

TJ & KAREN

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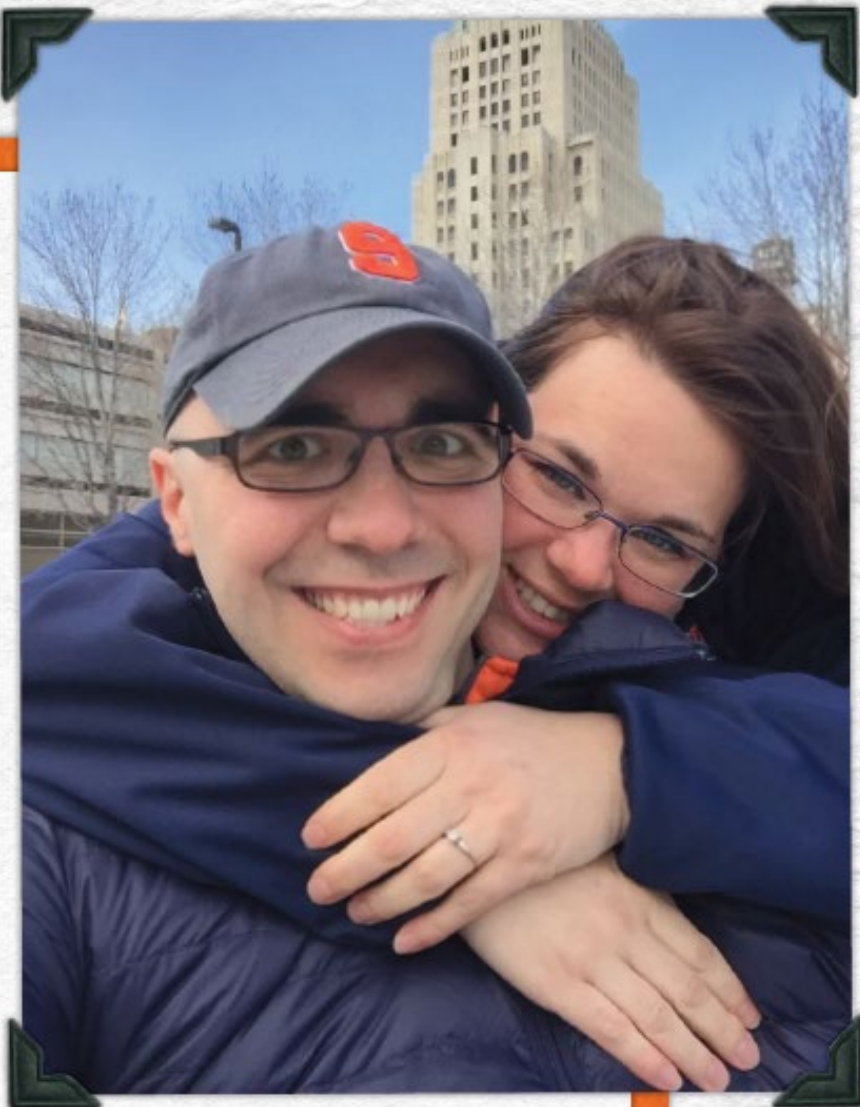
Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. We are deeply honored by your courage to consider us as parents to your child. When we married, we knew we wanted to become parents but would not be able to conceive our own. We chose to start this adoption journey, because we knew that the best families are more than genetics, they are formed by devotion and sacrifice.

Karen's life has been touched in beautiful ways by adoption and knows how perfectly it bonds a family. Her sister Cathy recently adopted her stepson, bringing so much joy to all of us! Her cousin placed a baby in an open adoption, and maintained a close relationship with her. We promise to respect how connected you wish to remain, but we assure you that your child will be loved beyond measure. This is the family we would create, a

family formed in love who honors you and will always cherish the selfless gift you gave us.

We are open to raising any child we are blessed with. We live in a multicultural neighborhood, with neighbors and friends already looking forward to raising our child with us. We are fiercely proud of our own heritages and would raise your child to embrace what their own roots are. We were raised in happy homes and want to raise your child to know every good thing we knew.

We will continue to pray for your courage and strength as you discern your options for you and your child. We hope that you have the love and support you need as you continue your own journey. It is our deepest prayer that through our own story, you can see the love we have for each other and the family we would have.



Our Story

On our first date over burgers, we started laughing together and haven't stopped since. We got married in 2017 toasted by our family and friends. Slider, the Indians mascot even crashed our wed-



ding! We are a house divided: TJ is a Michigan fan, and Karen cheers for Ohio State. We became West Virginia fans so we could support a team as a family.

TJ has golfed alongside his dad most of his life. They just taught Karen to play, who is now teaching her nephews. We are often out on the course or at

the driving range. Karen loves Broadway and goes to the theater several times a year with her parents.



Karen & our nephew.



We are looking forward to traveling with a child and seeing the world through their eyes. We have traveled throughout the US, even London. We have a goal of seeing all the US capitals and visiting Australia one day.

As much as we enjoy being busy, we like winding down with a good book, or a rerun of Modern Family or The Office. Fiona always comes up for a snuggle before bedtime. We tell our stories of the day and get ready for the next one. We know the story continues and will only get better as our family grows.



Karen, according to Karen

I am the oldest of four daughters and despite my small town roots, I love to explore the cities and the world around me. I am a social worker working with seniors and have my dream job at a local hospital. I love baseball and sing in a local vocal sketch group – think Saturday Night Live meets Broadway. Before the pandemic I only missed one Opening Day since I was 18! I was raised Catholic and am honored being godmother to two beautiful young men. I have always been a hands on aunt, finding the perfect bubble mix or cookie recipe.



Karen, according to TJ

Best friend is no cliché here. Karen is my best friend, my partner, and someone I could talk to just about all day. She encourages me to be my best self every day. She's my best travel partner, my support and has the best eye roll to one of my comy jokes. Karen is one of the kindest souls I know. She continuously thinks about others first and jumps into whatever role she needs: wife, sister, aunt, daughter, cousin, friend. She's all in. And I love her.

TJ, according to TJ

I grew up in Northeast Ohio and learned why this is such a special place. As an only child, my parents made sure I got to explore all this area had to offer and why we set our roots here. I always loved to perform for my family and wanted to do that full time once I got older. After college, I got to live my dream job of working in radio broadcasting, then transitioned into marketing and communications. Even out of radio, I'm very active with my college radio station's alumni network.

Away from work, you'll find me watching and talking sports, reading nonfiction and attempting to become a better golfer and cook.



TJ, according to Karen

What I love about TJ is his big heart. He absolutely never meets a stranger, and everyone is his friend. He is always creating new adventures for us, finding interesting ways to fill our days. He works so hard to give us a great life, but making sure there is plenty of time to be together. My favorite thing is to watch him be an uncle. He knows how to connect to all of the kids in our lives, letting them shine.



Extended Family

Karen's family has spread their roots, but one sister and her family are still in the area. Her two boys literally jump up and down with excitement about having another cousin. Her youngest nephew Hank shares a birthday with her! Her two other sisters and their families live farther away, but the family text chain never stops. Both our parents still live locally and are ready to love and spoil their next generation. Because family isn't always genetic, we have a chosen family of very dear friends with their children who have open hearts and hands ready to embrace your child with so much love.

For decades, Karen's family has camped at Salt Fork. Now we just get more campsites as all the families come for the boating, hiking, and the s'mores. Every year, Karen's parents host the family annually at a new destination to make even more special memories. TJ's family loves everything about Cleveland - the city, the sports, the food, the museums. We have friends near and far, who are always eager for a visit.



Our Cat

Meet the first love of our lives, Fiona. She's sweet, sassy, and a joy to everyone who meets her.



Our Home

We live in a beautiful home in a diverse neighborhood within an easy drive to parks, Lake Erie, museums, and towns. Our neighborhood is brand new, so all the families have gotten to know each other really well and look out for each other. There are lots of families with kids who play with each other every day. A fifteen-minute walk here can become an hour as we stop to chat with our neighbors.



Favorite Things

Food

Karen: Popcorn
(I could eat it every day)
TJ: Chicken

Holiday

Karen: Any day with fireworks!
TJ: Thanksgiving Friday

Movie

Karen: A League of Their Own
TJ: Anchorman

Birthday Treat

Karen: Any kind of berry pie
TJ: Cherry Pie

Rainy Day Activity

Karen: Probably playing
in the rain
TJ: Watching game show and
soccer clips on YouTube



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With Thankful Hearts

We are so incredibly grateful to you for considering this gift of adoption. We want you to know that we will raise your child with every ounce of joy and love possible. We are committed to guiding your child through every storm life calls us to weather, so they can grow their own roots and wings. We will continue to share your child's story with you as they grow, giving you the opportunity to be as involved as you feel called to be. Thank you for taking your time to learn more about our family and how your child may fit into it. We want to learn more about your dreams for your child and how we can be part of this journey with you. We hope you can tell how much we love you and your child so much already. We shall continue to pray for you. With love,



TJ & our nephew.



Karen & our neighbor.