kiki has an amazing ability to walk you through whatever it is you're going through, and you somehow end up better on the other side of that conversation.

My family, friends and I all hit the lottery with the addition of Kiki to our family when we got married. She truly is a once in a lifetime type of person and it's not just me that feels that way. Anyone who knows Kiki, knows just how special she is.



HOBBIES

Reading, gardening, taking care of our pets, pilates

FAVORITES

Color: Green

Food: Italian food

TV: Anything on Bravo!

Movie: Fried Green Tomatoes

Book: too many to choose from!

Holiday: Christmas

Place: Home

MEET *Phil*



MY CAREER

Sales

MY HOBBIES

Golf, Basketball, Landscaping

FAVORITES

Color: Blue

Food: Sushi and Italian food

TV: Any sport

Movie: Caddyshack

Book: Lord of the Flies

Holiday: Christmas

Place: Home

My name is Phil and I'm 38 years old. I was born and raised in Cincinnati, OH. The only time really spent outside of Cincinnati was in college (Columbus) and studying abroad (Netherlands). I have 3 siblings and 2 very involved parents who all live in Cincinnati.

I have worked for the same company in Cincinnati for 15 years and love it. I get to meet a lot of people and help those people solve problems. I also coach middle school basketball, which I love to do!



I am very outgoing and love being around people, but I also love staying at home with my girls, Kiki & Ivy. I am a people pleaser who loves making people laugh, feel comfortable, and welcomed.

in Kiki's words...

If you are looking for a good time...spend your day with Phil! When I watch how he is with our friends and family, I notice how everyone is always smiling. Phil makes everyone feel welcomed, loved, and important. It's no wonder our daughter's first word was "dada", as she lights up anytime he walks in to the room!

I knew from a young age that Phil just had a good energy about him. It wasn't until we were older and started our relationship that I knew he was the one for me because of his heart. He is kind, thoughtful, genuine, a giver, and hilarious. No one can make me laugh like Phil can!

All five of our nephews squeal when they see Uncle Phil come in the door. They know that when he is around, it's time to have fun! They, along with everyone in our lives, simply adores Phil.

I truly have never met a better person than Phil. It makes me tear up just thinking of him as a dad...Ivy is head over heels for him, and it's obvious he feels the same way about her. Being a dad is a role he was meant for and I feel very fortunate to be part of it!



Our Home and Community

We have lived in our home for 8 years. We got very lucky not only with our home, but also with the community in which we live. The home is nearing its 100th birthday, full of charm and warmth. We have a large fenced backyard that we try to enjoy as much as we can. It had always been Kiki's dream to have backyard chickens so they were one of the first additions to the house. Luckily, our dogs get along well with them and love spending time together in the yard.

Our dogs are the sweetest of sweet and think they own the place! We have spoiled them and wouldn't want it any other way. Daily walks, snuggles, keeping an eye on the chickens, and chasing squirrels around the backyard take up most of their days.



We live in a community that is extremely family friendly. Sporting practices and games, parades, parties, trick-or-treating...our neighborhood takes any opportunity to make a memory. Each summer, we belong to the swim club that is full of families and children, taking the golf cart with our friends and family to swim and play whenever we get the chance.

The school district in which we live is one of the top-rated schools in the Cincinnati area. We are proud of our community and we look forward to being a part of and getting more involved with such a successful and inclusive school system!



It has been our goal over the last 8 years to make our home a warm and welcoming environment for all and that started with our wedding. We had our wedding reception in our backyard surrounded by friends and family and that day kickstarted years of events and celebrations enjoyed by the ones closest to us. We look forward to many more memories created together in our home and in our community!



MEET *Our Family*

It is easy to talk about our families! We are very close with both our immediate and extended families. We come from families who put each other first. Our families are all love...celebrating any occasion we can think of! Weekly get-togethers, stopping over for dinner or just to say hi, birthdays, holidays...we make a party of it all! We are lucky to be part of families who are open, welcoming, inclusive, and a lot of fun!



Growing up, it was always just my mom, sister, and I. My mom was a single mom, working hard her entire life to give us every opportunity she could. She sacrificed to send us to great schools, enroll us in activities we were interested in, and took us on adventures. The three of us are very close! I'm so proud of the family we are. I'm also very lucky to now have my brother-in-law (also a Phil!) and now my sweet nephews, Owen & Arlo.

-Kiki



My siblings and I grew up with a stay at home mom and a dad who worked very hard as a traveling salesman. We were all extremely fortunate to grow up the way we did. We went to amazing schools, had great circles of friends, and played lots of sports. My dad was very involved when he was home on weekends and we took at least 1, if not 2, family vacations every year!

-Phil





Phil's side of the family!



Kiki's side of the family!



Kiki's mom, Bubbe, baking cookies with Ivy!



Phil's parents, Mimi & Poppy, enjoying vacation with Ivy!

I think it's safe to say that we are both very proud of our families. They are all extremely kind and open-minded. They want us to feel valued, important, and loved. They show their love in big and little ways...from having parties to celebrate accomplishments and milestones, to sending texts of love and encouragement...they are our biggest cheerleaders.

One of the best parts about bringing Ivy home has been watching our friends and family fall in love with her. She has quickly become the star of our family and we are so lucky to be able to watch her shine.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

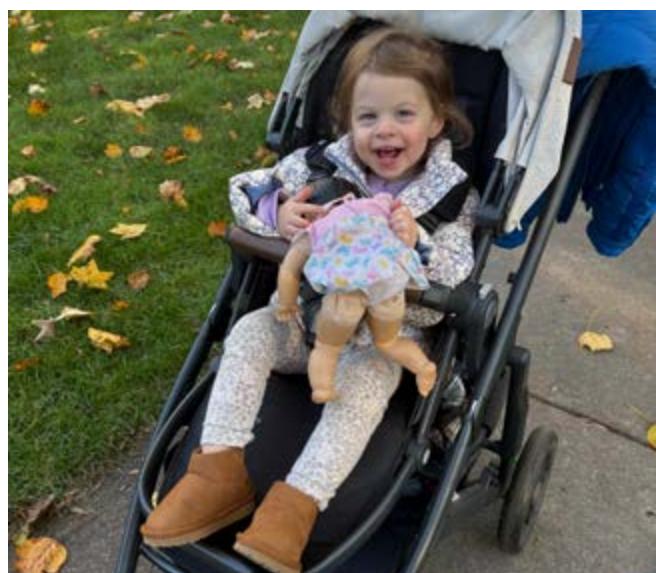
What do we like to do for fun? Well, you're lookin' at it! Ivy is the center of our world and if she is smiling, all is good!

We do like to travel and over the years we have made it to many different destinations.

Now, being able to include Ivy on these adventures has been so much fun!

Other than traveling and sightseeing, we also love to enjoy what our city has to offer. From discovering a new restaurant, exploring a new park, or attending a concert...we love Cincinnati!

Phil was born and raised here, Kiki has lived the majority of her life here, Ivy was born here, and we plan to stay!





Thank you...

Thank you for taking a glimpse in to our life.

Thank you for allowing us to be considered as part of your family.

Life is hard and very rarely goes as planned.

All we can do is be kind to each other as we navigate through the ups and downs.

Life can also be fun! We try to enjoy the "up" moments as much as we can and do our part to live a happy life.

We look forward to adding to our family, giving Ivy a sibling, and enjoying the next chapter of our lives.

-Phil & Kiki-



Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We welcome you to contact us if you are interested in doing so. We can be reached through Adoption Professionals.

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