



**Kelly  
& Robb**





WE ARE



# Kelly & Robb

ON A HIKE IN

BRYCE CANYON

HELLO AND



# Thank You

...FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ  
OUR STORY AND GET TO KNOW US.

We admire your courage in making an adoption plan for your child and are deeply honored that you are considering us.

We hope to give you an idea of who we are and what we can offer your child. Most importantly, we'd like to convey that **WE WILL LOVE YOUR CHILD UNCONDITIONALLY** and respect them for all that they are.



ON AN ADVENTURE

IN NORWAY

WE WOULD



# Love

TO GET TO  
KNOW YOU

...and learn about the hopes and dreams you have for your child. If you choose to travel down this path with us, we promise to provide a loving, warm and safe home for your child. Thank you again for considering us!

# HERE'S OUR Story

WE MET ON A  
**Blind Date**

ARRANGED BY  
**MUTUAL FRIENDS**

Over the years they had tried to set us up several times, but the timing for us never quite worked. In 2007, their persistence paid off and we went on our first date.

**WE HAD AN INSTANT CONNECTION,** were married 3 years later, and our wonderful adventure together began.

We are both active people who say “yes” more than we say “no” to things. This has resulted in some wonderful experiences with just the right amount of chaos to keep life interesting. **We love the outdoors and enjoy fishing, hiking, camping, and skiing together, but the main thing we really enjoy is creating memories.**

Weeknight meals become Food Network style cooking sessions, family gatherings become themed parties, and bike rides become quests to explore new places.



ENJOYING A STROLL

ON THE BEACH IN WINTER

## — THINGS WE — Love to Do

- ▶ **When the weather gets cold, we head to the mountains** where we love to ski, sleigh ride, snowshoe, ice skate and sip hot chocolate by a fire. We are excited to create memories in the mountains doing these things with our child.
- ▶ **On our annual camping trip to Montauk,** we hike, bike, fish, run, and relax on the beach. The campground is full of families and we look forward to sharing this experience with our child.



CELEBRATING ROBB'S

MARATHON FINISH

## Having A Family

HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
**IMPORTANT TO US**

We struggled with infertility and the disappointments that came with it, but through those struggles we learned a lot about ourselves as individuals and as a couple. The experience brought us closer together and our relationship continues to grow stronger each day. **The experience strengthened our desire to share our lives with a child and we are hopeful and optimistic for this future.**



HIKING IN ACADIA NATIONAL PARK



# Meet Kelly THROUGH ROBB'S EYES

**KELLY IS VIBRANT, ADVENTUROUS, AND AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST.** In her, I see all of life's possibilities. A true soul mate, she brings out the best in me.

She is outwardly focused and supportive. She makes every event special. No birthday goes by without balloons and cake. There isn't a 5k is run without her cheering me on. When she thinks I need a little extra encouragement, she always slips a note in my bag telling me how proud she is of me.

**Kelly is happiest when she is around**

**family. She lights up when she is around children and can often be found at our nieces and nephews' dance recitals, sports games and birthday parties.**

Kelly is so many things: a romantic—she loves sunsets and thinks snow days are magical; determined—she prides herself on being able to do things that don't seem possible; and thoughtful—she performs small acts of kindness to brighten people's days. She is all of this and so much more. **I KNOW SHE'LL BE A GREAT MOM.**



OUT FOR A

BIKE RIDE

## A FEW OF KELLY'S Favorites

**Favorite Animal**  
ELEPHANT

**Favorite Place to Take a Child**  
THE LIBRARY

**Favorite Kid's Book**  
LITTLE CRITTER BOOKS

**Favorite Ice Cream Flavor**

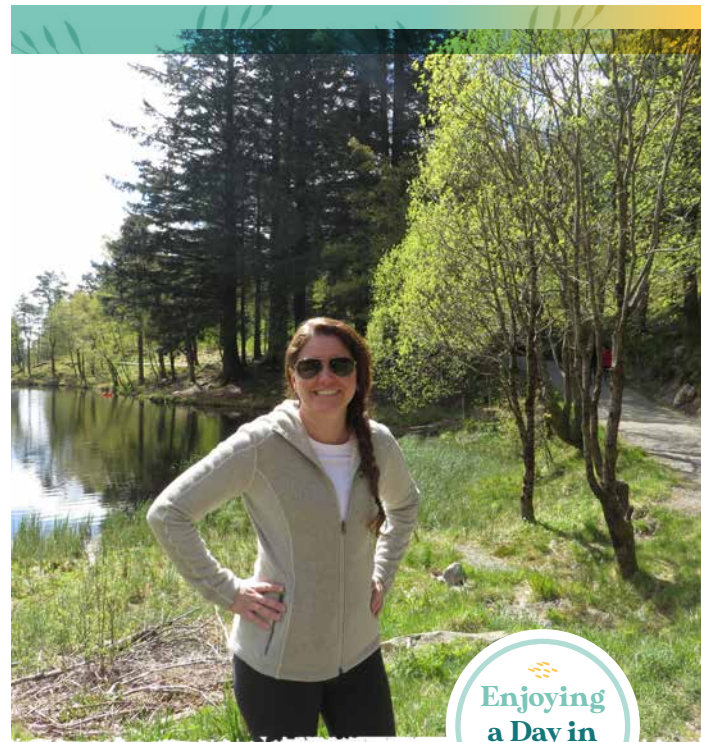
**Favorite Vacation Spot**  
THE BEACH

MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP



WINTER

HIKE



Enjoying a Day in the Park

WHAT MAKES  
**Kelly**  
HAPPY

- ▣ Robb
- ▣ My family
- ▣ Sunsets and sunrises
- ▣ Fishing
- ▣ Sunny days

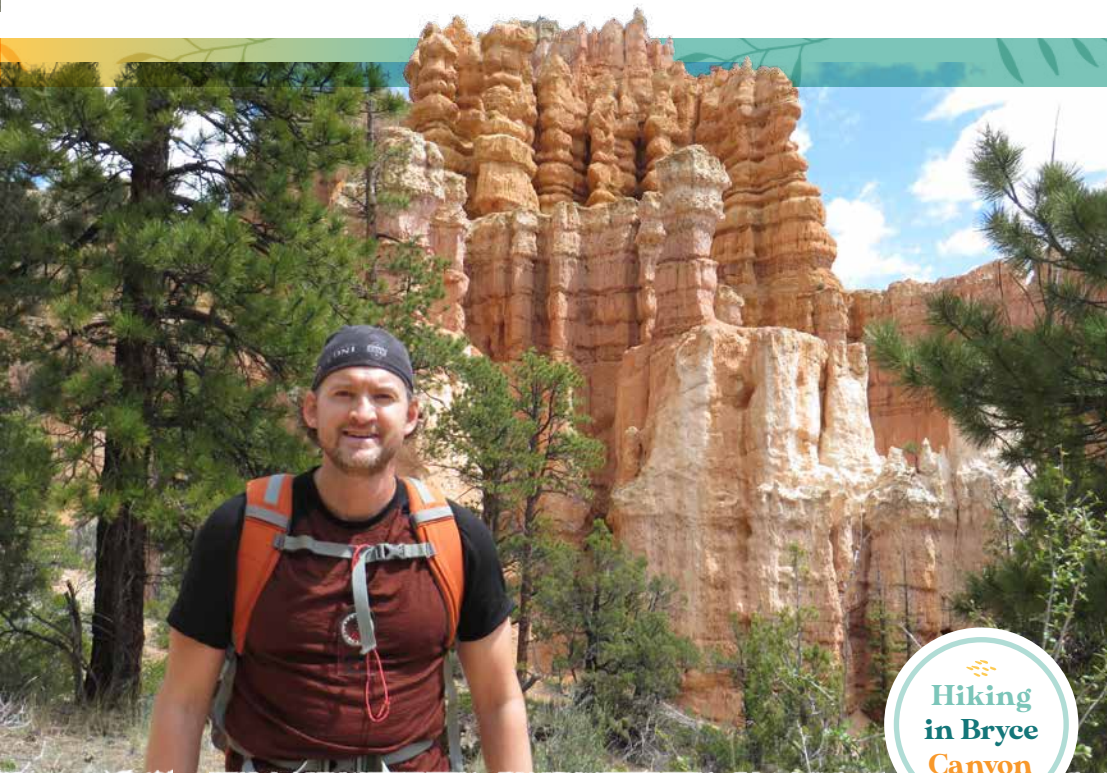
# Meet Robb THROUGH KELLY'S EYES

**ROBB IS HONEST, LOVING AND TRUSTWORTHY...AND HE'S ALSO REALLY FUNNY!** Whether it's remembering a silly joke we shared from long ago or busting out an impromptu dance move when the music is on, he can always make me laugh.

He is extremely supportive and always encouraging me to be the best version of myself. His thoughtfulness is evident in his gestures, from picking up my favorite ice cream when I need cheering up to remembering to put an umbrella in my car when the forecast calls for rain. He doesn't pass up on an opportunity to make someone's day better.

Robb is a patient teacher and a great role model for our nieces and nephews. He spends time showing "how" and explaining "why" and enjoys watching them learn.

Robb loves running (he has completed 2 marathons!), cooking (he's a fabulous chef!) and fishing (he catches all kinds!), but most importantly Robb loves family. His commitment to family is perhaps his best trait and **HIS KIND HEART WILL MAKE HIM A WONDERFUL DAD.**



Hiking in Bryce Canyon



RUNNING A

HALF MARATHON



MAKING FRIENDS

IN NORWAY

## WHAT MAKES Robb HAPPY

- ▣ Kelly
- ▣ A really good meal
- ▣ A healthy, green lawn
- ▣ Catching a fish
- ▣ A great run

# THE People we Love

## WE FEEL **Blessed** TO HAVE BEEN RAISED IN CLOSE-KNIT FAMILIES

Robb has 2 sisters and a brother and Kelly has 4 sisters. We have a total of 15 nieces and nephews (so far!), including **2 who have become part of the family through adoption**. Our parents love their time with the grandkids, who always keep them on their toes.

Kelly's sisters are her best friends, and while they don't all live close by, they make big efforts to get together, oftentimes at her parent's beach house. Robb and his siblings are also very close. Spontaneous family dinners at his parent's house keep everyone connected.

We also have large extended families that we are close with, which makes for fun family gatherings, such as annual beach parties and Christmas celebrations.

Our lifelong friends are like family and we see them as often as we can, planning beach days and BBQs.

**OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE  
EXTREMELY SUPPORTIVE**

**AND THERE WILL BE  
NO SHORTAGE OF LOVE  
WHEN WE WELCOME A  
CHILD INTO THE FAMILY**



CHRISTMAS WITH

ROBB'S FAMILY



RUNNING A 5K WITH

OUR NIECE AND NEPHEW



A WINTER GETAWAY WITH

MOM AND SISTERS



KELLY'S SIDE

OF THE FAMILY



We were both raised in faith-based families and are active in our church community. **Our faith has been a grounding influence in our lives**, providing strength during the difficult times and acting as a guiding influence of kindness and compassion. We impart these values to our many Godchildren and hope to instill them in our own child.



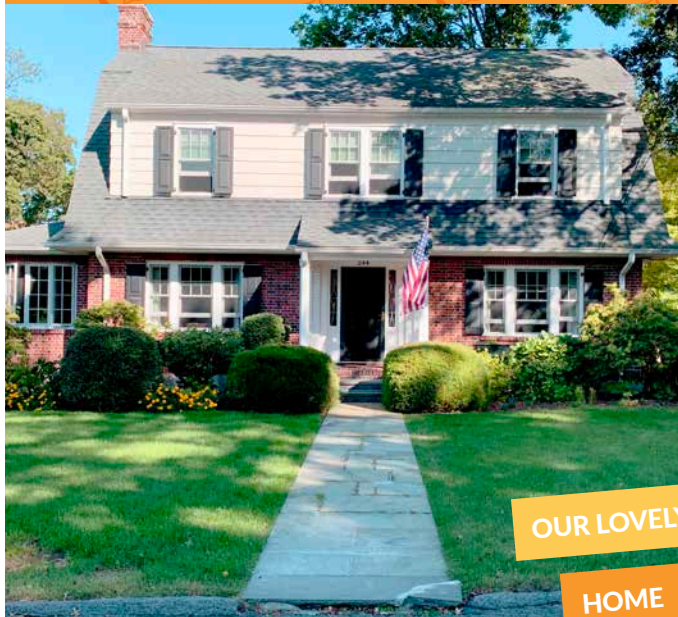
WITH OUR GODDAUGHTER

CELEBRATING A BIG DAY

# Home Sweet Home

**OUR 4-BEDROOM HOME SITS IN A QUIET, TREE-LINED COMMUNITY AMONG MANY YOUNG FAMILIES.** Our dining room is perfect for family meals and our living room features a piano and serves as a gathering place for sing-a-longs with family and friends. Our finished basement is filled with books and toys for when our nieces and nephews visit.

Our yard includes a patio for summertime BBQs and our lawn is the ideal platform for badminton tournaments and slip-n-slide sessions. **A short walk to town provides access to schools, playgrounds, a library, shops, and a farmer's market.** A nearby bike path is a favorite place for spending an afternoon. We have easy access to the city, and a short car ride takes you to the mountains or the coast.



OUR LOVELY HOME



Our Garden Harvest



FARMERS' MARKET WITH OUR NIECES AND NEPHEW



## WORK Life

- ▶ **Kelly enjoys a rewarding career in the energy business.** She has a true passion for her work and loves collaborating with others on projects, as well as supporting her team with their professional growth.
- ▶ **Robb is a financial services risk manager.** He finds the work rewarding and especially enjoys problem-solving and coaching and mentoring his staff.

Accomplished in our careers, we value work/life balance and maintain flexibility in our schedules to ensure we prioritize family. **We are both fortunate to work for companies that emphasize this balance by providing generous time-off and great benefits.**

## — 5 THINGS WE WILL — Teach Our Child

Respect  
Honesty

Kindness

Integrity  
Enjoy life



WE VOLUNTEER WITH A LOCAL CHARITY EVERY MONTH



WE ARE SO  
**Excited**  
TO BECOME  
PARENTS

FROM GOOD MORNING HUGS TO BEDTIME STORIES, OUR CHILD'S LIFE WILL BE FULL OF LOVE AND AFFECTION.

Our hopes for our child are that they will always feel loved and supported, will succeed but not be afraid to fail, will follow their dreams in whatever direction they go, and will always know how proud we are of them.



▶ Providing **love and security**

▶ Instilling values such as **honesty and respect**

▶ **Celebrating milestones**, both big and small

▶ **Being there** in life's tough moments

▶ **Patiently teaching** and watching our child grow and develop

▶ Helping our child reach their **full potential**



**Thank You** FOR CONSIDERING US!

We hope you now have an understanding of who we are as a couple and who we aspire to be as parents. We hope you see the love, laughter and stability we can provide your child. **WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME A CHILD INTO OUR WORLD, and we'd be honored if you chose us to be the adoptive parents of your child.**