

alex & kurt



Adoption

SUPPORT CENTER

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hello,

We are so excited to get to know you! We hope through this process, as you get to know us, that you always feel supported and loved. We want you to feel comfortable asking us questions as we navigate through this process together. **WHILE WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH, WE DO KNOW THAT YOU ARE A BRAVE, STRONG AND IMPACTFUL HUMAN.**

While we know you have probably read a little bit about us, we do want to share that Kurt and I have been together 3 years and live in a small town in Indiana. **FAMILY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US AND WE ARE VERY CLOSE TO OUR SIBLINGS AND PARENTS.** Because of that, it is important to us that our child be raised around our families and be included in holidays and traditions that we have been raised celebrating. We love to vacation and travel and cannot wait to explore and visit new places as a family.

AS YOU ARE CONSIDERING US, WE WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU
SOME OF THE PROMISES YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US:

We promise to provide your child with a loving and supportive home.
We promise to positively encourage your child as they grow and develop.

We promise to offer new experiences that expand your child's
horizons and understanding of the world around them.

We promise to be open about the adoption journey
with your child and to celebrate their adoption and
not dismiss the importance of the decision you made.

We promise to love your child with our whole hearts for our whole lives.

Please be assured that we are open to sharing updates as well as videos and photos of your child as often as you would like. We would also enjoy having in-person visits with you twice a year wherever is convenient for you. We want to know about any meaningful traditions and values you have so we can include them during every season and stage of your child's life. **WE ALWAYS WANT HIM OR HER TO KNOW HOW IMPORTANT YOU ARE.**

Over time, we understand that changes might come in terms of relationships in adoptions. We are open to re-addressing our communication if that time comes. We want what is best for your child.

Our families and friends are beyond excited to meet your child and be a part of their life. **WE ARE BLESSED AND HONORED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADOPT.** Thank you for even considering us in this part of YOUR journey!

With love,

alex and kurt

our story

AND HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Alex and I first started talking back in January of 2020. WE MET THROUGH AN ONLINE DATING APP AND THE REST IS HISTORY. We had our first date on January 6th. Neither of us had a clue what to expect and made no plans for our first meet and greet. We came across a small restaurant/brewhouse and we were both a bit shocked as the conversation between us flowed and what started as an impromptu first date quickly became one of the best nights of our lives. We talked for hours about everything; our jobs and career paths, our families, vacations we had been on, what we wanted in our future and never once was there awkward silence. THE CONVERSATION JUST FLOWED THE ENTIRE NIGHT AND I THINK WE BOTH KNEW THEN THIS WAS GOING TO BE SOMETHING SPECIAL.



Fast forward to December of 2021, when Kurt proposed. It was the day after Christmas and we had dinner plans to go to one of those igloos with the lights in them with Kurt's sister (Kierston) and her boyfriend (Carson). It was just the four of us and we were all laughing and having a great time. Kierston had this idea where we go around the table and say three things that we loved about each other. KURT WAS LAST AND IT ENDED WITH HIM GETTING DOWN ON ONE KNEE AND ASKING ME TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE WITH HIM AS HIS HUSBAND.

After we left dinner I called my parents and close friends to share the news with them! We had plans to hang out with some friends for a bit and needed to stop at home to let the dogs out. However, when we got there, our home was filled with family and friends who were waiting to celebrate our engagement with us. EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT! WE WERE MARRIED IN JUNE OF 2022 AND WE COULD NOT BE HAPPIER!



WE LOVE HOW EASY OUR RELATIONSHIP IS AND HOW OUR FAMILIES MESH TOGETHER SO WELL. EVERY DAY GETS BETTER AND BETTER. WE CANNOT WAIT TO BRING A CHILD INTO OUR HOME TO TEACH, LOVE, AND LEARN FROM AS WE BEGIN A NEW ROLE AS PARENTS.

our thoughts on each other..



“There are so many things that I love about Kurt. He is a great friend, dog-dad, husband, and my best friend. Kurt pushes me each and every day to be the best person that I can be and I love that about him. I AM SO GRATEFUL THAT KURT CAME INTO MY LIFE AND MY PROMISE TO HIM IS THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING TO BE A BETTER FRIEND, HUSBAND, AND DAD.

From our first date, I knew there was something different about Kurt. After that night, it felt like I had known him my entire life and I couldn't wait to know more about him. I LOVE HIS HUMOR AND HIS ABILITY TO JUST GO WITH THE FLOW. I found early on that Kurt has a drive and passion to help people which is why he wanted to become a nurse.”

“One of my favorite characteristics of Alex is his patience. I learned early on in our relationship that NO MATTER IF THINGS GO THE WAY THEY SHOULD OR IF THERE ARE BUMPS IN THE ROAD; HE WILL ALWAYS FIND THE SILVER LINING. He supports me and all my crazy ideas, and he treats our two dogs as if they are our children. Alex is always up for being spontaneous and doing stuff spur of the moment.

IF YOU ASK THE MAJORITY OF OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, THEY WOULD TELL YOU ALEX IS THE BACKBONE OF OUR FAMILY. He is the glue that keeps everything together. Not only is he always looking towards the future with adding children to our family, he also lives in the moment and appreciates what we already have. HE TAKES HIS OWN FUTURE AND THE FUTURE OF HIS FAMILY SERIOUSLY.”



meet kurt...

I grew up in a small town north of Indianapolis. I GREW HAVING A VERY STRUCTURED CHILDHOOD BETWEEN SPORTS AND SCHOOL WHICH TAUGHT ME DISCIPLINE AND RESPONSIBILITY. I started diving (swimming) at a very young age. I saw a poster for diving classes and I thought they were referring to scuba diving....(it was indeed not scuba diving) and that started me on the path to diving. I WENT ON TO WIN STATE COMPETITIONS AND DIVE DIVISION 1 COLLEGIATELY.

I am an Emergency Medicine Registered Nurse.

I have spent the last year as a travel nurse for emergency rooms in Florida and Massachusetts. FROM MY TIME OF BEING IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM I HAVE REALIZED HOW MUCH I LOVE WHAT I DO. DURING MY YEARS IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE, I HAVE FOUND A PASSION FOR PSYCH. Psych is so important in emergency medicine and is significantly underdeveloped or utilized across the nation. I decided I needed to help become part of the solution so I decided to go back to school. I am currently working on obtaining a master's degree to become a Nurse Practitioner in Psychiatry.

In my free time I like to have movie nights in our backyard. I enjoy getting together with friends and family for lunch or dinner. I am a social person so really anything with people I love is something I enjoy. I also like going camping and playing sports.



My parents and sister live very close to us. Other close family members are no more than 30 minutes away. We see them 3-5 times a week. We like to meet for dinner or just go over to each other's homes to hang out and catch up. I LOVE BEING OUT ON OUR BOAT OR FLOATING DOWN THE WHITE RIVER. I also enjoy vacationing and spend a bit of our free time in Florida every year. Last year, my parents bought a vacation home there which makes going even easier and more fun.

meet alex...



I am the youngest of three children. My sister, Katie, is the oldest and my brother's name is Stephen. I grew up in Northwest Indiana and my parents still live in my childhood home. **IT WAS THE FIRST HOME THAT MY PARENTS BOUGHT TOGETHER SO WE HAVE A LOT OF MEMORIES THERE.** That home and their marriage created the foundation for what I wanted in my own life as I became an adult, a husband and one day as a father.



I work remotely for a technology company. My role there is a Customer Success Manager. I work with our customers to help them onboard, train, and retain them as customers. I love being able to build relationships with these customers and help them use our software to benefit their business.

I ENJOY BEING WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. I love being outdoors and enjoy playing tennis. I like bingeing television shows and series and playing cards with friends. One of my favorite things is being the fun Uncle to our friends' children. I have so much fun playing with them, being silly with them, feeding them, and rocking them until they go to sleep.



When we do get together with my family we love to play cards, watch game shows on TV, and cook/bake. Every year before Christmas, we get together to help make our family's nut roll recipe and Christmas cookies. We have a great time making them but an even better time eating them. **IT IS A TRADITION I HAVE ALREADY SHARED WITH KURT AND I CANNOT WAIT TO SHARE WITH MY CHILDREN SOMEDAY.**

as a family...

Our strengths are communication, commitment, flexibility, and compassion. What sets us apart from others is our sense of humor and our ability to see the positives and push through the negatives of life. WE ARE SO EXCITED TO GROW OUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO PROVIDE A HEALTHY, BALANCED, AND LOVING HOME TO A CHILD.



On Fridays we like to meet with our best friends, Christina and Logan and their two boys, Jack and Chase. We love doing different activities with them like playing games or dressing up with the kids (Spiderman), and "flying" them around the house. On Saturdays, we typically hang out with one of our families, whether that is going out on the boat when the weather is nice or just grabbing lunch to see what everyone is up to.

Once or twice a month we attend church on Sundays having lunch afterwards with siblings or parents before heading home to relax before the work week. We both grew up with religion being a strong part of our childhood. As we get more involved in building a family, it's something that we want to make sure that our child has a foundation in.



VALUES
WE HOPE
TO INSTILL
ARE
TRUST,
INTEGRITY,
GRATITUDE,
AND
KINDNESS.

our

HOME SWEET HOME

We live in a three bedroom, two bath, ranch style home. We have a huge fenced-in yard perfect for the dogs with plenty of room to run and play. We spend a lot of time sitting on our back patio and watching the sun set, enjoying a bonfire and grilling out. We also love watching movies on the couch and running around playing with our dogs.



Our home is next to an elementary school and there are wonderful parks nearby. We enjoy taking our dogs on walks in our neighborhood. Our neighbors are awesome and most are young families with children. As mentioned previously, we also have friends with young children and we spend lots of time with them as well. **WHILE WE LOVE BEING IN THIS HOUSE, WE ARE LOOKING INTO PURCHASING SOME ACREAGE SO WE CAN BUILD OUR DREAM HOUSE. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR GOAL TO HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM TO GROW OUR FAMILY BUT TO ALSO HAVE ANIMALS, AND EVEN A GARDEN.** This will enable our children to learn different responsibilities and help instill a deeper work ethic while learning valuable skills. We want to incorporate other animals into our lives, like horses, chickens, and goats. We would love our child to learn how to saddle and ride a horse, gather eggs, and grow their own vegetables. We think this is important and could impact them positively in the future.



Meet Bubba & Max

We have two dogs, Bubba and Max. Bubba is a 5 year old Pug who is friends with everyone who gives him attention. **HE IS THE KING OF NAPS, AND ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO CONVINCE US TO GIVE HIM HIS FAVORITE TREAT, A KING HAWAIIAN ROLL.**

Max is a 2 year old mini golden doodle who is our Covid baby. We got him back in April of 2020. He is a ball of energy and always keeps us on our toes. **HE LOVES TO GO ON CAR RIDES, PLAY BALL, AND LOVES PLAYING WITH HIS BROTHER BUBBA AND COUSINS!**

They love children. They love to play and be chased but they are also great snuggle buddies and will curl right up against you for a nap. We know they will be great caretakers and protectors of their new baby brother or sister.



OUR BOYS ADD SO MUCH TO OUR FAMILY. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE HAPPY! THEY BRING US ENJOYMENT, ADVENTURE, AND STRUCTURE TO OUR LIVES.

our family and friends

ALEX

I am very close with my family. My parents and brother still live in Northwest Indiana. We meet my parents once a month to grab lunch in Lafayette since that is the half-way point for all of us. They love Kurt and have told me how happy they are that I met someone who makes me happy. My sister and brother-in-law live in Kansas City. We talk to them often and see them on holidays and family gatherings.

MY PARENTS ARE THRILLED THAT WE ARE PURSUING ADOPTION. THIS WILL BE THEIR FIRST GRANDCHILD AND THEY ARE EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THIS JOURNEY WITH US. NOT ONLY TO BE GRANDPARENTS BUT FOR BOTH KURT AND I TO BECOME PARENTS AND TO BE A PART OF OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES. They are excited to shower their new grandson or granddaughter with love and attention.



FOR BOTH FAMILIES, THIS WILL BE THEIR FIRST GRANDCHILD SO THEY ARE VERY EXCITED. We know that our child is going to be spoiled and showered with love and we just have to make sure that when our children go over to their grandparents or aunt's/uncle's house, that we get them back!



KURT

There is so much to say about my family! MY MOM AND I ARE VERY CLOSE. It was just me and her for the first few years of my life and she sacrificed so much to make sure that we had food on the table. TO THIS DAY, I WOULD SAY THAT MY MOM IS MY BEST FRIEND.

We talk everyday and she is the first person I go to when I have questions or good news to share. My sister and I are also very close as well and talk on a daily basis. WE SHARE THE SAME CAREER AS NURSES WHICH HELPS TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL BOND BETWEEN US.

A LITTLE ABOUT UNCLE ALEX & UNCLE KURT

We are the “uncles” to Jack (4), Chase (2), and Collins (7 months). TO ALL OF THEM WE ARE UNCLE KURT AND ALEX AND EVEN THOUGH WE ARE NOT BLOOD, THEY THINK AND KNOW OF US AS A PART OF THEIR FAMILY.

With Jack and Chase, we like to run around the house with them and play games like Hide & Seek and Robot (where they are on our shoulders and they control us by telling us what to do). We love to make Collins laugh! We love making funny faces and noises to see her eyes light up and hear her giggle. She is beyond precious and we cannot wait to watch her grow.

OUR ROLES IN THESE CHILDREN'S LIVES ARE IMPORTANT TO US. Anything we get to do with them, from playing with them at their house to taking them to the zoo, or reading them a bedtime story, we love being able to be involved in their lives. We adore them and watching them grow from newborn to now age 4 has been an honor and privilege. WE CAN'T WAIT TO BE THERE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS LIKE BIRTHDAYS AND HOLIDAYS AND LOOK FORWARD TO ATTENDING EXTRACURRICULARS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

BEING A PART OF THESE CHILDRENS' LIVES MAKES US EXCITED TO HAVE CHILDREN OF OUR OWN. IT ALSO MAKES US EVEN MORE EXCITED FOR OUR FRIENDS TO GET TO BE THE AUNTS AND UNCLES WITH OUR CHILDREN.



Why we chose adoption.

With being a same sex male couple, adoption is a very good option for us. WE WANT TO GROW OUR FAMILY AND BECOME PARENTS.

We have both always wanted to be parents and be able to dedicate our lives to our children. This also hits home for Kurt as he was adopted by his step father when he was only two. He has been the only father he's known.

When Kurt turned 18, he tried reaching out to his biological father but did not have the best experience.

WE BOTH WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GIVE OUR CHILD THE BEST LIFE WE CAN AND HELP THEM IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. Whether we have an open or closed adoption, there is technology now that allows individuals to discover more about themselves and their ancestry. If our children want to explore that at any point, we will be supportive. It is important they learn and know where they came from and we will always be open with them about that.



WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE, LOVING, STABLE AND WELL-BALANCED HOME.

We will provide every opportunity for our child. We want to help guide, counsel, and advise them in all stages of their life. We want them to try new things, have educational opportunities, and learn emotional intelligence. Those things all begin with us and we are committed to doing that.

THIS BEGINS BY HAVING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE WHILE WORKING AS A TEAM.



A relationship with the birth family is something we want to discuss. We want to make sure that the decisions made for this precious child include what is best for everyone.

This child's safety and security is very important to us and we in no way want to ever neglect the feelings of those that loved them first.

