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OUR LIFESTYLE

We met in 2009 in Los Angeles when a mutual friend set us up on a blind date. There was an instant connection, and we've been inseparable ever since. We bonded over our shared love of theater, music, games, camping, and movies. We now live in Washington State, have been married for over ten years, and have a son, Sawyer, who was born in 2021. Kevin works as the creative manager for the marketing department of a tabletop gaming company, and Caitlin is the director of production for a large, regional non-profit theater. We both feel very lucky to have found careers in fields we are passionate about. We love spending our free time gardening, hiking, gaming, singing karaoke, attending theater, and watching TV. We also make sure to take time for ourselves. Kevin enjoys computer and tabletop games, while Caitlin likes reading, creative writing, and baking.

OUR FAVORITE ADVENTURES

We try to make sure that adventure is a constant part of our lives, either through travel or by seeking out new experiences in our everyday activities. Some of our best adventures have come from exploring our own city or trying new foods. We camp and hike every summer, visit local parks and zoos, and attend cultural festivals. Our favorite vacation adventure was our honeymoon to Costa Rica, where we kayaked in the rain, hiked in the rainforest, and enjoyed the hot springs of the Arenal volcano. But our greatest adventure of all has been parenthood. It has been full of stunning twists and surprising turns, and we've been having the time of our lives!

our home & neighborhood

We own a single-story home in a residential neighborhood. We have a large, fenced-in backyard with a playset and live within walking distance of several playgrounds, a nature trail, and our local schools. We have two indoor cats who are very friendly. We have also become great friends with our neighbors; we share baked goods, borrow lawn tools, and occasionally babysit for each other. We are a ten-minute drive to our grocery store, hospital, post office, and library. We are a 40-minute drive to the nearest large city, with easy access to zoos, museums, theaters, aquariums, hiking, and water activities. We absolutely love where we live and look forward to building onto our home so it continues to fit our needs long term.



our photos



















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Occupation: Theater Director of Production Education: M.A. Theatre Arts & Dance Race: Caucasian Sport: Golf, Baseball Food: Pizza, French Onion Soup Hobby: Home Projects, Reading, Camping Tradition: Doing something new every New Year's Day Musical Group: The Beatles Movie: The Princess Bride Dream Vacation: Japan Holiday: Halloween TV Show: Buffy the Vampire Slayer Subject in School: Theater Book: Cat's Cradle

Caitlin



Kevin



Occupation: Marketing Creative Manager Education: B.A. Theatre Arts & Drama Race: Caucasian Sport: Football Food: Salmon Hobby: Board Games, Camping Tradition: Sunday Pancake Breakfasts Musical Group: Cake Movie: The Lord of the Rings Dream Vacation: Japan Holiday: Christmas TV Show: Fullmetal Alchemist Subject in School: Math, Theater Book: The Belgariad

our families & **family**



Kevin's parents live three hours away, so we see them frequently. They visit for holidays and birthdays, help with home projects, and babysit. We are also close with Kevin's brothers and their families, who live in California. We enjoy occasional shared vacations and frequent video calls.

Caitlin's parents each live across the country in different states, but we talk often and have occasional video calls. Caitlin is also close with her sister and half-sister and stays in touch with aunts, uncles, and cousins. Everyone loves when we have the opportunity to visit.

We are very close with several friends whom we lovingly refer to as "Aunts" and Uncles" to our son. We truly believe you don't need to be related by blood to be considered family. Neighbors and friends are an important part of our holiday gatherings, family events, and casual get-togethers.



our letter to you

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and learn a bit about us. We know this is one of the hardest decisions you will ever make, and we admire your strength as you figure out what's best for you and your child. Our home is full of laughter and joy, and we promise to give your baby all the love and opportunities we can. This child will have devoted parents, a caring big brother, and a supportive and involved family. They will be welcomed into a community of caring friends and neighbors who will help guide, protect, and nurture them.

We are a family that values acceptance, kindness, and lifelong learning. We believe in the importance of education, access to the arts, and giving back to our community. We encourage our children to be themselves and follow their dreams. We are eager to complete our family and discover the unique and wonderful individual this child will become. We have found beautiful fulfillment in being parents and are excited to experience the joy of watching our future child grow, learn, and thrive.

We understand there are challenging emotions ahead for all of us on this journey, and we will respect the type of adoption relationship you wish to pursue. We are open to any questions you may have about our lives, our family, and how we parent. We are incredibly grateful and look forward to getting to know you more. Thank you for considering us.

WITH LOVE.

Caittin and Kevin



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