



The Robins Family

DALLAS, TEXAS

A Letter to You

Thanks for checking out our profile. No doubt there's a million decisions to be made, so we appreciate you taking some time to look at us, our fun little family, and considering us as a possibility for your child.

It's hard to know what to say in something like this. It's a difficult and weird situation for everyone, and maybe that's the first thing to acknowledge. The process is hard. We understand challenges come up in life. We've been through quite a few ourselves and have worked really hard so we can come out better for them. Make no mistake--it was neither easy nor fun, but we approach challenges like we approach almost everything. We take a deep breath, talk to each other, make a plan, and do the best we can trying to make that plan happen.

I can't imagine what this scenario is like, but I can imagine how I would want to be treated. I'd want to be treated with kindness, an emotion in far too little supply these days. I'd want to be treated with respect, that the person I'm talking to is listening to what I say and not just waiting for their turn to speak. Finally, I'd want to be comfortable that the family that I chose was the right fit. These feel really simple, right? Kindness, respect, comfort, and ya know, a good amount of compassion and understanding. Those are three things that we really care; values we try to live and share with others.

Unfortunately in this letter, we can't prove or show any of these things outright. We can with full certainty say that they are all true, but you can't really know for sure, not yet at least. That's just how it is. But hopefully, as you scroll through our profile and take a look at some of the things that we present, that we value, and in many cases, many many many things that we love, you can get a better sense of who we are and what makes us tick.

Regardless of how this all works out in the end, I hope you find a great home for your child, and I hope the process is full of kindness, respect, and a good amount of compassion and understanding.

Colin & Christina



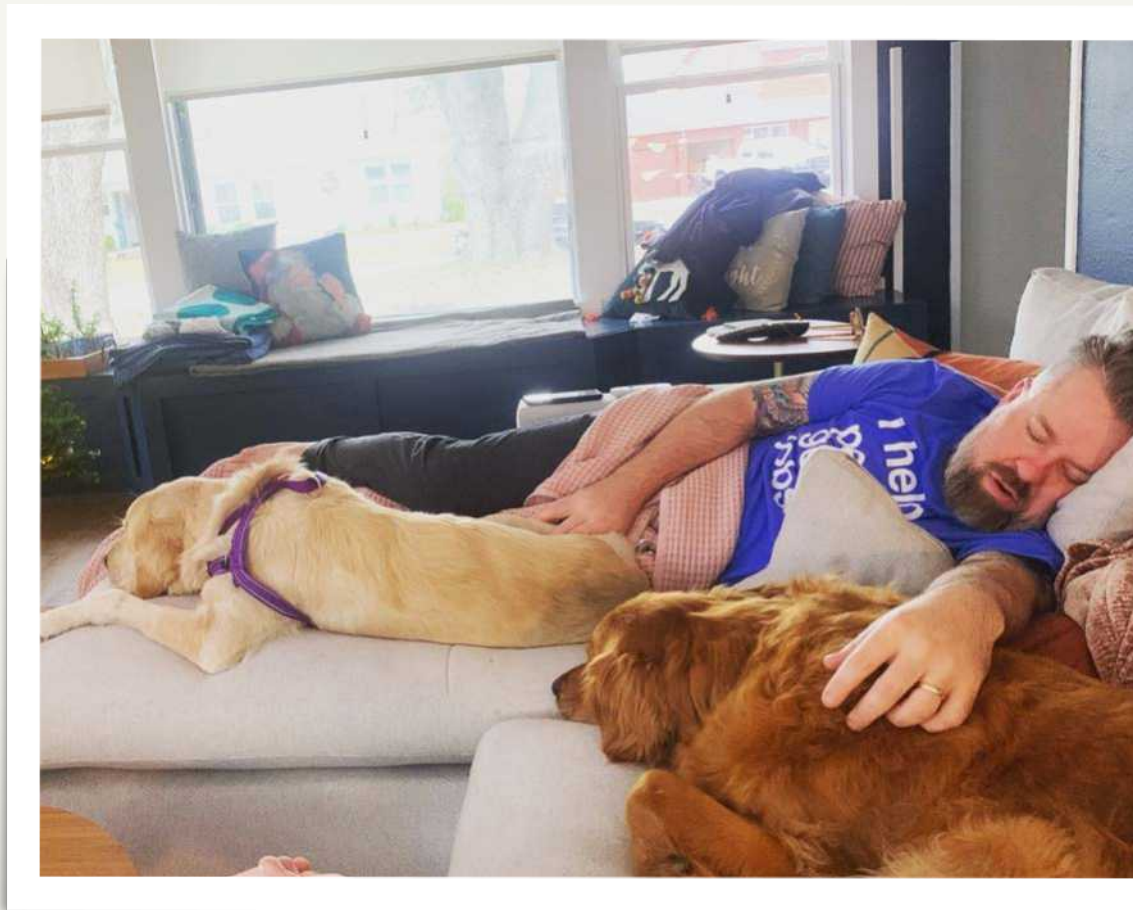


Our Why

The road to adoption is often paved with intense grief and pain.

Christina has had various health conditions that we knew would make it difficult to conceive. But, we tried anyways. We tried everything short of IVF; which we determined was not what we wanted for our journey to parenthood. While a very condensed version of a much longer story, ultimately the decision was easy. We knew that adoption would be part of our story from early in our relationship. While the route to get there was challenging, mentally and physically, we supported each other through and came out on the other side stronger and better for it.

We always knew that adoption would be a part of our story. Now that it is, it feels really certain. And it feels so right.



Colin Robins

Christina describes Colin as:

Colin is one of the most intelligent, hilarious and loyal people that I have ever known. His personality attracts everyone and to know him is to love him.

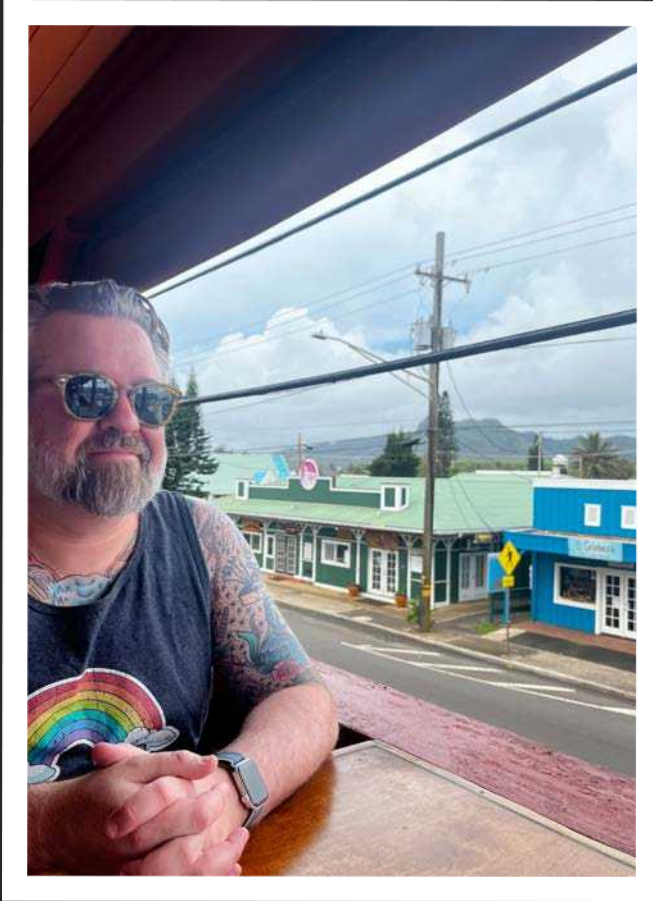
He has worked incredibly hard our entire relationship to continue his education, while exploring different careers simultaneously. Colin is currently working on his dissertation to complete his PhD at Texas Christian University in 2023. He does this on the "side", while working a full time job as a UX Designer. From what I understand, that means he makes website and apps look good and easy to use.

In what little free time he has, he enjoys being with his family, playing drums, playing video games or building/creating things. Colin loves all things college football, and we have many teams to root for with our long list of alma maters.

I am so excited to see what this new role of Dad will look like on him because I know he is going to be the best!



Age: 38



Job: User Experience Designer at tech company

Birthday: May 3rd

Hobbies: playing drums, tv/movies

Favorite things: designing, learning, and telling jokes

Favorite meal: delicious steak or a hot dog

Favorite TV show: The Bear

Colin describes Christina as:

The first thing that always comes to my mind is Christina's kindness. Birthdays are always remembered, gifts are thoughtful and carefully selected. If someone is struggling or needs help, Christina is always there with a kind heart and open arms. One thing that I think sometimes gets overlooked is her toughness. She's a fighter, and she will do whatever it takes to help people or improve the lives of children at her job as a Special Education administrator. She is, often quite literally, the only voice these kiddos have, and they have an all-star.

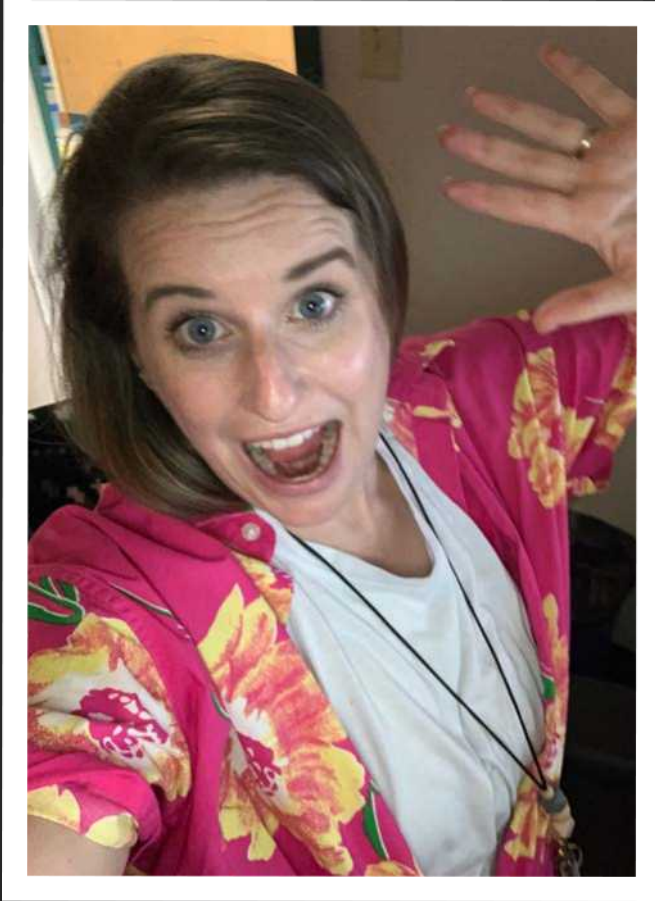
She cares, deeply, and she isn't afraid to do the hard things to get the best outcomes. Christina likes to read books, go to yoga, and have a chat and some laughs over a glass of white wine. One of her favorite activities is falling asleep while we watch a movie.

Christina's the best, and you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who would disagree with me. She's a great wife, friend, confidant, and an overall wonderful person.

Christina Robins



Age: 34



Job: Special Education Administrator

Birthday: October 24th

Hobbies: cooking/baking

Favorite things: yoga, plants and nieces
and nephews

Favorite meal: Chips/Salsa and Fajitas

Favorite TV show: Schitts Creek

Better Together

As a couple, we tend to be pretty chill. We value our relationship extremely highly, and we put it first in our lives and make it a priority. We like to spend time with one another in pretty simple ways. We like to have a cocktail and play cards. We like to drink coffee and talk about the day. A typical night is cooking dinner, chatting, and watching some television with the puppy dogs. We tend to use our free time to visit our friends and family, because those are important relationships to us and they have to be tended and nurtured. This can come across as kind-of boring or unexciting, and maybe in lots of ways it is. But it's the way that works for us, and we would rather do simple things well, like listening, communicating, and working on projects together.

We've been together for about 15 years, married for 8, and even after all this time it's still a joy to be together. We don't really argue or snipe or nitpick. That's not like some like, brag or look-at-us type deal, it's just not how we communicate. Our goal is to solve the problem and move forward, not assign blame or gain points against one another on some scoreboard that doesn't exist. Even in the most stressful situations, and there have been plenty in this adoption process where it's easy to get one's feelings hurt or feel isolated, we lean on one another to work through issues rather than going it alone. That's one thing we do really, really well. We realize, fundamentally, that we are stronger as a group than we are alone, and adding a wonderful child and/or more to the mix only makes the group stronger and more connected, more loving and more full of joy.

It's hard to accurately describe our relationship since we live it every day and it feels really normal, but this is probably pretty accurate. We like spending time with one another. We love being together, even quietly. When times get tough, we handle it as a group, supporting one another with kindness and love. We like to keep it simple and calm, and let things grow and evolve from there.



Jake

Jake is a 7 year old Golden Retriever who believes that he is a lap dog. He is never more than a couple feet away from us at any time. You will often find him curled up on the couch between us. His favorite activities are napping, snacking, and the occasional short walk. Jake is just a big softie. He's sweet and kind. He loves being around people.



Ethel

Ethel is a 3ish year old Golden Retriever and Great Pyrenees mix. We adopted her during COVID and she brings so much spunk and fun to our family. She also loves to snuggle, but she is also more independent than Jake. She is fiercely protective of her people, especially our little nieces and nephews. Without a doubt, her favorite activity is bothering her brother. Ethel has a big personality, and we would best describe her as playful and engaging.





Our Family





Our Friends

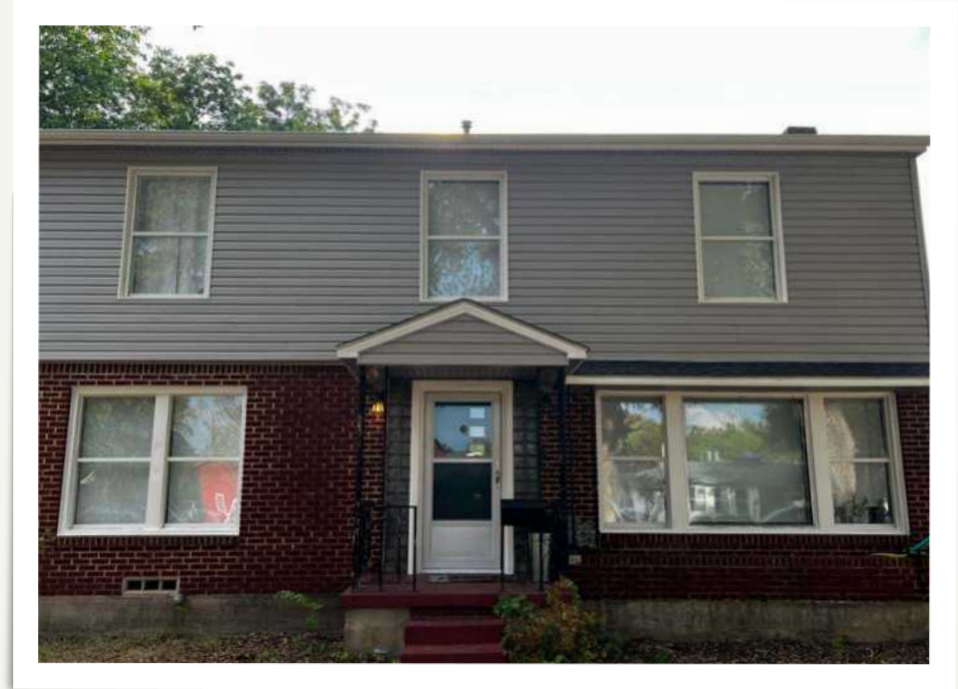


Our Home

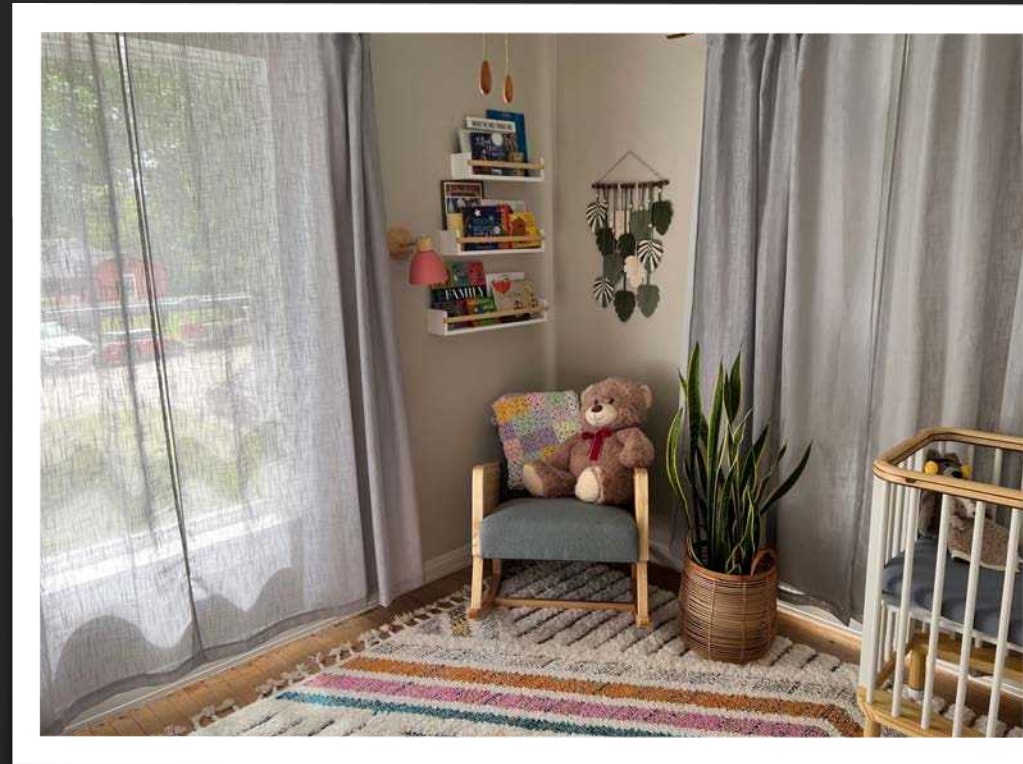
We purchased our home a little over 3 years ago and it was quite the project. We didn't start out with a ton of resources, so we had to make do with what we had. What we had was grit, hard work, determination, and a belief that we could make it a great home (even if it started in rough shape).

Nearly everything was done with our own hands, working together, to create a space that we love. Some of our favorite features are all the colors, the giant trees in the yard, and the sleepiness of the neighborhood; all makes a wonderful place to live and grow.

We live in a place that has a very small town charm with all the perks of a suburb of Dallas. We like walking to the little downtown, getting coffee, and keeping it simple.



The Nursery



Holidays and Traditions



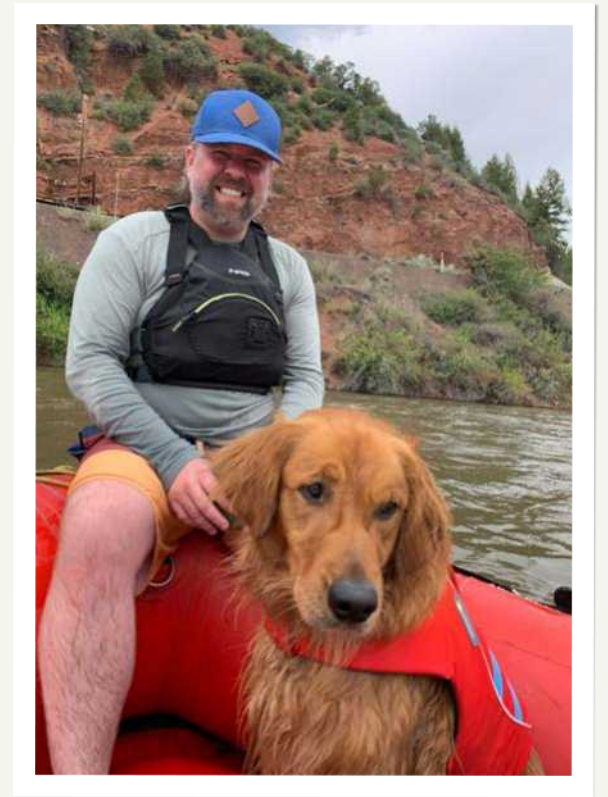
4th of July: By far, Colin's favorite of all the holidays. He loves to watch the hot dog eating contest, then put on one of his own. Then typically, there is some sort of pool involved because, well, we live in Texas.

Halloween: We host a halloween party with our closest friends every year. We laugh, dance, listen to music and have a costume contest. Our first ever party, we went as characters from Stranger Things pictured left.

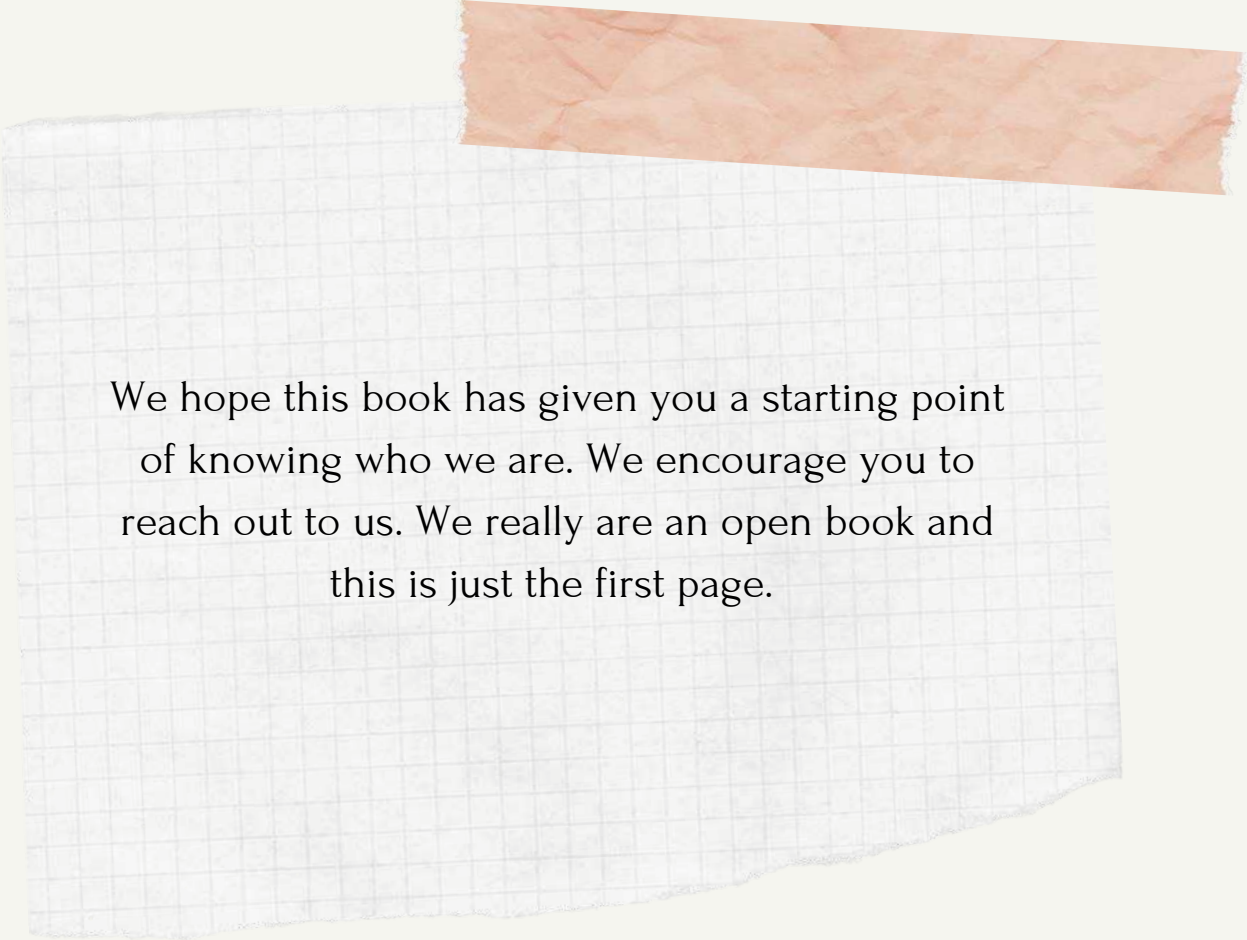
Thanksgiving: This holiday is our time to shine. We host all of our family, and some friends, for a huge meal. We like to try new flavors or techniques for cooking the turkey. Then, after dinner and the Cowboys game, we always watch *The Nightmare Before Christmas* to kick off the Christmas season!

Christmas: Hands down Christina's favorite, this time of year is full of traditions: cookie baking, pizza date night, Mexican food on Christmas eve with family and friends, quiet Christmas day at home with food and puzzles, lots of holiday movies throughout and so much magic!





Our Travels & Adventures



We hope this book has given you a starting point of knowing who we are. We encourage you to reach out to us. We really are an open book and this is just the first page.