

Hello,

We are Julie and Kirk, parents of Thomas, Henry, Rory, Sam, Savannah and Isaac. We met through a personal ad that Julie placed in a local newspaper after watching Oprah's tips on how to write a successful ad. We quickly became best friends and our wedding took place about a year and a half after we met. We've been married now for nearly 25 years and are still going strong. We love one another and our children and just enjoy being together. As a family we are laid back and calm. We are not constantly busy so that the kids have time to just be kids and play. The kids are involved in various activities of their choice including gymnastics and robotics. We love some routines such as Friday night movie nights and dinner together at the table but also love spontaneous road trips and festivals and trips to the beach.



Kirk

Kirk is the oldest of four children. He has two sisters and a brother and is closest to his brother. His parents are busy enjoying retirement and travel all over the world. Kirk has an undergraduate degree in Journalism and a Masters in Teaching which a concentration in Special Education. He worked for several years in the Special Education classroom before accepting the job he has currently. As he says, "I'm back to teaching adults but I love working with kids and stay active as an elementary school volunteer." Kirk works as an Investor and is home with us full time. Kirk enjoys playing with the kids, fixing stuff,

working on old cars and tractors, reading and travel. His latest hobby is fixing learning how to sew and quilt on old sewing machines.



Julie

Julie is an only child who grew up in the midwest and Florida. Her dad passed away about 12 years ago but her mom is alive and lives nearby. Julie majored in Human Resources and Criminology and later went back for Elementary Education as well. In her free time, Julie enjoys cooking, reading, being outside, helping rescue feral cats, rock music and cars. Her greatest love and joy is her children. As a stay at home mom, she is thankful to have tons of time to spend with the kids and enjoys even the smallest of moments. She is a laid back mom and tries to let the kids learn and discover things for themselves.



Thomas

Thomas is a full-time senior in college. He was diagnosed with Autism at age 3 and has overcome so many challenges in life. He works at Goodwill during the summers and maintains a “B” average at school. He drives, has a girlfriend, and loves being away at school. He is kind and has the best sense of humor. His goal is to become a Social Worker and work in the field of adoption.



Henry

Henry is 18 years old and was recently accepted into the University of Michigan where he will attend school in the fall. He's the project manager for one of the school clubs and is busy building an airplane. He enjoys anything aviation-related and hopes to one day attain his pilot's license. He volunteers with cat rescue and loves spending time with his younger siblings. Henry maintains an A average and takes advanced classes.



Rory

Rory came home from China at age 2. He was the cutest toddler with this crazy laugh and wild sense of humor. He still has his crazy laugh which makes us laugh! He is now 15 and attends high school. Rory has Global Developmental Delays and is educated in the regular classroom. He made B Honor Roll last year and is hoping to do the same this year! His favorite subject is Science and he loves to talk about weather or moon phases. In his free time,

he loves playing Nintendo and Pokemon. His favorite foods are dumplings and noodles (He wanted me to add that part about food. lol)



Sam

Sam was born in South Carolina. Julie was the first person to hold him and was right there to coach his birth mom during labor. It was a beautiful experience that she will never forget! Sam is now in 3rd grade and is so proud of himself and his reading abilities. He's smart, funny, inquisitive and just a great guy. He

loves cartoons and cars and swimming. His favorite food is hot dogs. He even dressed up as a hot dog last Halloween! We have a completely open adoption with Sam's birth family.



Savannah

Savannah is another South Carolina baby. We found out that she was being born and went to the hospital immediately! Her birth mom chose a closed adoption at first but we have since formed a really great relationship with Savannah's birth family. Savannah is very artistic and loves drawing and painting. She will be entering first grade this fall and is doing very well! She

loves horses and wants to take horseback riding lessons. She also loves cats and stuffed animals.



Isaac

Isaac came home to us at the age of 6 months. He was born here in the USA but his birth parents are both from China. He has a few delays but is catching up quickly. His favorite things include iPhones, remote controls and chasing cats around the house. We have an open adoption with his birth family as well.



Home

Our home is a large log cabin located on about 42 acres of land in Southern Indiana. We are about 10 minutes from town so it's the best of both worlds. We have 5 bedrooms and a movie theater as well as a swimming pool out back. We

love seeing the deer and wild turkeys roam our fields. It's peaceful and yet we are not far from parks and schools.



Grief and Loss Issues

A few years ago, a friend dropped off her teens to live with our family after their dad has passed away. Our friend was very ill and not able to parent at the time and we found ourselves suddenly becoming parents of two grieving teens. We sought counseling for them and learned that grief can manifest in many different ways. We found our way through it all together as a family and are pleased to say both teens have since returned to their mother and are doing well. We are still very close even though the family lives about 5 hours away.

Extended Family

Julie's mom lives about 15 minutes from our home. Kirk's family all reside in Florida but we see them at least a few times a year. We also have many friends

and family in South Carolina who we visit often. We have some very close friends in our area that we consider family, too.





We consider it an honor to have you look at our profile as you consider this difficult decision and hope this profile provides answers to some of the questions about our family.

We are willing to have any level of openness in an adoption. Thank you for your time and best wishes to you, always.

