



CHRIS AND KRISTEN



Why Adopt?

We started talking about adoption early in our dating relationship and discovered we were on the same page.

Since then, our desire to adopt has been strengthened by close relationships with other families who have chosen to grow in this way. It hasn't been easy for us to conceive a child, and we are not interested in extensive fertility testing and treatment when adoption is so close to our hearts.

Kristen has worked hard to bond with Chris' daughter, Havana, and they have a great mother/daughter relationship. Hava is also ready and excited for our family to grow through adoption!

We are in a place in our lives, marriage, and finances where we are able to provide a forever home and family filled with love, stability, and safety.

We are eager to welcome a child of any gender, race, or ethnicity to be loved as our own. There is already so much joy in parenting Hava, and we are excited to add to that joy.

You're going to learn more about us in the coming pages. We are looking forward to getting to know you too.



Our Promise

We will provide...

- Unconditional love
- Safety and security
- Lots of fun and laughter
- A home full of joy and acceptance

We'll nurture your child in discovering passions and dreams by signing them up for...

- Sports
- Classes
- Music lessons
- Camps

We will educate and encourage by...

- Providing emotional and financial stability and support
- Making sure they can attend college
- Helping them discover their pathway to a life of fulfillment and purpose

We will honor their story and history by...

- Always telling of your love and sacrifice for them
- Celebrating their journey to family





Chris



Kristen



Havana

Chris was born in NYC, grew up in NJ, has lived in a few places, and has traveled all over the world. He now loves calling Indiana home and loves the life he has here. His Egyptian heritage and travel experience help bring a wide perspective to midwestern life.

He's a natural leader who isn't afraid to challenge and inspire others to reach their full potential. He does fulfilling work leading a team of professionals and genuinely enjoys what he does every day.

For fun, Chris...

- Plays and records music
- Plays every instrument
- Cooks delicious meals
- Works out
- Reads
- Leads a worship band
- Rides bikes with the family

Fun fact: Chris can make up a silly song about anything

Chris has a great sense of humor and loves to laugh!

Chris does everything with passion. He finds equal joy in being the life of the party and in spending quiet evenings at home with the family.

He can't wait to share his love of music with this child!

Chris | Sales Team Manager



Kristen

Mental Health
Therapist



Kristen was born and raised in Indiana, and lived in the same home on a small street where she often played outside, always trying to keep up with her two big brothers or friends in the neighborhood. Her mom baked with her or made crafts with her and her brothers. Kristen's family played sports and games together, went on vacations, and camped. Kristen played on basketball, softball, and volleyball teams growing up.

Kristen has a passion for people as is seen in her career choices, having taught elementary school for 10 years and now, as a therapist supporting children, adolescents, and families in growing towards their goals.

Kristen is often described as a calm in the storm. She is...

- Adventurous
- Warm
- Empathetic

Kristen seriously loves being outdoors!

- Walking
- Running
- Hiking
- Biking
- Kayaking

She can't wait to share her passions with this child.

To relax, Kristen enjoys...

- Reading and journaling
- Watching a good Netflix series or movie

She is excited to share her love of children's literature with your baby, and will read to them every day.

A few fun facts: Kristen speaks conversational Spanish, loves chocolate, and has been learning to garden.



Havana (Hava)

Hava is a spunky pre-teen navigating middle school and is excited for a new, baby sibling!

She loves:

- Sushi
- Skin care
- New hair styles
- Making new friends
- Debating

- Hava is learning the violin and electronic music production
- She knows some Korean, Spanish, and Arabic!

She almost always has her AirPods in and is listening to music or a cool podcast.

Your child will be treated with the same love, care, and support as Hava. As she's grown up and uncovered her own passions, she's had classes and opportunities with dance, gymnastics, skateboarding, rollerskating, beat making, violin, Korean, cooking, etc.

We can't wait to find out all the sports, activities, and interests this child will grow up to discover. We'll be there for EVERY one.





2021 • Chris and Kristen met on a dating app

2022 • Engaged! (With Hava's stamp of approval, of course)

August 2022 • Married!

Our Story

We have at least a monthly date night and love trying out all the local restaurants. We deeply value commitment and working intentionally on continually strengthening our relationship and marriage. We know we need to be healthy individually and as a couple to be the best parents we can be for Hava and for the child we are ready to welcome. We're committed to each other and to family.

Family time means...

- Cooking and eating meals together
- Playing games
- Playing music together
- Bike rides
- Watching the start of a movie (we need to get better at finishing family movies)

We cannot wait to **share** all of these family moments with another child, as well as learn about their interests so we can **support** and **encourage** those together as a family.



We LOVE our home!



We live in a beautiful 120-year-old Victorian home on a small neighborhood street. There's always something fun to do here, especially in the spring, summer, and fall: festivals, concerts, entertainment, great restaurants, walking/biking trails, and hikes. We enjoy discovering what our city and community have to offer.



In our home, your baby will...

- Spend time talking, laughing, connecting, and relaxing in our living room (along with lots of cuddles)
- Learn to cook in our kitchen
- Eat meals as a family in our dining room
- Have their own bedroom
- Eat fresh veggies from our backyard garden
- Be able to run and play in our yard and neighborhood



Our cozy living room, where we spend a lot of family time.



We enjoy meals and conversation around this table.



This restful room has a great view of the entire street. It's one of our faves.



The music studio will make a great baby's room. It gets lots of light and warmth.



We'll teach this child how to cook in our kitchen. It's always well stocked with healthy snacks and meals.

Our extended families are primarily in Indiana, Maryland, Illinois, and all up and down the east coast. They're all really excited for this journey, and ready to welcome this child with open arms. They will spoil, cherish, and love your baby as the newest member of the family. Here's our immediate family:

Extended Family

FUTURE GRANDPARENTS BOB AND LAILA

Born in Egypt, but have retired in Maryland. We see them several times a year. They'll have lots of gifts and summertime visits.



FUTURE GRANDPARENTS JOHN AND SUSIE

They're only a couple of hours away, and we see them often! They'll take this child for hikes and day trips throughout Indiana.



FUTURE AUNT AND UNCLE JARED AND KRISTEN

They live in Northern Indiana with Matthew, Ben, Jane, Sarah, Annie, and Charlie. This child will instantly have a big and loving family!



FUTURE AUNT AND UNCLE CHARLIE AND MICHELLE

They live in Maryland with their two boys, Josiah and Isaiah, who will make great cousins and friends.



FUTURE AUNT AND UNCLE RYAN AND MELANIE

They live in the Indy area with three boys: Drew, Ray, and Connor. They often host family get togethers and even a "Cousins Camp" every summer.



We can't wait to wholeheartedly welcome this child into our family!!



Culture and Values

We are followers of Jesus and want our lives to look like his.

- Our home is a safe place where all feel loved, valued, and cared about
- We are available for our friends, family, neighbors, and community
- We are generous with our time and finances, whether we have a little or a lot

Mistakes are seen as opportunities to learn and grow.

- Saying sorry, forgiving, and repair are more important than getting it right the first time
- Everyone needs to experience forgiveness, a second chance, and being loved in their imperfections
- We are not a perfect “Instagram” family, but we love each other very fiercely and that gets us through everything



We are ready to welcome a child of any race or ethnicity.

- We promise to learn about, respect, and honor their cultural background
- We commit to seeking opportunities to connect them to people and experiences that help our family grow and nurture that part of their identity



Hello,

We hope these pages gave you a picture of who we are as you consider what family will be the best fit for your baby. We admire your courage in choosing this selfless journey that gives us the opportunity to grow our family.

Above all, we promise to unconditionally love this child and to provide safety and security, fun and laughter, and a home full of joy and acceptance. We commit to supporting this child in understanding and growing in his or her strengths, developing confidence, a secure sense of self, and strong relationships. We will champion this child in discovering passions and pursuing dreams. We'll sign them up for classes, sports teams, music lessons, anything that matches and fosters their unique interests and look forward to being at every game, concert, and celebration of their talents.

In our home, we promise to love, nurture, educate, and encourage your baby. As your baby grows through childhood we will support them emotionally and financially on the path he or she chooses. We are committed to making sure they have lots of opportunities to learn and discover who they are and who they're going to be. Your child will be able to attend college if they choose in order to pursue their career and future.

Our desire is for this child to know love, happiness, joy, stability, and family throughout his or her entire life. We are open to sharing pictures, letters, and visits.

Thank you for considering us.

Chris and Kristen

An
important
letter to
you

Thank you for
looking through
our book to
learn about us.

We hope we have given you
a realistic picture of who we
are as a couple and family.

We are available for any
questions you may have.

