



Kris and Kristi

LET'S START WITH *hello*

Although we don't know you yet, thank you for reading this letter and considering us to raise your child. We cannot fully understand what your journey has been like while considering adoption. We want you to know the decisions you make will always be met with compassion and understanding.

If you choose, we would love an open adoption that respects your level of openness. You are the first page in your child's story. Your child will always know how loved they are and that they are the greatest gift in our life.

It is our hope that this book gives you a glimpse of how much love we are ready to share with your child and what life with us may look like.

We love to be together, whether that's going on an adventure or staying home. We look forward to showing your child the world and enjoying day-to-day moments at home.

Thank you for allowing us to share our story and hopes with you.

Kris and Kristi

Our Story

Our story started when Kris' family moved to Kristi's hometown. We first met in high school biology and were in band together. Kris played the saxophone and Kristi played the clarinet. We became fast friends over common interests. Once we started dating, we were stuck like glue! We continued to date throughout college and graduated together. Kris proposed on the Fourth of July during the fireworks with his family present. We tied the knot in May 2006. We entered our wedding reception to Star Wars music while our wedding party held up lightsabers!

We made our home where Kris grew up. When we wanted to start a family, we were met with challenges. We tried for many years then turned to IVF. After five rounds, we changed paths. Adoption isn't a last resort. We have carefully talked and prayed a lot about adoption. We believe we are meant to be parents to an amazing child!

We were both raised in a Christian home. We attend a Lutheran church and we have a close relationship with our pastors. Our church family has supported us throughout our journey to becoming parents.



2001: Began Dating



2005: Proposed



2006: We Do

Find someone who is a home and an adventure all at once



2016: Vow Renewal



2019: IVF Journey



2022: Waiting 4 You

Meet Kris



*Written by
Kristi*

"Kris is quiet at heart and loves to be home with our dog, Indiana, but is open to going on adventures. He will make a great Father because he's incredibly patient, hard working and loving. I love it when he spends time with our nieces and nephews--from board games to playing on the floor. His optimism in life inspires me to be the best version of myself and I know he will be a great role model to our child."

Family:

I grew up in a small, but close family. We all live in the same town and enjoy spending birthdays and holidays together. I have one younger brother who loves to snowboard, fish, and attend music events. Both my parents are retired. My dad loves old cars and enjoys building things. My mom is an avid quilter and loves to spoil our dog, Indiana. They are looking forward to being grandparents!

Work:

I'm a techie guy. I currently work as a Software Test Engineer and keep weekends open for family time.

HOBBIES

- Star Wars
- Board games
- Movies
- Video games
- Comic books
- Hockey
- Pro Wrestling
- Legos



Meet Kris' Family



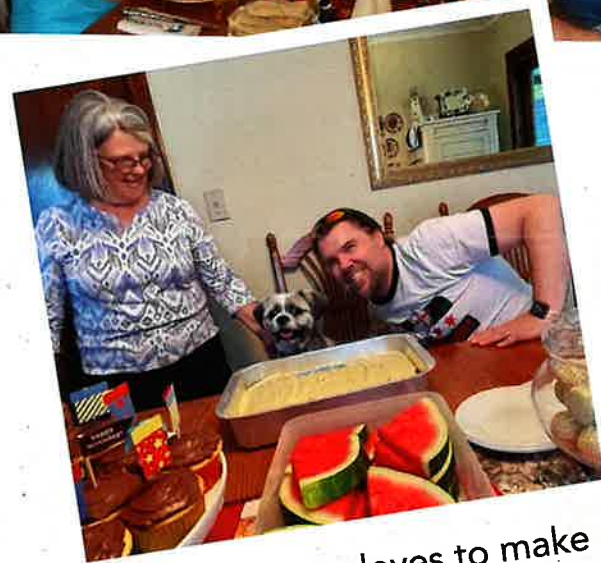
Bonus uncle and best friend time



Happy Thanksgiving!



Old car show with my dad and brother.



My mom loves to make birthdays special

Renaissance Festival with
friends & Disneyland



Star Wars with
my brother



Hanging out with our
nieces & nephews



Ready for
Trick or Treaters

Meet Kristi



*Written by
Kris*

"I fell in love with Kristi's quirky and fun personality. She loves to plan adventures and creative ways to spend time together--from vacations to date nights. She has the ability to make our place a home that is full of love and laughter. Kristi will make a great Mom because she is caring, supportive, and values spending time with family and friends."

Family:

I grew up in a close-knit family that lives a couple hours away. I have two older brothers. My siblings are married and I love being an aunt to 4 nieces and 2 nephews! Both my parents are retired. They love to travel, fish, volunteer, and spend time with their grandkids.

I stay connected with family and talk to them often. My family and faith are very important to me.

Work:

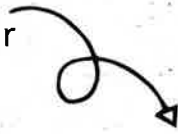
I'm a Reading Teacher at an elementary school. I love spending summer break with friends and family.

HOBBIES

- Traveling
- Photography
- Antiquing
- Vinyl Records
- Concerts
- Board Games
- All things Disney



My parents celebrated their
50th Anniversary!



Proud
Bonus Aunt!



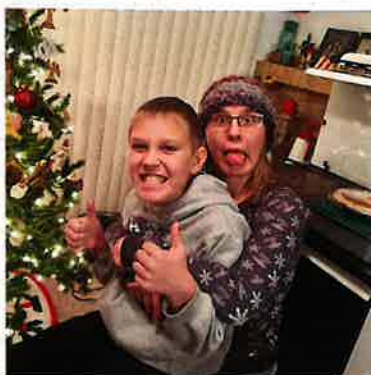
Meet Kristi's Family



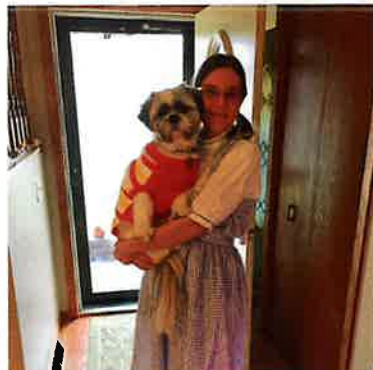
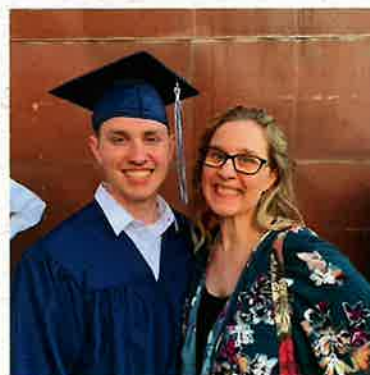
My big brothers

There's never a shortage of photos
when my family gets together!

I have a special relationship with my grandma. She is one reason why I became a teacher.



TOGETHER
we make a family



Bestie, Dog Mama, Auntie

Meet Indiana



I like to hang out in my humans' Baby Corner.

Hi there! My humans are a bit nerdy and named me after Indiana Jones. I love to be where my people are! Sometimes they call me Indy, Fluffy Bunny, or Snoops.

Loves:

- Walks
- Sleepovers at Grandma's house
- Cuddles
- Car rides
- Dairy Queen
- Playing hide & seek for treats

Meet Our Friends

We are thankful to have the most amazing group of friends that have become family. Family is more than DNA to us. We enjoy traveling and experiencing new things with them. It has been exciting to watch our friends become parents and spend time with their children.

Our friends are one of our biggest supporters in becoming parents. Your child will have many bonus aunts, uncles, and cousins to grow up with!



There's No Place Like Home

We live in friendly neighborhood where we know our neighbors and exchange Christmas goodies. We are very close to schools, hospitals, and a library. We are walking distance to parks where fun, family events happen throughout the year.

We live in a 4 bedroom home. Our basement has a cozy fireplace perfect for movie nights and opening presents Christmas morning.

In front, we manage a free little library. We have a large deck and backyard for yard games and a pool. There's a small garden where we grow cucumbers, green bean, peppers and kale.





We spend most of our time in the kitchen or living room. Kris has an office downstairs for when he works from home. We've also prepared a room for a baby.





Ribfest



Church Events

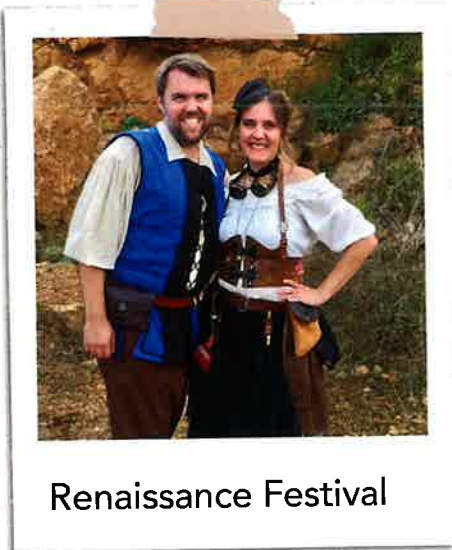


Farmer's Market

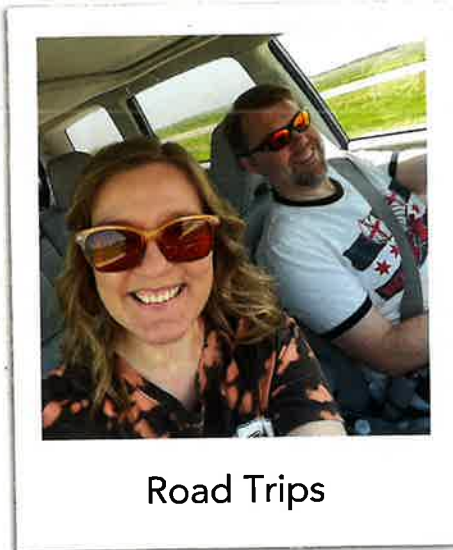
Our Favorite Summer Traditions



Street Fair



Renaissance Festival



Road Trips



Pumpkin Carving



Thanksgiving



Christmas Market

We love fall! We visit the pumpkin patch and Kris helps cook for Thanksgiving. Christmas is our favorite holiday! We enjoy the Christmas market, making Kris' Grandma's sugar cookies, and playing games with our family.



Sugar Cookies



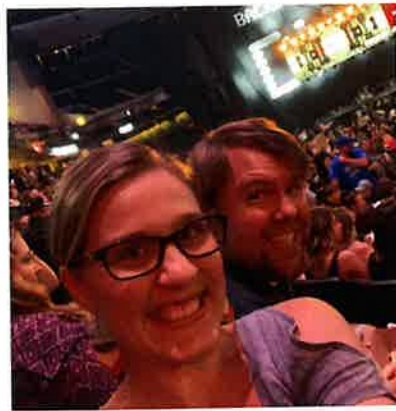
Board Games



Christmas Morning



Musicals



Concerts



Arcade & Pinball

Activities We Enjoy



Mini Golf



Volunteering at Church



Anything Star Wars



Movie: Jurassic Park

Collect: Star Wars

Book: X-Men Comics

Music: Movie Soundtracks

Food: Pizza with Green Olives

Sport: Baseball

Kris

Movie: Wizard of Oz

Collect: Christmas Ornaments

Book: Devotionals

Music: 80s or Disney

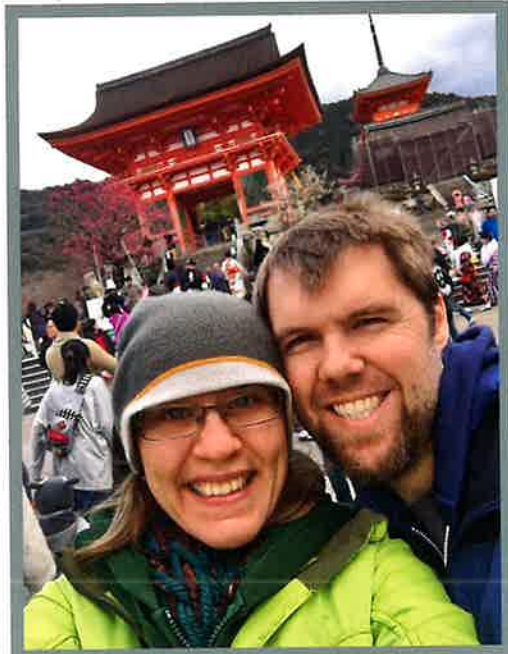
Food: Hotdish

Sport: Hockey

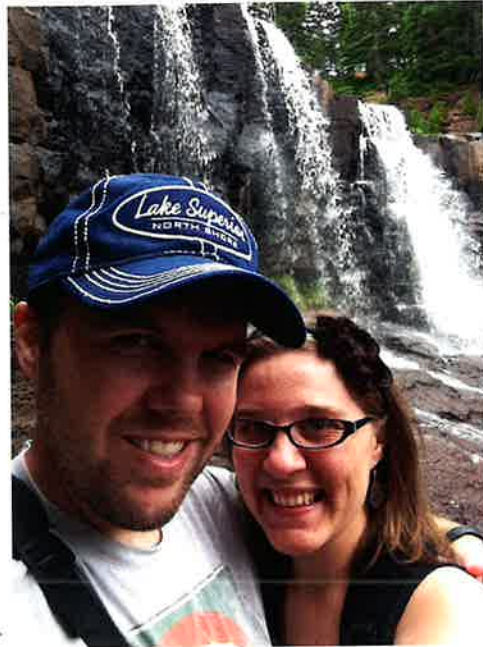
Kristi

Our Adventures

We love to travel and try to take a trip once a year. We have seen some incredible places like the Caribbean, New York and Hawaii, but our favorite place to visit is Disneyland! We are excited to show your child the world and share experiences with them.



Japan



North Shore



Maine



Disneyland

We love seeking adventure and we're looking forward to our biggest yet, becoming parents!

Our Promise to our Future Child



- We promise to celebrate your adoption story and honor your birth family.
- We will remind you everyday how strong, smart, capable, and amazing you are!
- You will have a home where you feel safe, loved, and valued.
- We promise to listen and make sure you know your voice matters.
- We will play with you on the floor, in the grass, and take you on adventures.
- You will grow up surrounded by family and friends who care for you.
- We promise there will always be bedtime stories and endless hugs.
- We will support your interests, talents, and be your biggest fans!



Thank you for opening yourself up to this process. No matter what you choose, we are rooting for you! We hope this book gave you a glimpse into our lives. If you feel a connection with us, we would love to make an adoption plan. We promise that your child will know their story and the journey that brought all of us together. We believe adoption is love and we're ready to love your child to infinity and beyond!

Kris, Kristi, and Indiana