



*Hello,*

While we haven't met you, we understand you are facing an incredibly personal decision. We sincerely thank you for opening our profile and taking a moment to get to know us.

Please know that no matter what you choose, we hope you do what feels best for you and your child and that you feel supported and cared for every step of the way.

 *Gina, Bryan, & Kohl*



Engagement photo - we like to be playful!



At the alter on our wedding day - we still look at each other that way (most days!)

## PROPOSAL & WEDDING – BY GINA

Bryan totally duped me! We were long distance, and he asked me to pick up some specialty wine he'd purchased from a little winery near my apartment after a long day of classes. When I showed up, the owner handed me a custom wine bottle that had our picture and the words "Will you marry me?" on it. Then one of our songs (cheesy: "Faithfully" by Journey) began to play over the speakers. Bryan, my parents, his mom, & his aunt appeared from the back room... My response amidst glee & happy tears was, "I need to put more change in the meter!"

We were married ~2 years later in a beautiful park by a river surrounded by those we love. We then proceeded to dance the night away!



Dancing at our wedding - we love to dance!



# about us

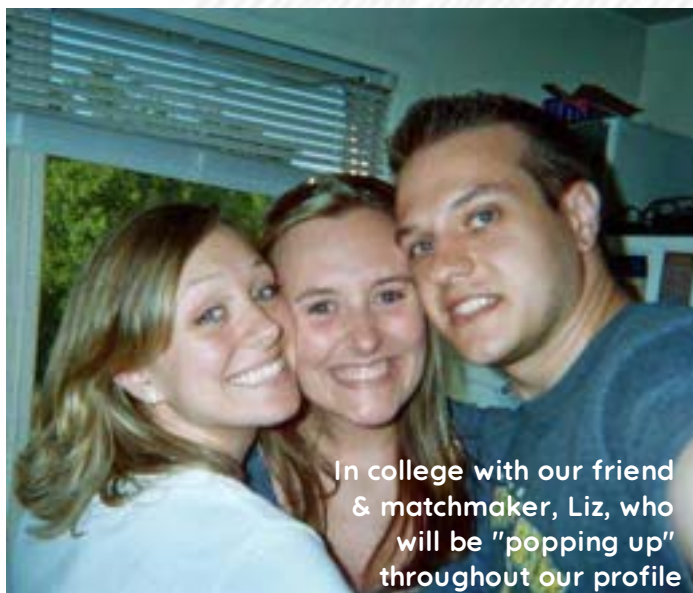
## BY BRYAN

Gina and I tackle everything together, as a team of two best friends. We incorporate each other into all of the other's plans, hobbies, thoughts, and experiences.

We travel because of Gina and enjoy simple quality time together because of me. I have us explore the future while Gina reminds us to live in the moment. We complete each other.

Our journey to parenthood has been complicated, but even at the outset of our relationship, adoption was something on our hearts. Kohl has been a blessing, and we very much want to nurture, love, and parent more children while opening our family to rewarding, meaningful relationships with others.

We are devoted to one another as well as our friends, family, and community. And all the while, we never forget to have fun!



In college with our friend & matchmaker, Liz, who will be "popping up" throughout our profile



## BY OUR FRIEND, LIZ

"I have known Gina and Bryan for roughly fifteen years, meeting both of them in college. We were part of a larger group of friends, but as the years went on, that group got smaller, and the members in it, a lot closer. I've had a front row seat to their relationship from Day One.

The last fifteen years have allowed me to know them both extremely well individually and together. Even before they were together, we knew that they were meant to be because they both have the biggest hearts, the kindest souls, ongoing patience, and a bottomless cup of generosity for their loved ones."



The proposal

## CAREER

Regulatory  
Manager

## FAV FOOD

Tacos

## BAD HABIT

Nail biting

## DANCE SONG

"Disco Inferno"

- The Trammps



Pretending to be a captain  
while boating with friends

*a little about*

## BRYAN

Goofy. Devoted. Honest.

Bryan is my rock and our son's favorite playmate. We work, play, and laugh together every day. He is goal-oriented, but also knows the importance of slowing down. Spending quality time with the people he loves fills his bucket.

He's loyal & direct. If there is someone you want the hard truth from, but to also know they'll catch you when you fall, that's Bryan.

He's our decision-maker & financial organizer. He is also a dang magician in the kitchen!

Our lives, hearts, and bellies are so much fuller because of him.

- Gina



Sleepy & happy  
giving  
newborn  
Kohl his first  
bath

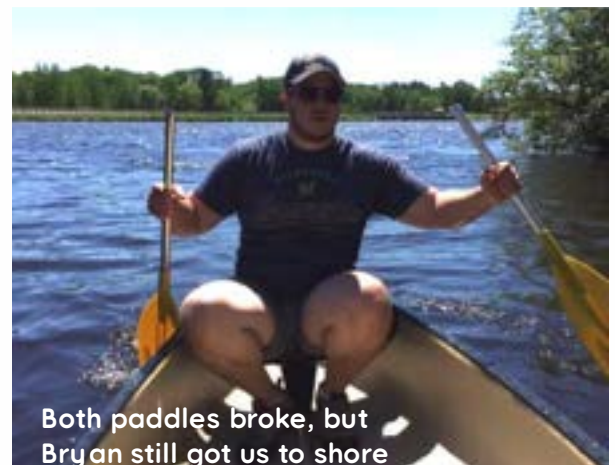


Saturday morning  
cartoon snuggles



## WHAT LIZ HAS TO SAY...

"Bryan is the epitome of a big bear hug. When you are around him, you feel safe, cared for, and heard. No matter what, you feel like Bryan has your back. He's always been a great listener, with thoughtful guidance and helpful feedback."



Both paddles broke, but  
Bryan still got us to shore



# *a little about* **GINA**

Loyal. Warm. Optimistic.

Gina is my partner in life - both a teammate and a cheerleader - and our son's source of tenderness. She's a comedian - just not as funny as I - a dreamer, and a traveler.

Although cliché, it's easy to say that she is the most generous, deep, and caring person I have ever met. She gives kind, meaningful words as much as she thrives receiving them.

She strengthens my weaknesses and motivates me to be my best.

Gina makes our house a home, and I love her more than she will ever know.  
- Bryan



**CAREER**  
Genetic Counselor

**FAV FOOD**  
Pizza

**BAD HABIT**  
Washing but not folding laundry

**DANCE SONG**  
"I Wanna Dance With Somebody"  
- Whitney Houston



## WHAT LIZ HAS TO SAY...

"Gina is a beautiful being, inside and out. She welcomes everyone she meets with a big smile and open arms. She's so smart and forgiving, and has always been really responsible and collected. I know when I see Gina after it's been awhile, she's going to run up to me, give me the biggest hug, and give me her full attention so we can catch up."



Exploring a cave while hiking - he had to bring along his whale for the adventure



Snuggling with Ziggy



Tricks on his tractor



## WHAT LIZ HAS TO SAY...

"If there was any question of Gina and Bryan's character, all one would need to do is look at who Kohl is. He is one the sweetest, kindest, and smartest kids I've met, the absolute perfect combination of Gina and Bryan's best qualities. They are raising Kohl in such an endlessly loving and safe home that I would wish for for any kid."



Swinging in our yard

## *a little about* **KOHL**

Clever. Silly. Loving.

Kohl is just... the coolest. He is curious about everything and loves to make friends, but can also be incredibly cautious & shy. He loves to play while being insistent his hands stay clean.

His current obsession is all things sea creatures, which he also chose as the theme for his "big boy room." Once he warms up, he will tell you all you need to know about creatures in the deep, dark sea.

Above all else, he is so loving & silly. He will make the best big brother, and often asks, "When is the baby coming home?"

### FAV SHOW

Wild Kratts

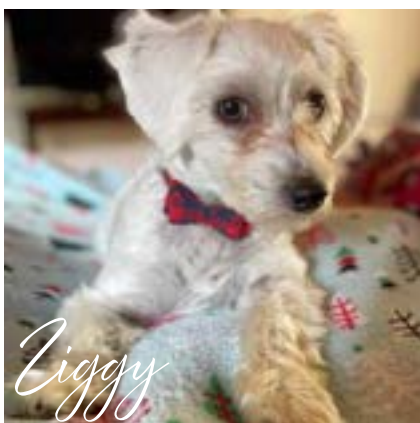
### FAV FOOD

Honey Nut  
Cheerios

### DANCE SONG

"Octopus's  
Garden"  
- The Beatles

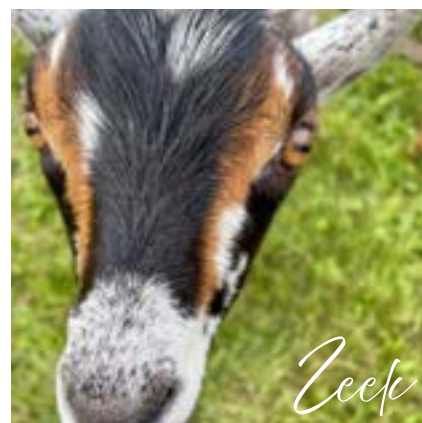




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**FURRY & FEATHERY  
FAMILY MEMBERS**

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# OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD



We grew all of the pumpkins (26!!) in this photo in our garden

**There is no place like home!** Our home has 4 bedrooms & 4 bathrooms with lots of room to run & play. We've got some awesome options for a whole-house game of hide-and-seek! We are just outside of town on 5 acres, meaning we get the best of both worlds: peace & room-to-roam of country living with the convenience of being 10 minutes from all the things to do in town (such as shops, parks, splash pad, aquatic center, small zoo, library, & of course, Mimi's house). Spending quality time together and finding the fun in our day-to-day life bring us the most joy!



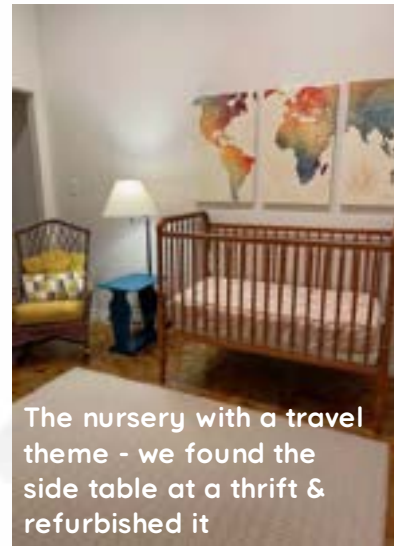
Backyard - lots of playing here!



I spy Kohl & Zig in the family room



Family meals happen here... or at the kitchen island... or in the living room for movie nights!

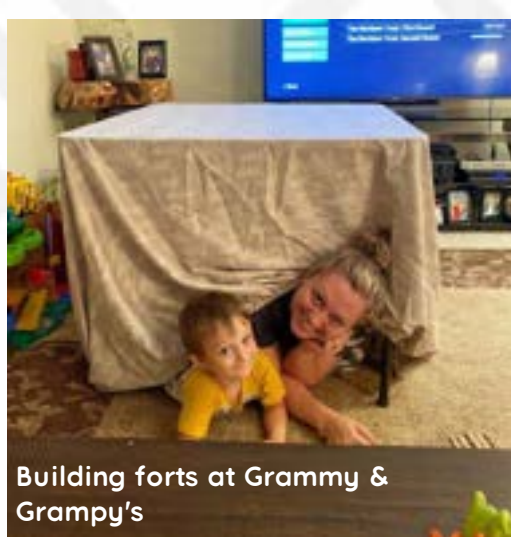


The nursery with a travel theme - we found the side table at a thrift & refurbished it





Building deck snowmen



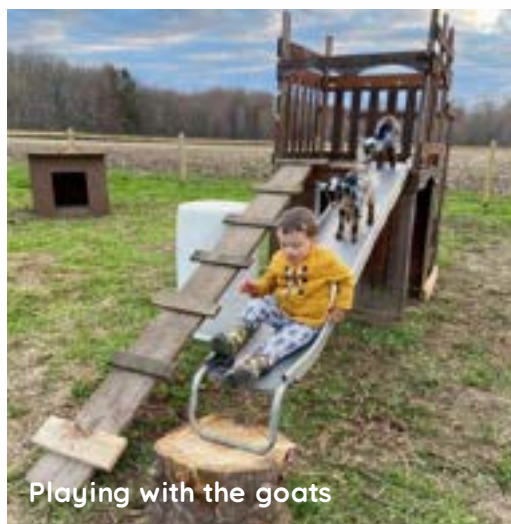
Building forts at Grammy & Grampy's

## Values/Religion

We celebrate Christian holidays, but don't attend church or organized religious events. We will be supportive of our children should they desire to explore any religion. We follow the Golden Rule and try to be compassionate & empathetic.



Hose spraying wars, a common occurrence in summer

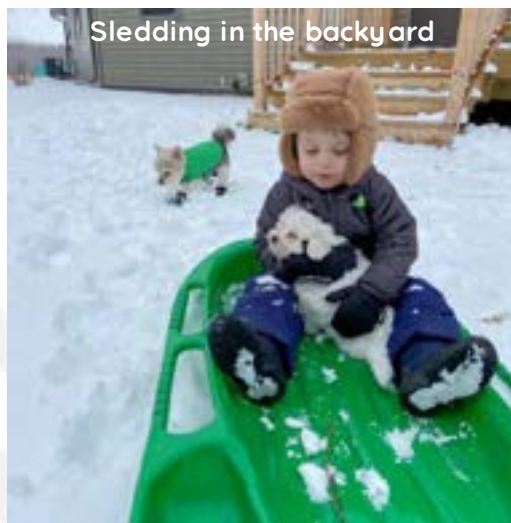


Playing with the goats

## Parenting

Being a parent is a blessing & great responsibility. We hope we demonstrate through our words & actions to try new things, set goals, & love without limits. We want to give our children the space to be themselves, knowing we are always a soft place to land.

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H O M E



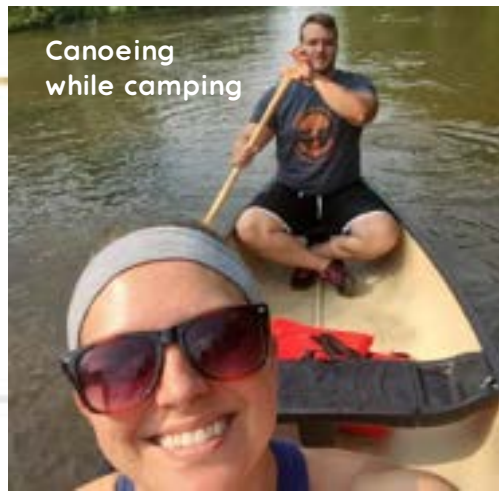
Sledding in the backyard

## Childcare

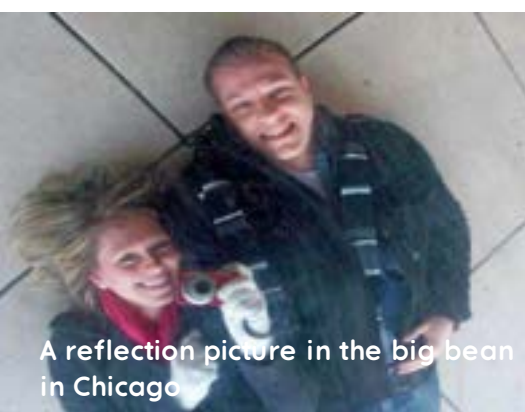
While we both work full-time, we are so fortunate that Bryan's mom, Diane (aka Mimi), cares for Kohl, us, & our home while we work. She is loving, nurturing & the role-model caretaker.

# Our Interests & Adventures

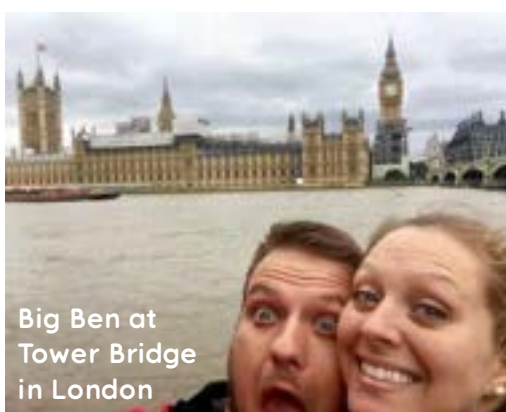
We like to treat every day like an adventure! From movie nights to traveling, we really do enjoy it all. We are happy to spend the day playing at home, to canoeing and getting outdoors with friends & family, to going on bigger trips. Traveling and experiencing new places & cultures are things we both love, and we hope to share that with our children. Since Kohl was born, we've been able to take him with us on four out-of-state trips to Florida, Tennessee (twice), and Arizona.



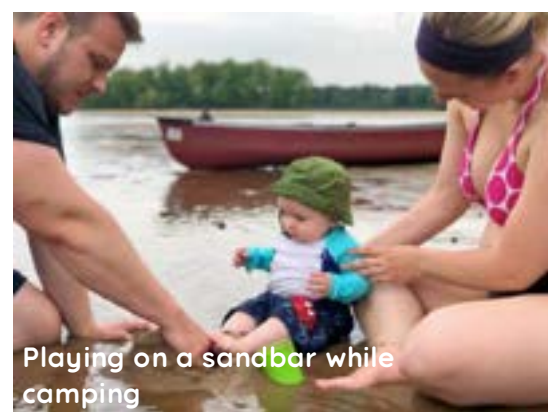




A reflection picture in the big bean in Chicago



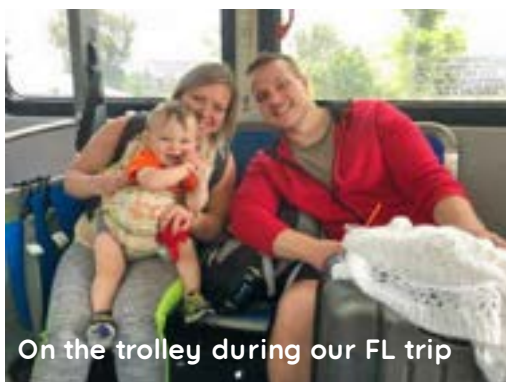
Big Ben at Tower Bridge in London



Playing on a sandbar while camping



Rappelling in Mexico



On the trolley during our FL trip



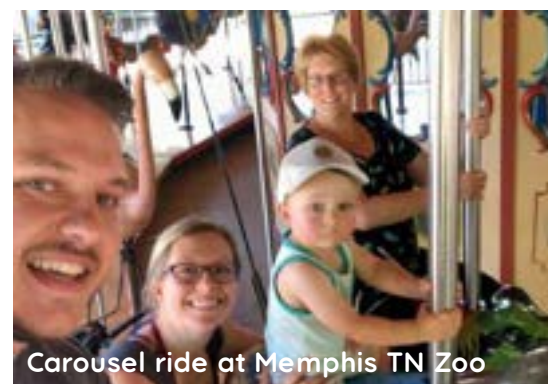
Escape room during a WI Dells trip with Bryan's family



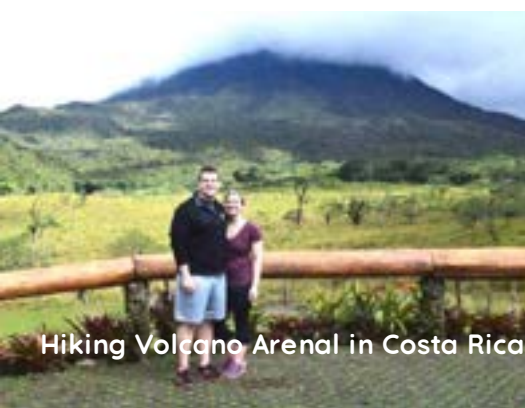
Family hike at a local trail



Gina & Kohl kayaking with friends



Carousel ride at Memphis TN Zoo



Hiking Volcano Arenal in Costa Rica



Family Packer Came in Green Bay



Family & friend trip to Door County (Mimi photo bomb)

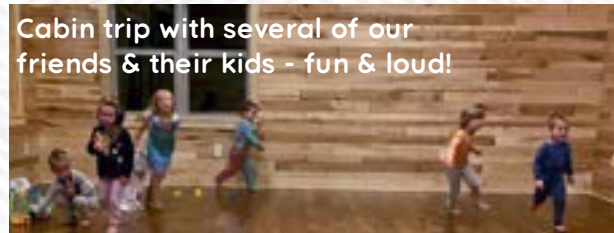




Door county trip with friends



Our friend, Liz, and her family



Cabin trip with several of our friends & their kids - fun & loud!



Kohl hugging his best friend, Hailey



College friends on our annual camping trip

We have close-knit groups of friends both locally and across the U.S. Most of our friends have young children, so it's fun to see friendships among our kids develop, too.



Our friend, Anna, & Kohl playing peek-a-boo while hiking



Gina's co-workers & friends



Trick-or-treating with friends



# THESE ARE OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS



Bryan's Mom (Mimi)



Bryan's Dad (Grandpa)



Bryan's Grandpa (PawPaw)



Gina's Mom & Step-Dad  
(Grammy & Grampy)



Gina's Dad & Step-Mom  
(Papa & Nana)



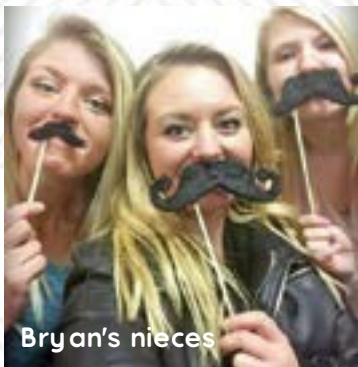
Diane's Neighbors  
(like Aunt & Uncle)



Bryan's brother & spouse  
(they have 3 kids)

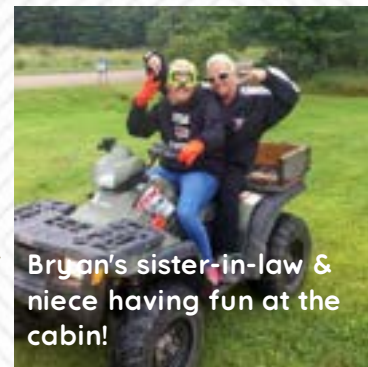


Bryan's dad's family



Bryan's nieces

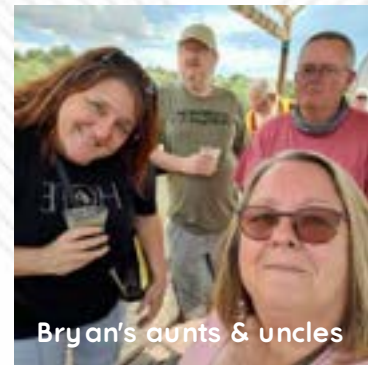
## BRYAN'S EXTENDED *family*



Bryan's sister-in-law &  
niece having fun at the  
cabin!



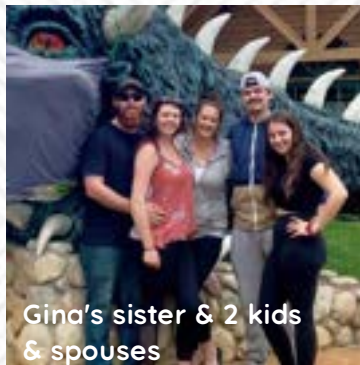
Bryan's mom's family



Bryan's aunts & uncles

Bryan's family is small and close-knit. He has 1 brother, 3 nieces, 4 aunts, 5 uncles, and several cousins (all on his dad's side). While Bryan's aunts & uncles are now spread out all over the country, his family is originally from the cheese-head state (Wisconsin). We all get together for holidays & like to travel to visit one another in our varying states. All of the older cousins love to give attention to Kohl & look forward to spoiling any future cousins!





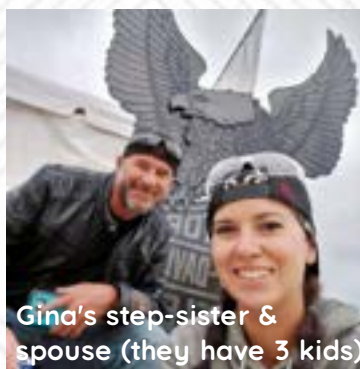
Gina's sister & 2 kids  
& spouses



Gina's dad's family  
reunion

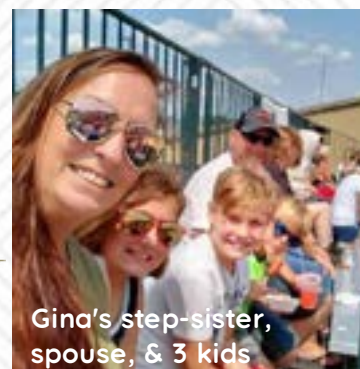


Gina's step-sister  
& niece

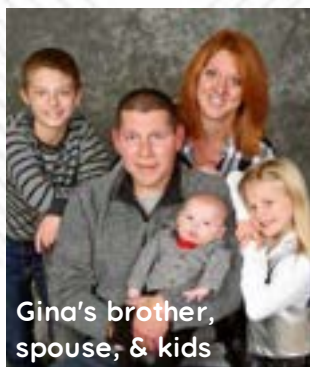


Gina's step-sister &  
spouse (they have 3 kids)

## GINA'S EXTENDED *family*



Gina's step-sister,  
spouse, & 3 kids



Gina's brother,  
spouse, & kids



Gina's mom's family out  
for brunch



Gina's aunt & cousin,  
spouse, & child at my  
aunt's themed birthday

Gina's family is large, but all pretty much still reside in Wisconsin. She has 1 sister, 4 brothers, 4 step-sisters, 1 step-brother, and a whole slew of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins! Every year Gina's dad's family gathers in Mauston for a family reunion. Holidays and family gatherings are fun, loud, chaotic, and beautiful. Kohl & any future children have tons of young cousins to play with!



We love visiting  
pumpkin farms &  
apple orchards in the  
fall



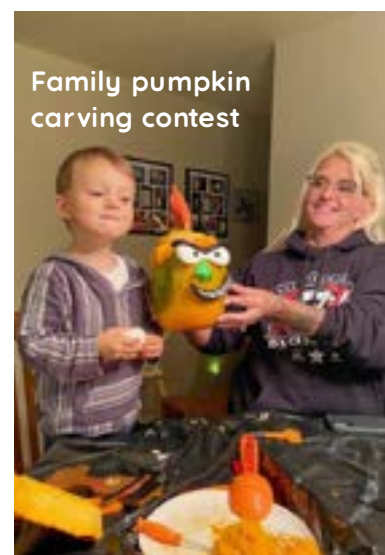
Kohl & Mimi  
rubber duck  
racing at an  
apple orchard



Treats at the fair

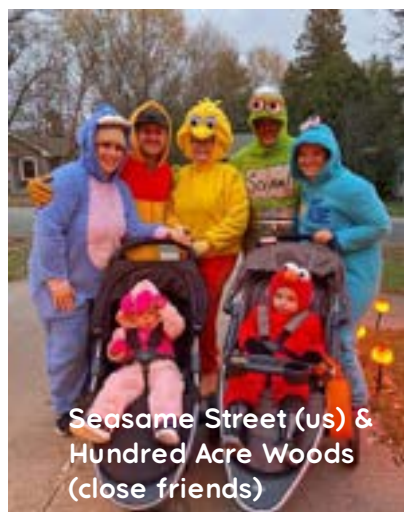


Family pumpkin  
carving contest



## FAMILY TRADITIONS

Sesame Street (us) &  
Hundred Acre Woods  
(close friends)



Kohl wanted to be an  
onion...



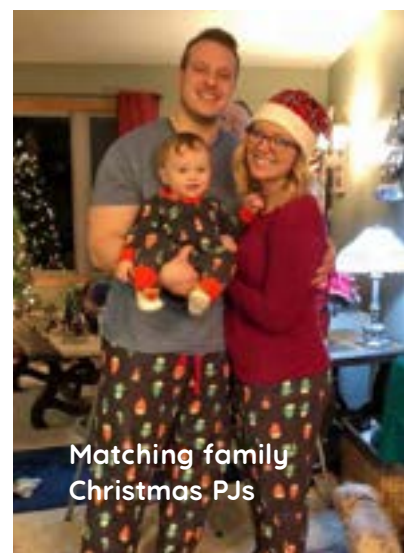
Worn out after a busy  
day at Maple Fall Fest



Easter egg hunt



Matching family  
Christmas PJs



Making Christmas cookies



Mad dash to the presents  
at Papa & Nana's



We have many  
family  
traditions! We  
look forward to  
them each  
season. Some  
of our favorites  
are fall  
festivities,  
Christmas fun,  
& huge Easter  
egg hunts.





## ONE LAST NOTE FROM LIZ...

"My biggest hope for them is that they will become fortunate enough to share their love with more children. They make the world a better place, and I know their children will do the same."



Family photo on our FL trip



At a friends' wedding

## *Our promise to you...*

Please know we will always unconditionally love and cherish your child, and they will also know the depth of your love for them. We promise to support them in their hopes, dreams, and pursuits in order to grow into the wonderful person they are meant to become.

If you should decide to proceed, and we feel "right," we would be most honored to walk down this path with you and learn about you and from you. We promise to be grateful for you and your decision each and every day! Thank you for considering us as parents.

With Love,  
Gina & Bryan

