

Kris and Kristi

#### Hello!

Although we don't know you yet, thank you for being here and reading this letter. We hope you feel supported through this process. You matter! We want you to know the decisions you make will always be met with compassion and understanding. We know there are challenges ahead. We are prepared to walk with you and include you in this child's life.

This book is only a glimpse of who we are. We hope it shows how much love we are ready to share with your child and what life with us might look like. We are excited to start our family and become parents through adoption.

Kris and Kristi

## We are Kris and Kristi

We met in high school biology and were in band together. Kris played saxophone and Kristi played the clarinet. We continued to date throughout college and got married in 2006. We've wanted a family but have wrestled with infertility and loss. That part of our story has brought us closer together and led us to you.

We can be found at home playing games, watching movies with our dog, or cooking together. We also like to take fun trips! We know it sounds cliche, but we are best friends and love doing things together.







Left: We started dating in 2001 Center: Said I DO in 2006 Right: Renewed vows in 2016

# Meet Kris

## Family:

I come from a small family. My parents have been married for 45 years and I have one younger brother. We all live in the same town. My dad loves to come over and do projects. I have connection to adoption through my grandmother.

My parents love having a grand dog, but are looking forward to being first time grandparents.

#### Work:

I'm a techie guy. I currently work as a Quality Assurance Software Engineer and keep weekends open for family time.







#### Loves:

- Movies
- Board games
- Comic books
- Video games
  - Legos
  - Drawing
- Pro Wrestling
  - Star Wars

#nerdofmydreams





Kris is quiet at heart and loves to be home cuddling with our dog, Indiana, but is open to going on adventures. He won't hesitate to help a friend. Friends describe Kris as patient, open-minded, and friendly.







Brothers









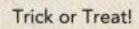




Car Show









Pile on Uncle Kris!

# Meet Kristi

## Family:

I come from a family who loves to get together, talk, and play games. My parents have been married for 49 years. I have two older brothers who are married. I love being an aunt to 4 nieces and 2 nephews. I'm close to my family and talk to them often. My family and faith are the heart of who I am.

#### Work:

I currently work as a reading teacher at an elementary school and really enjoy summer break. I also love photography and do it part-time.





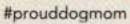
#### Loves:

- Traveling
- Photography
  - Antiquing
- Vinyl Collecting
  - 80s music
    - Movies
  - Board games
- All things Disney
  - Star Wars

















Teacher & Jedi



Big Brothers



Bestie Auntie

















Kristi is outgoing and bubbly. She isn't afraid to be silly to make a friend smile. Friends describe her as creative, supportive, and loving.

## Meet Indiana

Hi there! I'm Indiana, My humans named me after Indiana Jones. I love to be where my people are. Sometimes they call me Indy, Fluffy Bunny, or Snoops.

#### Loves:

- Walks
- Sleepovers at Grandma's house
- Cuddling
- Car rides to Dairy Queen
- Playing hide and seek for treats















## Our Friends

We are thankful to have the most amazing group of friends that have become family. Family is more than just DNA. We enjoy traveling and experiencing new things with them. It has been exciting to watch our friends become parents and spend time with their children. They are one of our biggest supporters in becoming parents. Your child will have many bonus aunts, uncles, and cousins to grow up with!















## Our Forever Home

- 4 bedrooms with a basement perfect for movie nights.
- Large deck and backyard for a pool and yard games
- Close to schools and hospitals
- Walking distance to parks
- Family friendly neighborhood
- Free little library in yard
- Garden of flowers and vegetables















## Our Favorite Traditions

# Summer:



- Ribfest
   Movies in the park
   Outdoor church events
  - Farmer's Market
    - Street Fair
    - Road trips
  - 4th of July grilling
    - Visiting the zoo











We are active in summer and love the fall season. We carve pumpkins for Halloween and help cook at Thanksgiving. Kris is a pro at mashing potatoes!



One of our favorite traditions is going to the MN Renaissance Festival every fall with our closest friends. We hope to share this tradition with a little one someday!









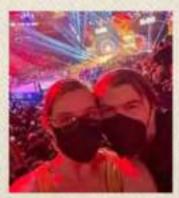


Christmas is our favorite holiday! We go to the Christmas market, make Kris' grandma's sugar cookies, and visit family. Indiana loves to open his presents all by himself!

Some of our favorite Christmas movies are Elf and Jingle All the Way.







# Activities We Enjoy:

- Concerts
- Musicals
- Pro Wrestling Events
  - Escape Rooms
- Anything Star Wars
  - Arcade Dates
    - Hockey
    - Baseball















#### Fun Facts About Us

- We love to travel! Our favorite place to visit is Disneyland!
  - We workout together
  - We love to try new foods and enjoy sushi and Thai
    - We volunteer at our church
      - Kris collects light sabers
    - We jam to music while we cook
  - Kris' favorite movie is Jurassic Park Kristi loves Wizard of Oz
    - We got engaged on July 4th
  - Kristi plays piano and writes music







#### Our Promises to our Future Child

- We will remind you everyday how strong, smart, capable, and amazing you are!
- You will have a home where you feel safe, loved, and valued.
- We promise to listen and make sure you know your voice matters.
- You will grow up surrounded by family and friends who care for you.
- We will play with you on the floor, in the grass, and take you on adventures!
- We promise to read books at bedtime and never turn down a hug or cuddle.
- We will support your interests, talents, and be your biggest fans!



Thank you for opening yourself up to this process. No matter what you choose, we are rooting for you! We hope this book gave you a sense of who we are and our lives. If you feel a connection with us, we would love to meet you and talk about an adoption plan. We promise that your child will know their story and the journey that brought all of us together. We believe adoption is love and we have a lot of love to give.

We are ready to love your child to infinity and beyond!

Kris, Kristi, and Indiana