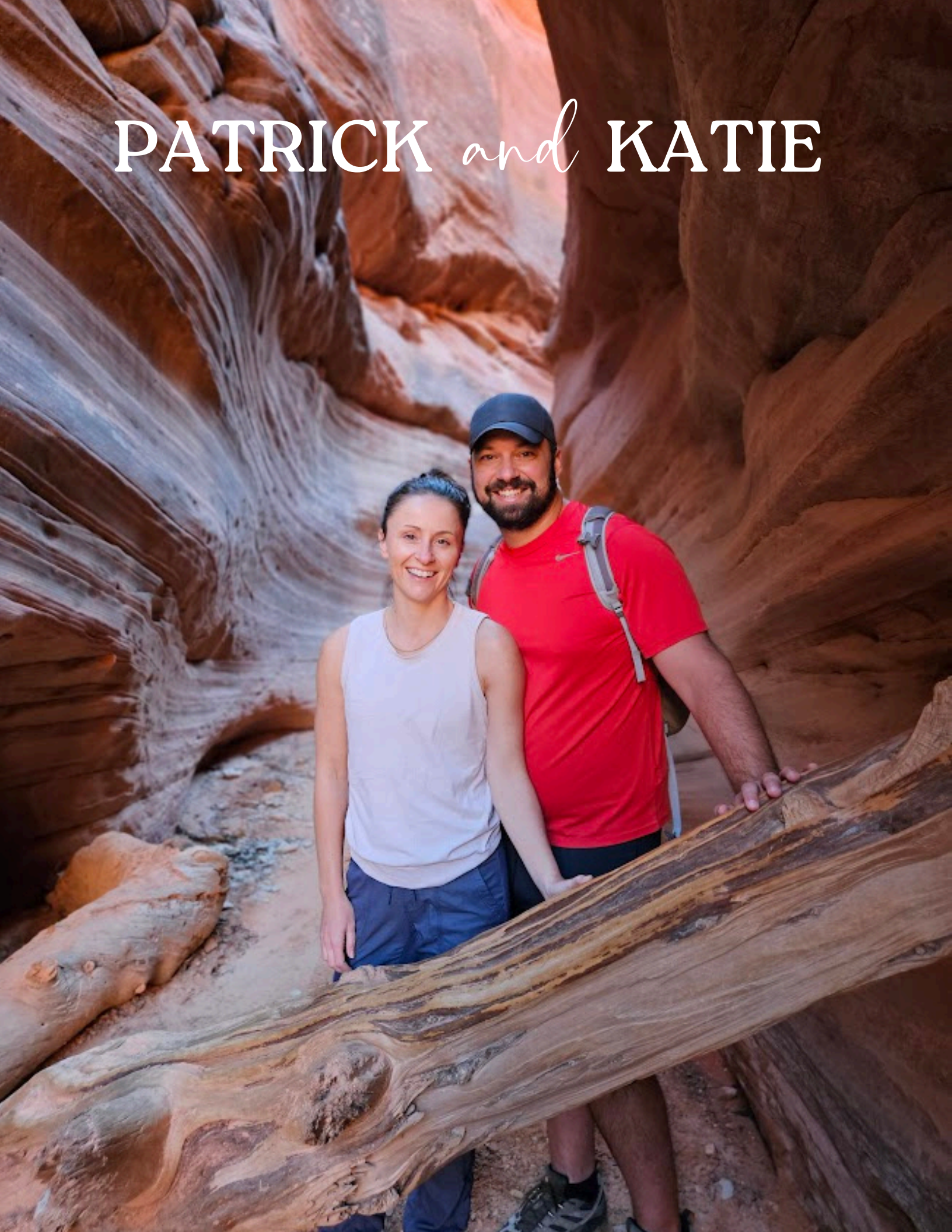


PATRICK *and* KATIE





Hello!

WE ARE PATRICK AND KATIE!

Thank you for taking the time to read a little about us. While we are happy to share some insight into our lives, we recognize that this must be an incredibly difficult time for you. We hope that as you look through our profile, you get a little sense of who we are as individuals and as a unit. We understand families can take many shapes and forms. We've considered ourselves a family for 12 years now but would love to open and expand our current definition of family through adoption. Most importantly, we want to lead with love.

Please know we extend that love and support to you as you go through this delicate time.

Patrick and Katie



OUR STORY

We met as freshmen in high school Spanish class in Chesterton, Indiana. We dated for two years in high school before going our separate ways when we went to college. Patrick attended Purdue University and Katie attended Marquette University. Thankfully, we kept in contact and rekindled our relationship. After university, we both moved to Indianapolis, Patrick working as an engineer and Katie working as a physician assistant.



We got married on a beautiful fall day in September 2012. A few months later we rescued our pup, Hallie. She was our fur companion for 11 years, and even though she is gone, she will always be a part of our family. During 12 years of marriage, we have been fortunate enough to go on many adventures together, exploring new places, tasting new foods, and sharing new experiences.



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION?

Katie grew up with a desire to adopt, thinking she would want to pursue adoption even if able to have biological children. She grew up with close family friends who were adopted, and her family fostered a child for a period of time while she was in high school. This opened her up to the many forms that a family can take. Patrick comes from a blended family (with a biological brother, half sister, and step brother) and witnessed growing up, the variations of a family.

We feel like we can provide a loving and caring environment for a child to grow both within our family and the extended family we will create through open adoption.



*“Where there is love
there is life.”*

-Gandhi

A woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a grey cardigan and light blue jeans, stands on a brick balcony with a stone railing. She is leaning against the railing and looking towards the camera. The background shows a vast ocean under a dramatic sunset sky with golden light and scattered clouds. A small boat is visible on the water in the distance.

ABOUT KATIE

WRITTEN BY PATRICK

“Katie’s capacity to care for others is limitless. When it comes to helping family, friends, or even complete strangers, she does not hesitate to be the person you can depend on to be there. Katie’s approach to life has always been to find the goodness in people. Being around her encourages you to appreciate all the joy and fun in any situation. Katie is an amazing partner. She has an extraordinary ability to bring out the best in all those around her. She encourages me to be the best version of myself. I have no doubt that she will bring the same love and thoughtfulness to being a mother.”



KATIE'S FAVORITE THINGS:

baking • gardening • doing small home projects • yoga
game nights • Marquette basketball





ABOUT PATRICK

WRITTEN BY KATIE

Patrick makes any situation more comfortable and enjoyable. He has a knack in disarming any tension and can talk to anyone. I joke that our friends' kids and our nieces flock to him because he is so childlike, but it's truly because he has no hesitation to get on their level, talking about whatever they are interested in, and playing with them. He brings a lightness to life that is crucial when so much in the world can weigh us down. Patrick is an incredibly supportive partner, giving me courage, a hug, and a laugh whenever I need it. I have no doubt that he will bring that same sort of energy and enthusiasm to being a father.



PATRICK'S FAVORITE THINGS:

cooking • being outside • learning to golf
riding bikes around the neighborhood • Purdue basketball



TOGETHER WE LOVE:

listening to local music • spending time with our family and friends
traveling to new places • hiking or going on walks together
cheering for the Chicago Bears





HOME SWEET HOME!

We live in a historic home in one of Indy's neighborhoods. We've been in our home for about 7 years now, doing various projects to make it more ours, including hanging a porch swing which Katie had always wanted. One of our favorite things about where we live is the ability to walk around our neighborhood--- to a park, restaurants (including an ice cream shop!), or just down the block, waving at other neighbors who are often out on their front porches.

Our house has extra bedrooms as we always wanted to have room for visiting family and friends as well as hopes of growing our family. It also has a fenced in backyard with room for a garden, a firepit, where you can often find us roasting hot dogs and marshmallows in the fall, as well as room for kids and pets to run around.





Our neighborhood park



Newfields Museum of Art

OUR COMMUNITY

Our neighborhood is very active in creating a community and a welcoming environment. The neighborhood association hosts an art fair and block party every year and most recently had a “meet your neighbor” night at a local restaurant. There is a park just a few blocks from our house, where we often see families playing. We enjoy going to Fall Creek Trail for walks, runs or bike rides. As much as we enjoy, exploring lands outside of Indiana, we also make a point to explore our home city. This summer we even created a “summer bucket list” to make sure we take advantage of some of the fun things Indianapolis has to offer.



Indiana State Fair



Volunteering at Gleaners Food Bank

EXTENDED FAMILY

Our families are incredibly important to us. Although some are further away than others, we always cherish the time we get to

Katie grew up with her parents and younger brother in Northwest Indiana. Her brother currently lives in Bangkok, Thailand, with his wife. They have lived abroad for about eight years, and we were lucky enough to go visit them in Thailand seven years ago. Katie's parents still live in the same house she grew up in in Chesterton, which is only a few hours from Indy. Being this close, allows us to visit each other often. Much of her family lives in the Chicagoland area with some family spread across the country in Minnesota, Arizona, and North Carolina.





Patrick also grew up in Northwest Indiana!

He has 3 siblings, 2 older brothers and a younger sister. One brother currently lives in Colorado with his husband. His oldest brother, is a high school basketball coach at the same school we went to (Chesterton). He and his wife have two daughters, our nieces Grace and Averie. We love spending time with them, whether that's going to the Taylor Swift movie, getting ice cream, or playing games together. Patrick's younger sister, lives in Northwest Indiana with her fiancée and daughter Lily, who is also our goddaughter. We are so honored to be her godparents and have loved watching her grow up into a curious and talkative three-year-old.



OUR FRIENDS ARE LIKE FAMILY!

We each have a group of friends we stay in contact with from college as well as friends we have made since moving to Indy. Katie's friend group from Marquette gets together yearly for a "Friendsgiving". This past year, there were 11 kids making up the next generation of the group. Our friends have been very supportive of us and our desire to adopt. They no doubt will welcome any additions to our family as their own.



WE LOVE TO TRAVEL, BIG AND SMALL!

With family and friends spread out across the Midwest, we often take weekend trips to Chicagoland, Wisconsin, and Michigan. When we are further from home, it's such a privilege to learn about different people and places, like going to Buddhist temples in Thailand.



We will try to get out of our comfort zone, like taking a four day overnight trek to Machu Picchu. Often, we will do a cooking class when we travel abroad to better immerse ourselves into the local culture, and to eat some delicious food, of course. We hope to continue to travel after becoming parents as we think it is important to learn about and experience the world.





FUN FACTS ABOUT US!

- *We grew up by the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and enjoy visiting National Parks, most recently going to the Grand Canyon.*
- *We grew up only 2 miles from each other but didn't meet until freshman year of high school.*
- *Patrick had Katie's mom as a teacher in high school. The class – chemistry, with Patrick later majoring in chemical engineering.*
- *Katie played the violin growing up.*
- *We went skydiving on our honeymoon (the first and only time jumping out of a plane).*
- *Patrick is a big Purdue basketball fan, and we were able to watch them in the Final Four this year (2024).*
- *Katie has run a half marathon in 10 different states. Sometimes, Patrick joins too!*
- *We are both Polish and enjoy Polish foods like pierogis, Polish sausage, and kolaczki (Polish cookies).*
- *Even though we live in the city, we try to grow a garden each year. The big crops this year were zucchini and sunflowers.*
- *We don't currently have any pets, but we had a dog named Hallie, who was named after George Halas of the Chicago Bears, for 11 years. We miss her so.*

OUR PROMISES

TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD...

We promise to provide a safe and loving environment for your child.

We promise to foster an open relationship with you and keep the spirit of openness alive in our home.

We promise to nurture an environment that is inclusive of your child's biological roots.

We promise to make all decisions with your child at the center.

Thank you for taking the time to look at our profile and get to know us a little. We would love to get to know you and any extended family that you want to be involved in your child's life. We want to honor their background and would like to incorporate some important family traditions that you have or practice. We promise quarterly meet ups and weekly text updates with a shared photo album for picture updates. We want as much love and positivity in the child's life as possible. No matter the decision you make, please know that we hope the best for you and your child.

Patrick and Katie



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