

Hello!



We are Erik and Justine and we're so glad you're taking some time to get to know us.

We don't know all that you are going through right now, but we understand you are facing a difficult decision.

We have come to adoption because we have a desire to grow our family. Although we are unable to have biological children, **we know that family is so much more than blood relation.**

If you choose adoption, **we believe it is important for the child to know you.** Whether that is through letters and pictures or planning visits throughout the year, **we are open to creating a plan you are comfortable with.**

We respect whatever decision you make, are praying for you, and support you.

Our Story

We grew up in the same town in Northeast Ohio and even went to the same high school. We spent several years being friends and a few years dating, both locally and long-distance. After graduating from college, Erik planned a whole day scavenger hunt and proposed as the sun was setting! We have been married for seven years and are so thankful to journey through life together.

We enjoy going on walks with our mini goldendoodle, Cooper, riding bikes, playing board games, serving in our community, and just spending time together. **We are looking forward to this next chapter in our lives and bringing a child along on our adventures!**



Meet Erik

I work as a marketing manager at a financial company. I get to work remotely, which would give me more time at home as we welcome a new child into our family.

One of my favorite things to do in my free time is to go camping. I like getting away from the busyness of life and unwinding in nature. **I can't wait to bring a child along on these camping trips and create memories together like roasting marshmallows and exploring nature.**

I also like playing different sports and working to complete challenges like running a marathon or learning a new skill to finish a house project.

Erik's Favorites

Sports Teams: Cleveland or Ohio State

Sports to Play: Softball and Basketball

Season: Fall

Dessert: Buckeye Ice Cream

Vacation: Yosemite National Park

Holiday: Halloween



Justine Says

"A few of my favorite things about Erik are his sense of humor, kindness, determination, and his love for learning. Once he has a goal set, he works hard to achieve it!"

Meet Justine



Erik Says

"Two words I would use to describe Justine would be: loving and supporting. You can see this in her commitments to her family and friends."

I work as a preschool teacher and **love seeing the joy as children learn something new through exploration, play, and stories.** I especially love reading, both to my preschoolers and in my own time.

When I'm at home, cooking and baking are a few hobbies I enjoy. **I like how food can help bring families together.** In the fall, one of my favorite traditions is using my grandmother's applesauce maker that she passed down to me and sharing the homemade applesauce with others.

Justine's Favorites

Books: Suspense or Mystery

TV Show: Friends

Season: Fall & Summer

Food: Tacos

Dessert: Dark Chocolate

Vacation: Beach

Holiday: Thanksgiving

Family & Values



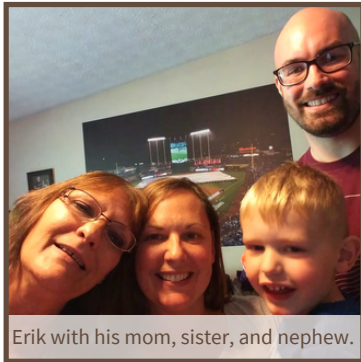
Justine with her parents and siblings

"Our home is a place filled with love and our future child will be **nurtured, cared for, and taught to love others as well.**"

Family is one of the most important parts of our lives. We are very close to our family and enjoy spending quality time with them. We travel two hours to Northeast Ohio almost every month to spend long weekends with our parents, siblings, and nephews.

Some of our favorite things to do with our six year old nephew on these trips is playing silly games, watching movies, and having sleepovers. We have three other nephews and there is also a new baby joining our family in the summer! We love watching them grow up and learn new things.

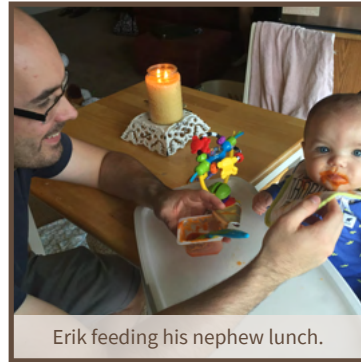
They bring us so much joy!



Erik with his mom, sister, and nephew.



Justine meeting her new nephew.



Erik feeding his nephew lunch.



Justine visiting her nephews.

As our family grows, we look forward to continuing our family traditions like:

- Nightly dinners at the table.
- Easter egg hunts in the spring.
- Going to church on Sunday.
- Apple picking and carving pumpkins in the fall.
- Brunch and presents on Christmas morning.

Our Home

We live in a family-oriented neighborhood in a suburb of Central Ohio. We do yearly events together like 4th of July parades, block parties, and trick or treating. Our community is also filled with parks, sports programs, and many other family activities.

Many of our own childhood memories were made with neighborhood friends playing tag and spending time at each other's houses.

Our future family will get to make those same memories here.



Our Promise



Taking our dog, Cooper, for a walk.



Learning how to ski in New York.

- We promise to fully love this child and prioritize family time.
- We promise to build memories each day and go on adventures as we explore the world around us.
- We will provide an education where they can learn, grow, and develop their passions.
- We will help them learn about God and develop their own faith.
- We commit to helping them know their story, where they came from, and developing a relationship with you (in whatever capacity you are comfortable with).

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We hope you have gotten a small glimpse into our lives and how important family is to us. If you decide to pursue adoption and choose us to be a part of this journey, **we are committed to raising a child in a loving home.**

We know you are facing a tough decision and there are a lot of unknowns. Our faith in God has helped guide us in our own difficult decisions and we know God is also with you.

We are praying for peace and clarity as you make a decision for you and your child.

- Erik & Justine