

A photograph of a young couple standing outdoors. The woman, on the left, has curly brown hair and wears glasses and a black dress with a white floral pattern. The man, on the right, has short brown hair, wears glasses, a white t-shirt, and a dark denim jacket. They are holding hands and looking at each other. In the background is a stone wall and a tree with green leaves. A green rectangular box is overlaid on the top right of the image, containing the couple's names in white text.

Blake & Kaitlyn

a note from us to you



Hello!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read about our family. We are Blake and Kaitlyn, college sweethearts from Missouri. Our favorite things are **family & fun**. We both work with middle school students - Blake is a choir director, and Kaitlyn is a school librarian. Working with kids is our passion, and we have always dreamed of having children of our own. After finding out that we would likely not be able to have biological children, we knew that we were being called to adoption. Working in public education, we teach students who come from all kinds of families, and we know that **love** is what truly makes a family complete.

We can't begin to understand the circumstances that led you to where you are now, reading this letter, but we want you to know how **grateful** we are that amazing people like you are in the world, helping create forever families. We hope to get the chance to know and love you at your comfort level, just as we will forever love the child that joins our family.

Two kids in love on our choir trip to Paris, France in 2012.



We met

in college during the first week of our freshman year. We both sang in the top choir at our college, and had the instant ability to make each other laugh. We were inseparable after that!

We got married

in 2016 with our friends and family cheering us on. We ate cupcakes, danced the night away, and spent our honeymoon in the Smoky Mountains and in Nashville, Tennessee.

We love:

- Cooking together
- Working together at the same school
- Seeing musicals
- Holiday traditions
- Slow mornings with coffee & PJs
- Home projects



About Blake

written by Kaitlyn

Blake makes every day fun. He is most in his element when he is with kids - whether that is our students or our nieces and nephews. He loves to joke and make people laugh. I often joke that my family loves him more than me, but I'm okay with that. He has a heart of gold and always tries to make people feel like they matter. Blake loves to sing and plays several instruments. He has always wanted to share music with our future child. At home, Blake is the grill master, the dish-doer, the photo guy, the handyman, the comedian, and the basketball player. I am so excited to see him as a dad!

Nail painting with our niece on her birthday.



Dressed up for a school holiday dress-up day.



Blake being his regular silly self at our trip to the aquarium.



Blake recently graduated with his Educational Doctorate!

Goofy · Talented · Creative · Kind · Determined

About Kaitlyn

written by Blake

Kaitlyn is the funniest person I know. Her wit and creativity are unmatched in my opinion. She loves to cook and try different recipes, but my favorite is when she makes curry or Mexican food. Not to mention her desserts - she can bake pretty much anything. Kaitlyn is a big reader and loves to spend time with our nieces and nephews. It's also really fun to get to go to work at the same school with Kaitlyn every day. Students tell me all the time how much she has helped them learn to love reading! I know she will make reading together with our child a priority. She will be such a fun, creative, and loving mom.



Kaitlyn loves to read and has her dream job as a librarian.



Pausing for a silly picture with our niece and nephew.



We took our niece to a chocolate factory for her birthday!



Kaitlyn and her best friend at her Master's degree graduation.

Loyal • Selfless • Crafty • Smart • Fun-Loving

Where We Live



We live in a suburb of a large city, so we are just a short drive away from restaurants, parks, stores, playgrounds, hospitals, and schools. The school where we work is in our city, and all the public schools our child will attend are within a ten minute drive of our house. This community is pretty special. It has a supportive family feel, and there are several opportunities for kids to participate in sports, drama, music, art, dance, outdoor activities, parades, and more. We also live close to several ethnic food markets, Black-owned businesses, and multi-cultural resources that will allow us to share a wide variety of cultures with our child.

**"People
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Parenting

"We believe parenting is a committed partnership that will last our entire life. We hope that our child will always know how wanted, loved, and important they are to us."

Our Family Values:

- We put family first.
- We have fun.
- We tell the truth.
- We accept each other.
- We love others.
- We keep each other safe.
- We listen before we speak.
- We help out.
- We are lifelong learners.

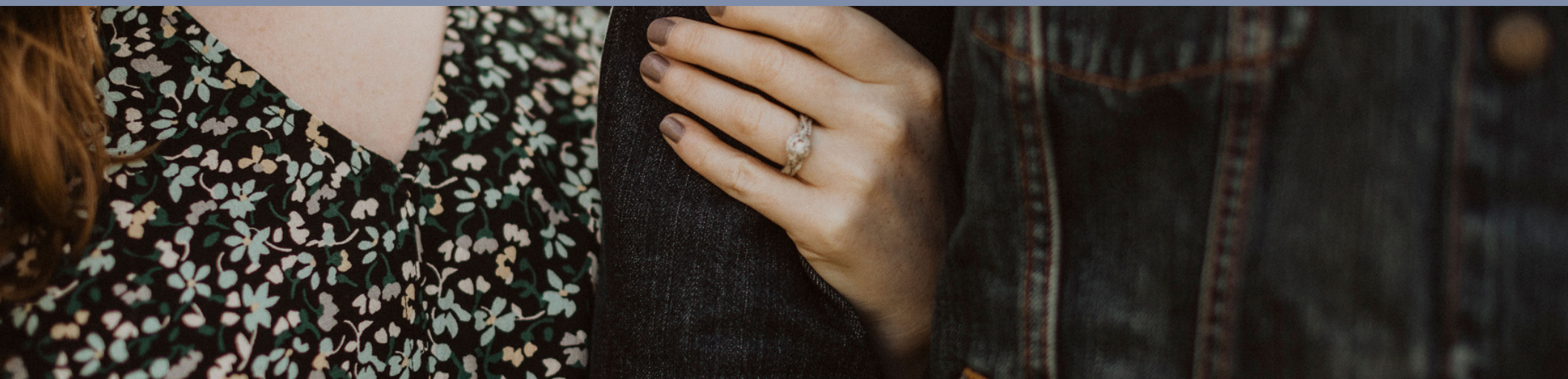
We are so excited to become parents. Raising a child is not an easy task, so we do not expect every day to be perfect. However, we know that we have the capacity to love a child as our own. We also have an amazing support system that is ready to help anytime. Blake's parents and Kaitlyn's sister live in town and have already volunteered to help with child care whenever we need it. We also qualify for parental leave from work after placement to allow time to bond and settle in.

Every adoption situation is different. It's hard to say what openness will look like for us, because we haven't gotten to meet you yet. We would love to determine a plan together that works for all of us and keeps the child's well-being at the center. We want you to feel comfortable with the arrangement, and we want our future child to know their story and who you are. We are open to sending photos, letters, videos, emails, and even scheduling occasional visits if that is something that interests you.

**We pray for
you often - for
your safety,
your peace,
your health, &
your heart.**

"Our child will know from the beginning that we chose them and their first mom chose us. We want them to know who they truly are - both ours AND yours."

Openness



Thank You

for viewing our profile!

Please let LFCS know if you would like to meet us or request more information.

