

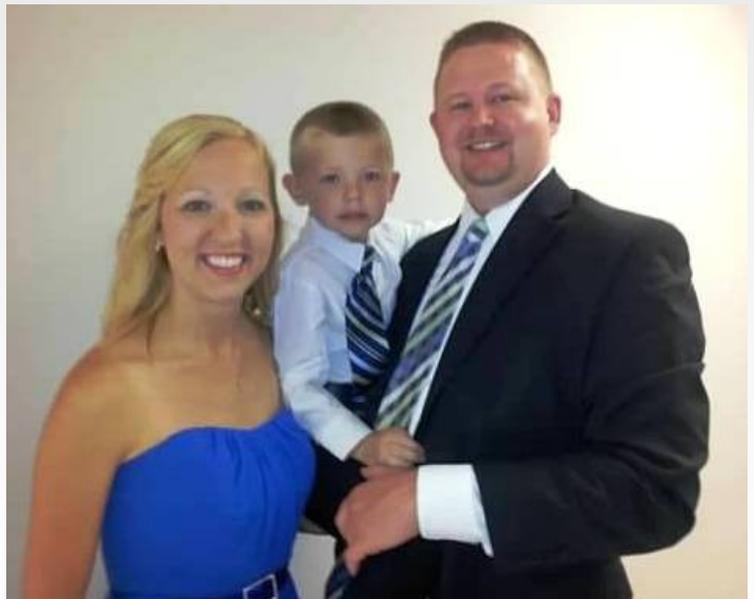
Rich & Kristin

Dear Birth Parents,

It is with great honor that we are writing to you. We want you to know how much we admire and respect your strength and the selfless love you have in considering an adoption plan. You and your baby are already in our hearts and prayers. We thank God for you and pray for the journey you are on. We believe that God has plans for you, your baby, and us; He has led us all to this point in the adoption journey.

We would be honored for the opportunity to share a little bit about ourselves and our family. We have a strong, fun-loving, and faith-filled marriage. We have a strong, healthy son who can't wait to be a big brother. We feel so blessed to be his parents and feel equally blessed for the opportunity to grow our family through adoption. We promise to raise our children in a safe, secure, and Christian home. We will do everything we can to provide every opportunity possible for our children. We believe faith, family, and education are the most important qualities we can instill in them and will encourage each child to reach for their dreams.

With gratitude and love,
Rich and Kristin



Fun Family Facts

Views on Adoption

We are so thankful for adoption, as it has had such a wonderful and positive impact for our family. Rich's sister has a daughter that was placed with an adoptive family 27 years ago. She has had a wonderful life and is now a pharmacist. She and Rich's sister have been in contact with each other for several years and are building a beautiful relationship. Kristin has family members who have adopted children from China and Russia and feel so incredibly blessed to embrace the girls and their culture and heritage.

We are also thankful for you and your baby. We want to assure you that we are willing to be as open as you feel comfortable. We feel it is important for a child to know all that they can about who they are. We want to provide our children with as many opportunities as possible. We believe that adoption is the way that God has planned for us to grow our family. We want to be an example to our children of how to become responsible, loving, and compassionate adults.

Openness

We want to be as open as you would like for this adoption to be. We want you to feel comfortable with your decision. We are willing to be open to letters, pictures, and possible visits.



Our biological son, Will



Our wedding day

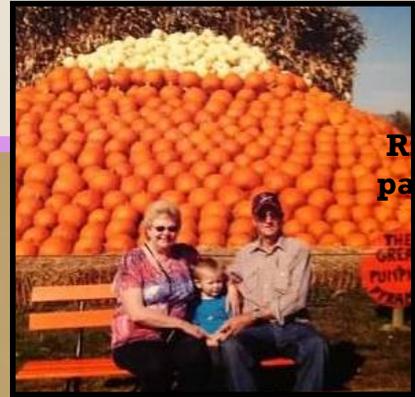


Views on Parenting, Education & Discipline

We are educators and feel that education is very important. We want to instill the desire to learn in our children. As parents, we feel that is one of the most important qualities we can teach our children. We take our role as parents very seriously. We want our children to understand the expectations we have for them and that some actions have consequences. We will guide our children to have self-control and to set expectations and goals for themselves. We provide a safe, structured, yet very loving home. We want our children to know they are loved, and know how to love others.



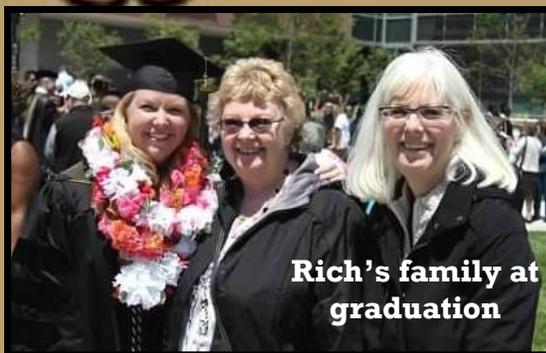
Kristin's brother and sister-in-law



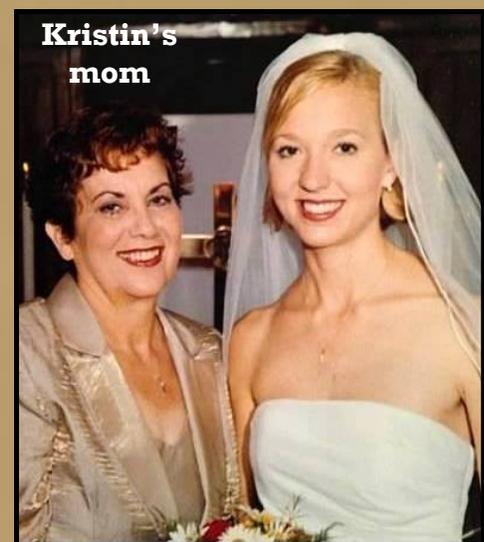
Rich's parents

Family Life

We are so excited to grow our family through adoption. We have so much love to share and Will is ready to be a big brother! We truly love to do things together as a family. We celebrate holidays, birthdays, and lots of other special times in between. We love to be with our extended families, too. Kristin's family lives close by with small children who are wonderful cousins to play with. Rich's family lives a couple hours away, but we still get to spend great family time together. We like to plan special days or family nights to create special memories to last a lifetime.



Birthday dinner with family



Religious Life

We believe God planned for us to be a family. Our faith is a huge part of our life. We feel that the most important thing we will ever do is pass on the example of our relationship with Jesus Christ to our children. We attend a United Methodist church weekly and are involved in many activities with the church. We pray together, read the Bible together and hope to lead our children into a life with Christ.



Child Care Plans

Kristin will stay home for several weeks after our child comes home. Once back to work, our child will have private, in-home child care. We were blessed with a wonderful in-home sitter for Will, and we have already begun the selection process to make sure the provider will be a good match for us. We will interview child care providers to make sure they are equipped for young children, are caring, nurturing, and will provide a safe learning environment. Fortunately, we have many breaks throughout the school year, including summer break, and will be enjoying those times with our children.



Our Home

We live on a quiet street with lots of beautiful trees. We have a large yard with lots of room to play. Our house has 3 bedrooms, a full basement, and a large deck. We enjoy sitting out on the deck year round. We have wonderful neighbors who are always extending friendship.

