

# Kristin & John



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# Dear Birth Mother



Our names are Kristin and John, and we want to adopt a child.

We are writing to you to tell you how very excited we are to be prospective parents, as well as to share with you a little bit about ourselves, our life, and our values.

To start, we never really imagined ourselves writing an adoption letter. This is a new experience for us, and we recognize that adoption may be a new experience for you too. We also respect that this may be a difficult, uncertain time for you.



After you read about us, we're hopeful that we might have a chance to learn about you too. We'd love to talk with you and hear your thoughts on open adoption. We're hopeful that we might be able to spend a little time with you. We're hopeful that we may start this journey together.

# Our Story



We met ten years ago, working side-by-side, answering phones and talking to teachers at a small educational publisher. After a year of friendship, we ventured on our first date which included a summer evening, a picnic, outdoor music, and a lot of warm thoughts about our future.

Since that special night, we can proudly say that we have been happily married for five wonderful years. We settled into a cozy Chicago bungalow, and built lives that we cherish. Most importantly, we enjoy time with our families.

Our four nieces continue to amaze us: Analeise (14), Erin (8), Taylor (7), and Kendall (2). We are often in the company of our supportive parents and three siblings. And, before he went off to the University of Iowa, you would find us on the week-ends spending quality time with Connor (18). Connor is John's son and Kristin's amazing step-son. We are so lucky to have him in our lives.

We also enjoy reading, grilling out on the back deck, dancing on our living room rug, and watching movies. We appreciate taking time to walk in our local forest preserve or the beautiful park down the street from our home. We spend time with great friends and neighbors. Most importantly, we take time to talk to each other and care for one another.

While we have so much joy in our lives and so much to be thankful for, we would like to build a family, plain and simple. What we assumed would be easy and natural after our marriage has in fact been a challenging time in our lives. After several failed fertility attempts, we have chosen to adopt.

And that feels right. With four adopted children in our extended family, a fifth international adoption on the way, and lots of friends who have adopted or are adopting, we feel that life is pointing us in this powerful direction.





## More about Kristin

I was raised in the Chicago suburbs, the first child of two really devoted parents. A brother, Scott, joined our family a few years later. As a child, we spent oodles of time with extended family including grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Soccer, piano, and church activities were the highlights of my early years. I eventually attended the University of Illinois and majored in English before heading off to find a job in Chicago. With my passion for reading, I've made a career out of working with books and teachers. I currently work at an educational publisher where I visit middle school and high schools and help instructors with their teaching materials.



In addition to my work life, I love knitting, travelling, book club, taking dance class at the gym, and hanging out with friends and family. I enjoy spending time with my parents who live nearby (and now are doting grandparents). Likewise, we spend time with my brothers, nieces, and cousins - all who live in the area. Religion continues to play a role in my life and I frequently attend services at a neighborhood church.

I also really love spending time with my husband. John is affectionate, full of light, upbeat, and my best friend. He makes me laugh as well as makes great homemade pizza and chocolate chip cookies. Most importantly, I know my husband to be a really outstanding father and great with children. It's one of the reasons why I married him! It would be a shame if I didn't mention how Connor, as the Best Man at our wedding, shared in his speech how his father always took good care of him. There wasn't a dry eye in the room! And feel free to ask any niece, Uncle John is the family favorite.

As a mother, I can tell you that I would give it my all. I'd like to raise a child with a lot of opportunities for creativity, spirituality, warmth, and family. Of course, I'd love to raise a child with a lot of books, hot cocoa, and trips to the library! I'm really excited to experience motherhood. Good things are coming.





## More about John

It's always difficult to talk about yourself, but I'll give it a shot. I was born in California and moved to New York with my family as a young child. I have a sister Joanne and a brother Andrew, and most of my extended family lived in New York at the time. I have really great memories of my 15 or so aunts and uncles and my 30 or so cousins spending our holidays, birthdays, and any-excuse-for-a-get-together days together. These wonderful experiences bonded us as a family, and showed me how much love we all have to give.



We moved to the western suburbs of Chicago when I was a teenager, then I went back east to go to college at the University of Massachusetts. I originally intended to be a captain of finance, but most of those people rubbed me the wrong way, so I got into educational publishing. That was a pretty easy step. Many of my relatives are teachers, and I was brought up to believe that education was one of the most important things in life.

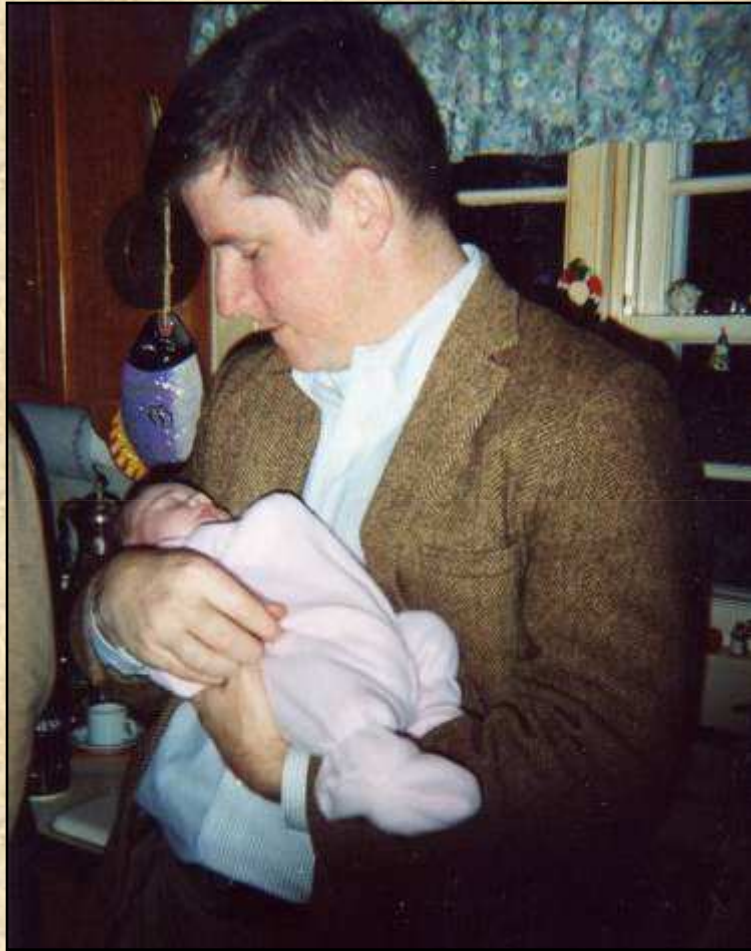
In 1991 I was blessed with a wonderful son, Connor. He is a terrific young man, currently at the University of Iowa studying Journalism. I could not be prouder of anything I have ever done than to see how he has turned out.

Kristin was another blessing that came into my life. I knew from the day we met that I wanted to have her in my life. As our relationship developed, and I saw just how open and caring Kristin is, especially to my son Connor, I knew that she and I would be together for a lifetime.

I enjoy cooking, reading, music, and dancing. I especially love the theatre and am a board member of a local small theatre group.

Kristin and I often look for new and different events and places. I see so much in her that is complementary to me and so much that is similar. We both love to read, but read different things. We both love music, but love different types. Kristin has always been such a great example to me of stretching boundaries, of trying new things, of taking chances while still keeping her feet firmly planted.





**When I think of all the points in my life—the good and the bad—I can say without hesitation that the greatest times were spent with the children that surround us. My son, my nieces, my cousins have all brought me so much joy. More importantly, I realize that I still have a boatload of joy to share, and would love to share it. If I was to boil my life down to three words, I can earnestly say that I am blessed.**

## Our Promise



In terms of raising a child, we both feel strongly about providing a home in which he or she can laugh, feel safe, learn, and love. We also both feel strongly about providing a community of family, faith, and friendship. We'd like to raise a child who believes in him or herself and is good to others. And we'd like you to be a part of it all, if you wish.

We both feel ready to be proud parents, and we know that Connor would be a supportive and loving older brother.

We would love to talk with you, and discuss an adoption plan that would work for all of us.

Please call us at [800.508.6499](tel:800.508.6499)  
or you can contact Maggie Benz, our adoption counselor at [800.869.1005](tel:800.869.1005)  
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We hope there's a special reason  
that this letter has found its way you.

Warmest wishes and we hope to hear from you,  
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