

# Steve and Kendra



We are so grateful that you would take the time to consider us a part of your journey and selfless decision. Although we do not know each other yet, know you have been on our hearts. We have dreamt of becoming parents for so long but with the struggles of infertility, that has not happened for us. Adoption is such a beautiful act of love and we want it to be a part of our story. We would love to hear your dreams for your child and what this journey looks like for you. We are happy to provide pictures and updates on your child but will respect your wishes as well. Thank you for giving us this opportunity and know we want what is best for you and your baby, no matter the outcome.

## How We Met

We met in 2003 when we both lived in Oklahoma. Our first date was at an Italian restaurant and Steve was so nervous he twisted his ankle leaving the restaurant. We laughed so hard and the rest is history. We have been having fun and laughing at each other ever since. We got married in June 2006 in Kendra's hometown. Kendra, her Mom, her cousin,

and Mother in law planned and decorated the whole thing. It was a beautiful day that we will cherish forever. The day we got married it was well over 100 degrees and Steve and his groomsman turned the AC down too far and it froze. This made for a very warm ceremony- and years of laughs. After the reception we went to our favorite dive Chinese restaurant and then drove to Dallas to catch



a flight to Riviera Maya. Looking back at how our story began, we are still on the same journey and it has been a blast.



## About Kendra by Steve

Kendra is one of the goofiest and fun people I know. She is an altruistic person whose love, compassion and empathy show in her career as a Registered Nurse. Kendra has always talked about being a mom. Kendra plans her niece's birthday parties, takes her out for girl's trips and always includes her own mom in the girl's trips. Kendra is going to be a wonderful mom. I could not imagine anyone else by my side on this journey.



## About Steve by Kendra

Steve is one of the most kind, hilarious people I know. He is always encouraging and has me laughing every day. His dedication to our marriage, family and his career show me he is going to be the best dad in the world. Kids are drawn to Steve because he gets on their level and is just goofy with them. There is no one else I would want to be on this journey with.

## Meet Ellie Jo

Ellie Jo is our two-year-old Goldendoodle. She is so sweet and loves to run and play during the day and snuggle in the evenings. She is very excited to be a big sister.

# Our Education and Careers

## About Us

Laughter is one of the key values at the core of our relationship. We believe that to be the fabric of our relationship. If we are not trying to make one another laugh, then we are laughing at something the other one did. We are both clumsy, so the laughs come easy. Also, we enjoy traveling and taking weekend trips to get away from the chaos of everyday life. Whether it is going to the Dominican Republic and laying on the beach or Chicago going to musicals and taking boat tours. Traveling has helped shape our view of the world by seeing all the diversity and beauty it has to offer. Sharing these first-time experiences with each other has made us grow closer as a couple. We cannot wait to become parents and travel with a child so that they can see all the world has to offer.

Steve has a master's degree in industrial organization psychology. He is a Senior Executive at a hospital in southeastern Ohio. Steve loves learning and seeking new ways to solve old problems, he enjoys enabling others to make the business better, and he loves seeing people engaged and fulfilled in their work.

Kendra is a Registered Nurse and works as a House Supervisor at the same hospital as Steve. She has wanted to be a nurse since she was a little girl and loves her career. She is in many ways a nurse in every area of life and she is always caring for people.



## Our Families

Kendra: I grew up with an older brother in a rural Oklahoma town. I have amazing parents that have been married 40+ years and have been my biggest fans throughout my entire life. My greatest memories as a child revolve around many traditions and being around family. Christmas mornings at my Aunt Mary's were magical. I have a large extended family with many aunts, uncles, and cousins. We still

hold many traditions to this day that are so special to me. My family is very invested and excited for our journey. I cannot wait for it to be our turn to have a sweet baby to show off.

Steve: I grew up with a younger brother in a medium sized Oklahoma town. My parents have been married for 40+ years and have always inspired me to be the best I can be at whatever I was do-

ing. I have a large extended family with an aunt and many cousins. My fondest memory as a child was going to my grandparents for Christmas breakfast and arriving early to help my grandparents make a breakfast feast that included grandma's homemade biscuit and gravy for the entire family. My family is very excited to meet our newest family addition.

## Our Family Traditions

Our family has many traditions that we hold close to our hearts. We love Christmas with our family. It is a hectic but fun time. We have a cookie decorating night with the little cousins. A few days before Christmas the entire family goes to the theatre in Kendra's hometown for a play. Christmas Eve is a candlelight service at the church where we were married and then spent at Kendra's parent's house making dinner, mulled wine, opening presents and a Christmas movie in our new Christmas pajamas. Christmas morning is cinnamon rolls and heading to Kendra's cousin Brittany's house. The day

## Kendra's Favorites

Food: Sushi  
Movie: The Holiday  
Comedy: Drop Dead Fred  
Vacation: Punta Cana  
Holiday: Christmas  
Season: Winter

## Steve's Favorites

Food: Pizza  
Movie: A River Runs Through It  
Comedy: Tommy Boy  
Vacation: Punta Cana  
Holiday: Christmas  
Season: Winter

is filled with card games, the dollar game and a shrink wrap ball game with oven mitts and a silly hat. Laughter until you cry, kids running around everywhere and good food.

An 89er's Day festival celebrating the birth of Oklahoma in April is another tradition we have had for years. Friday starts off going to the history museum and walking

around town with all the cousins. Friday night is carnival night. It is so fun to watch the kids ride all the rides, win prizes, and get their faces painted. On Saturday everyone goes to Kendra's aunt's house and watches the parade and plays corn hole and then heads down to the food trucks. It is an amazing weekend making family memories.

## Our Home

We live in a four-bedroom home in a great school district. We have a large yard with a lot of trees and space to play. We live two blocks from the city park, pool, high school football field and little league baseball park. Our community has an awesome firework display at the city park that is perfectly seen from our back porch.



## Our Promise to You

Thank you for taking the time to read a little bit about our life. A child placed in our home will always be encouraged to dream and know they can do anything they put their heart into. They will always have the biggest team right behind them. Our family and friends are so excited to welcome a new member into this big family. Your child will always know what a brave and selfless decision you made.

With love and gratitude,

Steven and Kendra