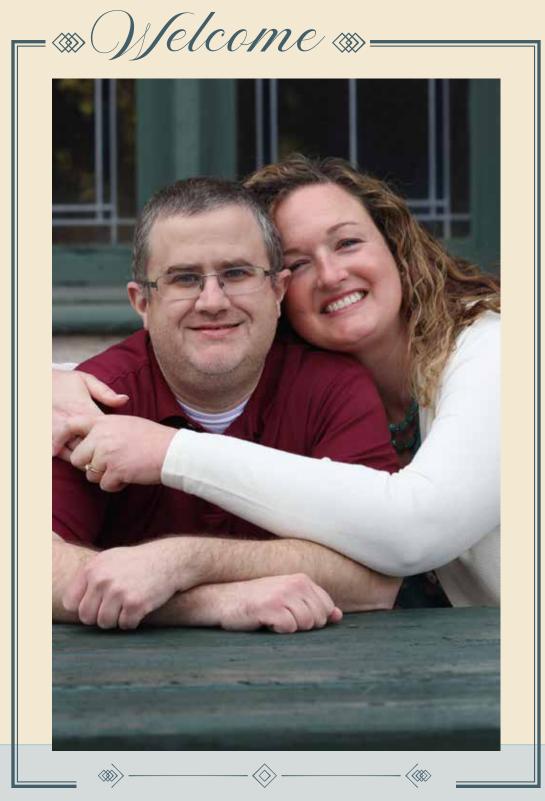
YOU MAY NOT HAVE MY EYES OR MY SMILE BUT FROM THE FIRST MOMENT YOU HAD MY





Thank you for taking the time to consider us. We know you are making one of the hardest decisions of your life and we are extremely grateful for this. It has been our dream to have a child and so we want to share a look into our family.

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I grew up in Missouri about 30 minutes away where my parents still live. Growing up I enjoyed playing baseball and attending Cardinals baseball games. To this day, going to games is a family event. Watching sports, whether in person or on TV, is something I enjoy doing with family and friends. After high school I attended Truman State University and received a Bachelor's in Business Administration. I currently work for an insurance company.

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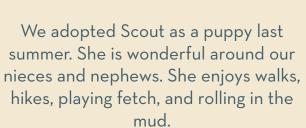
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I grew up mostly in Missouri after moving from Texas. I was a competitive swimmer from the age of six up to early college. Swim competitions gave me the opportunity to travel to various states; even a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

I started coaching swimming at 14 to share my passion with others. I also gave lessons to children and adults. Watching children succeed after practicing was very fulfilling for me. I attended the University of Missouri and received Bachelor's in Respiratory Therapy. I currently work at a hospital in town helping save lives one breath at a time.





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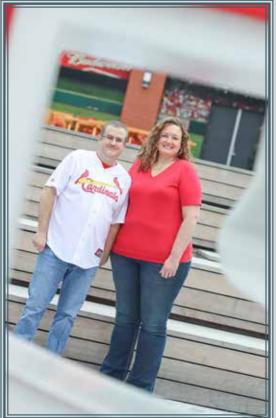
Brandon and I (Kristen) met a little over 6 years ago. Our first date was dinner and bowling. It didn't take very long before we realized there was a special connection between us. Our love of traveling and experiencing new adventures is something we are looking forward to sharing with our child.

ABOUT



































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Brandon's parents live about 30 minutes from us and his brother and family live about 90 minutes away. We enjoy taking our niece to different parks, zoos and festivals. His parents are always up for babysitting. Family gatherings, whether for holiday celebrations or just a random weekend, are a big part of our family life. It is a rare family get-together that there isn't a game or two of cards or a board game. They can't wait to welcome another grandchild into the family!

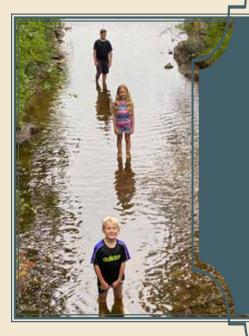














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Kristen's family is very important to us. Her parents live just a couple of miles from our home and her 3 siblings all are just a few minutes away as well. We have 4 amazing nieces and nephews. We are fortunate to be able to be a part of their lives, whether it's a family get-together or cheering on the sidelines of sporting events.
Everyone is so excited to add a new baby to the family. The love and support we have received so far is more than we could have imagined!











We moved into our home about a year ago. It is in a wonderful school district. There are several children in our neighborhood who can be seen riding bikes, playing ball, and drawing with chalk. It is close to several different parks and trails. We also have a large fenced in yard which is perfect for a playset.



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Every summer we go to our family cabin on Lake Superior in Michigan. Kristen's parents, siblings, significant others, nieces, and nephews are all up there together. We spend the days hiking, swimming, playing tennis, fishing, and playing games as a family. It's a wonderful way to relax and make memories that last a lifetime.







We have a great network of friends locally and within a two-hour drive. We enjoy spending time with friends at our respective homes or traveling. Our friends are also there for us and would help us out at the drop of a hat if we need assistance.



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Dear Birthparents

Thanking you for taking time to get to know our family. Hopefully we conveyed how important family is to us and can't wait to share it with the new baby. There is already so much love and support for this baby. We will make sure that he or she knows what an amazing gift you gave our family!

## Brandon & Kristen





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