

## About Us

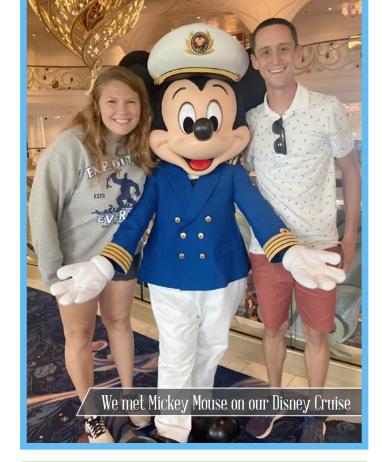
ello! We're Chris and Sarah, and we're thrilled to share our story with you as we embark on this exciting journey towards parenthood.

Our journey began on the track and field team in college, but it wasn't until a few years later, at a party in 2013, that we reconnected. That night, we bonded over our shared love for Disney and amusement parks, reminiscing about childhood memories and discovering just how much we had in common. Even though we were living in different states at the time, our connection was undeniable.



A few weeks after that party, Chris visited Sarah and took her on a memorable first date to Six Flags, where he won a Batman pillow for her. This marked the beginning of our long-distance relationship. At that time, Chris was pursuing a graduate degree in teaching, while Sarah was working towards her Master's in Social Work. Despite the distance, we managed to make the most of our time together, including holiday visits to Disney World.





In 2022, we took a big step by getting married and buying our first home together. Our love for Disney continues to be a cherished part of our lives, and we even celebrated our honeymoon with a magical Disney Cruise. Our days are filled with the joys of spending time with our cat, Mrs. Doubtfire, hanging out with friends, and, of course, planning our next Disney adventure.

We're eagerly looking forward to this new chapter in our lives and are excited about the prospect of growing our family. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us!

and dedication, making her an exceptional advocate for student success and a standout school social worker. Her remarkable ability to balance fierce determination with genuine kindness is truly inspiring. I am constantly amazed by her unwavering bravery and the profound impact she has on her students, which is a testament to her hard work and resilience.

Sarah has thrived and demonstrates that strength and perseverance in her daily interactions with students. It's common to hear of Sarah championing the needs of children and fighting for equity on their behalf, qualities I believe will also shine through as she supports the child who joins our family in the future.

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What I particularly cherish about Sarah is her vibrant sense of fun and her natural ability to connect with others. It's no surprise that children are drawn to her warmth and enthusiasm. She's a wonderful listener and a voice of reason, easily approachable and genuinely caring. Sarah regularly keeps in touch with her family and enjoys hosting friends, reflecting her nurturing nature.





In addition, Sarah is also a talented singer. Together, we play in a band—she sings, and I play the banjo. While we're still perfecting our musical skills, the joy we share through music is palpable. Given Sarah's kindness, courage, and playful spirit, I have no doubt that she will be an amazing and loving mother.



Chris has followed in his mother's footsteps, choosing a career in teaching, specifically high school computer science. He also coaches cross country and track and field. I am continually impressed by his natural ability to connect with his students.

They value his nonjudgmental approach and see him as a trusted confidant. I often hear glowing feedback about Chris from his students. which fills me with excitement about his future as a father. I have no doubt that he will bring the same kindness and nurturing spirit to the child that he offers to his students.

One of the qualities I admire most about Chris is his ability to balance hard work with a fulfilling personal life. He often takes his parents out to dinner after work and helps his mom with technology issues—He is an expert at helping others.





He makes me iced coffee every night for the next day and prepares incredible dinners, but what truly stands out about Chris is his unwavering support and presence. Whether someone has a great day, a tough day, or just an average one, he will go out of his way to be there for those he loves. I believe these qualities will contribute to Chris being an exceptional father.

## Our Home

We absolutely adore our home—it truly feels like our sanctuary, offering the perfect space to unwind and recharge. Our split-level house features three cozy bedrooms and three full bathrooms, providing ample room for everyone. Our friends often gather on the spacious deck, and neighborhood kids love to play catch in our backyard, adding a lively, joyful atmosphere.



We're fortunate to have wonderful relationships with our neighbors, making the community feel like an extended family. The neighborhood is exceptionally safe, bustling with children, and known for its friendly atmosphere and excellent school district. We're lucky to be close to Chris's family, which is fantastic for our family. We're lucky to have a vibrant park within our subdivision that's always alive with kids having fun, and we enjoy the convenience of food trucks regularly setting up nearby. Plus, a Starbucks is just around the corner, perfect for grabbing a morning pick-me-up before heading to work.







## Our Family

Both of us grew up with strong family ties. Although Sarah's family lives in a different state, she stays closely connected to her parents and brother through frequent FaceTime calls. Now that her parents are retired, they're thrilled at the prospect of visiting more often. Meanwhile, Chris's parents, who also enjoy their retirement, live nearby. They're looking forward to our weekly Sunday dinners and are eager to help with babysitting.







When we shared the news of our adoption journey with our families, their excitement was palpable. They have expressed that they believe we'll be wonderful parents and emphasized the importance of continuing our cherished family traditions, like spending Christmas in Florida and barbecuing on the Fourth of July. We couldn't ask for a more supportive and loving family.





hristmas is a highlight of our year! We cherish the holiday season, whether we're visiting family or escaping for a festive getaway, and we adore the warm, family-centered atmosphere it brings. Each year, we look forward to baking holiday cookies and making our special "reindeer cupcakes".

Halloween is another favorite, filled with the joy of seeing adorable trick-ortreaters. The Fourth of July is a blast, with fireworks lighting up the sky from our deck and delicious barbecue chicken wings on the grill. We eagerly anticipate creating even more cherished holiday traditions with our growing family.

## Traditions

