

Katie & Spencer





hello

First and foremost, we want to thank you for taking a few moments in getting to know us.

Our decision to adopt pales in comparison to the decision you are making to possibly place your child via adoption. We can only imagine what you are facing and we just want you to know that you are truly an inspiration to us and an incredibly loving parent and human being to be considering this path.

A bit about us - we are Katie and Spencer and we already consider ourselves extremely lucky to be parents to our son, Carter. We both grew up in Virginia and have been married for about fifteen years. Prior to adopting our son, we spent years trying to get pregnant with no success. So after several unsuccessful fertility treatments, we decided that we were ready to move forward with adoption. We feel like the reason we were put on this planet was to become parents to raise happy, vibrant, and loving children that will grow into mature, responsible and caring adults.

Spencer is a professor that teaches art therapy and counseling to graduate students. Katie is a buyer in the automotive business. But our favorite roles are being Carter's parents. Growing up, Katie spent years babysitting and volunteering in kindergarten classrooms. Spencer has spent 20 years working with children and teens. Carter is so very excited to become a big brother.

As far as interests go, all three of us love to paint and draw. We also really like being outside exercising whether we are playing basketball, walking, biking or swimming. We are people who believe that life should be fun and full of laughter. When faced with hard times, we find that humor makes things a little bit easier. We love sharing laughs with our families and friends and we're very lucky to have them nearby. They are all very excited about our decision to grow our family.

We have a lot of love and respect for each other and adore our son, Carter. We aim to raise our children in an engaging and supportive environment where they feel self-assured and loved. As parents, one priority for us is to lead by example in showing our children the importance of giving back to others and to those that are less fortunate. Given that we are a transracial family, we find it extremely important that our children know and are proud of their cultural and ethnic heritage.

Please know that if you select us to become the adoptive family of your child, we will provide them with a stable home in a quiet neighborhood in Virginia, where they will be surrounded by lots of kids, family, and friends. You will truly be making our dreams come true and we'll never be able to thank you enough.

May you find peace in whatever you decide and know that we are thinking of you.

Warmly,
Katie and Spencer



Our Story

Here's a little bit about us. We met while working the same summer job in Williamsburg, VA. Spencer had just graduated from The College of William and Mary and Katie was about to start her sophomore year. We were friends for a year before we started dating.



While Spencer was in graduate school in Norfolk, VA, Katie was in college in Williamsburg, VA. Whenever Katie wasn't in class, she was spending time volunteering in her mother's kindergarten classroom. She loved spending time those kids year after year.



We spent the next several years dating and we eventually both moved to Richmond, VA. Spencer proposed in January of 2009 and Katie, of course, said Yes!





We were married on the beach of a small island off the coast of New Jersey later that year. It was a beautiful day and we loved being surrounded by family and friends.

Katie has grown up visiting this beach every summer of her life. We continue to carry that tradition on each year.





Our Path to Adoption

We spent a few years trying to start a family of our own, but it just wasn't happening. We had always wanted to adopt, so we figured it was time. We were eventually matched with a wonderful birthmother. Katie was able to attend a few of her doctor's appointments and hear the baby's heartbeat. A few months later in April of 2014, Carter was born. We have an open adoption with Carter's birthmother and we love talking with Carter about her and how much she loves him.

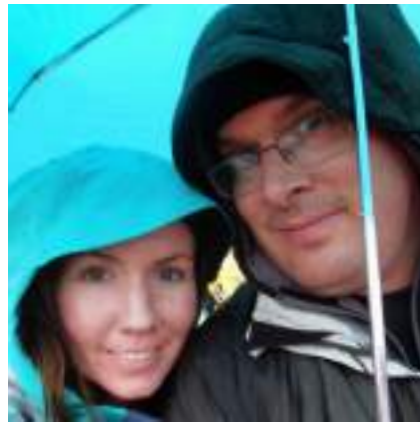
Adoption = Love

Please know that if you select us to become the adoptive family of your child, we promise to show them just as much love as you are showing by considering adoption. All we want to do is help them become the person they want to be. We want your child to fully understand how much you love them as we'll always be open and honest about adoption.



meet Katie

Katie is a buyer in the automotive business, but her favorite role in life is being Carter's mom. She has always loved being surrounded by kids. From an early age, she's known that she wanted to be a mother and is so incredibly grateful that adoption gives her that opportunity. Katie studied art in college and loves to paint and draw. Our son, Carter is also very creative so you can often find them working on multiple arts and crafts projects. In her free time, she loves meeting up with friends for long early morning walks and dinners, shuttling Carter and his friends to and from playdates, and finding time for the occasional date night with Spencer. Katie has got quite the sweet tooth and loves baking (and eating) desserts.



CAREER

Senior Buyer
in the Auto
Industry

HOBBIES

Drawing,
Painting, &
Exercising

FAVORITES

TV Show: The Bear
Food: Tacos
Color: Purple
Sport: Baseball

meet Spencer

Spencer is a professor that teaches art therapy and counseling to graduate students and is a Licensed Professional Counselor, although his role as a husband, parent, and father are the parts of his identity he values most. Spencer believes there is no greater responsibility than becoming a parent. In his spare time, he loves trail riding on his bicycle, playing guitars with Carter and cooking. He has also coached several seasons of Carter's YMCA sports' teams. Family gatherings, vacations, and cookouts are among his favorite things along with family holiday and birthday celebrations.



CAREER

College
Professor,
Art
Therapist

HOBBIES

Playing guitar,
bike riding,
painting,
cooking

FAVORITES

TV Show: Long suffering
Orioles fan
Food: BBQ/Asian
Color: green
Sport: basketball, baseball

our son Carter

Carter can't wait to be a big brother!



This is our son, Carter. We love him immensely and he's very excited to become a big brother. He has played a very active role in putting this profile together. Carter loves arts and crafts, singing and dancing, and playing video games with his friends. He loves to read and almost always has a book with him wherever he goes. He can't get enough of pepperoni pizza, macaroni and cheese, popcorn, and milkshakes. He is a super sweet and smart 10-year-old boy!





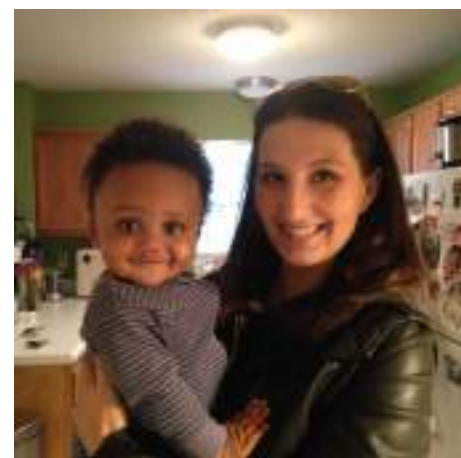
We strongly believe that black lives matter. We want to ensure that Carter is proud of his cultural and ethnic heritage.



Family and Friends



Family means everything to us. Fortunately, Katie's brother and his family live only about 10 minutes away from us and Katie's mom lives about an hour away. Spencer's mom lives in Southwest Virginia so we visit several times a year. Spencer's sister and her family live in California and we try to visit them each year. Many of our closest friends live nearby so we are lucky to get to spend a lot of time with them and their families.



meet Cooper



We expanded our family last year when we adopted our puppy. We let Carter pick out his name and he decided upon "Cooper" so that they would have the same initials. Carter and Cooper are inseparable and Carter has done a wonderful job taking on extra responsibilities in caring for Cooper.

this is home

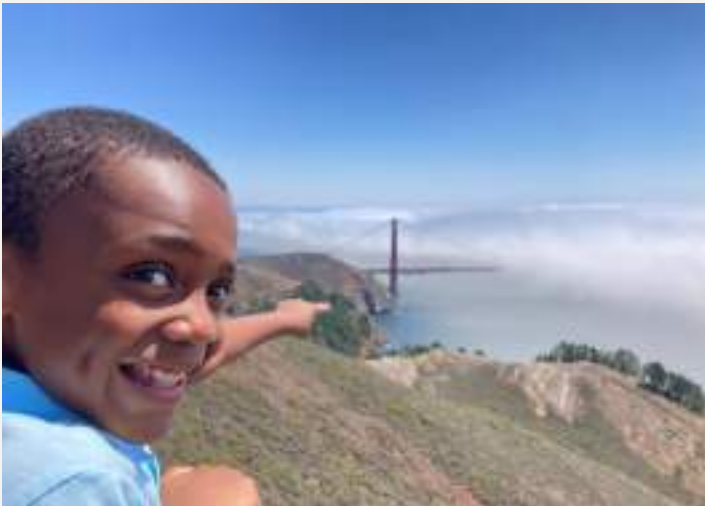
We have lived in our home for almost 10 years. We're surrounded by great neighbors and friends. Our home has 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths and your baby will have their own room and share a full bath with Carter. We are located within walking distance of our son's elementary school as well as the preschool he attended when he was younger. We also have two wonderful parks within 2 miles of our home.



Oh the places you'll go!



We love to travel and explore new places. We also make annual family trips to the beach, to Charleston, SC and to California to visit family. This year, we spent a week in Portugal with family which is motivating us to travel abroad more often..





We believe that kindness is everything
and that love is really all that matters
in this life.





Thank you