



# Chris & Jeanette

We would like to thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We admire your strength, courage, and the love you have for your child in considering adoption. We realize the choice before you is a difficult one, and we pray for your comfort and strength.

We are tremendously grateful and excited for the opportunity to expand our family. We love to play Yahtzee, complete puzzles, take road trips across Ohio and Michigan, and spend time with family and friends. Our parents raised us to value education, hard work, and kindness. We hope to teach each of our children to value these as well. Our wish is to create an adoption plan that will let the child grow up surrounded by love and knowing how much they are cherished. If you choose adoption and choose us, we will make sure your child knows how much you love them, and we want you to know what a wonderful life he or she has through pictures, letters, and/or visits. We hope the pictures and words on the following pages provide a glimpse into our current life and what we'd like to become as a growing family.

With many thanks and prayers,  
Chris & Jeanette



# Our Story

We met in 2013 while Chris was coaching basketball at the school where Jeanette was teaching. Despite our opposing views on college football teams (Chris is an avid Michigan fan and Jeanette loves OSU), we knew in a matter of months that we were meant to be together. We were married in the summer of 2014 and had always known that someday we'd want to start a family of our own. Our dreams of becoming parents came true when we were blessed with our son, Henry, in August of 2020. During the time we waited and prayed for a child, we felt that God was leading us down the path of adoption, and this feeling remains the same today. We are excited to grow our family through adoption and know that we will love this child with all our hearts, just as we love Henry. We are blessed to have wonderful and loving family and friends who are completely supportive of our adoption journey.



Chris's brother's wedding

## All About Mama Bear (by Papa Bear)



Jeanette is the most supportive wife and mom, and she is always telling me (and Henry!), "You can do it!" Every day she challenges me to be a better person by being a beacon of strength and determination, all while having a great sense of humor. Jeanette will likely be the first one crying in a room (happy or sad), but it's only because she cares so much for other people. Her dedication, persistence, and positivity have served her well as a teacher, friend, sister, and wife, and those same traits shine through when she is with Henry. I love to watch her read to him and encourage him as he learns and develops, and I look forward to watching her in action with our next child. In her free time she loves to cook, read, and relax in the

backyard. I won't say she "enjoys" working out, but she does stay active by going on family bike rides and walks around the neighborhood. For special occasions, she bakes molasses cookies (using her Grandma's recipe), which are the best homemade cookies I've ever had! She loves spending time with our families, especially our nieces and nephews, who she spoils over holidays and birthdays.



## All About Papa Bear (by Mama Bear)



Chris is an amazing dad, and it melts my heart to see him and Henry together. The smiles they give each other when Chris gets home from work are just adorable! The two of them have lots of fun giggling at the funny noises and voices that Daddy uses when they play. Chris is also a loving and supportive husband, and I cannot imagine my life without him. He has a great sense of humor and helps keep me grounded when life gets stressful. He enjoys cooking, and I look forward to the fun recipes he comes up with for us to try! A few of his specialties are grilled salmon, chili, and anything breakfast! Chris works hard at his job and takes pride

in his work as an engineer. He strives to do the best job he can, while still being home nights and weekends. He is our "planner" and helps us stay focused on our goals. Chris is a huge sports fan and loves cheering on his favorite teams. Chris and his younger brother even have season tickets to the Michigan football games to cheer on his beloved Wolverines (UGH!). He has played golf his entire life, and I love tagging along to keep him company. We look forward to making trips to the golf course a family affair!



# Things We Love to Do!

While we each have our own friends and interests, we truly enjoy spending our free time together as a family. One of our favorite things to do is cook. Most evenings we can be found in the kitchen making dinner and hanging out with Henry, as it's a fun way to connect at the end of a long day. During the cold Ohio winters, we enjoy staying in and reading, putting together a puzzle, or playing board games. Some of our favorite games are Yahtzee, Sorry, and Sequence. In the summer, we like to enjoy the outdoors by playing yard games, enjoying s'mores in the fire pit, and going to the golf course. We also enjoy riding bikes at the local bike trail and taking Henry on walks around the neighborhood. Our favorite place to vacation is Traverse City in northern Michigan. We head there every summer for the sand dunes, bike trails, and beautiful scenery. We can't wait to continue all of these fun activities with Henry and a future sibling!



## Careers

**Chris** - I am an engineer working for a Fortune 500 company. I truly enjoy my work and the relationships I have built over my career. I am lucky to have a great work-life balance and enjoy most of my evenings and weekends at home with Jeanette and Henry.

**Jeanette** - I taught first grade for 16 years at a very small, rural school. While I loved teaching, we made the decision that once we had children I would be a stay at home mom. It was a great decision for our family, and I absolutely love staying home with Henry - it's the BEST job ever! I look forward to adding another child to love into our lives.

## Pets

We are lucky to have two fur-kids in our home. Sammy, our dog, is a sweet little Yorkie. He loves to come curl up in Henry's room during play time. Benson, our cat, is very curious, and loves watching birds outside the windows and cuddling on our laps. When not playing and causing mischief, they can be found sleeping in their favorite spots.



## All About Baby Bear (by Mama and Papa Bear)

Henry is already developing his little personality, and it is definitely fun to watch! He is a happy little boy, who loves to smile, giggle, and play. He is very observant, and will watch closely to see what Mommy, Daddy, or Sammy the dog, is up to. Henry enjoys listening to books (and sometimes chewing on them!), and we are excited to see him developing a love for books and reading. We look forward to him growing up with a younger sibling as his best friend. This sweet little guy is going to be a terrific big brother some day!

# Home & Community



Our home is a beautiful ranch in a small, quiet neighborhood. We are just a short drive from our quaint downtown, where we can walk and enjoy local ice cream, restaurants, coffee, and shopping. Our backyard is perfect for grilling, eating, playing, and relaxing. It also has a fire-pit for cool fall evenings. There is room to run and play, and our quiet street is perfect for learning to ride a bike. We attend a small Methodist church where we were married and Jeanette's parents and family attend. We plan on raising our children in this supportive church family.



## Our Family



We are both blessed to come from strong, loving families, who are the foundation of our support system. Chris is the middle of 3 boys. His childhood was spent playing golf, watching sports, and biking the neighborhood with his brothers. His parents live just a short drive away in the house he grew up in, and they are excited to have another grandchild to come visit. His younger brother also lives locally, and we enjoy spending time with him and his wife. Chris's older brother now lives in Florida, but we see him and his two kids as often as we can.

Jeanette grew up in a nearby farming community, where her parents still live. Her childhood was spent biking, swimming in the pond, and going on family camping trips. We are lucky that her older brother and his family also live nearby, and we are able to see them often.

With both of our families so close, we are blessed to spend holidays and birthdays surrounded by our loving family. They are all excited and supportive of our adoption plan, and can't wait to add another child to the family.

## A child in our family will...

- ...have unconditional love and support
- ...know how much you love them
- ...be raised in a Christian home
- ...know his or her adoption story

- ...know how much we admire you
- ...learn the value of education and hard work
- ...be encouraged to pursue his or her dreams!



Thank you for allowing us to share our story with you. The opportunity to grow our family is one of the greatest gifts we could ever receive, and we cannot truly express how grateful we are to you. We promise to treasure any child that is placed in our home and will dedicate our lives to raising our children with love, support, patience, and humor. You will always be a part of our family's story, and we promise to celebrate you and your journey through this adoption.

With Love,

Chris and Jeanette

