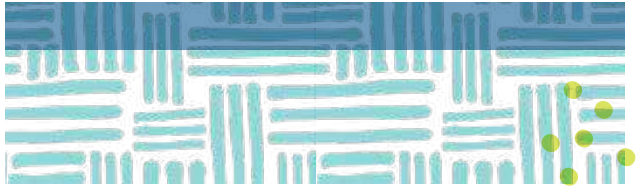


Kristin





Somewhere **IN THIS BIG,
BIG WORLD, OUR PATHS ARE**
Crossing.



YOUR CHILD WILL BE SO DEEPLY LOVED. I will support your child's dreams, passions, and sacred gifts. I will love this child for who they are. I will push the swing at the park, ride bikes and shoot basketballs, hold hands while we dip our feet into the warm ocean water, sit in the first row of every school play, decorate cookies just because, climb the trees in our backyard, teach my famous chicken casserole and cinnamon cookie recipes, travel the world hand-in-hand wearing our backpacks and carrying our passports stamped with every adventure, dance to soulful music in the kitchen, get dirty in the garden and the sandbox, decorate our walls with the little drawings and watercolor paintings, kiss every boo-boo, choose new books every Saturday at the library down the street, give big hugs and kisses, and support every dream in your child's heart.

THANK YOU FOR BEING *Uniquely* **YOU**

For nurturing your child's heart and path, and for giving me space to share my life and story. I recognize the importance and complexity of the decision you're making, and I want to give you all my love, honor, and support from afar, no matter your decision. **SHOULD OUR LIVES COME TOGETHER IN THIS JOURNEY, I WILL LIVE FOREVER IN GRATITUDE AND YOUR CHILD WILL KNOW YOUR DEEP LOVE.**

While we don't yet know what the future holds, I believe we're learning about each other for a reason. We haven't spoken, but I do know your journey is uniquely yours and it's a deeply personal, loving, and courageous one. **I PROMISE TO HONOR YOU AND YOUR LOVE ALWAYS, NO MATTER WHERE THIS PATH TAKES US.**



SINCE I WAS A YOUNG GIRL, I KNEW I WOULD ADOPT A CHILD. I DIDN'T KNOW WHEN, WHERE, OR WHY, BUT I JUST KNEW.



VACATIONING IN BALI

RELAXING WITH

A GOOD BOOK



OUTDOOR YOGA

IN INDONESIA



VOLCANO HIKE



FUN FACTS

ABOUT ME

I love to move.

Swimming, cycling, hiking, yoga, long walks. A day isn't complete unless my body has felt alive. I eat healthy to keep my energy high, but I also have a sweet-tooth. Chocolate and peanut butter ice cream is hands-down my favorite.

TRAVEL FILLS MY HEART WITH JOY, AND I WANT TO SHARE THESE ADVENTURES WITH YOUR CHILD.

I've spent time on six continents, in many countries, and especially love Italy, Morocco, Vietnam, Spain, Argentina, and Bali. I've climbed volcanoes at 2am to see the sunrise. I've bicycled through rice fields and remote villages, hiked mountains, and swam in chilly oceans.

SETTING THE TABLE



TRADITIONS & Rituals

- › **Early morning walks** with my pup Evey.
- › **Reading at night.**
- › **Setting the table** with my grandmother's dishes.
- › **Big Sunday lunches.**
- › **Gardening** on the first day of spring.
- › **Making cheese dip** on Christmas Eve while we cuddle up in pajamas.





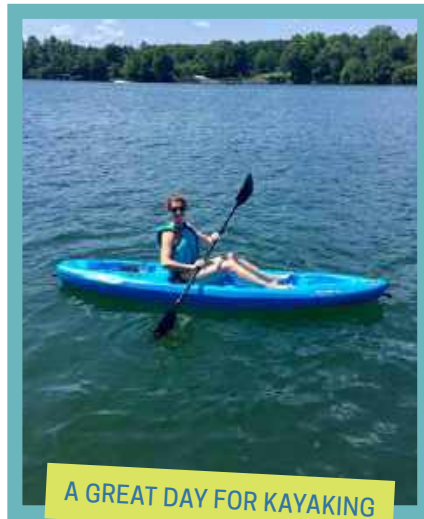
MY HOME
&
COMMUNITY

I live right in the middle of Tennessee. Beautiful trees line my street. **I've owned my home for ten years and feel blessed to live in one of the most desirable neighborhoods with award-winning and diverse schools.** Within walking distance are four parks, two elementary schools, colorful little shops, groceries, and restaurants.

I LOVE MY CITY WHICH IS KNOWN FOR GREAT MUSIC AND ITS WELCOMING, FRIENDLY, DIVERSE AND VIBRANT SPIRIT. We are located in the hills, which is breath-taking, and have every season. I love being outside, feeling the warm sun on my face, and hiking through a canopy of trees.



CHRISTMAS WITH BEST FRIEND



A GREAT DAY FOR KAYAKING

WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE *are both*
THE MOUNTAINS & THE OCEAN;
 I'M FORTUNATE TO VISIT *both* OFTEN.



As a former competitive swimmer, the water is my happy place. I LOVE TO HEAR THE OCEAN, DIVE INTO THE LAKES, AND WATCH THE SUNRISE ON THE RIVER.

I'm wildly in love with my sunroom and garden. I spend most mornings sitting in my sunroom on an old wicker chair my Nana gave me as a little girl. In nice weather, I move to the deck overlooking my garden where I love to grow flowers, lavender, rosemary and mint. The smells are incredible!

My LOVED ONES

I'm super close with my immediate and extended family. We talk several times a week, if not every day, and we spend hours laughing...hours! My younger brother and I especially – we can just look at each other and laugh until we cry.

We stay active, exercising together at the gym, running, riding bikes, and swimming in my brother's pool. **ALL MY FAMILY IS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE!**

We love food – all food. Most of our time together is centered around meals or visits to our favorite restaurants, especially our favorite Mexican and Italian spots. You'll also find us at home using Nana's favorite recipes for biscuits and gravy, homemade spaghetti sauce, and baked apples.

MY BROTHER AND I

AT A WEDDING



ALL SMILES

WITH MY NIECE

WE TAKE A COUPLE FAMILY VACATIONS EVERY YEAR, ONE OF WHICH IS ALWAYS A BEACH VACATION. My mom and I are up before sunrise with my niece and nephew, the first to the water, carrying all the toys and sand buckets. My favorite!

YOUNGER SISTERS' PROM



MY MOM, BROTHER AND NIECE



THANKSGIVING WITH

MY NEPHEW

Playing Uno and hide-and-go-seek are long-standing family traditions. So are gathering at my home for Thanksgiving, my brother's home for Christmas, and my dad driving the boat on the lake in the summer. **I've never missed a birthday with either my 7-year-old niece or 4-year-old nephew, they are so excited to have a cousin to play with!**

More recently, we have a new tradition, which is spending time at the cabin in the country with 20 acres of rolling hills and beautiful green pastures. You can see the lightening bugs from the screened-in porch, and we love to listen to music out there and the rain on the tin roof.



HOME COOKED MEALS ARE THE BEST



STUDENT HUGS



MAKING COFFEE IN BALI

You might be SURPRISED TO LEARN...

- > I rode a camel in Africa that got a little feisty and ran away (with me on him!).
> I can travel for days with only a small backpack (who needs all that stuff weighing you down!).
> I always ride the school bus with my students on the first day of school (they're nervous and need a little extra love!).
> I like to bake cookies (and definitely lick the spoon!) and can make a million different recipes with beans.
> You can catch me dancing in the kitchen while I cook (it's a dancefloor, right?!).
> I love velvet pillows.
> My greatest dream is to be a mama.

Values THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO ME.

- > I believe every human being deserves love. I believe in second chances, fresh starts, following your dreams and listening to your instincts. I believe you can speak your truth and listen openly to others. I believe in showing up.
> I value equity - we all deserve the same rights and opportunities. I value education - every child deserves only the best. I value faith, and while you can go to church, I believe you can find God anywhere. I believe love makes a family.
> I value being brave and loving hard. I value laughter and adventure.
> These are all values and beliefs I will teach your child.





FAV KIDDOS AND ME



COLLEGE VISIT WITH MY STUDENT

My CAREER

I have the best, most meaningful job on the planet.

I started three schools to serve children and families who haven't been given the opportunities they deserve. My organization serves predominantly families of color, children from low-income backgrounds, immigrant and refugee students from Africa to Latin America, as well as students with disabilities. While most of our children begin school behind in reading and math, I'm so proud to share that 100% our high school graduates are in college and have received over \$9 million in scholarships.

You can always find me dancing down the school hallways giving hugs, high-fives, and fist-bumps. I also dry tears, personally review every scholarship essay, and know every child's name and family.

I HAVE INCREDIBLE FLEXIBILITY AT WORK AND CAN SET MY OWN SCHEDULE. I'LL HAVE 6-MONTHS OF MATERNITY LEAVE AND MANY SCHOOL BREAKS EVERY YEAR FOR VACATIONS. I've even started a top-notch licensed childcare center on my school's campus (just ten steps from my office!). I already have space reserved for your child.



MEET EVEY

Evey is a 7 year old rescued lab mix.

She's the most huggable and lovable dog. Evey's super sweet, gentle, and always wants to cuddle. Her favorite hobbies are long walks, hikes in the woods, running in big grass fields, and receiving treats. Finally, **EVEY IS VERY LOYAL, SHE STAYS BY YOUR SIDE, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE.**

MY HEARTFELT

THANK YOU



Thank you for sharing your time with me. I promise to love and care for your child unconditionally. I promise to keep them safe, warm, and happy with lots of hugs, snuggles, and laughter. Sending you my love, respect, gratitude and unwavering support as you make your decision.

All my love, *Kristin*