



ERIN & RYAN

WHO WE ARE

Hello! We're Erin and Ryan, and we've been married for more than 8 years.

As a couple, we balance each other out. Ryan is quiet, strong and steady, while Erin is friendly, generous and sensitive.

We love traveling, being outside, and spending time with family. Being parents is the most important thing in our lives.

WHY WE'RE ADOPTING

We're medically unable to conceive, so adoption was always in our plans.

We adopted our son in 2019, and hope to complete our family with another son or daughter soon!



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

We met in Knoxville the summer after college. We lived in Greenville, South Carolina for a few years and got married in Charleston.

We moved just outside of Nashville in 2016, so our kids can grow up near cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents.

We adopted our son John as a newborn in June of 2019. Our marriage has grown even stronger since we became parents together. We are so excited to grow our family again!



future nursery



OUR HOME



We live at the end of a cul-de-sac in a small neighborhood with big sidewalks and lots of families. We have a screened porch and a fenced backyard, and spend lots of time outside.

The neighborhood kids are outdoors all summer on bikes, trick-or-treating is a BIG deal and everyone decorates for Christmas.

MORE ABOUT ERIN



I love to be outside - hiking, camping or walking on the beach. I like exploring new places, I just started substitute teaching, and I read to fall asleep every night.

I grew up in a big family (I'm the youngest of four girls) and have always dreamed of being a mom.



5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ERIN

(by Ryan)

- She talks a lot when she's nervous.
- She's really good at finding 4-leaf clovers.
- She's patient, funny and generous.
- She draws great cartoon animals.
- She gives the best hugs (just ask John).





MORE ABOUT RYAN

I enjoy the outdoors and am an avid water skier and hiker. I've always been the do-it-yourself type, so you can find me in the garage working on our cars or building something for our house.

I love being a father. I can't wait to help my kids try new hobbies and find out what their passions are, just like my dad did for me.



(by Erin)

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT RYAN

- *When he's sick, no matter how sick, he wants pizza.*
- *He is caring and protective of his family.*
- *He wakes up early, but loves a good nap.*
- *Never prank him (he's mischievous and always wins).*
- *He is logical, strong and silly - he is such a fun dad!*

OUR SON JOHN

We adopted John in June of 2019 as a newborn. We have a semi-open relationship with his birth mom.

Johnny is smart, funny and ACTIVE. He's very affectionate and loves being outdoors. He loves anything with a motor or wheels!



OUR EXTENDED FAMILY



Erin has 3 big sisters, so Ryan is one of 4 brothers-in-law. We have 7 nieces and nephews, plus our 6 godchildren.

Ryan is an only child, but grew up with his cousins nearby. We love that our kids have the best of both worlds - a big family on one side, and all of Nana's attention on the other!



our seven nieces and nephews!

OUR COMMUNITY & FRIENDS



We have a close group of friends here in Nashville, plus friends in Chattanooga, South Carolina and North Carolina, who we visit a few times a year.

We spend a LOT of time with family since our parents, Erin's sister, her husband and their three kids all live right down the street.



FAMILY VACATIONS



Making memories on trips together is important to everyone in our family. We try to go somewhere new every year! Recent trips include Redfish Lake in Idaho, Tybee Island, Yellowstone and even Iceland. Plus, we take both our moms to the beach at least once a year.

HOLIDAYS & TRADITIONS

We get our entire family together for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Most years, Santa even runs through the backyard right before bedtime!

On Easter, the kids get baskets from the Easter bunny, color eggs, and go on an egg hunt. We grill out, swim and watch fireworks on the Fourth of July.





We have lots of traditions, but the most important thing is being together for birthdays, holidays and everything in between.





FAVORITE:

COLOR

FAST FOOD

MUSIC

MOVIE

CANDY

FOOD

PLACE

ERIN:

Green

Taco Bell

Oldies & Rap

Clueless

Reese's

Pizza

Beach

RYAN:

Red

Zaxby's

Country

Fast & Furious

Gummy bears

Mac & Cheese

Lake



OUR FAVORITE THINGS

Together, we love to travel and want to show our kids the world. If you asked our friends, they'd say our favorite hobby is hiking, but we also love playing board games (Ryan's annoyingly good at Scrabble), relaxing on the porch and doing projects around the house.

RYAN

Hobbies are hiking, fishing, waterskiing and working on cars.



ERIN

Hobbies are exercising, cooking and anything crafty.



Ryan's always loved anything with a motor and Erin's happiest when she's making something!

OUR VALUES

We are very similar in our values and how we were raised, and plan to share the same values with this child:

- **FAMILY COMES FIRST**
- **TELL THE TRUTH AND BE KIND**
- **RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS**
- **STAY CURIOUS AND ASK QUESTIONS**





We plan to teach our children to be generous, kind, and responsible, and that they are loved unconditionally.

We'll go to church on Sunday, do homework together, encourage them to try new sports and hobbies, and to work hard at what they love.

We want to raise our children to be strong, funny, caring adults who will make the world a better place. Most of all, we want our kids to know they are loved beyond measure.



FOR THIS CHILD, WE DREAM OF...

Bath time and bedtime stories

Eating dinner together as a family

Doing homework at the kitchen table

Learning to ride a bike (and a horse!)

Trick-or-treating and Christmas lights

Sleepovers with grandparents and cousins

Hard talks and big hugs

Strong faith and a supportive community

Knowing who he or she is, and the love that made our family possible



Erin's 1st Christmas



Summers on the lake



THANK YOU...

Thank you for taking the time to read a little bit about us. We can promise you now that not a day will go by without your child hearing "I love you."

In our house, mistakes are always okay because that is how you learn, and there's an endless supply of hugs. There are countless people waiting to welcome your baby home, especially the two of us.

We want your child to know the story of how we came to be his or her parents, and the unimaginable love behind your adoption plan. We look forward to building a relationship with you (to the extent that you are comfortable).

There will always be a place for you in this child's life,
and in ours.

We look forward to hearing from you!

- Ryan & Erin









Thanks for getting to know a little about us!



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