

Rob, Kate, & Sam



Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to look at our profile. We are keenly aware of the enormous decision that you are in the process of making. We pray that you feel supported and loved as you grapple with the unknown. Both of our families are built on a legacy of adoption. Kate's older brother and sister were adopted; only later did her mom give birth to her and her sister. Rob's family has a legacy of adoption as well, as his grandfather grew up in an orphanage in northern Missouri and was adopted as a young child.

When Kate was 15, her mom remarried and we gained a step-brother and a step-sister. They are every inch her *sister* and *brother*. In both of our experience, blood ties do not necessarily create family. Love does. Love and a commitment and sharing a life together.

Not only are we eager to welcome a baby, but our friends, family, and community are as well. We are careful with promises because promises are sacred and we take them very seriously.

With that said, we promise your baby will be raised, supported, cradled, and surrounded by an abundance of love and unconditional acceptance. We absolutely cannot wait to meet you, if you so desire. And in the meantime, we light a candle and pray for you and baby each night. You have our deepest respect, our love, and our admiration. Godspeed until we meet.

With only love,

Kate, Rob, and Sam



Our Adoption Journey

We have **always** wanted to adopt. When Kate was young and daydreaming about building her own family, adoption was ***always*** a part of the dream. In Kate's world, with her older siblings having been adopted and me and her younger sister having been birthed into Kate's family, this is how families were built..

When Rob and I were dating, we talked about both adoption and pregnancy. Both. Not either or, but Both/And.

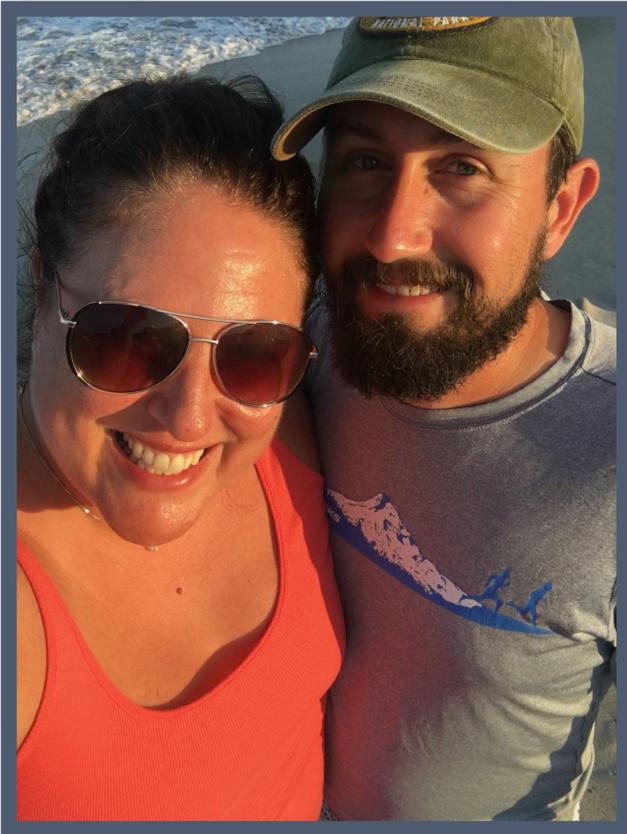
When I was pregnant with Sam, I discovered that we were both positive for the breast & ovarian cancer gene (BRCA-1).

I chose to have surgery wholly and confidently. Today, Kate's chances of having breast or ovarian cancers are 1%.

We are fully ready and ripe with excitement and anticipation to adopt. Sam is excited, too! He wants to be a big brother!



About Us



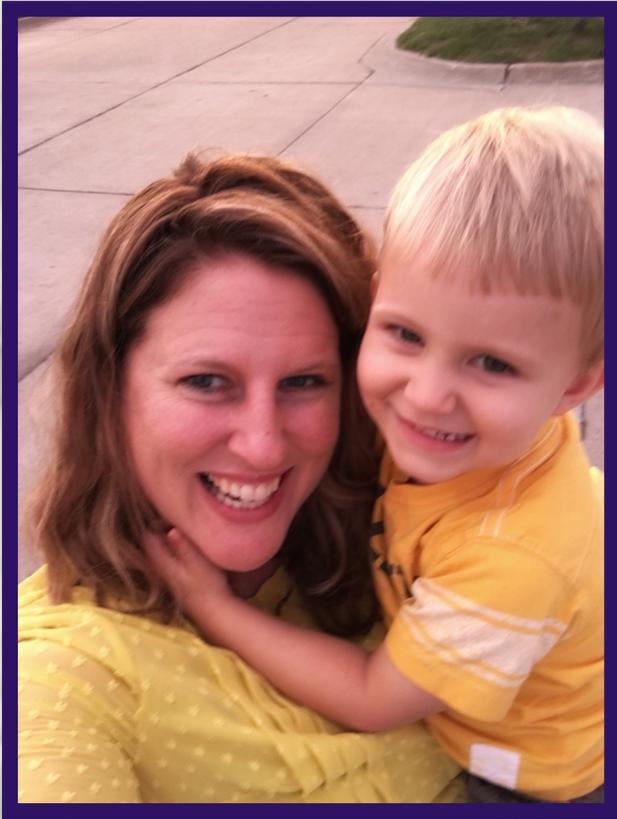
We have been married since 2002 and greet each new year with joy. Our marriage is extremely strong and loving. We have a five year old son, Sam and will start kindergarten in the fall. He's bright, funny, outgoing, and super smart, and is excited to become a big brother.

Family Life: Our life is centered around time spent with Sam and with one another. Home has our heart & we value down-time there to read, rest, play, create, bake & cook.

Religion: Rob and I are Christians. We both grew up in the Methodist Church and we currently worship and participate in parish life at a Disciples of Christ Church. We attend church often and participate in service. We love celebrating the holidays and participating in the family-friendly traditions at our church.



A little about Kate...



written by Rob

She is warm, loving, empathetic and has a soul of pure joy. Kate loves being a mom & cherishes her friends & family. She loves nature, reading, writing, & family traditions. She loves to serve others & also takes self-care seriously & loves to dance it up at jazzercise! She enjoys time with her local sis and going to coffee shops. Water is her love language: swimming, the ocean & lake.

A little about Rob...

written by Kate

He is patient, attentive, kind, loyal, funny and smart. If the world were filled with Robs, it would be a more loving & gentle place. He's a dedicated & deeply present father and husband. His family has his heart. He loves the lake & water sports. He loves Star Wars & having light-saber battles with Sam. He's an avid reader, a 3rd generation journalist, a biker & a history buff.

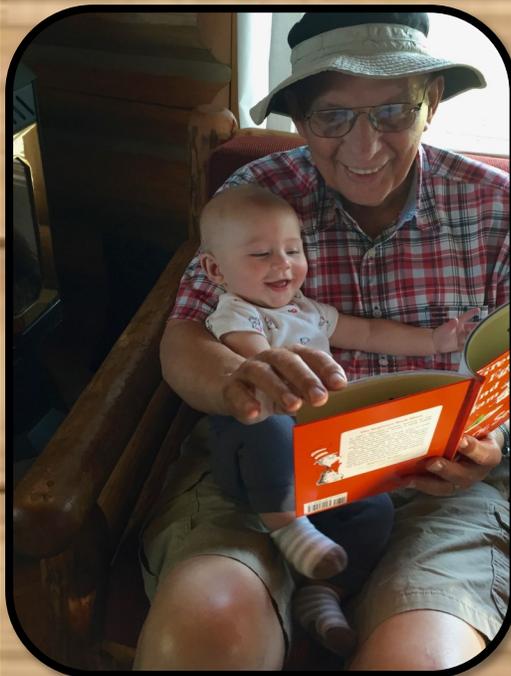


Our Home



Our home is a three-bedroom ranch home with a big corner yard in a cul-de-sac that's perfect for biking and scooting. We keep a small vegetable garden and spend time in the yard whenever possible.

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We live less than a mile from Rob's parents, two miles from Kate's sister and her big family, and a mile and a half from Kate's stepfather who's an active parent and grandparent in our lives.

FAMILY

Favorite Colors:

Rob: Red and gold

Kate: Green and ocean blue



Occupation:

Rob: IT professional, teaches web design

Kate: Licensed professional counselor, runs a wellness collective in our town

Hobbies:

Rob: Kayaking and fishing, reading about just about anything, playing/time with Sam

Kate: Doing life with our family, hiking and biking, celebrating holidays and the seasons



Fun

Facts!

Holidays

Easter is hosted at our home and the cousins have so much fun with egg hunts and bunny ears.



We spend 4th of July at the lake, watching fireworks over the water & hot summer days spent swimming.

Halloween is spent with cousins, starting at "Momo's house" with dinner and then trick-or-treating together in her neighborhood.



Thanksgiving is spent with Rob's family where "Gogo" fixes a delicious and traditional spread & Kate & Sam bake the pies.

We have 2 Christmas celebrations: one smaller one with Rob's family and then a big, boisterous one with Kate's family. We try to keep Advent filled with peace and plenty of quiet, snuggly days in front of the Christmas tree.

Openness

We feel that birth parents are sacred and to be included (as much as is emotionally and physically safe) and celebrated. We will cherish our child's birth parents. We hope to have as much openness as is possible with our birth parents and their families.



We plan on talking about our child's adoption story and their birth parents from the moment we meet him/her. This is a crucial, juicy, beautiful, sacred part of their story and we want him/her to know their story from the very beginning.

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our lives. We wish nothing but peace and happiness for you.

Our son, Sam, will be an amazing brother. He is kind. He is one of the best humans we have ever known and we love being his parents with every fiber of our beings. He was made to be a big brother and he will love, protect and lead his little sibling fiercely and loyally.