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Hi, we are Jim and Julie!

First of all we want to Thank You for taking the time to read our profile, it means a lot to us. Secondly, **WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE RIGHT UP FRONT HOW BRAVE AND SELFLESS WE THINK YOU ARE FOR EVEN CONSIDERING ADOPTION.** We can't begin to imagine what a big decision this is.

We have been married for 5 years, but our marriage was built on a foundation of trust, friendship and very open communication. Therefore, from the time we started dating, we knew that adoption was a possibility for us. **WE WELCOMED OUR DAUGHTER, CAROLINE, THROUGH ADOPTION IN 2021. WE ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING HER A BIG SISTER THROUGH ADOPTION.** Our hope is that this is a special bond for them.

We started as "Aunt Julie" and "Uncle Jim" to our 6 Nieces and Nephews and also numerous friend's kids. It has been incredible to watch all these children become part of Caroline's life! From summer pool dates, to long walks, dinners out, and family trips – we have made a lot of amazing memories as a family. **WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE SUPPORT SYSTEM THAT WILL WELCOME ANOTHER FAMILY WITH OPEN ARMS.** This strong foundation will allow your child to grow and flourish.

WE KNOW THAT YOUR CHILD'S CONNECTION TO YOU WILL BE FOREVER IMPORTANT. We would also love for our relationship to start while you are pregnant so we can get to know you, through meeting you and weekly text messages. **WE WILL CONTINUE TO NURTURE THAT RELATIONSHIP EVEN WHEN YOU ARE NOT PHYSICALLY PRESENT, BY CONTINUOUSLY SPEAKING POSITIVELY ABOUT YOU AND YOUR SELFLESS AND BRAVE ACTIONS.** We are open to getting together every 4 months. We are also open to weekly texts (or updates on other platforms) for the first 6 months and then monthly for the long term.

We hope to meet you soon, until then we are thinking of you.

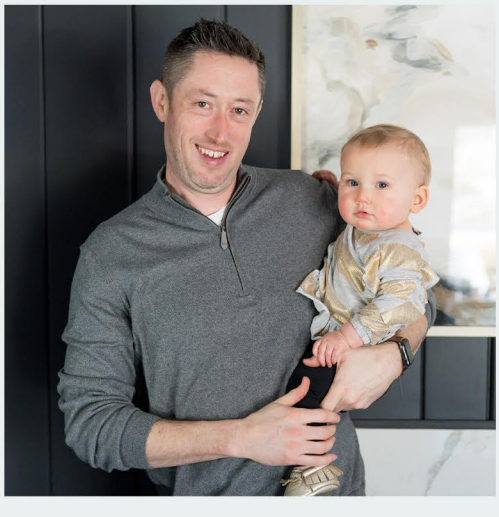
Jim and Julie

our story

AND HOW IT ALL BEGAN

WE MET OVER TEN YEARS AGO AND STARTED OUR RELATIONSHIP AS FRIENDS. Even though we were friends, Julie always hoped for a little more. OUR MUTUAL LOVE OF SPORTS AND COMMON INTERESTS PULLED US TOGETHER.

We celebrated that evening with a party Jim planned with our friends and family. We have been married for 5 years. THE BEST THING ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP IS WHILE WE ARE ALWAYS UP TO TRY SOMETHING NEW AND TO BE OUT AND ABOUT, WE ALSO LOVE OUR HOUSE AND TIME TOGETHER SO A NIGHT AT HOME WITH A GREAT HOME COOKED MEAL IS JUST AS FUN!



WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE THE WORLD, THE UPS, DOWNS, GOOD, BADS, AND JUST LEARN FROM IT ALL.

Jim proposed in the Broad Ripple art center gardens. We were on our way to support a friend and took a short cut through the gardens when he dropped to one knee, and Julie said yes. WE HAVE NOW BEEN MARRIED FOR 5 YEARS, AND THERE IS NOTHING MORE WE LOVE THAN BEING BY EACHOTHERS SIDE.

our thoughts on each other...

WE COMPLIMENT EACH OTHER VERY WELL, WE TYPICALLY HAVE THE SAME END THOUGHT, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PROCESSES OF GETTING THERE.

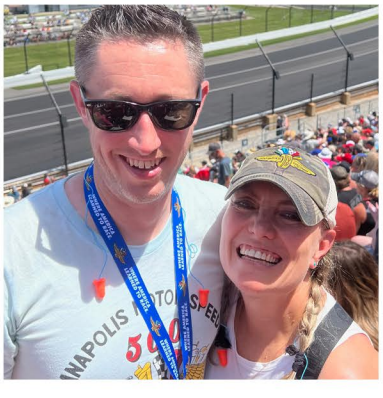
We have learned how to communicate and step up for each other. **THIS TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT WHEN IT COMES TO PARENTING.** We also have similar passions and we have tried to instill those things in Caroline even at a young age. Music is always on in the house and in the winter she is decked out in numerous teams gear! **WE BOTH LOVE TO TRAVEL AND HAVE ENJOYED SHARING THIS LOVE WITH CAROLINE.** We love to experience new and old places through her eyes!

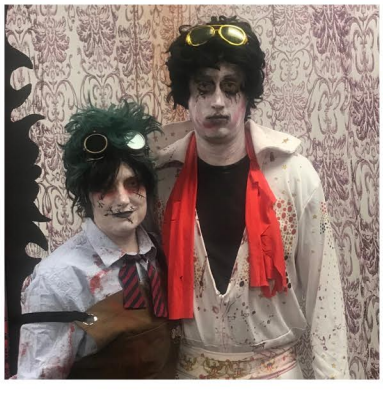
meet julie...

THINGS THAT YOU'LL FIND ME DOING THAT I ENJOY MOST:

Volunteering
Exploring new restaurants
Working out, especially taking long walks
Traveling
Entertaining friends and family

I ADORE BEING A MOM! I love seeing Caroline's smile each morning. It is the best way to start the day. There is also nothing better than supporting Caroline to hit each milestone and cheering her on!





I grew up just north of Indianapolis. After a quick pitstop in Chicago, I moved back to the Indianapolis area. I currently work in marketing and have been with the same company for over 15 years!

I LOVE TO DO ANYTHING THAT INVOLVES GIVING BACK OR EXPLORING INDIANAPOLIS. I currently volunteer for the Children's Museum.

MY FRIENDS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A HUGE PART OF MY LIFE - A TRUE EXTENSION OF MY FAMILY!

I have many life long friends that I enjoy many traditions with including traveling, attending Indy 500s, and attending Colts Games. I also enjoy being a "connector" and introducing friends to each other.

meet jim...

I grew up in a suburb of Detroit. I am an Air Traffic Controller by day and am passionate about cooking, live music, and just enjoying the company of my friends and family outside of work.

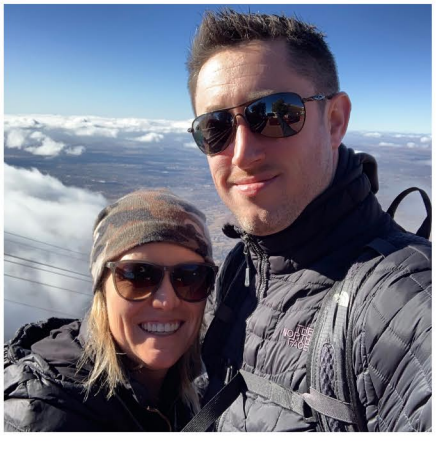
I LOVE COMING HOME TO MY DAUGHTER AND JUST SEEING HER BIG OLE GRIN WHEN I WALK IN THE ROOM AND HER SCREAMING DADA.

I ENJOY COOKING AND EXPERIMENTING WITH DIFFERENT RECIPES! Lately it has been a lot of food from the South - Cajun, Gumbo, Etoufee! I also do one football Sunday each season where I make homemade pizza for everyone.

I love football in the fall. In the Spring and Summer, I try and see concerts at local venues. FUN FACT - I HAVE BEEN TO MORE THAN 80 DAVE MATTHEWS BAND CONCERTS.

THINGS I LOVE MOST:

Cooking, Listening to live music, Golfing,
Working out and running,
and anything having to do with history.



as a family...

A typical weekend at our house starts on Friday night. We usually have a fun dinner either in or out. On Saturday Jim usually works, so Julie and Caroline get some one on one time together. We like to visit grandparents or go on long walks. The afternoon is usually when we get things done! Saturday evening we like to head out in some way either as a date night or all three of us. Sunday mornings, Jim and Caroline like to head out to the grocery and then we do a family activity that afternoon. IN THE SUMMER WE SWIM ALOT AND IN THE WINTER WE WATCH ALOT OF FOOTBALL.

Since we got married a little later in life, we had a lot of time to figure out who we were and what we really enjoyed. EACH OF US BRING THAT STRENGTH OF INDIVIDUALITY TO OUR FAMILY! Jim is an amazing cook and he likes to take over in the kitchen. Julie is much more the planner. This gives us a lot of time for experiences with Caroline. WE ALSO HAVE A HUGE SUPPORT SYSTEM. Caroline is a constant companion with us when we are out to dinner with friends or even on trip!

Seeing Caroline grow and prosper has definitely been the most rewarding part of becoming a parent!

It is amazing how she can learn something new every day. And OF COURSE the baby giggles. There is nothing better than hearing her giggle.

We want our children to learn compassion, empathy, love and forgiveness on a grander scale as we move down that path. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO INSTILL GRATITUDE, LOYALTY, AND HONESTY INTO CAROLINE AND ANY FUTURE CHILDREN WE HAVE THE HONOR OF RAISING.

A LITTLE ABOUT caroline...

CAROLINE IS INQUISITIVE, PLAYFUL, SMART AND FUNNY!

CAROLINE IS A SPUNKY LITTLE GIRL! She loves to smirk at you and then stare at you like she's trying to read your mind. Once she warms up she will play with her new friends forever.

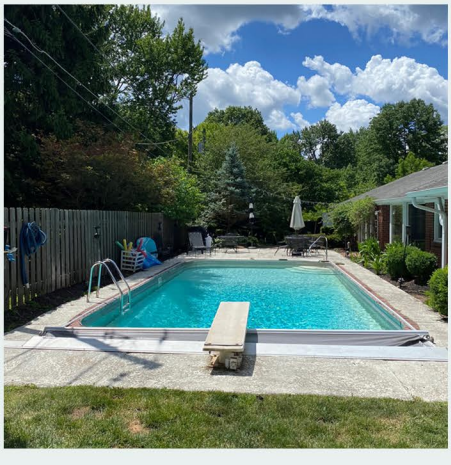
SHE LOVES TO SING, DANCE, AND SIMPLY PLAY! Caroline loves being outside and exploring the yard or going on walks. **SHE IS VERY EASY GOING.** She is always willing to be on the go with us. For example she has attended numerous dinners out and already been to Michigan, Florida, and North Carolina!

CAROLINE LOVES BEING AROUND OTHER KIDS! She has taught her class how to sign words. She will have plenty to show a younger sibling. If we are out and about her head is always swiveling to see what other kids are up to. **WE HAVE A RITUAL EVERY MORNING WHERE SHE WAKES UP AND GOES AND "HUGS HER BABY" (HER BABY DOLL!).**

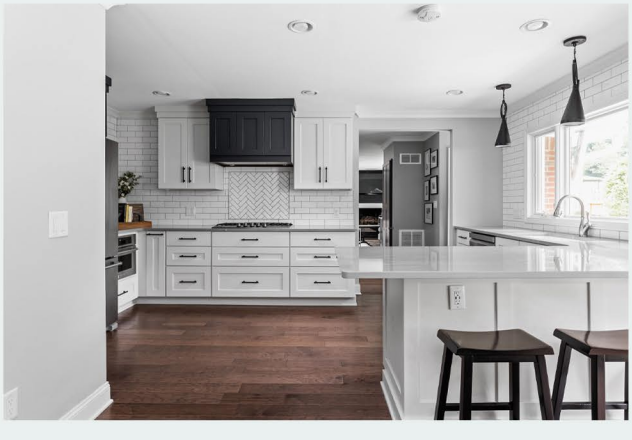
HANDS DOWN, PARENTING HAS TAUGHT US PATIENCE AND FLEXIBILITY. THE MOST REWARDING PART OF PARENTING HAS BEEN SEEING CAROLINE'S SMILE, HEARING HER LAUGHING WHEN WE PLAY, AND WATCHING HER EXPLORE THE WORLD.

our
HOME SWEET HOME

We live on the Northside of Indianapolis. We purchased a house that we have worked to update to make it an open concept house where the kitchen is the center of everything. We have 3 bedrooms and a large front yard. We live on a dead end street which allows for a lot of playing in the yard safely. WALKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS ALWAYS A FAVORITE!



We have a fenced in backyard and a covered pool. THROUGH THE SUMMER THERE ARE CONSTANTLY PEOPLE HERE TO SWIM AND COOKOUT AND IN THE WINTER THERE IS ALWAYS A GAME ON THE TV.



OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS VERY KID FRIENDLY WITH MANY FAMILIES THROUGHOUT IT, A LOT WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. We are near numerous parks, pools, and there are schools within 5 minutes of us.

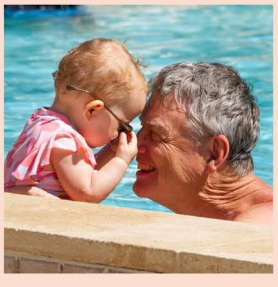
Meet Booker

Booker is a 3 year old English Cream Golden Retriever. HE IS STILL YOUNG AT HEART, BUT VERY CUDDLY. Caroline loves to look for him every morning and give him a wave and a hug. Booker has come to love meal time knowing that Caroline will be offering up some treats to him. THEY ARE QUITE THE PAIR TOGETHER.

our family and friends

JULIE

I WAS AN AUNT BEFORE I WAS A MOM AND I LOVE THAT TITLE! We have 3 nieces and 3 nephews and TONS of informal nieces and nephews in our lives. I love doing different activities with them including taking them to sporting events, going on vacation with them, or taking them to the zoo or a museum. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR FACETIME SO I CAN HAVE A LOT OF CONTACT WITH THEM! Though none of my sisters live in Indiana, once a year we take a trip to Sanibel Island Florida to spend time together. My parents are still just north of Indianapolis so Caroline gets to see them often. SHE ALREADY LOVES SLEEPOVERS AT HER GRANDPARENTS HOUSE! They have been a huge help!



JIM

I am very close with my family. WE SEE THEM AS MUCH AS WE CAN EVEN THOUGH THEY LIVE IN MICHIGAN. I have numerous nieces and nephews and FaceTime with them regularly. They always want to talk to Caroline over me. We try and get together with them 3-4 times a year. Most trips back to Michigan involve a large family gathering including the extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins. IT HAS BEEN FUN TO TAKE CAROLINE TO PLACES THAT WERE IMPORTANT TO ME GROWING UP LIKE THE APPLE ORCHARD OR THE ZOO!

Why we chose adoption.

We always knew that we wanted to have children. While we were able to get pregnant, none of our pregnancies were viable. We did try fertility treatments but that was also unsuccessful. As a couple, we had discussed adoption from the beginning, therefore it was an easy choice to transition to.

We have friends who were adopted as well as friends who have adopted. We have had great resources and support to help us through the process when we started our adoption journey with Caroline and will have the same on our next adoption journey.

Caroline has been amazing and we knew that we wanted her to be blessed with a sibling and that is a large part of why we are wanting to grow our family through adoption.

We promise to give a child all the support needed to grow and prosper into whatever they want to become!

We look forward to connection with a birth family through text communication as well as in person visits.

We also invite learning more of what you may want and need as well.