# Kristina & Marcus-



**OUR ADOPTION JOURNEY** 





### **ABOUT US**

We are Marcus and Kristina. We met in middle school, became best friends, and have been married for ten years! We have two amazing children, Logan and Madilyn. We both love to travel, so when we were presented with the opportunity to live abroad for 18 months in Germany, we went for it! We loved being able to expose our children to new cultures and new foods, and we all came away with a new excitement for adventure. Kristina is outgoing, kind, and compassionate. She spends her free time planning fun activities, exercising, reading, and volunteering. She has a degree in the healthcare field but is currently a stay-at-home mom with a flexible job as a travel agent. Marcus is hardworking, reliable, and loving. As a director, he excels at connecting with and leading others. He loves to cook, go camping and kayaking, and cheer on his favorite sport's teams!

### **OUR HOME & PET**

We love our home! It's situated in a quiet, rural neighborhood with walking trails and playgrounds. Inside, our kids love to play with all of their favorite toys in their playroom as well as cuddle up with us on the couch to read books. Outside, there is plenty of grass to run around in, a swing set for playing, and vegetables growing in our garden. The elementary school is just a short walk away. We have a fantastic community with neighbors who are our close friends. The kids love riding bikes and scooters with the other kids up and down the sidewalks in front of our house! We have a nine-year-old Yorkie-bichon mix dog named Ace. He loves playing fetch with his favorite green ball, going for walks, snuggling, and sharing lots of kisses!



### **OUR ADOPTION STORY**

Both of our lives have been touched by adoption. Kristina was adopted by her father at a very young age, and two of Marcus's close relatives were adopted. We have both seen firsthand that love is what makes a family. After having our son, our circumstances would not allow us to have another biological child, so we began our first adoption journey, which led to the greatest blessing we could imagine: adopting our daughter! We are both very close to our siblings and wanted our children to have that same special connection growing up. They absolutely adore each other! Our hearts and home are open and ready to welcome another child into our lives through adoption!





# OUR PHOTOS



















## MORE ABOUT KRISTINA

OCCUPATION: Stay-at-home mom/travel agent

EDUCATION: Master's degree

RACE: Caucasian

**RELIGION:** Christian

**SPORT:** Football, baseball

FOOD: Seafood, sweets

**HOBBY:** Running, organizing, listening to podcasts

**TRADITION:** Baking Christmas cookies

DREAM VACATION: Australia & New Zealand

**HOLIDAY:** Thanksgiving

TV SHOW: Friends

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Biology



## MORE ABOUT MARCUS



**OCCUPATION:** Corporate director

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree

RACE: Caucasian

**RELIGION:** Christian

**SPORT:** Football, soccer

FOOD: Tacos

HOBBY: Cooking, camping, kayaking

TRADITION: Cutting down our Christmas tree

**DREAM VACATION:** Iceland

**HOLIDAY:** Christmas

TV SHOW: The Office

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Math

## OUR **FAMILY**





Family means everything to us. Because we both grew up in the same small town, we have the luxury of nearly all of our family coming together easily. Marcus comes from a large family with lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Kristina comes from a slightly smaller family and is fortunate to have two living grandmothers in addition to aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Every holiday is filled with lots of laughter, storytelling, and home-cooked meals. We grew up celebrating every birthday and holiday with our families, and we've always wanted to provide that same upbringing for our children. Both of Marcus's brothers and their wives have children, so on his side of the family, there are currently six cousins aged one to nine. Every gathering is full of lots of running, playing, and giggling! Both sets of grandparents will drop anything to help us out and to spend time with their grandchildren. Our parents and siblings are so excited to welcome another precious blessing into their lives!





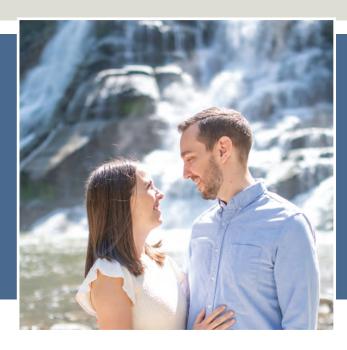








## DEAR **EXPECTANT MOTHER**



#### To A Loving Mother,

We know this is one of the most difficult decisions you will ever have to make. We are beyond grateful to be considered to love and cherish your precious child. Growing up, we were both touched personally by adoption, and with the firsthand experience walking through the journey that led to our daughter, we know adoption is an unbelievably selfless act of love from a mother.

There has always been one thing that gives both of us purpose in life: being parents. We love our children more and more each day, and these last several years have been the best of our lives. We've dreamed since the day we were married of hearing our three children giggling together and building relationships that will endure. Your child will be welcomed into a home that is filled with unconditional love, laughter, and joy.

We strive to provide a variety of new experiences for our children to grow through reading, coloring, playtime, and extracurricular activities such as gymnastics, swimming, and soccer. On our weekends at home, we enjoy trips to the zoo, going to local festivals, and lots of visiting with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins! We love adventure and exploring new places, so we plan many fun weekends and vacations away throughout the year to travel. We can't wait to shower a sweet new addition to our family with our love and affection, meet their needs and protect them, and watch them go wherever their dreams may take them.

With Love.

Kristina and Marcus

