

Katy & Kevin



Hello! We are Kevin and Katy. We don't know you or the road that led you to consider adoption, but we admire the strength and selflessness that are leading you to search out the best option for your child's life. We thank you for considering us and for taking some time to get to know us a little. Family is the most important thing to us and we are excited to add children to our home. We both work with children, Kevin as a child psychologist and Katy as a violin teacher. We can promise your child love, stability, and support as he/she navigates life as an adoptee. We want your child to grow up always knowing where he/she came from and are open to whatever level of openness is best for you and your child. We pray for continued strength and peace for you as you make this difficult decision.

Our Story

During graduate school, we both played in the Orchestra at Temple Square in Salt Lake City and were members of the orchestra for several years without ever meeting. We finally met during a tour to the east coast in 2015 and were married the next year. Seven years later, after some failed fertility treatments, we are excited to add children to our family through adoption.



About Kevin (by Katy)

The first thing that drew me to Kevin was his kind, gentle demeanor. I am a pretty shy person, but Kevin noticed and accepted me exactly as I was and I knew that I was safe in his presence. He is kind to everyone, including those who might be different in some way. His younger brother has Down Syndrome, and from the beginning of our relationship I was impressed by how well Kevin cared for him and included him in his very busy life. His chosen profession as a child psychologist also speaks to his ability to care for others. He is one of the most selfless people I know. He always makes sure that my needs are met and has always supported me in everything I have wanted to do.

He is intelligent, talented, and driven. As a psychologist and researcher, he strives to be at the top of his field. He speaks French fluently, plays several musical instruments well, including trombone, piano, organ, and violin, and has a knack for technology; whether at home, work, or church, he is everyone's go-to when there are technical problems. He is good at many things, an exemplary human, and my best friend and supporter. I still feel lucky that I got one of the truly good ones. Last school year we hosted two foreign exchange students and I watched him care about and give selflessly to them also. I know that any child who joins our family will be well loved, accepted, and supported by him.

About Katy (by Kevin)

I first noticed Katy in a sea of other violinists. She stood out to me by how beautiful she was and even though she was quiet, I could tell that she was someone I wanted to know better. Katy is a cat person and converted me to being one as well. She is extremely caring about others. Watching her care for her nieces and nephews and how she spoils our pets melts my heart. One of Katy's most important values is trust. She is extremely loyal and expects that from other people. She doesn't open up to others lightly, but she keeps her people close and holds them dear. Another quality that I love about Katy is whatever she does, she wants to do it right, leading her to be an amazing violinist, a wonderful cook and baker, and someone you always want on your team.

Katy is highly educated and intelligent. She is also driven and will work hard for her goals, even when it's uncomfortable and difficult. She has a bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree in music performance. She never expected to earn her doctorate and it was one of the hardest things she has done. For her doctorate, Katy specialized in learning how to teach and how to manage performance anxiety. When we first met, Katy and I bonded over our shared interest in music and psychology. Even outside of her formal education, Katy is a lifelong learner. She is passionate about cooking, baking, gardening, and interior design. It is remarkable how well she persistently works at her hobbies. Since marrying Katy, I have become more productive and determined. She is a positive influence on other people and they become better when they are around her.

Pets

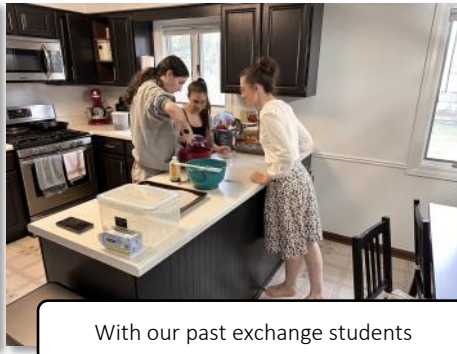
We also share our home with a 7 year-old yellow lab named Ajax and a 6 year-old cat named Mozart. Ajax is sweet and gentle with everyone, and just about everyone who meets him falls in love with him immediately. His favorite things are playing ball, eating, and attention. Mozart is very vocal and loves carrying on conversations with Kevin every day when he gets home from work, playing, chasing random objects, and snuggling.



Our first race



Goat time



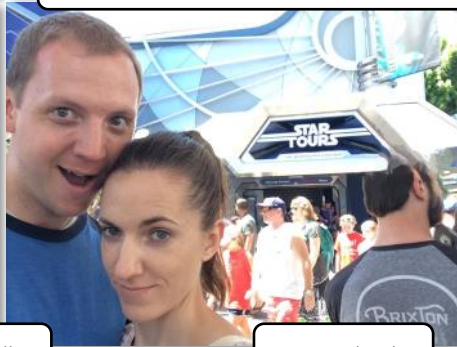
With our past exchange students



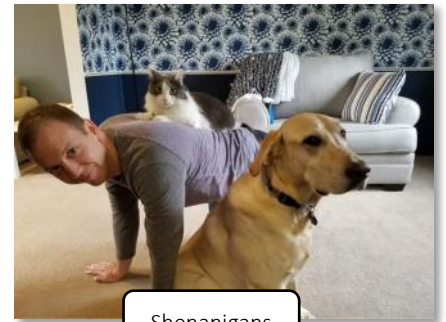
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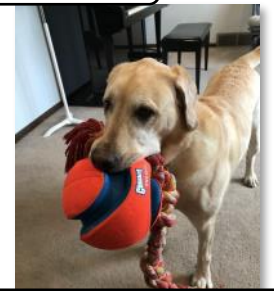
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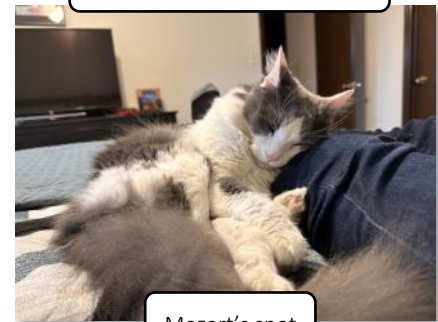
Disneyland



Shenanigans



Ajax wants all the toys



Mozart's spot

Home Life, Education, Work

Education is very important to us. We both have doctoral degrees, Kevin in clinical psychology, Katy in music. We both love working with kids and find a lot of fulfillment in our work. We love learning new things, visiting new places, and trying new foods and can't wait to explore these things with children and see the world through their eyes. We eat dinner as a family every day, mostly home-cooked meals. Food is a love language in our home.

We live in a five-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom, two-story house in a quiet suburban neighborhood. We have a fenced yard with a large deck and a garden. People in the neighborhood can often be seen walking their dogs, working in their yards, playing, etc. Our house is within walking distance of the elementary school and a park with a playground and a trail where we often go running with our dog.

Our home life is simple, peaceful, and calm. Our marriage is based on love, respect, and commitment. We made an agreement at the beginning of our marriage that we wouldn't yell or lose our temper. To deal constructively with conflict, we have a weekly family meeting where we talk about things we appreciate about each other, express needs, talk about the schedule, set goals, etc. It has been a good system and we plan to do a version of it with our children as they join our family.

Extended Family

Due to work, we live far away from our families. We fly out to see them every 1-2 years and some of them come visit us on a similar schedule. There are 16 cousins (and counting) and both sides have family gatherings for holidays, birthdays, recitals and other important events. On Kevin's side of the family, the kids always have fun things to do at Grandma and Grandpa's house, including indoor "snowball" fights with cotton snowballs, playing ping pong, video games, watching movies, etc. On Katy's side, they will be involved in family music making, watching movies, baking, and helping Grandpa with projects.



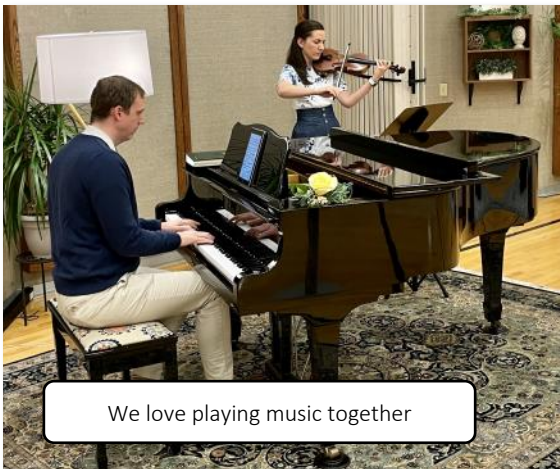
Family time at Grandma and Grampa's

Traditions and Values

We are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Our faith is important to us, and since our families live across the country from us, our church community is our second family and a source of friendship and support. Children in our home will be taught our Christian beliefs and values of faith, family, love, respect, honesty, integrity, hard work, serving others, being a lifelong learner, and having fun. Our children will also have the opportunity to play musical instruments, discover and develop their own talents, and to do something active, whether organized sports or family walks or bike rides.

We enjoy typical holiday traditions—a huge homemade feast for Thanksgiving; decorating the house, making and decorating cookies, exchanging gifts for Christmas; breakfast of choice, dinner out at the restaurant of choice, and presents for birthdays, etc. We are excited to incorporate more child-centered traditions into those holidays. We also have a couple of more unique traditions: we acknowledge half birthdays with half a birthday cake and we have our own family holiday once a year when we take all obligations off of the calendar for one day and do whatever we would like to do, whether it's staying home and watching movies or going out to do something fun. On that day we also choose a nationality from our family history and have one meal with traditional food from that country. We look forward to expanding this tradition to include your child's biological origins, helping your child stay connected to his or her roots.

We can promise you that your child will be loved and supported as our own, both in our home and by our extended families. We will do all we can to give them the best opportunities to learn and develop their talents. They will belong to a large, supportive extended family as well as stay as connected to you and their biological roots. We will do our best to provide meaningful experiences and make good memories. They will have any help they may need through the challenges and hardships of life and we will be there to love, support, and guide through good and the bad. Thank you for considering us. We feel for you in this difficult decision and wish the best for you and your child.



Watch us play music together!

