



Jason & Kate

Hi there.

Our story is not the most important one here. Yours is.

What lead you to this decision likely has many layers to it and although we don't know those details today, what we do know is that you are this child's first and most special mom. That will never change. In our family, first parents will always be honored in words and action.

There are a lot of wonderful couples who would be fantastic adoptive parents and we hope that you will explore your options thoroughly. If our family seems like the best choice for you, we celebrate that and look forward to answering your questions so that you can be sure. We have adopted twice before and take this very seriously, especially when it comes to making sure that you feel seen, valued, supported and advocated for. No matter what, we are FOR YOU and it would be our honor to stand in your corner if you'd like for us to be there.

It takes a lot of courage to explore your options and open yourself up to others in this way. You are trusting strangers to be honest in their heartfelt notes and representation of who they are, and we assure you that we will always keep it real...even when life is hard. There's nothing easy about this and we are in awe of your bravery, tenacity and love for your child.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share our story with you. We hope to have the privilege of learning yours as well.

Jason and Kate



We met in elementary school and became dear friends as we grew up together. We performed side-by-side in community productions as kids and later, on the drumline when we were teens. We confided in each other, navigated big losses together, and both loved to goof around to make others laugh, but it never occurred to us that we might fall in love someday. We think it's pretty special that we have such a strong and fun foundation of friendship. We have now been friends for thirty-one years and married for almost fifteen!

Adoption became important to us as young adults and it's something we talked about often as friends. When love found its way into our hearts, it expanded exponentially and while pregnant with our second son, we became licensed foster care parents. In a few short years, we became the parents of four toddlers! Life was wild, loud and so much fun!

Our four children - two of whom are adopted - are some of the neatest, most thoughtful and caring people we know. They have been asking for us to adopt one more time for several years and we love that they are just as committed to adoption as we are.

Our story is full of adventure, tenderness, friendship and big love. We feel so honored that we are able to share about some of it with you.

What I Love About Jason



I married Jason because I knew that he would be an outstanding dad. There is a warmth about him that makes people feel comfortable and safe in his presence. When we were teenagers at a small high school, he got along with everybody. Teachers and students alike gravitated toward him and I remember being very aware of how fortunate I was to call him one of my best friends. That has never changed. He continues to be the guy that people want to be close to, and I am the giddy wife who can't believe that I get to spend this life by his side.

Jason is kind, generous and humble. He works incredibly hard at his business, mentors teens in our town, encourages his friends with enthusiasm, and he genuinely cares about every person he meets. But most of all, he is invested in our children. He is so present with each of them and is a family man down to his bones.

Jason is an Eagle Scout, always ready to lead us on a big adventure. When we were nomadic and traveling the country, Jason always found the best hikes and secret swimming holes to play in. Now, he enjoys kayaking and camping near our home. Our kids are having the best, most exciting childhood because of him. Jason teaches our children practical life skills, never hesitates to play with them, and he is the best cook in our family. Our kids adore their dad and know that they can always count on him, which is exactly why I married him.

Fun Facts about Jason

- He's a talented drummer and a sixth-generation musician in his family
- He's had sideburns since elementary school and grew his beard as a birthday gift for Kate
- He loves nature and all things outdoors...but runs from spiders
- He is a big computer nerd (but never lived in his mom's basement) and works from home

Jobs

Business Owner
IT Engineer

Hobbies

Ultimate frisbee,
throwing hatchets at big
targets, kayaking, hiking

Favorites

Small town parades,
marching bands, good
music and great friends





What I Love About Kate

Kate is super adventurous and brings the fun everywhere we go but at her core, she is all about connecting deeply with others. She is one of the most gracious and encouraging people I have ever known. She is a passionate advocate for those who are vulnerable, unseen and wrongly treated and she enjoys mentoring teens. She's serious about helping others, but Kate isn't a stick in the mud. She always keeps it real, is the comedian among her friends, and she's a proud nerd with an addiction to spreadsheets. She is a lot of fun to be with and she makes everybody around her feel safe, seen and celebrated.

Kate is wired to be a mother and does an excellent job of helping our kids feel understood. She guides our children through the highs and lows of life with purpose and tenderness. She does an amazing job of educating our kids, making our house feel like home, and she even helped me build my business from scratch! She's kind and smart! Her heart for adoption extends to the first families of our two adopted children, and she is fiercely protective of them.

Kate's big heart and many talents make her a wonderful wife, mom and friend!

Fun Facts about Kate

- She's been a writer for her entire life and used to help authors publish their books
- She's highly competitive at board and lawn games
- She's a research junkie and super nerdy about it ... there are so many spreadsheets
- She can't dance and knows it, but that doesn't stop her from busting a move in public

Jobs

Homemaker and
Business Owner

Hobbies

Thrift shopping, making
our home cozy, reading,
and coffee with friends

Favorites

Jason's beard, long talks
with our kids, and trees



Our Kids

Life as a family of six is something special. Because our kids are close in age (three pre-teens and one teen), they navigate the seasons and changes in life together similar to the way a school of fish moves about the ocean. They never have to be the only one going through something new, and although we didn't plan for them to be so close in age, we can't imagine life any other way. They have built-in best friends and so much fun together!

Our kids have unique, funny, and creative personalities that make each of them so wonderful. They regularly help with our friend's little ones at gatherings and our oldest son volunteers each week at church in the preschool class. They are so ready and excited to be the protective, helpful, loving big siblings of a new little babe. We think that the age gap between the four big kids and a much younger sibling will be a blessing to the baby, as he / she will always be surrounded by love, looked out for, and will have an endless supply of support.



Fun Facts

- We traveled the country for three years in a small camper and had the most wonderful adventure together
- We are homeschoolers and attend a weekly co-op with nearly fifty other families that Kate helps lead
- Among our kids, there are two musicians, two artists, one theatre kid, one tennis player, and one who takes Brazilian jiu-jitsu classes
- When our kids were younger, they did a group hug in almost every picture we took of them and now we have a gallery wall in our home of all of their big embraces





Our Home

We traveled the country in search of the best place to call home, and we feel so fortunate that we found it! As soon as we saw our little cottage in the woods, we knew that it was perfect for us. It is charming, cozy, and full of character.

Our home is surrounded by woods, but not far from others. We have wonderful neighbors who all have kids and some of our best friends live just around the corner! Our neighborhood is so sweet that even Jason's mom and step-dad couldn't resist its charm. They moved across the country to live here, close to the kids.

In addition to the woods, which are full of hiking, biking and cross-country ski trails, our neighborhood has a clubhouse with indoor/outdoor pools, a small library, and a restaurant. We live between two beautiful lakes, both within a couple miles of our home, and we love to bike to them in the summer. In fact, we love to bike everywhere and can get to our downtown in about 30 minutes on our bikes!

Our town is a special place to raise a family. There are nature clubs, sports, art and music programs, and more for kids of all ages. The town has big celebrations, parades, festivals and outdoor music all year long. It's a great place to ski, snowshoe, pick apples at local farms, kayak, fish, watch the colors change on the trees, and enjoy the northern lights! We feel so fortunate to call this town and area our home!



Jason's Family

Jason's mom and step-dad live just a handful of houses away. They are retired and we see them several times a week. They even travel with us when we take weekend trips to explore our state! They remain some of the most important people in our children's lives.

Jason's dad and step-mom live at the beach in California. They are retired educators and we video chat with them often. They love their grandchildren very much.

Having two nurses in our family comes in quite handy! Jason's sister and her husband are skilled surgical nurses in California and we look forward to our visits with them. They spoil our kids and we are hoping they move closer someday.





Kate's Family

Kate was raised by a single mom for much of her early childhood years. It's because of her mom that Kate has a tenderness for single parents and understands how hard it really is.

Her mom is now married and she lives in Texas where she owns a darling plant nursery.

Kate's brother lives in Texas with his wife and kids where he owns a large specialty welding business. Kate is so proud of her brother! The kids think that their uncle is the coolest guy!

Texas is one of our favorite states to visit and we look forward to our next opportunity for a big road trip to see Kate's family.



Our Values

We are Christians who are deeply grateful for our relationship with the Lord. We rely on Him for strength each day as we raise our kids and navigate the complexities and joys of life.

In our family, we have a motto: Refuse Small Love

It summarizes something that a pastor from our hometown once said, and we'd like to share that quote with you.

“I will go as far as God calls me to go. I will go chain free. I will go with as many people as possible. I will live a life of worship. I refuse small change. I refuse small transformation. I refuse small faith. I refuse little generosity. I refuse little risk and therefore, little realizations. I refuse little tears. I refuse little triumph. I refuse a small heart and small hopes. I refuse small mercy and small miracles. I refuse to live a small life.

I refuse small love.”

We align with this, wholly. So much so that Kate has a tattoo of our family motto. It doesn't mean that we are perfect or that we get it right all the time. Life is messy and we are flawed, imperfect people who make mistakes but each day, we try to keep our hearts focused on refusing small love.

For us, this means that we love others without hesitation, we forgive quickly when we've hurt each other, we give generously to others, we celebrate life, and we choose joy in the small moments but never choose small love. God loved us first and it is our joy to love others.



Thank You

While we would be thrilled to parent your baby and partner with you on this journey, we first want to make sure that you are advocated for and comfortable with whatever decision you make.

If you decide that we are the family for this child, please know that we'd love to be family for you, too. We will respect and honor whatever level of contact and openness you desire. Our door will always be open. We will forever hold space in our hearts for the depth of your loss and will never take for granted the fact that you are trusting us to be excellent.

We promise that, no matter what, we will refuse small love and we will raise this child to know with confidence that you did, too.

Thank you for considering our family.

Jason and Kate