

# TJ, Kayla & Carter



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 Carter's birthparents with weekly communication through our Facebook group and visits with them and their extended family a few times a year. 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

# HOW WE BECAME "US"



We met the very first day of college in the cafeteria in 2005. Kayla's roommate suggested sitting at a random table to get to know people, and we ended up sitting with TJ. We bonded over our mutual love of Harry Potter that first day and have been best friends ever since. After endless pursuit (by TJ), we started dating sophomore year and never looked back.

Carter joined the fun in July 2017 through adoption to make us a family of 5 (counting the dogs).



## 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 with the dogs, and going to bed early (she and the baby share a similar bed time). We work well together to tag team parenting.



## Ruby and Winnie

Our pups are Redbone Coonhounds who we rescued in 2012 and 2013.



## 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

- \* Skiing & snowboarding
- \* Snuggled up with a dog and a book (or crochet)
- \* Cutting down our Christmas tree



## SPRING

- \* Taking family walks
- \* TJ's annual 8th grade DC trip



## SUMMER

- \* Out on the river in our canoe
- \* Cookouts with friends
- \* Summer vacation



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, brewing his own beer, and being handy around the house (maybe this one is more what I like him to do!). TJ gets to stay home with the baby during his summers off and they love visiting the zoo, COSI, and the pool. He's a great dad to Carter and a fan favorite with our niece and nephews!



## SUMMER ADVENTURES

Since TJ is a teacher, we try to pack our summers with fun adventures including at least one big trip. We love hiking and have summited Mt. Washington (NH) and Pike's Peak (CO), and have hiked the Grand Canyon (AZ). But sitting on the beach is always a winner too!



2017: Australia



2013: Summit of Pike's Peak

## ABOUT CARTER

Hi! I'm Carter! I'm just about the happiest little guy you'll ever meet. I love my mama and daddy, but my birthparents are a part of our family and I love getting to see them a few times a year. I was born with a great head of hair and it gets me lots of attention with the ladies. I sleep like a champ (mom and dad can only hope to get so lucky again). I can't wait to have a little brother or sister to share all my giggles with!





We purchased our home right out of college and have lived here 9 years. It is a 3 bedroom/ 2 bathroom house with hardwood floors and a big, open living room. We live in a wonderful neighborhood with a great school district. We've gotten to know the neighbors from walking our dogs every day, and our barking hounds have made us notorious.

The **best feature** of our house is the close proximity to family. We live a block away from TJ's parents and Kayla's mom is currently building a house and moving to Columbus. They adore Carter and can't wait to love on more grandkids!



**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! My parents live a street over and 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 Virginia.

**Kayla:** I come from a much smaller family, but grew up surrounded by lots of family friends. My mom is in the midst of moving to Columbus from Cleveland and is enjoying retirement by traveling the world. 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*

