

Kevin & Kelly



Dear Expectant Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We realize this must be a very difficult decision for you and no matter what you choose, we hope you know that you are admired and respected for considering adoption. If you decide to choose adoption, we hope you find a family that feels perfect to you. If that family is us, we want you to know a little bit about us!

Our names are Kevin and Kelly and we have known each other since 2001. We met at a high school retreat, dated through high school and college and were married in 2006. We both had similar upbringings in small Ohio towns, with very supportive families. Kevin moved to Central Ohio in 2002 for college and after finishing college, Kelly joined him in 2006. We have made Central Ohio our home ever since and have enjoyed getting to know the city, our community and putting our personal touch on our home.

Since high school, Kelly has known she is unable to safely have children and together we decided that adoption would be the path for us. We both adore children and words cannot express all the love and feelings we have for adoption. In May 2018, we received a call to adopt our daughter Emma. The love and joy we have watching Emma grow and for our family is indescribable. We both grew up with siblings and can't imagine Emma growing up without the experience of a sibling.

Should you decide that we are the perfect family for you, we want you to know that we will love your child and provide them with a safe, fun, and happy home. We will always do our best to guide your child as they learn to navigate the world while developing into a caring, well-rounded person. We value education and will nurture your child's creativity and inquisitive nature. We will be there to help your child reach their fullest potential and by trusting us with your child, we will help them become the person you hope they will be .

We will always honor your love for this child and respect your decision regarding adoption. We will be forever grateful to you and from the youngest age your child will always know about their adoption, how special you are and how much you love them.

Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to introduce ourselves!

Sincerely,

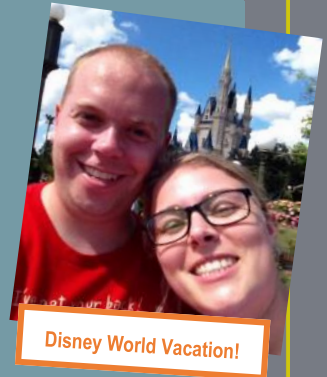
Kevin, Kelly & Emma (& Abbott too!)



Meet Kevin... Meet Kelly...

Married October 21, 2006

Education:	Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering Technology from DeVry University	Bachelors of Science in Human Resource Management and Business Administration from Franklin University
Occupation:	Sr. Information Security Analyst	Human Resource Manager
Favorite...		
Color:	Orange	Red
Movie:	Forest Gump	Beauty & The Beast
Vacation Spot:	Disney World & Chicago	Disney World
Food:	Mexican	Italian
Candy:	Peach-O's	Peanut M&Ms
Subject in School:	Math & Science	English
Holiday:	Christmas	Christmas
Children's Book:	The Little Gift of Nothing by Patrick McDonnell	No Matter What by Debi Gliori
Quality About My Spouse:	Energetic & Outgoing	Level Headed & Thoughtful



Meet Emma...

Emma came into our lives, through adoption, in May 2018 and what a blessing it has been! Emma loves being outside, playing with her toys and reading books. Emma loves other kids and we know she will love having a sibling around. We both grew up with siblings and can't imagine Emma growing up without the experience of a sibling.

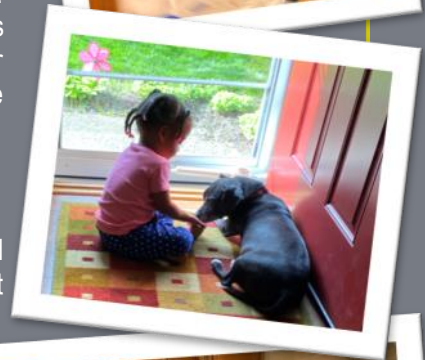
Meet Abbott...

Our dog, Abbott, came into our lives in 2007 when we rescued him from the local animal shelter. He has been the best four-legged companion anyone could ask for. Abbott is a kid-magnet; kids are always asking to pet Abbott when we are on walks. He also loves "helping" when we feed or play with Emma. Abbott is excited to have a new baby brother or sister to love, protect and care for!

What it Means to Become Parents

We believe that being a parent means creating a home where the child feels loved, safe, and happy. It means raising a child to know God and how to be a valuable member in today's society. It means allowing that child the freedom to explore and to dream as big as they can, while teaching them how to navigate the world. As parents, we will help them deal with both the good and the bad they will encounter in life.

Becoming parents is both an enormous responsibility and a blessing that requires a huge amount of love and patience. It means having the ability to put the needs of the child ahead of your own. Being a parent does not mean being perfect, but instead, being the parent that the child needs. We have prayed for this chance and are excited to become parents again.





Our Home and Community

We love our home and neighborhood!! We have lived in our home for over 13 years and have done a lot to put our personal touch on it through many renovations.

Our home is located in Central Ohio with great schools, daycares and free summer concerts. It is close to a lot of shopping and other family-friendly activities. We live on a quiet street that is within walking distance to the elementary school and many parks that we love to explore.

On a typical day in our neighborhood, you will pass kids playing outside, parents pushing children in strollers, families riding bikes, neighbors taking dogs for walks and people working in their yards. While we live in a quiet suburb, the city is only 20 minutes away. In the city, we have access to the zoo, many museums, sporting events, fairs, concerts, hospitals and everything else a big city offers.

Our home has three bedrooms, all close to each other. We have already decided which room will be the new baby's room and can't wait to personalize this space. We also have two living rooms and a finished basement that make great play areas!

Our home has a large fenced backyard which is perfect for campfires, cookouts, swinging and many other fun outdoor activities. Out front, we have a huge tree swing, plenty of driveway space and sidewalks that the Emma and the neighbor kids enjoy riding their bikes on and covering with sidewalk chalk.



Our Families

Family is very important to us. We feel very blessed to have both grown up in very stable homes with loving parents. On both sides, there are aunts, uncles and cousins with a lot of love to share. They are all excited to welcome another child into the family through adoption!

Kelly is the youngest of four children, with three older brothers. She is very close to her brothers and would do absolutely anything for them. Kelly's parents recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary!

Kevin is the second of four children - he has an older brother, a younger sister and a younger brother. Kevin is close to his siblings and they love to get together and tease each other to no end. Kevin's parents will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary soon!

We have one niece and five nephews on Kelly's side, ranging in ages 20 to 2. On Kevin's side we have six nephews and one niece, ranging in ages 13 to 1. We are Godparents for four of our nephews. We love spending time with our nieces and nephews and watching them play with Emma. When we have the chance, we enjoy taking our nieces and nephews on outings to the zoo, the park and just hanging out at our house. It's been so much fun to see the kids grow and interact with Emma.

Kelly's family



Our Wedding



Kevin's family



Our Religious Beliefs

We were both raised in loving Catholic families that helped us to know and seek God. Through our adult life, we have continued growing in our Catholic faith and have both volunteered in the church from time to time. Kelly is a member of the church choir and cantor. Kevin has been a Eucharistic minister and volunteers with the High School Youth Ministry, including mission trips, for many years. Our faith is very important and influential in our lives and we plan to share our faith with your child as we have with Emma.

How We will Talk about Adoption and Openness

Adoption is a normal part of our life and conversation in our house due to the adoption of our daughter, Emma, in 2018. We have incorporated books about adoption and a picture/baby book about Emma's unique adoption which we plan to also do with your child.

As the children grow, we hope to share with them as much of their biological background as we can. We also are planning to seek out ways for the children to experience their heritage through festivals, plays, food, music and more as they grow up.

It is our plan to share with your child about the amazing person that brought them into the world and allowed us to become a family. We will be sure your child knows the love their birthparents have for them and how they want the best possible life and future for them.

In Emma's situation, we share letters and pictures with her birth mother and have been connected with Emma's biological half sister that has also been adopted. The two girls meet regularly. We are open to all of this and meeting with a birth family after placement. We want the birth family to be involved in the child's life as much as they would like to.

Education for Child

We understand that every child is different and we will not assume this child will enjoy the same subjects in school just because we did. Instead, we will do our best to expose this child to a variety of learning opportunities both in and outside of the classroom. We will visit the zoo, do science experiments, explore museums, attend fairs, go hiking, play music, attend plays and read many books. We will do our best to nurture the curious nature in your child and to expose them to interesting and diverse experiences. We will do our best to help your child develop into a thoughtful, imaginative person and an independent thinker.