

We are Shaun and Holly. Thank you for reading our profile. We have the deepest respect for you and the difficult decision you are making. We are in awe of your courage to consider adoption for your child. Even without meeting you, it's easy to see that you are strong and brave. We promise to love any child placed in our home unconditionally, and we will make sure they know how deeply you love them as well. We will provide a warm and safe home full of love and laughter — and a few puppy kisses.



# Our Lives Together

We have a strong marriage, and it's strong because we did not rush into it. We both knew what we were looking for and what we wanted and needed in a partner. We are looking forward to adding to our family and cannot wait to share all of the love we have for each other with a child.

As a couple we feel blessed to truly enjoy one another's company. We value our time together and eat dinner at the table together every night, and often cook together, too.

We love to host family and friends in our home for weekends of fun and adventure. Some recent adventures include the Renaissance Festival, the Corn Maze at Darby Creek, apple picking, and an OSU football game.

Because we both love the movies and theater, we recently put a home theater in our basement, complete with a popcorn machine, movie theater candy, and 3D glasses. We like to go to the drive-in to watch movies as well — there is something nostalgic about sitting outside watching a movie under the stars.

We love to travel and make it a point to take at least one vacation every year. Our most recent trip was to Austin, Texas, to visit friends. In 2016, we went to Las Vegas for Shaun's sister's wedding, and bought a time-share while we were there, which gives us even more excuses to vacation and see the country.

To relax, Holly enjoys reading and crafts. She is also a huge fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes and does not miss watching a game! Shaun likes to play video games and has an arcade machine with over a thousand old-school games on it.

**We enjoy life together. Here, we are at the Pumpkin Patch.**



For more information about our family, please contact Adoption Circle at (800) 927-7222.



## Our Story

**About Shaun by Holly** I fell in love with Shaun when I realized what a great person he is. Just one example of this is the fact that he has called his mother twice a week every week since his father passed away to check on her. He has a heart of gold and is always willing to help out friends and family. It may sound cliché, but he is truly my best friend and confidant.

Shaun works for JP Morgan Chase as a software developer and is able to work from home most of the time. He will be given 12 weeks of leave when we become parents.

Shaun loves hosting family and friends for get-togethers, so when he bought our home, he immediately furnished all four bedrooms so that company always has a place to stay. He makes me laugh on a daily basis. He is definitely going to be the “fun” parent. He loves video games, swimming, and theme parks. It's no wonder our nieces and nephews love coming to visit Uncle Shaun — and he enjoys them as much as they do him. He will make a wonderful father.

**Shaun loves chocolate.**



**We met like most others do in this day and age** — online. Holly was a little shy, so it took several months of emails and texting before we finally had our first date. When we did, the chemistry was instant! By our third date, we were almost inseparable. At the time, Holly was in nursing school and Shaun was looking to buy his first house. Because he knew he wanted a family, Shaun looked for a house that had lots of bedrooms and was located in a neighborhood with a great school system.

Holly also always wanted a family. In 2002, she had a daughter who was born prematurely. Samantha lived for an hour and Holly was able to hold her and hear her cry before she passed away. After this experience, Holly knew that she wanted to adopt. She tried infertility treatments but was unsuccessful in carrying a child. Although this experience brought us challenges and tears, it prepared us and cemented even further that we were made to be adoptive parents. We are so looking forward to this next chapter in our lives!

**Halloween with Dexter**



**About Holly by Shaun** My family jokingly refers to Holly as the “cruise director” because she always makes sure kids — those in our family as well as the children of friends — are entertained with special projects when they come to visit. The kids love it and always look forward to discovering what new craft kits she has for them. It's now a tradition at Christmas for Holly and the kids to assemble gingerbread house kits, and a lot of the things that they have created now decorate our home!

Holly is a nurse in a doctor's office, where she has flexible hours, with every weekend and holiday off. Her co-workers are very accommodating and excited for the newest addition to our family. Holly will also receive 12 weeks of leave to stay home and develop a bond with our precious child. She's considering working only part-time until our child is in school.

Holly and I are best friends. She's going to make a wonderful mother.



# Our great big family



Our wedding with Holly's family



Shaun's family at our wedding reception

**Family plays an important role in our lives, and we are close with both of our families, sharing in holidays and special occasions as well as family trips together.**

Holly is the oldest of her siblings. She has a brother who is a firefighter and who has two children, and a sister who is a nurse practitioner. Her mother passed away 10 years ago and her father has since remarried.

Holidays are a blast in our family and we enjoy many traditions. From Grandma's Easter bunny cake and iced sugar cookies, to the smell of great-grandmother's famous meatballs, to singing "Jingle Bells" while waiting for Santa to stop by on Christmas Eve on his way to deliver presents...the energy is always festive and fun! Holly's mother's family, her father's family, and now her step-mother's family all get together for the holidays, which makes for large gatherings. For Thanksgiving, we have *five* turkeys and more pies than you can count!

Shaun is the middle child with an older and younger sister. His older sister is a stay-at-home mother of two. His younger sister is a financial accountant and also a mother of two. Shaun lost his father several years ago, but remains close to his mom. There are a lot of grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews for our future child to play with. Everyone is ready to welcome this newest family member.



Christmas Eve with the kids



At the zoo with Shaun's family



Baking with Brynn and Delaney

# Hopes for our child

**We both graduated from college — Shaun was valedictorian at his graduation! — and will encourage and enable our child to get a formal education.** They can choose whatever they want to study, and we will support any career path, as long as they get a sound education.

Holly grew up Catholic and converted to the Protestant faith while in high school. Shaun grew up Roman Catholic and went to Catholic schools. We go to church with our families, both Catholic and Protestant. We will raise our children as Christians and allow them the freedom to choose their own religious beliefs as they grow. They will be exposed to our faith and encouraged to ask questions. We will surround our children with love, morality, respect, and Christian values.

## Notes from the future cousins

My uncle and aunt are planning on adopting a baby. I can't wait for when they get to bring them home and I can meet my new cousin. In my eyes right now I have a cousin that's on the way and I'm very excited. My whole family is excited to have a cousin, niece or nephew, and grandson or daughter. I also know my uncle and aunt are very excited to have a child. I really hope you consider my aunt and uncle for the adoption. I can't wait to meet them!

— DELANY, AGE 14

Hello my name is Brynn, the niece of Shaun and Holly. I think you should pick them because they treat me like I'm their child. My Aunt Holly always has something for me to do like crafts. She is always prepared for anything. She is very nice to me and my cousin Delany and my sister that is 1 and a half. My Uncle Shaun is always good with babies. He will take me to the Zoo with my sister. He always makes the best food. He's always been a great Uncle. He is so nice and funny! I'm sure they will be the best Mom and Dad. — BRYNN, AGE 8

Aunt Holly and Uncle Shaun need a baby so I can have a baby cousin to play with. They will be a really, really good mommy and daddy. — ELENA, AGE 6



Apple picking with Elena

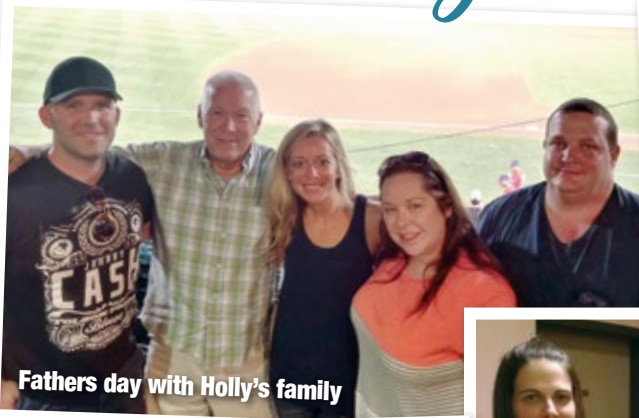


# Home and neighborhood

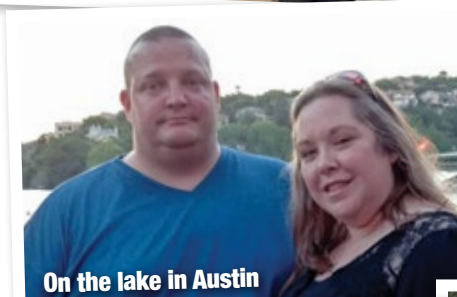
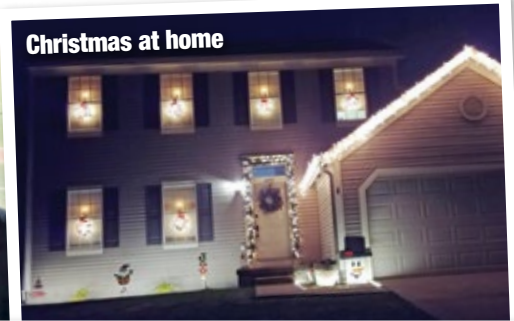
**We live in a big, beautiful four-bedroom, two-story home.** It's located in a peaceful neighborhood and has a wonderful finished basement where we like to spend time. There are several parks near our home, and, because the zoo is only 15 minutes away, we have a membership. We appreciate that our neighborhood has family block parties and community garage sales.

Our home is a gathering place for all of our family and friends. We believe a home should be filled with the people we love, and, as we've mentioned, we've made sure there is a lot of room to accommodate company, including overnight guests.

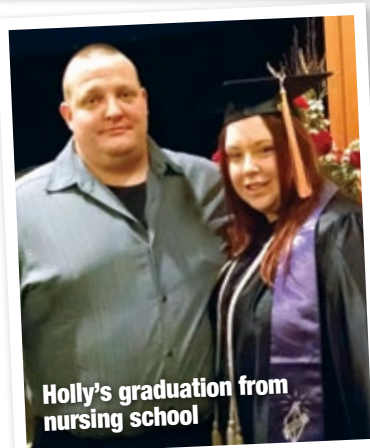
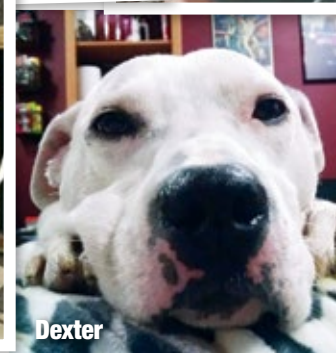
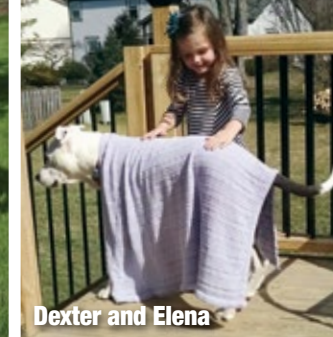
We have a dog and two cats. Dexter, our dog, loves our nieces and nephews. He is a big baby and he actually likes to dress up. We have to hide his bunny ears because he drags them out and whines to have us put them on him. Monkey and Abraham are typical cats and both are declawed.



Fathers day with Holly's family



Mother's Day with Shaun's family



**In Closing...** Our child will always know that they were adopted with love. We will speak of you with openness and respect. They will know how strong and brave you are for making this decision. We know words and pictures are not merely enough, and hope to meet you soon. Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us.

