

Kate & Gary



Dear Expectant Mom/Dad,

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile. We admire your courage and strength in considering adoption for your child. We can never know how difficult this decision is for you, but we hope you have all the support and resources you need to make a plan for the future of you and your child.

As foster parents to children with diverse backgrounds and abilities, we have seen the hurt that comes from separating a child from their culture. As a result, whether learning a new language, celebrating new holidays, adopting new traditions, or something else, we are committed to embracing the culture of any child we adopt.

If you do choose us to raise your child, know that we are so excited to build a strong and ongoing relationship with you. You will forever be a part of our family and want you to feel like part of our family too.

With love,
Kate & Gary

How We Met



We both worked at the same place, so we met when some co-workers invited us both out to a Christmas party. At the party we struck up a conversation and found out we both grew up in the same city in Texas, visited a lot of the same places, and loved Mexican food! After the party we went out separate ways, but would occasionally run into each other at work. It would be months before Gary asked Kate out. We got married in a no-fuss ceremony at the courthouse and our dog Gibson was our only witness. He signed our marriage license with a paw print!



About Kate



Kate is half hispanic and was born and raised in Texas by her single mom with her three sisters and two brothers. Both of her brothers had special needs and one was adopted, so at a very early age Kate learned about caring for others and that there are many ways to build a family.

Kate says: My mom always encouraged us to help others and be the best versions of ourselves. She was a very involved parent during my childhood, and I knew she loved me by her actions and how she fought to give us all the best life she could. How my mom raised me is how I want to raise my children: surrounded by love, opportunity, and diversity, so they grow up knowing they are loved and can do anything they are willing to work for.

Favorite holidays:

Christmas and Halloween
(I love to decorate and
bake for the holidays)!

Hobbies: Baking cakes,
gardening, wood
working, and reading
mystery novels



Movies: Disney
movies and Old
classics

Music: Country
and Top 40

Food: Fajitas

**Place to
travel:** Places
with hiking trails

About Gary

Gary was also born in Texas and lived all over the state before moving to New York for college. He is also half hispanic and was adopted by his aunt and uncle at a young age. Because of his own past, adoption is very close to his heart. He feels like being adopted himself will allow him to better help his future adopted children through some of the big feelings that come with adoption.



All of Gary's and Kate's foster littles and nieces and nephews love Gary. His big stature and gentle way with kids has earned him the nickname "Bear" because he's such a big teddy bear. It's so cute to see the tiniest of tots run up to him for a hug or to play.



Gary says: I've always wanted to be a dad, so I'm so happy to have found Kate who also embraces however parenthood comes to us (fostering, adoption, or maybe bio kids one day).

Favorite holidays: Halloween because of the cool fall weather, changing leaves, and dressing up in fun costumes.

Hobbies: Working out, traveling, and learning about history.



Movies: Spaghetti westerns, historical fiction, and comedy.

Music: Country (90s and today), rock, oldies, and Top 40 (it depends on my mood).

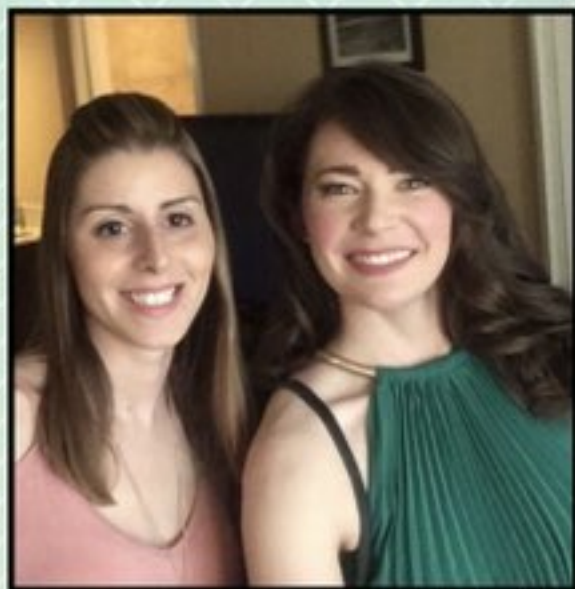
Food: Burritos

Place to travel: Places with hiking trails and places of historical significance.



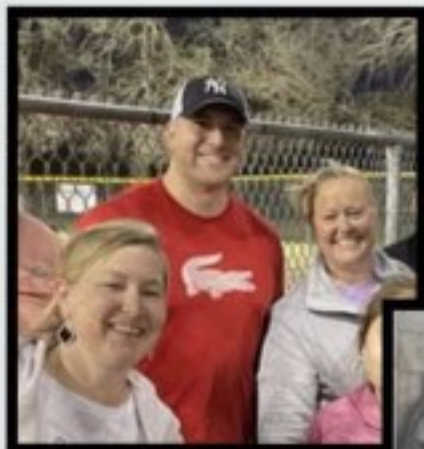
Kate as told by her best friend Delia

I watch Katelyn when she plays with my kids. She is smart, compassionate, and caring. She gets down on her hands and knees to play with them when they ask to play. When my husband is away, she is always there to help me when I need her. I know she will be a wonderful parent and I can't wait for our kids to play together. Kate is patient, adventurous, fun, caring, loving, and secure.



Gary

as told by his sisters

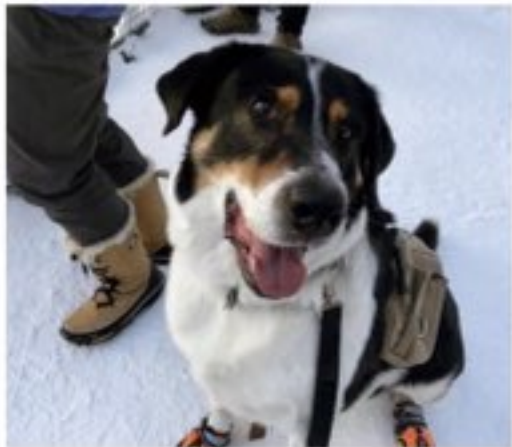


Gary has always been wonderful with our kids (his nieces and nephews). Even now that they are older they still love spending time with him because he is fun to be around and makes them feel heard. He is a gentle giant and will be a great dad!

We can't wait to welcome a new little one to the family and our kids are looking forward to meeting their new cousin(s)!

Gibson

Gibson is a 12 year old Greater Swiss Mountain Dog mix. He loves to play outside and be pet by everyone he meets. From the smallest child to the oldest adult, he is so gentle and sweet.



Every Friday Kate takes Gibson with her to work and everyone loves stopping by her office to say "hello" to him.

Tex

Tex is the kind of cat that will curl up on your lap while you watch TV or read a book. He is very vocal and will meow when we come home or when he wants our attention.

Strangely enough Tex's favorite thing to do is play in water. He will perch on the edge of the tub while the kiddos take a bath and splash the water with them.



Grant

Grant's favorite past time is curling up in a sunny spot on the couch for a nap. He is shy at first, but quite the cuddler once he gets to know you.

Our Home



Our 3 bedroom home is situated in a quiet neighborhood with families and kids of all ages. When we saw it's big backyard with big trees, lots of room to run and play, a garden, a hammock for naps, and space for a playset, we could immediately picture all the memories our family could make there with friends and family! When we aren't hanging in the backyard or gardening, we loving taking Gibson on walks to the nearby park.



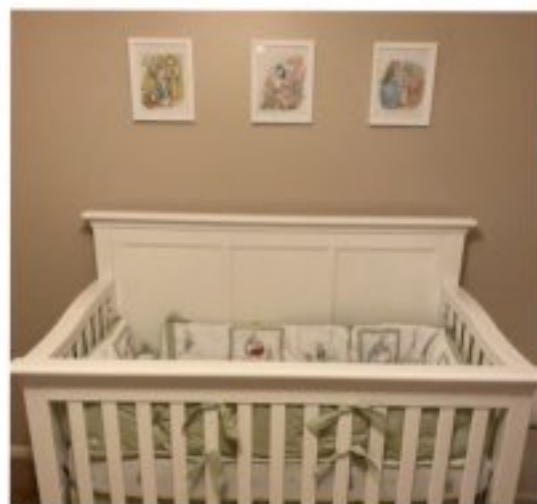
Space to play and
read books
together.



Dinners at a table
Kate built from
scratch, by herself!

Here is the nursery!

The theme is Peter Rabbit,
one of Kate's favorite
childhood books!



Extended Family

Most of our extended family lives in Texas, but one of Kate's sisters lives in France! We visit family a couple times a year and stay connected between visits through texts, calls, and FaceTime! When you're a part of our family we hope you'll feel comfortable calling, texting, and FaceTiming with us between visits too.

Kate's
niece and
nephew



Gary's mom
and dad
(aunt and
uncle)



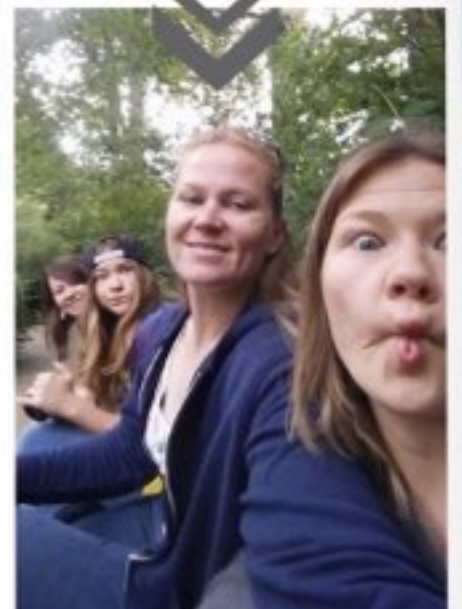
Gary with his bio
brother and nephew



Gary reading to Kate's
niece and nephew



Kate with her sisters
and niece



Friends

We have an amazing support network of friends from many different backgrounds, cultures, and abilities. Kate's best friend lives nearby with her husband and two sons. We love spending weekends watching my football with them and doing holiday crafts with the boys or going on scavenger hunts around the neighborhood.



2023 Adventures



Glacier National Park, Roosevelt National Park, State Fair of Texas, local hiking trails, and 2 zoos!

States visited in 2023: Colorado, Washington, North Dakota, Kansas, Texas, Georgia, and Alabama!



Our former foster daughter.

