

TJ & Kayla



Thank you for taking the time
TO READ ABOUT OUR FAMILY!

It is an honor to introduce ourselves to you! We are a game board playing, good book loving, dog doting, football fanatic family. We love to be outdoors and spend time together.

As we begin the journey to adopt again, we are excited about the opportunity to add even more love to our home. It is our desire to provide a loving and supportive home for your child to thrive.

We can't wait to expand our family to include not only a new baby, but you and your family. We have an open adoption with both of our sons' birth families through regular texting, Facebook, and in-person visits. We are committed to openness at whichever level you feel comfortable.

We look forward to a time when we can meet you and learn about your story.

With love, TJ, Kayla, Carter, & Eric

OUR FAMILY



We met the first day of college in the cafeteria in 2005 and married in 2010.

Both of our boys joined our family through adoption - - Carter in 2017 and Eric in 2019. Carter (3.5 yrs) and Eric (1.5 yrs) are spunky, energetic, funny little boys. They are exactly two years apart and are starting to find the fun in playing with and torturing each other, as only brothers can do. They are going to be great big brothers!



ABOUT KAYLA (by TJ)

Kayla is my best friend. I love that we are truly a team that works well together, although I must admit she deserves all the credit for keeping our life running smoothly. I am lucky to have found such a kind and generous person to start a family with. When Kayla is at home, she



enjoys watching old TV shows on repeat, crocheting, reading, playing outside with the kids, and going to bed early (she shares the same bedtime as the boys). We work well together to tag team parenting.



OUR CAREERS

TJ: I am an 8th grade math teacher. Every Halloween, I dress up as a calculator (made by Kayla) for my students.

Kayla: I am an administrative assistant and grants coordinator at a university. I love Excel spreadsheets and well-maintained calendars.



Where you'll ... FIND US ...

WINTER

- * At our neighborhood sled hill
- * Gymnastics
- * Snuggled up with the dog and a book (or crochet)



SPRING

- * Soccer
- * At the playground or taking walks
- * TJ's annual 8th grade DC trip



SUMMER

- * Out on the river in our canoe
- * Cookouts with friends
- * Zoo, pool, parks
- * Golfing and hiking
- * Celebrating birthdays!



2017: The President, Secret Service, and Kellyanne Conway

FALL

- * Cheering on our Buckeyes!
- * Making awesome Halloween costumes



ABOUT TJ (by Kayla)

TJ is the most easygoing guy you'll ever meet. I don't think there's a person in the world who doesn't like him. TJ likes reading crime novels, exploring new TV shows, golfing with his brother, and being handy around the house (maybe this one is more what I like him to do!). He's a great dad and a fan favorite with our niece and nephews!

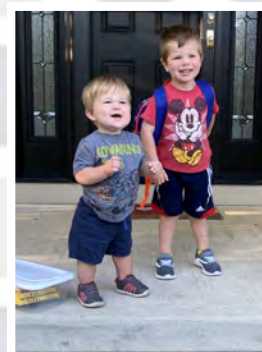


SUMMER ADVENTURES

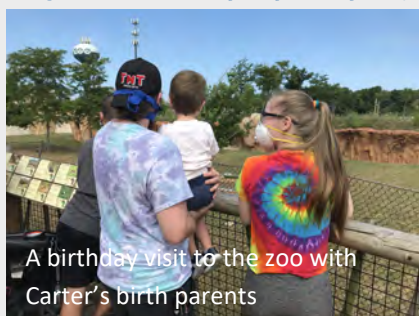
We love the summers! We both have off from work in the summers and are home as a family from the end of May through the beginning of August. We pack our summers full of visits with friends, exploring outside, and travel.



2020: Dr. Eric and his patient X-ray Carter



Our commitment to openness



A birthday visit to the zoo with Carter's birth parents



At the park with Eric's birth mom

We've really enjoyed adding Carter and Eric's birth families into our own family. We still have regular visits with both sets of parents and stay connected over text, Facebook, and Marco Polo. We are open to openness at whichever level you feel comfortable.



We love our house and all the opportunities it provides for our family. We are in a quiet neighborhood where kids ride their bikes in the street, neighbors are always outside saying hi, and we are right on the edge of a beautiful wooded state park. We live in a great school district (same district where TJ teaches). Our house is a 4 bedroom/ 3 bathroom with hardwood floors and a big, open floor plan. We are on 1/2 an acre with a big playset in the backyard. We love entertaining and hosting during the holidays. But the **best feature** is the close proximity to family. We live within bike riding distance to Kayla's mom and only 15 minutes from TJ's parents.



TJ's Family: He has 2 brothers and 1 sister, with 2 nephews and 1 niece



A "small" Easter with TJ's extended family



Kayla's Family: She has 1 brother, with 1 nephew

TJ: I come from a BIG Irish Catholic family. I have 36 first cousins and most still live in central Ohio. We have a lot of big, loud holidays together! I'm one of 4 kids—my younger brother and sister live nearby, and my older brother is in the Air Force stationed with his family in Dayton.

Kayla: I come from a much smaller family, but grew up surrounded by lots of family friends. My mom lives just around the corner and is enjoying retirement by traveling the world and spoiling her grandkids. My brother and his family moved to Australia in 2017, but with Facetime we see each other a lot.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

THE FUTURE

Now that you know a little about where we've been, we hope you and your family can be a part of our future. We would love to talk to you about the hopes and dreams you have for your child, and share more about our plans for our family. The future is bright, adventure awaits, and we'll be here with open arms.

We can't wait to meet you! With love, *Kayla & TJ*

