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ADOPTION VIDEO

ASHLEY *and* KATHRYN

Hello

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little about us. We don't take lightly the privilege of becoming parents through adoption and we can only imagine how much love, courage, and thought you are putting into this decision. We want you to know that we deeply respect your journey and applaud your bravery for considering adoption for your child. We hope that by sharing our story, and offering glimpses into our life, you'll be able to imagine the kind of family, adventures and love we would offer your child if we were chosen. .



Our Story

We met sixteen years ago during summer music courses at the University of Kentucky. Kathryn was just beginning her first year teaching music at a local elementary school, while Ashley was entering her eighth year in the same role. From the very first conversation, we discovered how much we had in common—shared passions, similar dreams, and a love for laughter. We both treasure our Christian faith and believe deeply that every person is created in the image of God.

From early in our friendship, we dreamed of building a life centered on love, joy, and adventure. Northern Michigan became a place that captured our hearts with its quiet lakes, tall pines, and breathtaking sunsets. It was there—Up North—surrounded by our closest family and friends, that we promised to walk through life together.

We are happiest when we are outdoors. Whether it's camping under the stars, hiking wooded trails, biking country roads, or kayaking along a quiet shoreline, we find joy in experiencing God's creation. At home, we love cooking together—experimenting with new recipes or recreating favorite dishes—and inviting friends and family to join us at the table.

Every evening, after dinner, we take a walk around our neighborhood. It's a simple routine, but one we cherish. These walks give us a chance to talk about our day, share our hopes, and reconnect. They remind us that the most meaningful moments in life are often the simplest ones.

Our marriage is built on mutual respect, open communication, and a steadfast commitment to supporting each other in every season of life. We are ready and eager to step into this next chapter—welcoming children into our hearts and home—and to fill their lives with love, laughter, faith, and adventure.

OUR HEART FOR *Adoption*

Having children has always been part of our dream, and for a long time we have imagined adoption as part of our story. As educators, we have dedicated our lives to caring for and teaching children, and we are surrounded each day by big hugs, bright smiles, and all the wonderful emotions that come with childhood. While we deeply love the children we teach, there has always been a strong desire in our hearts to become moms.

We often imagine the everyday moments that make up family life—sitting around the dinner table trying new foods, helping with homework, and decorating cookies together. We picture summer days splashing in Lake Michigan during family vacations, and cozy evenings roasting marshmallows around a campfire on camping trips with friends.

We are incredibly grateful to be part of the lives of so many children in our family and among our closest friends, and those relationships have only strengthened our excitement to welcome a child of our own. We cannot wait to share our traditions, our home, and our love, and to build a family filled with warmth, laughter, and belonging.



MEET Ashley

Ashley is kind-hearted, compassionate, and truly one of those people who makes others feel seen and encouraged. She has a natural way of finding the good in people and staying positive, even in challenging moments. Ashley is a great listener and forms meaningful connections wherever she goes. She is an elementary music teacher and recently completed her Master's degree in School Counseling, reflecting her deep passion for supporting and caring for others.

Ashley loves being outdoors—whether she's hiking, camping, kayaking, or relaxing by the fire pit. One of her favorite things is having friends over, cooking a big dinner, and spending the evening laughing and catching up around the fire, usually bundled up in a cozy hoodie. When she's not outside, you'll likely find her building with Legos, listening to music, or cheering on the University of Tennessee.



Ashley's Favorites

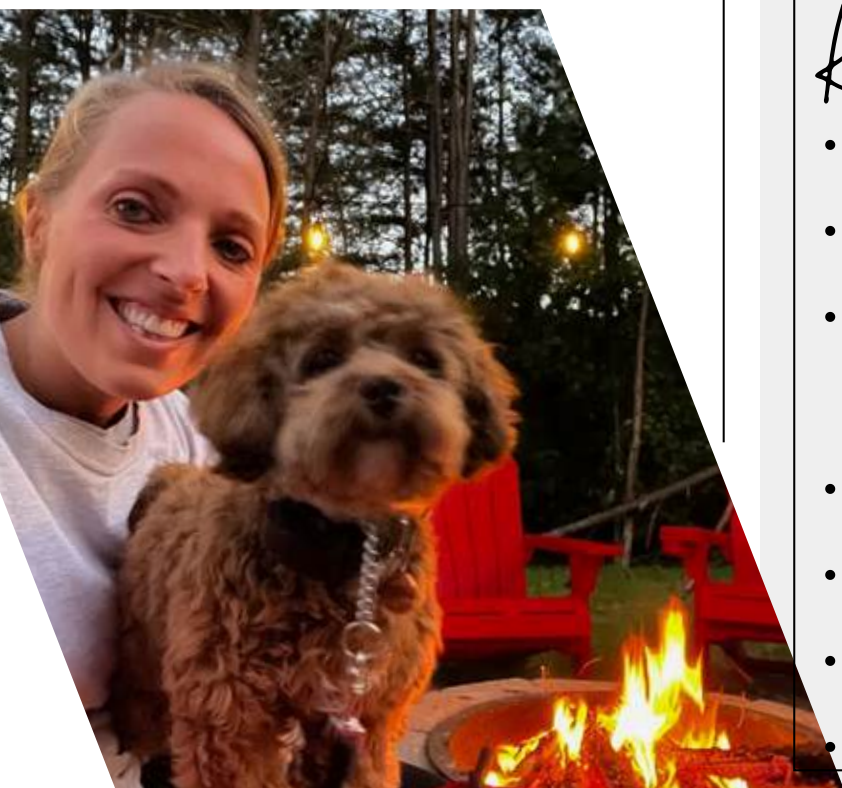
- **Dessert:** pecan pie
- **Holiday:** Christmas and birthdays
- **Sport:** College sports, University of Tennessee
- **TV Show:** Modern Family, Abbott Elementary
- **Music:** Everything from Dolly to AC/DC
- **Book:** Harry Potter series
- **Movie:** *The Goonies*, *Sweet Home Alabama*

MEET *Kathryn*

Kathryn is loving, focused and carefree; she is our family fun maker! Kathryn is a model for hard work and determination, when she sets a goal, she has a plan to accomplish it. She is an excellent baker and can often be found in the kitchen baking sweet treats for friends and family! Her favorite things to bake are cookies and blondies. Her dream in retirement, is to one day open a bakery!

Kathryn loves planning fun adventures for us and our friends, from hiking with the dogs, trying new local restaurants, to out of town concerts and long camping trips. In her free time, Kathryn enjoys reading, crafting, exercising and new shoes- she loves shoes!

Kathryn teaches Kindergarten through fifth grade students music everyday. Her classroom is student centered, and the goal is always for the students to experience music in ways that bring them joy and excitement! Through singing, dancing, and playing instruments, Kathryn builds relationships with her students and they know they are safe and loved in her classroom.



Kathryn's favorites

- **Dessert:** peanut butter cookies
- **Holiday:** Christmas and Thanksgiving
- **Sport:** I love sports for the food and social gatherings
- **TV Show:** Schitt's Creek, Parenthood
- **Music:** Country, Brandi Carlile
- **Book:** anything by Kristin Hannah
- **Movie:** Hallmark Christmas movies

What I love about...

ASHLEY

Ashley is my best friend and favorite person in the world. She is full of joy and has a way of brightening the day of everyone she meets. Ashley chooses to see the good in every situation, and her strong faith anchors her as she makes decisions and navigates life's challenges.

Ashley is incredibly patient and kind. I have the privilege of teaching alongside her as we co-teach a music ensemble together, and I love watching her work with our students—singing with them, playing instruments, and encouraging them to create and compose their own music. She brings warmth, creativity, and humor into the classroom and always has a joke ready to make her students smile.

Ashley consistently sees the best in people and encourages others to do the same. She has a natural mother's heart and is ready to share her love, patience, and joy with a child.



What I love about...

KATHRYN

Kathryn is my person in every way! She inspires me to be my best; physically, spiritually and emotionally and is right by my side as an encourager through it all! Kathryn's smile lights up the room and her positive energy is infectious. She is amazing at finding ways to bring our friends and family together. She will host game nights, plan camping trips, find local events to attend, gather everyone at the best new restaurants in town and even convince us all to fly to NYC to take a Peloton class! She really is the fun maker.

Kathryn is in her element when she is in the kitchen baking. The cabinets are all open, dirty dishes are everywhere and flour and sugar coat the countertops (and sometimes the floor). I love watching her carefully explain to our nieces and nephews how to measure out ingredients, crack the eggs and taste test of course! She is so wonderful and patient with all the kids in our lives, and I am so excited to watch her make a big mess in the kitchen with our child one day.





Meet Luna and Lucy

Luna and Lucy came to us as puppies and are sweet, loyal and fun. They are pootons, a mix of toy poodle and coton de tulear. Luna is 4 and Lucy is 2 and they are inseparable. They love playing chase in the backyard, long walks in the neighborhood, hiking with their best friends Cody and Cardi, and swimming in Lake Michigan. They are gentle and friendly dogs and love kids! They spend time with us at our schools when our music ensemble has practices, and enjoy all the extra bellyrubs they can get from the kiddos! They love traveling to see family and giving the nieces and nephews all the kisses!

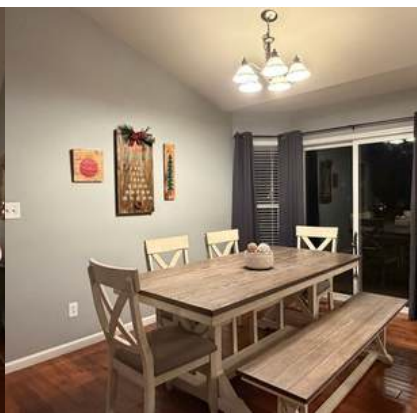




OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

We built our home in a quiet community close to where we teach. It's a warm, bright, and happy space where we love spending time together. With its open layout, our home is perfect for hosting friends and family. It's a brick ranch with four bedrooms, two baths, and an unfinished basement—offering plenty of room for a growing family. Our fenced-in yard is ideal for playing, relaxing, and enjoying the outdoors.

Our neighborhood is diverse, filled with families and children from many cultures. When we sit on our front porch with our dogs, Luna and Lucy, neighbors often stop to chat. We see families walking together, kids riding bikes, and friends enjoying evening strolls. There's a community pond nearby, stocked with fish, turtles, and ducks, surrounded by a walking path that's perfect for a peaceful walk.



OUR COMMUNITY & CITY

Our community is full of life and connection. We enjoy a local farmers market and many family-friendly events in nearby parks. In the summer and fall, you'll often find us at weekly outdoor movie nights, live music concerts, and fireworks displays.

The public school system in our city is large and wonderfully diverse, with students speaking more than 130 languages from kindergarten through 12th grade. It offers outstanding academics, a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities, and encourages families to be active partners in education. We teach in the public school system and truly love our schools!

We live just outside a large city, giving us easy access to cultural attractions, sporting events, and a vibrant arts scene. We have beautiful parks with trails, playgrounds, splash pads, and lakes perfect for camping. In winter, we're only a short drive from hills made for sledding. No matter the season, there's always something fun for us to enjoy together.





Ashley's Family

Ashley's family lives in the small farming community where she grew up, a place that shaped many of her favorite childhood memories. As an only child, she spent much of her time with cousins on her grandparents' farm—fishing, exploring and helping with farm chores. She has many memories of going on family vacations with her aunts, uncles and cousins as a child, and later, creating new adventures together as adults with their children.

Ashley is very close to her parents and talks with her mom every day. Her parents have been married for nearly 56 years, and their relationship has always been a beautiful example of honesty, respect, and deep love. They enjoy traveling, taking long scenic drives, and savoring life's simple moments—sharing meals together, going for walks, and curling up with a good book by the fire.

Family connections run deep on both sides. Ashley's dad is the youngest of five in a large, close-knit family, with many siblings, nieces, nephews, and extended family living nearby. Ashley's mom is the oldest of three, and her siblings and their children also live close, making it easy for everyone to spend time together.

Traditions are especially important to Ashley's family, and they gather often to celebrate holidays and special moments. One favorite tradition at Christmas is playing silly "Minute to Win It" games—high energy, lots of laughter, and a bit of friendly competition that always ends with smiles and great memories.

Ashley's parents and family, are overjoyed at the thought of welcoming a new little one and are excited to share both longtime traditions and brand-new memories together.





Kathryn's Family

Kathryn comes from a large family with two brothers, a sister, and ten nieces and nephews. Her parents live just an hour away in Northern Kentucky. When we visit them, we enjoy spending time together going out to dinner and trying local favorites as well as new restaurants. Kathryn is very close with her brothers and their families, who live just a few hours away, and we visit each other often. Her sister lives farther away, so we don't see her family as frequently, but we stay connected through regular FaceTime calls. Kathryn's sister has four children under the age of nine, and both of her brothers have three children each, all under the age of five, so time together is always lively, joyful, and full of energy. As a family, we love baking and cooking together, exploring local parks, and playing on the large playground at the local zoo. Game nights are a favorite, with Yeti in My Spaghetti and Sleeping Queens enjoyed by the kids, and Euchre reserved for the adults.



Kathryn is also very close with her aunt, uncle, and cousins who live in Chicago. She has many cherished memories of spending summers at their home—playing games, baking with her aunt, and enjoying carefree days together. We gather with them often for special occasions such as the Kentucky Derby, Thanksgiving, spring break, and the week of July 4th. Kathryn's family is excited to welcome another cousin into the "cousin crew" and looks forward to the day when all the children can swing at the playground, ride bikes together, and dig for treasures in the dirt.





Our Chosen Family

We can't talk about family without sharing about our "chosen family." We are incredibly fortunate to have this group of dear friends who surround us with prayer, laughter, encouragement, and comfort. After more than 20 years of friendship, they have walked beside us through every season of life—supporting us during our hardest moments and celebrating with us during joyful ones.

Our camping crew loves to camp as often as possible. Over the years, we've learned that no matter the forecast, rain gear is a must—because it almost always rains! Whether it's a light sprinkle or a full washout, we make the most of it by playing kickball in the rain, hiking muddy trails, going on wet scavenger hunts, and huddling under the canopy to play card games. Rain or shine, time with our camping crew is always filled with laughter and lasting memories.

Each December, we host Friendsgiving, a tradition everyone looks forward to. Our chosen family gathers to share a meal, play games, and exchange silly gifts. It's one of the special times during the year when the entire group comes together—adults, children, and even pets. Some years we bundle up and brave the cold (and sometimes snow) to drive around the city looking at Christmas lights while listening to festive music. We enjoy visiting a different display each year, along with a few favorite stops we never miss.

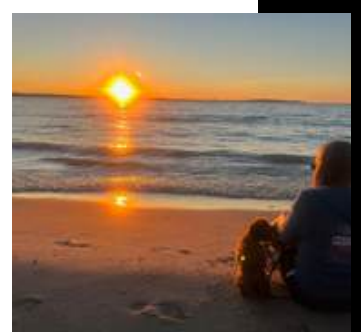
This incredible group of friends is ready, with open arms and full hearts, to welcome a little one into our circle and shower them with love.



Traditions and Fun

Our family loves to be together, for big moments and small, making memories and just having fun.

- **AT HOME** We love relaxing on our patio—catching up after the workday, reading, playing games, and grilling together. Time outside often includes friendly games of cornhole, Can Jam, and Kubb in the yard. Kathryn is the family baker, and our kitchen is frequently filled with the happy mess and wonderful smells of something delicious in the making.
- **AROUND THE TABLE** The table is where so much of our life happens—sharing meals, playing games, decorating cookies, planning adventures, and simply enjoying time together. Sunday is our favorite night of the week, when friends gather in our home for Sunday dinner. We cook a meal together, linger in conversation, and start the week feeling refreshed, and grateful.
- **DURING THE HOLIDAYS** One of our most cherished traditions is attending The Nutcracker each year, performed by our local ballet company and orchestra. This special outing marks the beginning of the Christmas season in our home and is a meaningful time we look forward to every year.
- **UNDER THE STARS** Camping is something we enjoy throughout the year, with our favorite trip taking place over Halloween weekend. We love the crisp fall air, colorful leaves, hiking trails, and evenings spent telling stories and laughing around a warm campfire. A highlight of the weekend is the group costume contest, where we coordinate a new theme each year.
- **TOES IN THE SAND** Michigan is our “happy place.” We love hiking the sand dunes, swimming and boating on Lake Michigan, riding bikes, and exploring charming seaside towns. We especially enjoy the warm days followed by cozy evenings spent in sweatshirts around a firepit. The beautiful blue water reminds us of the Caribbean—just without the sharks.







Dear Expectant Mother,

We would like to begin by saying thank you. Thank you for considering making an adoption plan for your child and for loving them beyond words. We cannot begin to imagine the situation or circumstances that led you to this place, but we are so thankful for you. We have dreamed of starting a family for years and are honored that you are taking the time to get to know us through our profile.

If chosen, we want you to know your child will be raised by loving parents who will strive to give your child every opportunity in life. They will always know they are loved unconditionally and wholeheartedly. We promise to raise your child in a home where love and laughter surround them and where they are given the tools they need to become the person they are meant to be. We will help them develop strong character and provide them a safe place to learn and grow as they explore the world around them. We commit to honor your child's unique background, to speak openly and truthfully about their adoption story, ensuring they know your love and courage played a central role in bringing us together.

We know you are making an incredibly difficult and selfless decision, and we want to thank you for considering us as potential parents for your child. We are deeply honored by your consideration and will always be grateful to you for allowing us to be part of your child's journey.

With love,

Ashley and Kathryn



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