



Chris
Ellen
& Olivia



Hello,

We would like to begin by thanking you for taking the time to read our profile. Trying to decide whether another couple has the capabilities to parent your child must be one of the most difficult decisions anyone can make.

We want you to know how much we appreciate you giving us this opportunity to share a little about us.

Our Story and Family

Our story begins back in 2010, when our now brother-in-law, Brian, introduced us. Chris and Brian played college baseball together. After being friends for several year, we realized we both had romantic feelings and started dating. In July 2017, we were married at a beautiful ceremony surrounded by family and friends.

We are blessed to have a loving and supportive family. The day we brought Olivia home, every one of our family members were waiting at our house to meet her, beaming with love and excitement which has not faded.

Both of our parents have been happily married for 40-plus years. We feel very lucky to have amazing parents, who we have watched turn into unbelievable, hands-on grandparents to our 6 nieces and 7 nephews, all between the ages of 1 and 7. Ellen is one of four girls and extremely close to her three sisters. This is probably because she is an identical triplet, and her other sister is only a year older. Ellen's parents and sisters (and their families) live within a mile from us, so we see each other almost daily. While Chris's family lives in Indiana, they are a short 3-4 hour drive and we stay in close contact through occasional weekend visits and frequent Facetime calls. Chris has two sisters and one brother.

Several times a week, our family take turns going to each other's houses for dinner so all the cousins can play together. While it can be crazy at times, there is so much laughter and love every time we are together. These children bring us great joy and make us realize even more how much we want to grow our family and give Olivia a sibling of her own.

The holidays are a big deal for us, and are always centered on family. You name the holiday, we are always together, dressing festive and celebrating with the kids. We dress in green and take the kids to the local St. Patrick's Day Parade. We have an annual family Halloween party where both kids and adults are encouraged to dress up. Thanksgiving is an all-day event filled with cooking, games, and a large feast. And we really make Christmas magical for the kids, which makes it equally as special for us. The month of December is filled with movies, music, baking and finding ways to give back to others.



Ellen (by Chris)

Ellen is the most eternally optimistic person I have ever met. She somehow manages to balance a demanding career, an incredibly close-knit family, a marriage in which she has to put up with

me and giving her entire heart as a mommy to our 1 year old daughter Olivia – all of which she does with a smile on her face. In addition to being a loving mom to Olivia, Ellen is also a favorite aunt. We are fortunate to be able to spend so much time with our nieces and nephews and have developed uniquely close relationships with each of them. Olivia has 10 built-in best friends that she sees on a regular basis. I knew Ellen was my person when we got engaged. However, after struggling with infertility for the first several years of marriage, I have never been more certain – not just because we leaned heavily upon one another to get through the tough times, but because those tough times actually brought us closer. She is a great wife, daughter, sister, and now, mother. To put it candidly, the world is a better place with Ellen as a mother.



Chris (by Ellen)

What you see with Chris is what you get because he is the most loyal, genuine person I have ever met, and I'm sure others who know him would agree. He is so lovable and would do anything for

his family and friends. Whenever someone needs help or advice, they call Chris, and he is always there. He is incredibly smart and can talk to anyone about anything. His smile lights up a room and he is known by several of my family members to give "the best hugs." His wit-ness is always making people smile and laugh. Chris is one of the hardest workers I know and puts his heart into everything he does. I always knew Chris would be an amazing dad, but he has blown me away. He takes such good care of our family, and is always there to love, support, listen and lift us up when we need it. Olivia lights up every time she looks at him, and I know if we are blessed to adopt a second child, they will do the same.

Love to give



Ellen's family at a Halloween themed birthday party



Visiting with Chris's sister



Ellen's family vacation in the Outerbanks



Grandma's at Liv's Baptism

After years of infertility treatments and coming to the realization that we would be unable to have a biological child, it became clear that adoption was the path that was meant for us. We have always believed that God has a plan, and boy, were we right! God blessed us with our little girl, Olivia, when we adopted her in July 2023.

We always knew we had a lot of love to give, but we had no idea just how much until Olivia. She is our world and we can't imagine our life without her. We also developed a new love and respect for Olivia's birth parents. Although we did not have the opportunity to meet them per their request, we are so grateful for them and the most selfless act they made. We think of them every day and feel blessed that they chose us to be parents to their baby girl.

We are committed to being open and honest with any child we bring into our home and celebrate their own personal story – just like we are doing with Olivia. Should you pick us to be parents to your child, they will always know their background and how selfless, loving and brave your decision was. If our story connects with you, and you choose to make an adoption plan with us in mind, we want you to know that we will respect you, your decisions, and the level of openness you would like to have with us and your baby.

We hope after learning more about us, you see the significant amount of love that we have to give.



Ellen's dad helping Chris carve the turkey

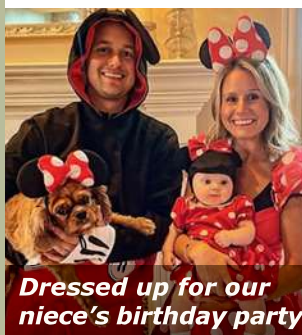


With Chris's family during our trip to Jackson Hole

What We Do for Fun

Since bringing Olivia home, our hobbies have changed slightly. We love putting her in the stroller and walking to the park by our house with our dog Piper, a five-year-old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and the sweetest dog you will ever meet (ask anyone in our neighborhood – she is a local favorite and loves Olivia!). We also enjoy reading books to Liv – many with an adoption themed story line to help her start to learn about her journey. We enjoy cooking meals and baking together. During the summer, we spend time at the pool. We also love sports. While the house is divided over the NFL (Ellen – Steelers, Chris- Colts), we share one common team and that is the Ohio State Buckeyes!

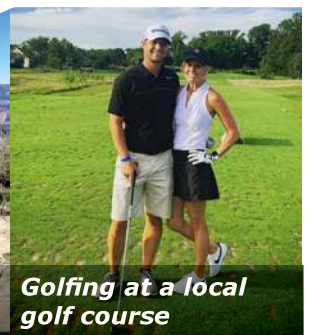
Another hobby we enjoy is traveling together. We usually take an annual family vacation with both sides of our families. Recently, we rented a large beach house in the Outer Banks with Ellen's side of the family, where we spent the week swimming, cooking out, playing games, and watching movies. We also spent a week with Chris's family in Jackson Hole where we hiked, swam, and went to a cowboy cookout!



Dressed up for our niece's birthday party



Biking around the Grand Canyon



Golfing at a local golf course



Our Community and Home

We feel very blessed to live where we do. Our neighborhood is just one street down from where Ellen and her family grew up. The neighborhood is safe, filled with families, parks, playgrounds, pools and walking paths. We live in an excellent school district and just a few miles away is the church and school where Ellen attended.

People have referred to our home as a "happy home" because it is warm and inviting, filled with family photos. We have four bedrooms and a finished basement, which has plenty of toys for kids to play with when they come over. We have a large backyard that we enjoy hosting our family and friends in for cookouts during the summer. Chris takes great pride in doing his own yard work, so our lawn is always well kept.

Education and Employment

Ellen graduated college with a bachelor's degree in communications. She currently serves as the director of government and public affairs for a local corporation. Chris graduated college with a bachelor's degree in exercise science and then went on to receive his Law degree. Chris is currently the vice president of a real estate legal group for a large corporation.

Should your child be placed in our home, we both plan to continue working so we can provide them with the lifestyle we desire for them and feel they deserve, however they will always remain our top priority. We are very fortunate to work for companies that make work/life balance a priority. Ellen works from home most of the time and Chris can maintain flexibility. We also take comfort knowing we have a strong family support system right down the street.



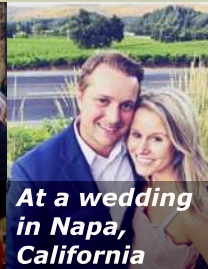
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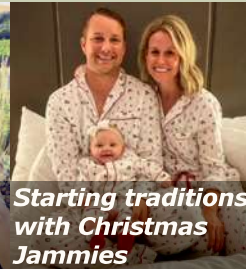
Chris and Ellen in Florida



Liv's First Christmas



At a wedding in Napa, California



Starting traditions with Christmas Jammies



Ellen and her triplet sisters

Thank You

Now that you have learned more about us and our life, we want to thank you again for your consideration. We have great respect for you and the decision you have ahead of you. We want you to know if you were to choose us as your child's adoptive parents and Olivia as their sister, you would not be alone through this journey as we would be there to support and encourage you every step of the way. We would welcome the opportunity to meet you and answer any questions you may have. God Bless you on your journey.