

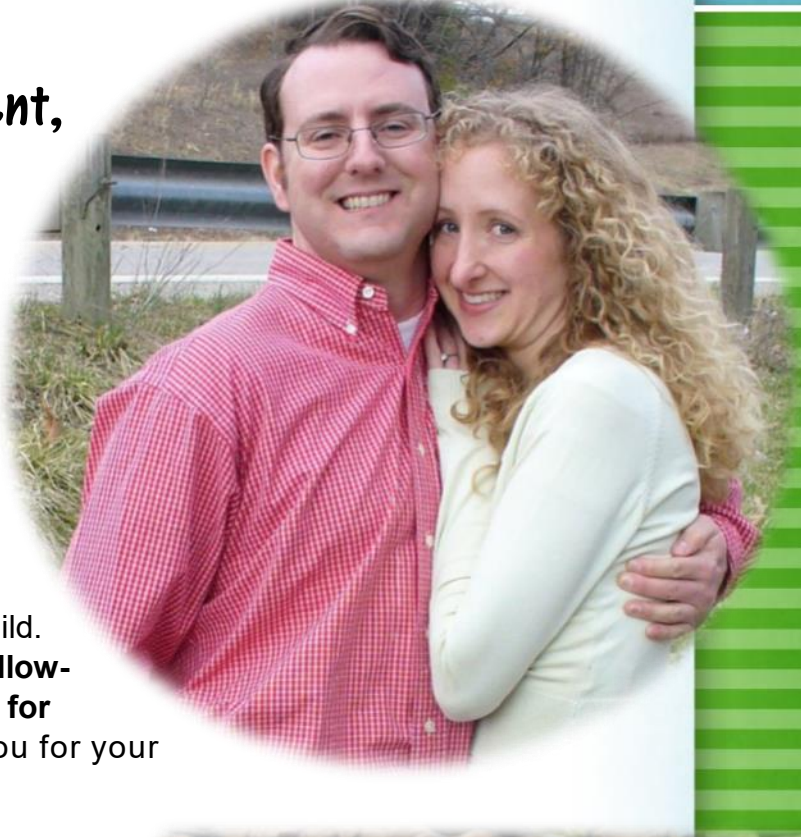
# Chip & Kristina

**Dear expectant parent,**

Thank you for reading our profile. We have been **married for five years** and are committed to a strong, healthy marriage for the rest of our lives. We both love children and **want to be parents**. For several years we have tried to have biological children, but have not had success. After much thought and prayer, we have decided to adopt a child. **We hope you will consider allowing us to parent and provide for your baby.** May God bless you for your honor and courage.

**Sincerely,**

**Chip & Kristina**





## Chip

Chip was raised in Ohio. He went to boarding schools in New York and Vermont that specialized in learning disabilities for teens. He played soccer, ran cross-country and enjoyed downhill skiing. Chip has a bachelor's in history, a master of divinity, and a master's in social work.

Chip is a **mental health therapist** with clients as young as five years old, as well as adults. Chip helps his clients by teaching them skills like how to manage anger, how to cope with crisis, and how to resolve conflict.

Chip learned to ski when he was a child.



## Kristina

Kristina was raised in Honduras in Central America. Her family moved to Ohio when she was ten years old. She enjoyed science competitions, studying math, playing tennis, and organizing games at church youth group. Kristina has a business degree and a master's degree in linguistics.

Kristina **teaches English** to international students at a public university. Once we have a child, Kristina plans to stop working in order to stay at home with him or her.



Kristina's American culture class visiting an elementary school.

We enjoy **traveling** and **outdoor activities**. Chip **kayaks** in a state park ten minutes from our house. We hike when we are on vacation or at the **many parks** near our home. We go on **skiing trips** to Michigan and West Virginia. We **host dinners** for friends. We walk and play ball with our vivacious, **friendly dog**, Sophia. Kristina grows **flowers, herbs, and vegetables**. She shares a **community garden plot** with a friend and is growing fresh veggies. She also grows rosemary, basil, and green beans on our deck. Kristina cooks **fresh, homemade food** and experiments with new recipes. Chip dives into a **mystery, biography or history book**. He watches college **football** (go OSU!!) and **NHL games**. Chip drinks **unsweet iced tea** regardless of the outside temperature.

## Things We LOVE



Relaxing with a good book on an island in Honduras.



Kayaking in Canada 5 years ago with our niece



## Our Families

Our families are very important to us. **Chip's** father died when he was about three years old and his mother remarried when he was ten. His stepfather embraced Chip and his two older sisters as his own. Chip's family lives about four hours away, and we visit about six times a year. One of Chip's sisters died five years ago from breast cancer; her daughter is Chip's parents' only grandchild. They are excited about having another grandchild to love.

**Kristina** is also the youngest child. Her oldest brother, his wife, and their youngest daughter currently live in South America. His two oldest children attend college in Virginia. Kristina's other brother lives in Texas with his wife and two preschool boys. Kristina's parents live in Tennessee on a lake that's great for fishing and swimming. We see Kristina's brothers about once a year and her parents 4-5 times a year. Kristina has a large extended family, with 21 cousins and their families. Her 97 year-old grandma recently visited us. Her family is also excited to welcome a baby into their lives.



Kristina's family



Chip's family



Our home is in a **rural** Ohio town on a lovely **wooded hillside**. There are flower gardens, including a bird bath. The deer also like the flowers! Our house has two working fireplaces, many windows and **a deck from which we can watch the sunset over the hills**.

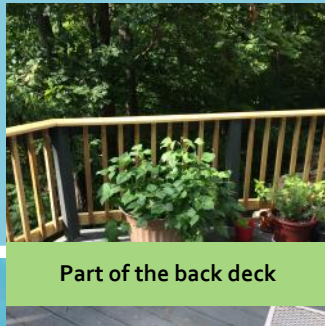
## Where We Live

The **neighbors** who live immediately across the street are **two families with children** ages 0 to 9 years old. We are always looking out for each other. Kristina sometimes takes the girls on a berry picking party or to the local library. Although we are relatively new to the neighborhood, we know most of our neighbors by name, mostly because of walking our dog, Sophia.

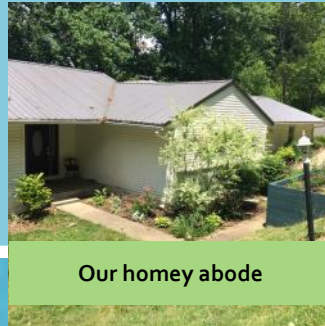
Sophia is a 12 year old female **beagle and pointer mix**. She enjoys playing with children, especially if it involves a tennis ball. Sophia loves to know where everyone is and what is happening – if she feels left out she will use her beagle bay to let us know.



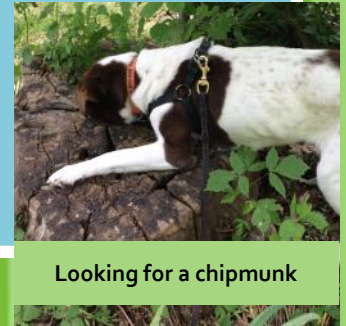
Sophia waiting for the ball



Part of the back deck



Our homey abode



Looking for a chipmunk

## Our Promise

ing swimming in the Great Lakes, camping in Yellowstone, and travelling overseas. We want your child to experience similar trips because we want them to know the beauty of the land and of people from other cultures.

We regularly attend a **Protestant church**, where Kristina assists with the children and Chip occasionally preaches and serves in a leadership role. We also host a Bible study in our home. We will teach your child to **trust God** and to **love others** as demonstrated by Jesus Christ.

We would love to know about you and have photos to share with your child so that **they can learn about their biological family**. We will share this in a manner that is consistent with their age, developmental stage, and desire to know.

We will give your child many **opportunities to discover their passions and interests**, exposing them to various sports and the arts. Both of us grew up taking **family trips**, includ-



Zebra swallowtail in our garden

Thank you for  
considering us!