

MELISSA & CHRIS

*our
adoption journey*





ABOUT US

We are an optimistic couple who enjoys experiencing life together as a TEAM! We love dancing at weddings, hosting dinner parties, gardening, and playing card and dice games. When we travel to see friends and family, we often explore the local culture, including food, churches, and history. We also intentionally carve out time not to be busy and treat ourselves to PJ nights on the couch watching This Is Us and eating pizza. Melissa is a second grade teacher and has wanted a big family since she was 12. Her passion in education and interest in child development has been a blessing. Chris is an IT specialist at a well-recognized children's hospital. He finds it very fulfilling to support the mission of treating children with life-threatening diseases and knowing he can be used as an instrument in the organization.

OUR HOME & PET

Our home is a two-story, open-layout home with three bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a bonus room. We live in a quiet, diverse neighborhood with residents of all races, ages, religions, and lifestyles. We have a black Lab, Luna. She is well behaved with our two-year-old nephew and has never been aggressive toward any other person or dog. We love throwing her frisbee and taking her on long walks. We love the house we've turned into a home. The walls that encompass us are filled with memories of the past with room for future hopes and dreams. Our hearts are happiest when our families are all together in our home, laughing about family stories, eating good food, and making new memories



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We have attempted becoming pregnant with fertility treatments, endometriosis surgeries, and fertility medicines and have not been successful. We have always had an open mind about adoption. Even before we were married, we discussed our ideals of how many children we thought we'd like to have and our openness to adoption. We know a few friends and family members who have been adopted or have adopted children into their families. Their stories are inspirational, and we are enthusiastic with the thought of making a positive impact in a child's life. We always knew we wanted to adopt in growing our family, and we've put our trust in God as we enter into this journey.



our
PHOTOS



more about **CHRIS**

Occupation: Sr. Information Technology Specialist

Education: College - 2 years

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Catholic

Food: BBQ

Hobby: Lawn care, technology projects

Musical Group: Thomas Rhett

Movie: Top Gun

Holiday: Christmas

TV Show: Wheel of Fortune, NCIS

Subject in School: Geography

Book: Left Behind series



more about **MELISSA**

Occupation: Teacher- 2nd Grade

Education: Master's

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Catholic

Food: Anything dark chocolate

Hobby: Crafting, calligraphy

Musical Group: Casting Crowns

Movie: The Wizard of Oz

Holiday: Easter, Christmas

TV Show: This is Us, Friends

Subject in School: Phonics

Book: Charlotte's Web, The Shack

our EXTENDED FAMILY



We are close to our immediate families both in geography and relationships. Melissa talks to her sister daily about life experiences and reminisces about their childhood. Melissa's younger brother lives in another state, but the family FaceTimes with him. Melissa has a wonderful relationship with her parents. They live nearby, and we both enjoy accompanying them on their boat and having family dinners at least once a week.



All members of Melissa's immediate family are intentional, faith-filled, loud, Italian food-loving people. They take turns hosting holiday celebrations. Most of Melissa's aunts, uncles, and cousins live in the northeast, and we make an effort to be involved in each other's milestones of life.



Chris's parents are retired and travel often. We enjoy cooking out and playing cards with them. Their traditions from childhood include celebrating Christmas Eve dinner, camping in the summers, and traveling to see family. His twin brother also lives nearby. They both enjoy working on building projects and landscaping. Chris also has a younger sister who recently moved out of state. Chris's family is very easygoing and makes time to see each other.



DEAR *expectant mother*



To A Loving Mother,

Wow! It is exciting to write you this letter! We believe there aren't enough positive words in the world to describe how we feel about mothers who choose adoption for their child. You specifically have been in our thoughts and in our prayers for a very long time! First and foremost, we acknowledge and are utterly enamored by the fact that you are a beautiful child of God. You have chosen life for your child! What an incredibly loving and selfless act!

We believe there is a reason God has led you to us. We know there are many reasons a mother would choose adoption for her child. Whatever brought you to this decision, we want to support and respect you in this process. This is such a monumental decision for you to entrust a precious life to a family who so badly wants to have children but can't. Both of our stories are the sum of indescribable moments that led us both here.

At your desire, we would embrace the opportunity to meet you! It is our intention to offer our openness, transparency, and authentic selves to you. Above all, our ultimate goal in adoption is to be the most loving and welcoming parents possible. We recognize that adoption is not just receiving a child but a lifelong journey to form a child into the best version of themselves.

With Love,

Melissa and Chris



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