

# Our Family



Martin and Kristin

Hello!

We are Kristin and Martin and we live in Bloomington, Indiana, a vibrant city with many diverse activities and opportunities for children and families.

We got married in 2010 and have lived in our city for 9 years.

We bought our house 7 years ago, have strong roots in our community and have no plans to move.

We have always wanted children and are ready to take that step with you!

We are so excited to welcome a child (or siblings) of any gender, race/ethnicity or background into our family, life, home, and hearts.



## Martin

### History:

- Originally from the Czech Republic (or Czechia)
- In childhood was involved in sports, from running and canoeing to playing soccer, tennis, badminton, and softball
- Family did a lot of hiking and camping growing up

### Hobbies:

- Enjoys playing board games and is part of a regular group that meets and plays
- Practices the Japanese martial arts of Aikido and Iaido
- Dances salsa with Kristin

### Work:

- Works in I.T.



Left: Enjoying the mountains

Above: With Kristin's brother's cat



## Kristin

### History:

- From Indiana
- Was involved in tennis, volleyball, and speech and debate clubs in high school
- Studied biology, psychology, and German in college

### Hobbies:

- Glassblowing
- Art
- Dancing and teaching salsa dance

### Work:

- Works part-time as a research assistant



Left: Glassblowing, volunteering at an arts fundraiser

Above: Enjoying a favorite pastry

## Our Promise

We promise to care for, love, and accept your child no matter what.

We will introduce them to our friends and families who have also committed to love and support him or her.

We will nurture and help them pursue their interests and hobbies.

We enjoy travel and nature and intend to raise our child(ren) to think of themselves as part of a global community. We value community, integrity, equality, and creativity. We will also respect your values and input.

We promise we will be there for their ups or down and whenever they will need us, at any age.

## Why Adopt?

It has always been our dream to grow our family through adoption. We struggle with the idea of bringing a child into the world when there are birth families looking to connect with families who have a heart for adoption.

Two of Kristin's very good, lifelong friends are adopted, as well as one of Martin's (and who will be good resources and support if our child needs it). From an early age, we both knew happy families formed through adoption and have been interested in pursuing it.

We would love to grow our family through adoption and are eager to love and welcome a child of any gender, race, or ethnicity.

## Our Home



We bought our home in 2017

It has:

- 4 bedrooms
- kitchen, dining room, living room, 3 bathrooms
- back and front yards and a back patio

We have a backyard fence and are planning a garden!

It is near to a bicycle path and nice park.



# Our support networks...

Kristin's family



With Kristin's brother, mom, and dad

Kristin's family lives in Indiana, like us.

We see each other often, and spend holidays together.

They are so excited to support us on our adoption journey and look forward to welcoming and loving the youngest member of the family!



# Our Support Networks...

## Martin's family



Us with Martin's sister, our brother-in-law, and nephew

Martin's family is also very excited and supportive of our choice to adopt. Although they live far away, we visit once per year and talk and see each other often over Skype. They are looking forward to loving our little one, and meeting them as soon as they are able.



Left: Martin's sister and our niece

Right: With Martin's grandparents



With Martin's mom on  
a trip to Ireland



On a walk with  
Martin's grandma



Martin with his mom, cousins, aunt and uncle, sister, brother-in-law, and nephew

Our support networks...

Friends



Our friends are excited for us and look forward to supporting us and, for the many who are parents themselves, to introducing our child to their own children.



Our salsa dancing club - where we met many of our best local friends



We have been married for 12 years and are deeply rooted in our community.

We are in a good place (financially, emotionally, and support-network wise) to raise a happy and successful family and provide a stable and loving home.

We are so excited to grow our family with you!

We can't wait to welcome a child into our home, hearts, and family. Our friends and family are also so excited to embrace a child into our circle, care, and community.

Caring for a child is a lifelong commitment and we can't wait to see them grow, learn, and develop into the person they will become. We will love them no matter what. We know that every moment might not be easy, but the journey is so worthwhile and will be the most important thing in our lives.

We can't wait to embark on this amazing journey!



