# BUILDING OUR FAMILY



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# ABOUT US

We began dating when Kayla was in college and Jody was a private music teacher teaching middle school and high school kids. Even in those early days, we knew we'd get married and have children someday. Our love sustained us despite what the world thought. Kayla began a career in television news, moving to various locations across the country, and so began marathon long-distance phone calls (on landlines no less!) and weekend getaways that only strengthened our relationship. Kayla's choice to return to school and become a doctor landed both of us back where it all started, and we married in 2016 in the very location we had our second date in front of 100 of our dearest friends and family who supported us through our journey. We have longed for the privilege to parent for 20 years, and we are so excited about adopting a child!



## OUR HOME

We live in a private and safe apartment complex five miles from the beach. We live in Kayla's hometown in a city that has no shortage of family-oriented activities, including museums, aquariums, dolphin cruises, children's pirate ships, miniature golf courses, and child-friendly community festivals. We are also a little over an hour away from multiple amusement and water parks. While Kayla is a product of the public schools in this area, we would likely be looking at private or charter schools for our child. We consider New England our second home, where we have built community over the past ten years and have a number of very dear friends who are excited to meet our little one



#### WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

From the time we started dating, we had talked about having children. The political climate in the first stages of our relationship didn't allow us to legally marry or adopt. We didn't think we would ever be able to parent a child. Eventually things changed with regard to gay marriage, and soon states that previously restricted gay adoption allowed it. But during Kayla's rigorous medical training, it seemed selfish to have a child when we knew we couldn't give them the attention they deserved. Now, at this stage in our lives, our careers are established and we feel we can give a child all the attention he or she needs to thrive. We discussed various ways to expand our family, including IVF with donated sperm, surrogacy, and adoption. We decided adoption made the most sense for us.



OUR LIFE

together















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### MORE ABOUT

ayla

OCCUPATION: Physician EDUCATION: Medical degree RACE: Caucasian RELIGION: Christian SPORT: Snowshoeing, running, hiking HOBBY: Writing TRADITION: Hurricane slumber parties



MUSICAL GROUP: Taylor Swift MOVIE: Miss Congeniality, Legally Blonde DREAM VACATION: The Ice Hotel in Sweden TV SHOW: Friends, The West Wing, Only Murders in the Building SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: English



# MORE ABOUT

OCCUPATION: Data Processor EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts RACE: Caucasian RELIGION: Christian SPORT: Snowshoeing, hiking, swimming HOBBY: Piano TRADITION: Watching holiday-themed documentaries MUSICAL GROUP: Led Zeppelin MOVIE: Harry Potter, Marvel movies DREAM VACATION: London, England TV SHOW: Saturday Night Live, Only Murders in the Building SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Math, music our family

Jody was an only child who lost her mother as a teenager. Unfortunately, her father passed away when she was just a little older. Therefore, her family consists of a number of lifelong friends we remain close to, and they fully support our adoption endeavors. Jody's best friend, whom she's known from childhood and who was matron of honor at our wedding, lives an hour away. We live 15 minutes from Kayla's childhood home (where her father still lives) and five hours from her cousins with whom we are very close. Kayla's friend of 25 years lives 30 minutes away. Kayla's mom is bi-coastal and spends part of the year with her sister. We all look forward to getting together over the holidays and various times throughout the year.

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# EXPECTANT MOTHER,

It would be our honor and privilege to raise your child. While we don't pretend to understand what you are feeling, we admire the selfless steps you have taken to consider an adoption plan. We want to assure you that if you choose us to raise your precious child, they will know the decision was made with incredible courage and strength and that our good fortune in raising them was thanks to how much you loved them.

We have been together 23 years. With the support of family and friends, our future child will never lack devoted role models. Because we have established careers and financial security, one of us will stay at home. Our own parents were very involved in school, PTA, and our extracurricular activities, and we plan to do the same for our child.

After 20 years of teaching, Jody understands the benefits of education. Kayla is a physician who works in academic hospitals to teach the next generation of doctors. A quality education is a priority for our child, but learning must be fun and not filled with pressure to meet parental expectations or dreams. We will give our child the tools to chart their own path in life, whatever that may be. We will encourage their interests and nurture their natural curiosities. They will be loved unconditionally and be taught that anything is possible in life. We will help them discover who they are and guide them along the way.

We thank you for reviewing our profile. We hope to hear from you!

WITH LOVE,

Kayla + Jody



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