JimandJulie

hello!

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US.

We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling in this moment. Our hope for you is that you find peace in whatever decision make.

We have been married since 2017 and our marriage was built on a foundation of trust, friendship and very open communication. 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 her becoming a big sister through adoption. We feel this would be a special bond for them.

We know that your child's connection to you will be forever important. If you are open to it, We would also love for our relationship to start while you are pregnant so we can get to know each other. We will continue to nurture that relationship even when you are not physically present, by continuously speaking positively about you and honoring you in our home. We are open to getting together in person 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

UNSTORY

WE MET OVER 10 YEARS AGO AND STARTED OUR RELATIONSHIP AS FRIENDS.

Even though we were friends, Julie always hoped for a more. Our mutual love of sports and other common interests pulled us together. 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 6 years and there is nothing more we love then being by each others side.



The best thing about our relationship is that while we are always up to try something new, we also love our house and time together. A night at home with a home cooked meal is just as fun!



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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. We've found that this type of partnership is incredibly important when it comes to parenting. We have similar passions and we have tried to instill those things in Caroline, even at a young age. Music is always on in our home and in the winter she is decked out in our favorite sports teams gear! We also love to travel and have enjoyed experiencing new and old places through her eyes.





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 starting traditions with including traveling, attending Indy 500s, and attending Colts Games. I also enjoy being a "connector" and introducing friends to each other. But most of all, I ADORE being a mom! I love seeing Caroline's smile each morning. It is the best way to start each day.

THINGS THAT I ENJOY MOST:

VOLUNTEERING · EXPLORING NEW RESTAURANTS • TRAVELING WORKING OUT • ENTERTAINING FRIENDS AND FAMILY



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 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 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 THAT I ENJOY MOST:

COOKING · LISTENING TO MUSIC · GOLFING WORKING OUT · EXPLORING HISTORICAL PLACES

ASA family







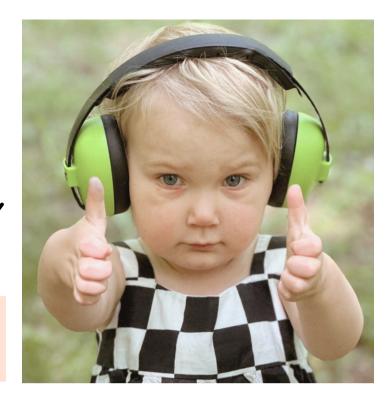
Since we got married later in life, we had a lot of time to figure out who we were and what we really enjoyed in life. Each of us bring that strength of individuality into our family! We use these individual traits to divide and conquer. Jim is an amazing cook and he likes to take over in the kitchen. Julie is the planner and plans all of our family outings! In the summer, we spend a lot of time outdoors, especially around our backyard pool. And in the winter months, you can find us cozied up watching our favorite sports teams.

Seeing Caroline grow and prosper has definitely been the most rewarding part of becoming a parent! (and OF COURSE the baby giggles, there is nothing better!) It is amazing how she can learn something new every day.

We want our children to learn compassion, empathy, and love. It is important for us to install gratitude, loyalty, and honesty into Caroline and any future children we have the honor of raising.

A little about anofine

SHE IS INQUISITIVE, PLAYFUL, SMART AND SO FUNNY!



Caroline is a spunky little girl! She loves to sing, dance, and play Caroline loves being outside and exploring the yard or going on walks. Though she is spunky, she is always 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. She loves baby dolls and we even have a ritual every morning where she wakes up and goes and "hugs her baby"!

Our home

WE LOVE WHERE WE LIVE



We live on the Northside of Indianapolis, in a vibrant, family-friendly neighborhood that we absolutely love. It's filled with young families and children, which creates a strong sense of community and connection. We're fortunate to be just minutes away from several beautiful parks, family activities, and top-rated schools- many of which are within a five-minute drive. One of our favorite things to do as a family is take evening walks through the neighborhood. It's a safe, welcoming place that we're proud to call home. Our home is a spacious five-bedroom house filled with love, laughter, and plenty of room to grow.

The heart of our home is the kitchen, where we cook meals together, share stories, and make everyday moments special. We're lucky to have a big backyard that's perfect for play and adventure, including a large pool, a basketball court, and an outdoor living area where we spend lots of time as a family. It's a place where kids can run, explore, and just be kids.







Booker

Booker is a 4 year old English Cream Golden Retriever. He is still young at heart, but is so 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.



FAMILY and FRIENDS

as told by 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 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 loved sleepovers at her Grandparents house! They have been a huge help!



FAMILY and FRIENDS

as told by 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. Although, 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



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 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.

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We promise to give your child all the support needed to grow, dream and become the person they are meant to be! 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.

