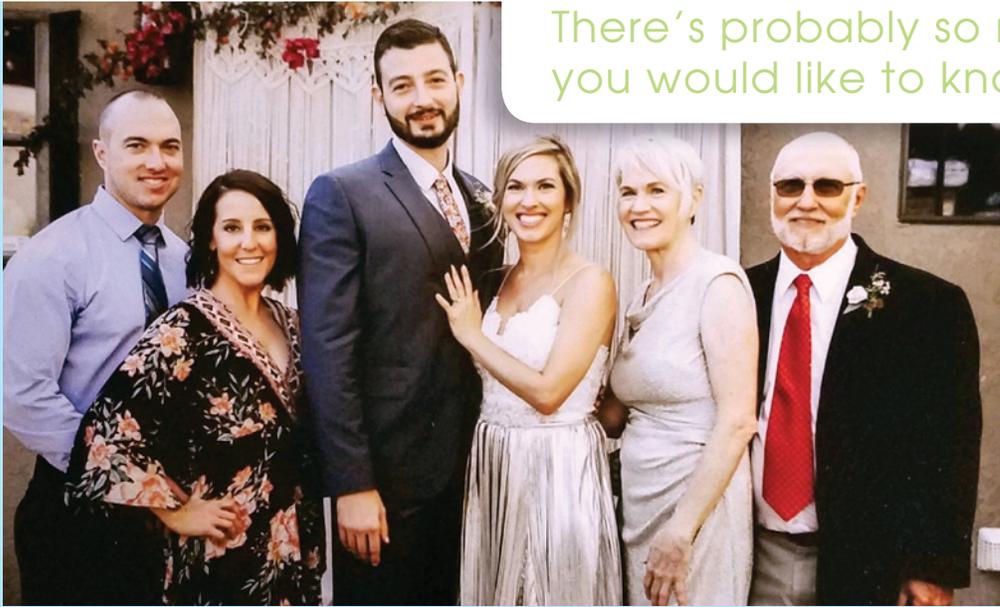


Kristen & CJ

Greetings!

We are delighted to introduce ourselves to you! We are Kristen and CJ. We have dreamed of being parents for quite some time and want to sincerely thank you for helping us along on our journey. We know in our hearts that adoption is our true path to parenthood. Thank you for putting your trust in us to provide a loving, protective, and happy home for this already cherished baby.

There's probably so much you would like to know about us...



Family Traditions

The best part of family traditions is the fact they happen because of family! We are so excited to share our coveted traditions with this new baby. Thanksgiving is one of the most anticipated holidays of the year in our home simply because there is so much to be thankful for! Every member of our immediate and extended family treasures this wonderful time together.

Although we do not have children of our own just yet, family means everything to us. Our happiest memories are of spending time together and with loved ones. We have two adorable dogs (Sophie and Bella). They love to cuddle, snuggle and play. Our pups love children especially. We know that Sophie and Bella would be a baby's new best friend!



Over the past 10 years we've envisioned being blessed to welcome a baby into our home. We live in the country (about 7 minutes outside of the suburbs) on a large (5 acre) property with lots of green trees and a large pond for fishing. Our house is spacious, yet warm and filled with the happiest of memories of family gatherings and time together.



Our family also looks forward to gathering together for Christmas. For the holidays we have lots of fun decorating the house with decorations passed down from previous generations. We set up a large Christmas tree filled with ornaments and twinkling lights. We gather together around the fireplace, enjoy delicious food, and celebrate with gratitude and gifts for all. Birthdays are also very important because it is a perfect time to celebrate how very special each family member is, and will be, to us.

During the summer months we have an annual Fourth of July get together. After a cookout, CJ always sets off fireworks. It's so much fun to watch the grand display while seated around a bonfire with s'mores and sparklers.





Travel

We also love to travel! Some of our favorite trips have been to hike on the Arizona trails, ride jet skis in Key West, Florida, and stroll the beaches of San Diego, California. We hope to explore lots of new and fun destinations together as a family.



Hobbies

Our most treasured hobbies are those we enjoy together! We adore spending time outdoors, fishing in our pond, relaxing by a campfire in the courtyard, gardening (we grow delicious veggies and herbs each spring), hiking at nearby metroparks, and taking golf cart adventures out back! At home, we often prepare delicious meals together, enjoy movies or game night with popcorn, and have dance parties to our mutually compiled playlist of music (we love to be silly together). When we think about our growing family, we talk about the fun adventures we're so excited to share with a new little baby boy or girl. We envision building these new memories in a home filled with joy and laughter.



Career & Education

Kristen is a school psychologist, board certified behavior analyst (BCBA), and certified ohio behavior analyst (COBA). She works within public schools and private practice to support the diverse needs of children. Kristen is passionate about her work, specializing in behavioral therapy for children with Autism and developmental disabilities. Kristen is a part-time lecturer at The Ohio State University, where she teaches occasionally within the special education program. Kristen received her doctorate from The University of Memphis, master of arts from The Ohio State University, and bachelors from Bowling Green State University.

CJ has always had a calling to serve. He served with the Army National Guard for 12 years often traveling the country for various training missions and assignments. CJ stepped aside from the military life to focus on family and his career. He has worked with the State Highway Patrol for 13 years and is currently assigned as a Sergeant. CJ is very passionate about everything he does, often going above and beyond to make a difference in others' lives and within our community. CJ received his bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University.





Our Faith

Our Christian faith is the source of our strength and excitement while preparing for this blessing and gift of a child. It has carried us through joy and challenges, and we wish to share the comfort faith brings with a loved and cherished baby.



Thank you for considering us. We know you've come into our lives for a very special purpose. We are so appreciative of you, as well as grateful for your decision to trust that adoption is the perfect choice for this beautiful baby. Please know our promise. We are committed to remain honest and open with you throughout this journey. We want to stay connected and keep you informed of the beautiful life you've helped create. For this already adored baby, we promise to see everyday together as a blessing. To fill our home with the happiest of memories and to provide a life filled with love, laughter, and adventure. Thank you for your faith in us.

With love,

Kristen and CJ

