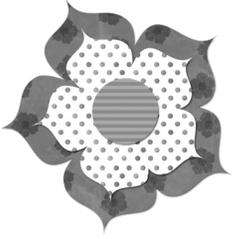


# Lesley & Kimberly



We are hoping to open our hearts and home to a new addition and complete our family.

We live in a wonderfully diverse suburban community, packed with kids from 300 thriving families. We spend most days outside swimming at the subdivision pool, playing with the neighborhood children in our backyard playground, riding bikes, and walking to the park nearby.

Our large and local extended family includes both sides of grandparents, 11 nieces and nephews, and more than 100 cousins, who are very close and get together quite frequently. We love to entertain family and friends, inviting them over for barbecues, swim parties, outdoor movie nights, talent shows and holiday dinners numerous times each year. It is a family tradition to go all out for the holidays and we spend several days decorating our home to create spectacular seasonal themes for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Fourth of July, and Easter.

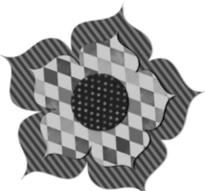
One of our greatest passions is travel. Our daughter Sienna has already been to 17 different states and 3 different countries. Lesley is a gourmet cook and a big soccer fan and still plays as an adult. Sienna is active in soccer, swimming, skiing and gymnastics. Kimberly enjoys playing most sports, and in her free time likes to sew, garden, exercise, and remodel our home. When we are not busy, we relax in front of a roaring fire and watch movies or play board games as a family.

Lesley is a writer and loves his job. Kimberly is in software sales and has been with the same company for 20 years. Kimberly works from home, has the flexibility to make her own schedule and be available for the family. She also gets involved in a lot of afterschool activities, including being a co-leader of a Girl Scout Troop and volunteer for school and neighborhood fundraisers and events.

We want your pregnancy to be safe and comfortable for you. And, we want you to know we will welcome this new baby into our home with open arms and shower our children with love, caring and happiness. We intend to raise them with strong moral values and encourage their thirst for knowledge. We will provide them with the absolute best education and the strongest, most loving family life imaginable. We can't wait to meet you!

Sincerely,

Lesley, Kimberly and Sienna



# Fun Family Facts



Family vacation to the White House



Balloon Glow with Grandma Barbie and Aunt Judy

## Views on Adoption

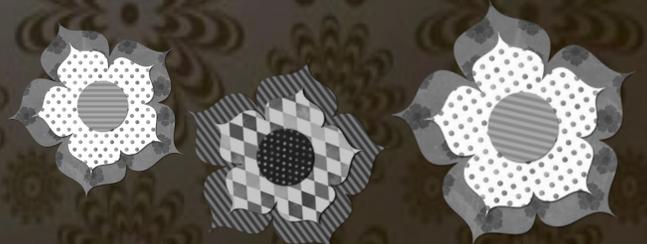
Making an adoption plan is a huge decision and we admire your strength. Your child will know how you wanted to give them the best life possible. We are open to discussing what adoption might look like together and hope to develop an adoption plan and relationship that feels comfortable for all of us. As your child grows, we would love to exchange letters and pictures. We have learned that celebrating adoption can be done through many avenues like celebrating heritage, writing letters, meeting with other children who are adopted and most of all, ongoing communication. We are ready to provide a happy home, a stable, loving family and a wealth of opportunity. We wish you the best as you make this important decision and look forward to meeting you in person and learning more about you.



Sienna and her cousins playing with their American Girl Dolls

## Child Care Plans

Kimberly's job is very flexible in allowing her to work from home. In addition, we will have grandparent helpers or hire a nanny like we did with Sienna for additional support.



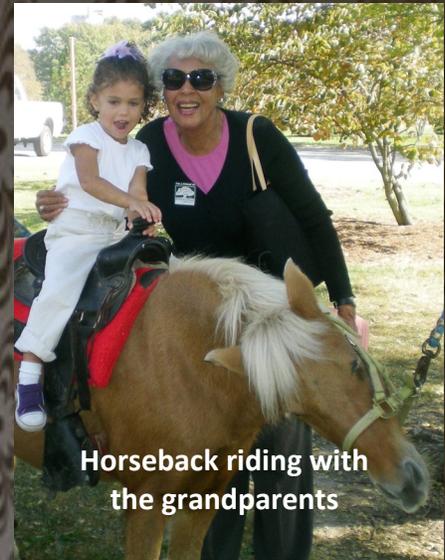
## Views on Parenting, Education & Discipline

Our role models and philosophy about marriage come from both sets of parents. Lesley's parents have been married for almost 58 years and mine have been married for more than 45 years. We learned from them that there will be ups and downs, but how you handle those times is what's important. We wanted children from the first day. Our daughter Sienna was born in 2007, and we always wanted her to have a sibling. We have tried every avenue and even suffered a miscarriage. We have friends and family who have adopted children and we've been inspired by their positive experiences. We are excited to take this journey with you! We understand that no two children are alike. We plan to be open minded and flexible to the personality of this little one. We spend a lot of time talking as a family; most nights we have a fun family dinner and talk about our positive and negative experiences in order to keep a strong family bond and emotional connection.



### Family Life

We are very blessed with an extremely large family. Both of us feel family is the most important thing to appreciate and celebrate. We have both sets of grandparents and most of the aunts, uncles and cousins are local to the area and we love to get together often. Both sides bring very unique stories to the lively family conversations. The time we spend together with our family is a priority. Your child will also be a part of a close extended family who are eager to welcome a new family member with open arms.



Horseback riding with the grandparents

### Disney Vacation with Family!



Hanging out with Grandparents, Aunts and Cousins!

## Religious Life

We have both grown up with religion in our life. We do not attend Church on an ongoing weekly basis but do encourage faith and religion in our home. Every dinner is started with a prayer by Sienna, this past summer Sienna attended church camp and Kimberly and Lesley have attended monthly marriage communication sessions through the local church.



Celebrating Diversity Day!



The entire family loves sports. Sienna plays goalie for her team!



## Our Home

We absolutely love our home and our neighborhood. Our home has 4 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, sits on an acre with a park like backyard for playing. We have a great support system that helps out when we need a favor, a ride, a babysitter or to set up a play date. There are numerous activities throughout the year, including pool parties, barbecues, parades, dances and swim meets.



## Diversity

We love to experience new cultures, their outlook and perspective, so we can truly embrace the diversity and pass this knowledge onto our children. We have done tremendous research to make sure we have diversity in our schools, neighborhood and every day family life.

Sienna asked at a early age, questions about Kimberly's freckles and Lesley's brown skin and her curly hair. We make sure we have ongoing conversations about how to raise her with a positive sense of identity and self worth to help her understand her bi-racial background.