

J O S H + K A T I E



hello,

WE ARE JOSH AND KATIE

Thanks for taking the time to get to know us. We can't imagine being in your position. Everything must feel incredibly heavy. The pressure to choose the "right" family for your baby is probably overwhelming. We wish you peace in this process and a positive experience no matter the outcome.

The adoption journey isn't an easy one. It's vulnerable in ways we never imagined, and I am sure that in this process you've had those feelings of vulnerability too just in a very, very different way. We are humbled you are taking the time to get to know us and we look forward to the possibility of getting to know more about you.

"LOVE RECOGNIZES NO BARRIERS. IT JUMPS HURDLES, LEAPS FENCES, PENETRATES WALLS TO ARRIVE AT ITS DESTINATION FULL OF HOPE."





# We have built our family through adoption

*In 2014, we adopted our son, Jackson, and in 2016 we adopted our daughter, Emma.*

## JACKSON'S STORY

Jackson's birth mom found us on facebook. She lives in MD. We started doing visits with her but after Jackson was a year old we stopped doing visits at her request.

We still text probably once a month to show her we are thinking about her. The whole process with Jackson and the hospital and just seeing the sadness and strength in her was one of the hardest things of our lives. It reaffirmed our promises to make sure Jackson had the best life.

## EMMA'S STORY

Emma was born in Arizona. We did not meet her birth mother. Emma had already been discharged from the hospital. At her request, we do not speak often, however, we are so proud of how far she has come since Emma was born. We are building a relationship with her and her son that was born after Emma and that means so much to us.

"I admire you each and every single day. Thank you for being you and giving Jackson the absolute best life ever imaginable"

FROM JACKSON'S MOM

"Thank you for being the best mom and dad she could ever have. You are the true heroes here"

FROM EMMA'S MOM

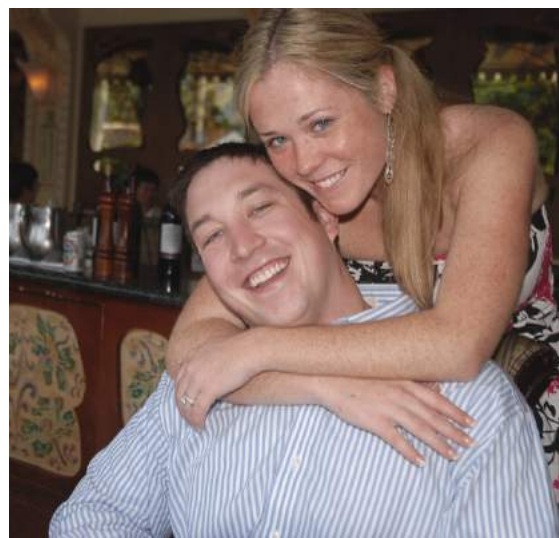
"WE LOVED YOU BEFORE WE EVEN KNEW YOU, EVEN WHEN THERE WAS JUST A HOPE FOR YOU, WE LOVED YOU."



M E E T *Katie and Josh*

We met in 2005 on a blind date set up by our mutual friends. We were married in 2010, surrounded by our family and friends. We spent the next four years traveling the world!

As a couple we love to try new craft breweries and sushi is our favorite guilty pleasure. We are definitely a couple that loves the beach and ocean and can last the entire day with our butts in the sand! We enjoy taking weekend trips to new places or trying new local restaurants. We both come from pretty big families so we meet up with our cousins to watch Sunday football downtown in Philadelphia. We are both big Eagles fans and enjoy watching live sports events.





## M E E T *Jackson & Emma*

**Jackson** is the most *sensitive* and empathetic child. He loves everything fiercely, including Emma, all things Pokémon, swimming lessons, remote control cars, Philly soft pretzels, and dessert! Jackson will eat anything we put in front of him for dinner as long as he gets dessert at the end!

Who is the *sassiest* of them all? **Emma!** She loves bows, all things pink, unicorns, barbies, baby dolls, any food that is not a fruit or vegetable. Emma is tiny, but one of the strongest toddlers on the playground and can cross the monkey bars without missing a beat.





## ABOUT *Katie*

### KATIE'S FAVORITE THINGS

Favorite Color: Purple!

Favorite Food:

I love Mexican food,  
especially guacamole!

My Hobby:

Weirdly, I love cleaning and  
organizing.

What I Do:

I own my own business  
within recruiting.

Katie runs circles around me! She is a great friend, and partner. She handles a million things in a day and does it with ease. Katie comes from a large family. Which explains why she is such an extrovert and loves entertaining. Keeping up with 22 first cousins and their families is not an easy task. Out of the 22 cousins, Katie is the oldest of only four girls. They call her the “Tribal Council” because she keeps everyone in touch and organizes outings for everyone. She does this all with love and that is what I admire about her.

LOVE, *Josh*



## ABOUT

*Josh*

### JOSH'S FAVORITE THINGS

Favorite Color:  
Blue

Favorite Food:  
Steak and oysters

My Hobby:  
Gardening, surfing, and  
fishing

What I Do:  
I am a contracting rep for  
Boeing Helicopters.

I am fortunate to have found Josh. I could never, EVER find a more compatible partner! I am very organized and meticulous, where Josh is more laid back and fun-loving. When I first met him he was so shy. And this is still the way he comes off when first meeting others but once he gets to know you he opens up. Throughout the day I always see him looking out the window at the bird. He literally bird watches. I don't have this kind of patience. He just has an air of calm I'm honestly very jealous of.

LOVE, *Katie*





# Welcome

T O O U R H O M E

This neighborhood is so wonderful. It is very much in a "turnover time" where I would say 80% is young families. Almost all the kids in Jackson's kindergarten class live within walking distance and we are so close to the high school that we can hear the Friday night football announcements from our backyard. We love to set up the fire pit and gather with friends and our kids play tag until it's too dark to see and time for bed. Our sunroom is a favorite place in our house. There's a TV we stream music. ..usually muppets (kids are obsessed with the muppets), or classical, or christmas music or country or play with playdoh And they color and listen to the music while Josh grills steaks or burgers we eat in the sunroom. We have a big swingset and a bounce castle we blow up on days to get some extra energy out. Josh is obsessed with gardening. He and his uncle have a hottest pepper contest that they try to grow the hottest pepper in their gardens.





A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR

*family & friends*

Our favorite place to travel is to Katie's parents beach house at the jersey shore. Our other favorite place to travel is OBX. Josh's family and extended family gets a house there for a few weeks every other year and it's fun to catch up with his cousins and family. There are 6 bedrooms at the beach house and Katie's aunt has a house that's a bike ride away with a pool where everyone gathers depending on the weekend to have fun. We love riding bikes in the morning because 2 of Katie's life long friends have houses within bike ride distance and we ride to the playgrounds or go on sea shell hunts. There is literally always someone to play with! Especially on rainy days because we are a real board game family. Rummikub and LCR bets are the norm. It is a dream place!!

Our bridal party was made up of friends we have known for years. Literally 100% of them since birth. Life long friends. We have such an amazing circle of friends. We had a wedding with 350+ guests and then a reception with a band (that made Josh dance!) and then our after party served Philly tasty cakes and soft pretzels while the guests wore purple boas (my favorite color), spent time in a photo booth, and were serenaded by a Billy Joel cover singer. It was an amazing night.



THANKS FOR TAKING THE TIME  
TO GET TO KNOW US.

Our thoughts are with you as you go through this journey. We hope the experience is as comfortable for you as possible; pregnancy is not easy. We are here if you want to reach out and learn more about us.

As a couple, we have faith that adoption is the right way for us to grow our family. We are so completely prepared to share our love with another child. We aren't perfect parents—sometimes the kids don't brush their teeth or go to bed with sand between their toes, faded stamps and stickers on their hands, and sometimes our dog licks their faces. We get dirty, eat a lot of ice cream, and jump in the puddles after the rain but,

*we are never short on love*

JOSH, KATIE & THE KIDS



