

# BRIAN *and* KATIE





# HELLO!

Thank you for taking the time to review our profile. We appreciate your consideration as you choose the best path for you and your baby. Please know that we support your decision regardless of the outcome for us and hope the best for you and your child moving forward. If you choose to move forward with us, we are so excited to become parents through adoption.

We understand that this is an overwhelming process and know that it is impossible to show you everything about us in a few pages, but what you are about to see is a small snapshot of our life together. We are a kind, compassionate, and loving family who enjoy adventures of all kinds with family and friends. Thank you again for considering us and know that we could not begin to imagine the difficulty of this process for you, but also know that we aim to support you any way we can.

Sending our love,

*Brian and Katie*

# OUR STORY

Brian and I met online in October of 2020. We started talking back and forth and after a month realized we had something special and decided to become exclusive. Since Katie works in health care, we dated virtually for several months. Finally, in January of 2021 it was time to meet in person and as they say, the rest is history. We discovered we are both family oriented, love a good road trip, and even both played the trombone in our respective grade or high school bands as children. This is a fact Brian loves as he says speaks to our “destiny and compatibility.”



*In July of 2021, Brian proposed on a walk in a park, in Katie's hometown. We celebrated with family and friends on the beach the very next day. We decided to get married the following spring. It was a beautiful day, and in true Indiana fashion, filled with all four seasons. Despite being cold and a little rainy, it was a wonderful way to celebrate with all our family and friends. Shortly after we began house hunting and after what seemed like an exhaustive search, we found our forever home.*



# Why Adoption?



Brian and I were hopeful for children early in our marriage but struggled to conceive. We quickly realized that biological children were not in the cards for us due to fertility issues on both sides. Adoption was discussed in detail while we were dating as Katie had always hoped to blend a family of both adopted and biological children. Katie has friends and family who have created and grown their family through adoption. After multiple discussions and reflection, we feel adoption is the right path to grow our family.





# MEET BRIAN

AS TOLD BY KATIE

“Brian is an essential part of why our relationship not only works but thrives. He may be a man of few words, but he is a deep thinker and often chooses to show his love and care through action. He is the yin to my yang. Where I tend to see the big picture, he tends to focus on the details. While I like to bake, he prefers to cook, when I choose to get lost in a story, he prefers nonfiction, and finally, though I would not consider myself handy, he loves to complete household projects. Our relationship is very complementary, which will continue if we become parents. He is kind, caring and always looking out for me. He is helpful, creative, and funny. He loves to spend time with his nieces and nephews figuring out something new or helping them solve a problem.

*He cannot wait to share his love of knowledge, learning, and working with his hands, with you and your child. I cannot wait to one day watch him learn and grow as a parent.”*





## Meet Katie

AS TOLD BY BRIAN

Katie is thoughtful and caring. She puts the concerns of others above her own and demonstrates this through her actions. I have observed this on many occasions and especially with the interactions with our nieces and nephews. She engages with them in a way that teaches something while also making sure they are loved and safe. Additionally, Katie's career in healthcare at the local hospital, has her interacting with patients daily. I believe her empathy and exceptional care of her patients demonstrates solid traits that will crossover to her being a great mother. Katie has a lot of interests she loves to share with her niece and nephews and maybe one day a child. Katie enjoys a good TV series while also getting cozy to read an interesting book. She enjoys going on adventures and exploring new places.

***Katie is ready to expand our family and begin the first chapter of raising a child together.***





# THINGS WE LOVE

## KATIE LOVES:

- Reading
- Scrapbooking
- Baking
- Listening/singing along to music
- Being outside especially near water
- Concerts, musicals and plays
- All things Disney
- Watching movies

## BRIAN LOVES:

- Boating
- Computer coding
- 3-D printing
- Skiing
- Cooking
- Completing household projects
- Golf
- Star Trek
- Pinball
- Driving

As a couple we love attending community events and festivals, supporting our nieces and nephews in their interests and endeavors. We love a good road trip to visit friends or family or just to explore a place or area that we haven't been. We enjoy trying a new restaurant or cuisine. We also love to travel but more on that later....





# Home sweet home!



We live in a two-story brick home. It was custom built by the previous owners in 2000. It has four bedrooms and an unfinished basement. The door to the basement remains locked for safety. The kitchen, living room, dining room, office, and half bath are on the main floor with the bedrooms and the remaining two bathrooms are upstairs. We have a large saltwater fish tank built into the kitchen. Currently, there are seven fish. There is also a deck overlooking the pond out back.





*We live in a quiet neighborhood on a Cul-de-sac. We love our neighborhood, often going for walks at night after work. We are fortunate to have a safe neighborhood with friendly neighbors who say hi and engage in short conversations as you pass their home. We also love that the neighborhood has sidewalks throughout the area. When the weather permits, we often see kids riding bikes, playing in the large green space or fishing in the pond out back.*





# OUR COMMUNITY

We are also a short drive to the town square with restaurants, shops and parks nearby. Our favorite park doubles as an ice rink in the winter. We love the large population, but also, the cozy small town feel of the town square where kids are always welcome and businesses cheer on the schools throughout the sports seasons. There is always something going on in our city, including first Friday food trucks fest, the corn roast, movies on the lawn with the library, and the seasonal farmers market with free Yoga classes, fourth of July parade, trick or treating at Halloween, and a trolley ride to see the Christmas lights with hot chocolate provided. We have attended and enjoyed each of these events!



Our community, however, extends well beyond our hometown as we spend considerable time with our parents and extended family. Therefore, we are fortunate to also have beaches and rivers to enjoy in the summer for lots of outdoor activities. Secondly, we attend church as we are able with our parents. Brian and his family are members of the United Methodist church while Katie grew up Catholic. Our community as well as our interests and involvement are diverse and well rounded.



# Our extended family

It takes a village as they say, and we have a large one. We are fortunate to have our parents still with us as they are an integral part of our family. Katie has one older brother who is married with three children. Brian has an older sister who is married and are a blended family with five children. Katie's parents both came from large families themselves and Katie has many aunts, uncles, and cousins to show for it both near and far. Katie tries to see and keep in touch with the locals as much as possible, often setting up meals or game nights. Brian and Katie tend to spend Sundays with Brian's parents traveling to his hometown about an hour away. We often attend church with them, have lunch and spend the afternoon catching up or creating a memory. Some of our favorites include day trips to Chicago to see a show or attend a sporting event, or just spending a lazy afternoon playing games or completing puzzles.







*We love our families and try to spend as much time as we can with them. It is very important to us to be present and good role models to our nieces and nephews. This is something we hope to continue with you and your child. Our weekends are often family days. In addition, family traditions are important to us as well. We enjoy a yearly ski vacation with Katie's parents, her brother and his family and try to meet at the beach at least once a year with both sides to enjoy some extended time together. Both Brian and Katie's parents would tell you that their grandchildren are their favorite people and there is no greater privilege then being able to watch them grow. They are excited and happy to support us as we continue our adoption journey.*





# OUR FRIENDS

*are like family...*

We are blessed to have a very supportive friend group. Our friends are a very welcoming and inclusive group. When we first thought about adoption and throughout the process they have been there to listen, offer advice, and help anyway they can. We have been lucky to have great relationships that have lasted the test of time and become family. We try to get together every one to two months. If we are unable to see each other in person we try to facetime or catch up on the phone. Some of the things we love to do include going to plays or concerts, doing seasonal activities such as a Friendsgiving meal or going to the pumpkin patch, beach day, or a game night.





A man and a woman are dancing in a greenhouse. The man is wearing a red shirt and blue jeans, and the woman is wearing a grey shirt and red pants. They are holding hands and the man is lifting the woman's arm. The greenhouse has a glass roof and walls, and there are many plants inside. The floor is made of stone tiles. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting it might be late afternoon or early morning. The text "In this family we..." is written in a white, cursive font across the top of the image.

*In this family we...*

- Snuggle
- Celebrate the little things
- Laugh out loud
- Live long and prosper
- Wish on a star
- Volunteer our time
- Sing in the car
- Dance in the living room



# WE LOVE TO TRAVEL!



*Whether it is to visit or support family and friends or just to see and experience a new place, we are always excited for a road trip or vacation. We also love to be outside and exploring new places or terrains. For our honeymoon, we ventured Southeast to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge to the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. We were also able to extend a family wedding last year, to include a trip to Niagara Falls, Boston and Maine. We hope to do Disney World as an extended family soon. We do plan to continue traveling as a family. Not only do we hope to have the experience to bond as a family but also to use travel to experience and see the world. Brian and I love history and experiencing new cultures; we see travel as a hands-on learning experience.*







# FUN FACTS ABOUT US!

- Katie is a registered Occupational Therapist
- Boating is Brian's favorite way to de-stress and enjoy nature
- Brian and Katie both played the trombone as children
- We love creative and imaginative adventures with family and friends. We understand that children learn best through play
- Katie's favorite holiday is Christmas while Brian prefers Thanksgiving
- Katie's family has a home on Lake Michigan and loves to spend summers at the beach
- Brian loves to drive and puts 30,000 miles on his car yearly
- Brian is an Eagle Scout while Katie loved Girl Scouts kindergarten through high school
- Katie went skydiving with her dad brother and friends to celebrate her 30th birthday
- Brian loves to fly a kite on a blustery day





# OUR PROMISES

*to you and your child...*

**We promise to** love your child unconditionally and parent your child with love always.

**We promise to** provide a home that is encouraging, nurturing and supportive of your child as he or she grows up. We will foster an environment of growth, independence, communication and love.

**We promise to** empower your child to discover his interests, talents, hopes and dreams and help to cultivate them with kindness, compassion and empathy.

**We promise to** be open and communicate honestly with your child about you, and your love him or her. To honor you and your story.

*If you are open to it, we would love to have 3-4 visits with you a year. We would be happy to travel to your city and you are welcome to travel to us as well. Our hope is to include you on shared albums and text updates at least monthly. Katie loves to scrapbook and would love to send you one each year.*

*Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. Our hope would be to see you regularly, for you to meet our family and friends, and vice versa. We want your child to know the love of both sets of his or her parents, learn from our collective experiences, have an abundance of friends, and family to support nurture and love throughout his or her life.*

ALL OUR LOVE,

*Brian and Katie*





# Adoption



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