

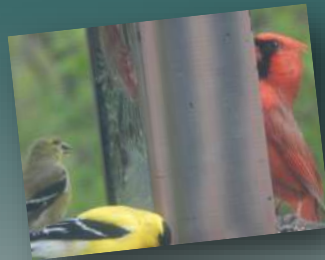
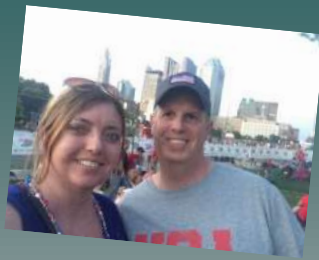
Dear Birth Parents,

Family is so very important to us. While we were both born in the mid-west, we met and married in San Diego, CA. We always knew we wanted a family and shortly after our wedding in 2009, we started down that path. However, after struggling with numerous unsuccessful infertility treatments and surgeries, acupuncture and other alternative treatments as well as a painful miscarriage, we knew in our hearts that after almost 6 years, adoption was our next step. We knew that we were going to need the support of our families so we decided to move to Ohio and have been here for 3 1/2 years. While we miss our friends and the ocean, we love the changing of the seasons here, how friendly everyone is, and how often we now get to see family. We moved into a new home in 2015 and we are loving our neighborhood with a large backyard, the miles and miles of walking/bike paths and the large number of ponds, parks and playgrounds nearby.

Kim's parents are originally from Ohio so while she's never lived here previously, she spent many summer vacations and holidays here visiting Grandparents and extended family. Her brother's family, an aunt, uncles and cousins all reside here and her parents have a second home here to escape the hot summers where they live in Florida. Kim likes to say that she was born a Buckeye fan.

The majority of Kevin's large family, including his parents and brother, reside in Michigan where Kevin grew up. We have enjoyed getting to see his family and friends a lot more since moving to Ohio. Unlike Kim though, he most definitely was not born a Buckeye fan. He grew up as a Michigan State Spartan fan.

Our marriage has survived the Buckeye vs. Spartan battle as we have a common goal – beat Michigan! **We also have terrific role models in that our parents have been married for a combined almost 99 years!** The most important lesson that they have taught us besides love, faith, honesty and humor is that life is about experiences and making memories together. Whether it's zip-lining with Kevin's parents, listening to music at the annual Irish festival with Kim's parents, attending our nieces' volleyball tournaments and soccer games or just taking a walk in the woods together, memories can be made anywhere at anytime and do not necessarily have to cost anything. We look forward to creating an untold number of memories as parents.



Above: Our home, 4th of July, feathered friends on our bird feeder and our Christmas lights). **Middle Left:** Our kitties—precious 18 year old Cali and silly 1 1/2 year old Bella. Cali loves chipmunks and Bella loves bringing us toys. Both are indoor cats, are kept up to date on all shots and are declawed. We can both be caught 'speaking' with them. Some day we'll get a dog. **Below Right:** Our adorable Godchildren.



Sister-in-law, Kim's brother, Niece, Kim's Parents, Kevin's Parents, Kevin, Kim, Niece and Kevin's Brother

Our Vow

We are ever so grateful for your courage and strength and are very sensitive to the heartache of this emotional decision. However, we are hopeful that through letters and pictures you will know both in your heart and mind that we are cherishing every moment that we have with this child. That he/she will be given every opportunity to thrive and excel as a child through play and learning and then later in adolescence through pursuing his/her talents, interests and higher education. This is only the beginning of our dedication and commitment to raising a child.

We will love this child unconditionally and wholeheartedly and have faith that with the support of God and our families, friends near and far and our local community that this child will have all of the love and encouragement that he/she will ever need.

We hope to meet you soon, if that is something that you are comfortable doing, so that we can answer any questions or concerns you may have. We have the utmost respect for your privacy. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your consideration. If you would like to learn more about us, please see the next pages.

Sincerely in respect, faith and love,

Kevin & Kim



About Kevin (according to Kim): Kevin is a wonderful husband and friend. He's kind, generous, funny, outgoing and not afraid to stand up for what's right. He balances being serious and goofy perfectly. He is a calming presence if I get anxious or worry. He was a tremendous support throughout each of our IVF cycles especially when I was so exhausted physically and emotionally from the injections and nervous waiting. He makes the best scrambled egg omelets with whatever veggies and meats we have in the fridge and will even deliver them to me in my home office. He has a great admiration and respect for his parents and how they raised him. These are just some of the reasons why I married him and why I know that he will be a loving, silly, terrific father to our child.



Kevin was born and raised in Michigan. He has one older brother that is great with kids. He grew up swimming and also playing baseball and golf. His parents, who have been married for over 50 years, both come from large families so he grew up spending a lot of time with his relatives. Kevin's family spent many summers in Northern Michigan camping and I'm sure this is where he developed his enjoyment of being outdoors. I know that he looks forward to taking our child camping and of course teaching him/her sports.

After earning his Bachelor's in Marketing, Kevin worked at several different golf courses across the country. He eventually moved to the marketing side of golf and that employer brought him to San Diego. He furthered his experience by becoming a classroom and golf course instructor for a 2 year Golf college. He also obtained his Master's in Business Administration while in California and now in Ohio has changed careers and is working in banking which has more family friendly working hours. His work is a short commute from where we live so getting home quickly is easy.

Our Plan

We cannot wait to finally decorate our extra bedroom for this child and to teach him/her each of our family traditions as well as our own new traditions. As a sample, Kim grew up listening to the Amy Grant holiday album each Christmas and making Buckeye cookies with her family. Kevin grew up having Belgian Waffles for Christmas morning breakfast that his Mom would make. We have continued these traditions. We now have our own new traditions, including collecting an annual snowflake ornament each year so that someday our child will have a very meaningful, beautiful ornament collection and will know that we planned on him/her long before he/she was ever born. We alternate celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas with each side of the family and get together many other times as well for meals, sporting events, church, movies, vacations, etc.

We will celebrate our child's birthdays with cake and presents but we will be careful not to spoil him/her too much. We will teach him/her about God and faith but allow him/her to develop his/her own opinions. We will continue to work to teach this child that we can be unhappy with a behavior but still be completely in love with him/her.

We plan on discussing adoption early on with him/her to foster trust and honesty. Books and videos will be used to assist in our teaching along with seeking out other children that have been adopted for our child to play with. We promise to nurture their exploration and learning. We will teach them trust, love, honesty and respect through our own examples with each other. We will support their interests whether it's athletic, artistic, both or neither. We will give our child a warm, safe forever home. Our families are excited for us and support us 100%. Our nieces will be wonderful playmates to this child and our parents will be more than thrilled to help out where needed.

About Kim (according to Kevin): I am so lucky and fortunate to have met my wife Kim. We have become stronger over the last nine years through all of the trying issues of starting our own family including fertility issues and a miscarriage. Although we all don't know how to be parents until we are a parent, I know that she will be a great mother that will be able to figure out anything that comes along.

Kim was born in Missouri and has a younger brother. Kim always excelled in academics in school along with swimming, dancing, and playing the violin. She moved to Indiana to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. She then decided to pursue a dream of hers to live near the ocean and moved to Southern California where she completed her Masters coursework in Criminal Justice Administration. Her career path took her in a different direction though and she now works from home as a licensed Health Insurance account manager. She helps employers and employees obtain health insurance and thrives on fixing problems, like medical claims, and providing great customer service.

Now let me explain the side of my wife that attracted me to her and to ask for her hand in marriage. When I met her she had all the items

I was looking for in my best friend/wife – she is very passionate, caring, sociable, active, funny, confident and independent. She is always thinking of others and doing creative things that make others know she is thinking of them. Family is extremely important to her and one of her hobbies has been researching her family ancestry which has uncovered fascinating stories. She is also quick to lend a hand to her coworkers even though she works from home now. Her knowledge and willingness to help is appreciated by all. She is often the “go to” person for questions and even computer problems. Ok, maybe this is another reason I married her as I know she will either have the answer or be able to help me figure out the answer to any life challenge we need to overcome.





Above: Our recent trip to Disney World, Epcot & Animal Kingdom **Upper right:** We learned how to make pasta from scratch in Tuscany, Italy with Kim's parents. **Right:** Kevin is great at grilling for just the 2 of us but also for large gatherings. Kim enjoys being creative with appetizers. **Bottom Middle:** Family trip to the lake **Bottom Right:** Kim goofing off with our nieces on vacation in Florida.

	Kevin	Kim
Born	Michigan	Missouri
Ancestry	Eastern European (German / British)	Western European (British / Irish)
Faith	Non-Denominational Christian	Non-Denominational Christian
Season	Spring Mornings	Sunny Fall Days
Sweet	Chocolate Chip Ice Cream	Anything Dark Chocolate
Activity	Being Outdoors	Exploring / Road Trips
Quiet Time	Napping on the couch, financial research, watching sports	Games, making photo- books, TV, genealogy research
Pro Sports	Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions	St. Louis Cardinals baseball
College Sports	Michigan State Spartans	Ohio State Buckeyes
Childhood Activities	Swimming, Golf, Baseball, Scuba Diving	Swimming, Dancing, Softball, Playing violin
Love	People watching in a relaxing setting	Thunderstorms and All types of animals
Dislike	People who litter	Being too hot

Random Facts

~We met on Match.com. Our 1st date was on 7/7/07 at 7pm. We got engaged on 11/1/08 and we married on 7/11/09.

~We have the exact same initials—KJN.

~We always give each other 1 serious greeting card and 1 funny card for holidays and birthdays. It's ironic how many times we've given each other the same funny card.

~We took 18 days to move from San Diego to Ohio so that we could experience all of the amazing places that the U.S. has to offer – Yosemite, Yellowstone, etc. and we also got to stay with several friends and family members along the way.

~We collect a Christmas ornament whenever we go on a trip to a new place. For example, our most recent one Mickey & Minnie from our visit to Disney World.

~Kevin is a PGA Golf Professional and Kim has only been able to beat him once – okay, Kim admits it was miniature-golf and not real golf.

