

*Dear Expectant Mother,*

*We are Kristen and Bryan. Thank you for taking the time to take a glimpse into our lives to see if we are the type of parents you want for your child. We admire your strength, courage and selflessness. We understand that reading this letter must be extremely difficult and almost unbearable for you. We want you to know that we are honest people and will be perfectly frank and honest with you in this letter and in the future.*

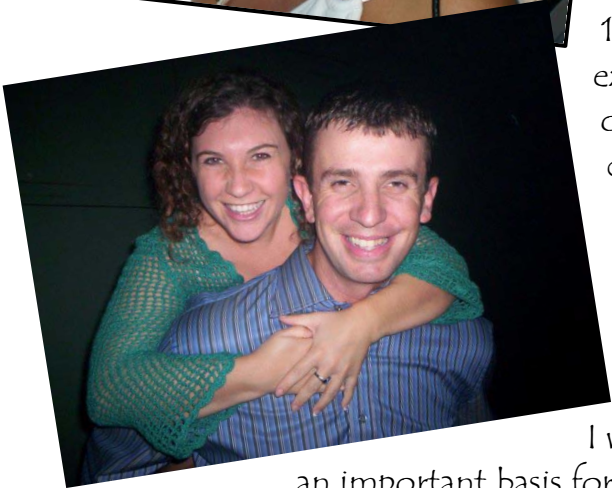
We live in a beautiful, 2 story home in the Midwest just outside a big city with our two puppies, Lily and Riley. We love the area for its small town values with big city opportunities. We have been married for over 4 years and are eagerly awaiting a child to love. We have been showered with love and support from our family and friends during the past 3 years, as we have gone through endless infertility treatments ranging from simple blood tests to invitro-fertilization. We put the medical procedures behind us when we realized that giving birth to a child is not nearly as important to us as loving and nurturing a child. We are thankful that adoption offers us that opportunity and hopeful that someone, perhaps you, will feel a connection with us and entrust her precious soon-to-be-born child in our arms and hearts. It would be the greatest gift imaginable – truly beyond what words could describe but one for which we would be eternally





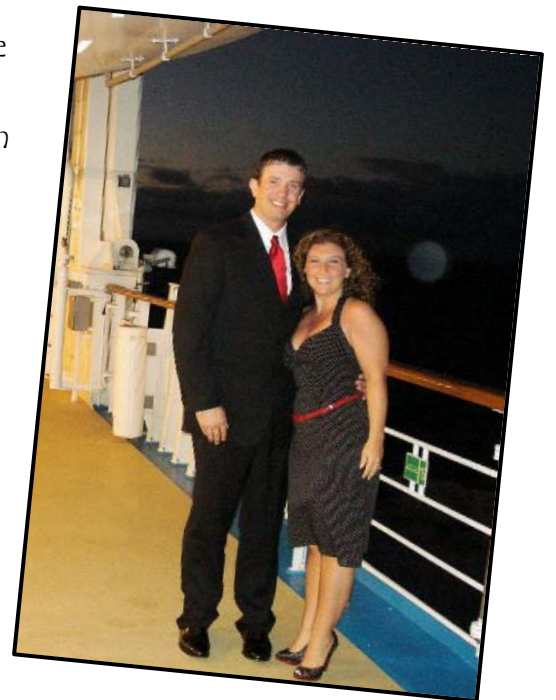
grateful and one which would be explained to your child in the kindest, most respectful, loving way we can.

Let me, Kristen, tell you a little bit about myself. I am 29 years old with curly, brown hair (when I'm not changing my color or trying out new highlights) and green eyes. I am 5'0 tall and weigh 125lbs. I have no physical health problems and exercise regularly. I do not smoke or engage in any other substances abuse. My ethnic background consists of Italian and Russian descents. I love my Italian culture and have tried to keep it alive through family recipes such as our famous spaghetti sauce and amazing Italian cookies to name just a few. Bryan and I are going to Italy this summer to really capture my Italian heritage.



I was raised as a Christian and believe that religion is an important basis for everything else in life. As a family, we attend and contribute our time to our church and its activities. However, whatever religion our future child chooses, will be his or her choice. I am a Surgical Nurse (yep that's right, just think Grey's Anatomy but without the sexcapades). To give you an idea what a surgical nurse does, I stand next to the surgeon -- Dr. McDreamy on Grey's, and help him during the surgical procedure. My favorite surgery is Open Heart. It is so amazing to watch someone hold a person's heart in their hands and give that person a second chance at life. I love what I do. However, I have always been brought up to believe that family comes before anything else. So, when the time comes for Bryan and me to be blessed with a child, I will be going down to a part-time position at work so that either Bryan or I will be home with our child.

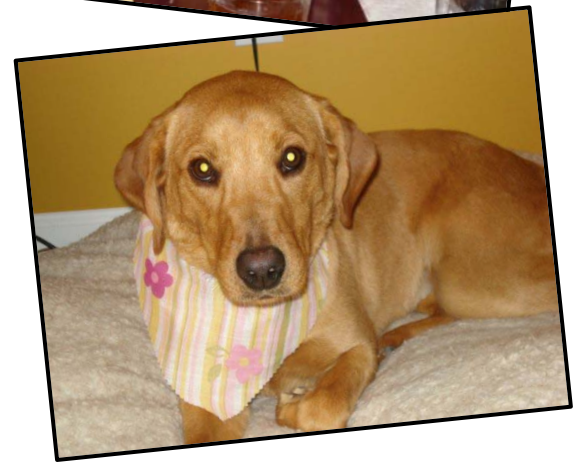
I had a wonderful childhood. My parents were amazing! I was an only child for almost 12 years until they adopted my sister through Steve and Joel Kirsh. Steve Kirsh says that makes him sound very old. I told him it just makes him very experienced! My sister and I



have had all the opportunities a parent could give their children. I was involved in Basketball (funny since I was so short), Volleyball, Softball, Figure Skating, Dance and Band. If my dad wasn't coaching my team, he and mom were in the stands cheering me on. Even though, we were a family of girls, that didn't stop my dad from introducing new "manly" activities into our lives, including his love of fishing (by the way, yes, I can bait my own hook!). Some of my favorite memories are of my dad, my uncles, and my cousins and me out on the lake fishing. I also was given the opportunity to be involved in an exchange program through school. I lived in England for a summer to learn about their culture. Ever since then, I have had a passion for travel.



In my spare time, aside from traveling, I enjoy taking walks with Bryan, Lily and Riley, golfing, watching sports, gardening, cooking, and, of course, shopping.



Bryan is not only my husband, but he is my very best friend. He is so supportive, loving, generous, patient, smart and fun! He is going to be a great father one day. The way that he gets down to his 1 year old nephew's level and talks and plays with him is priceless. It could just melt your heart! He is actually that way with our two puppies, too. He is always on the floor playing, talking and kissing them. We have two very spoiled puppies. Lily is a MalteePoo and Riley is a British Labrador. It's funny to watch them because Lily is just 10lbs but thinks that she is so ferocious and scary. Riley, on the other hand, thinks she is a lap dog and will try to sit on Bryan's lap every chance she can get. We love them so much! They are our babies! We know they will be very protective when our real baby arrives.



Well, I want you to get to know a little bit more about my better half, so I'm turning it over to Bryan.

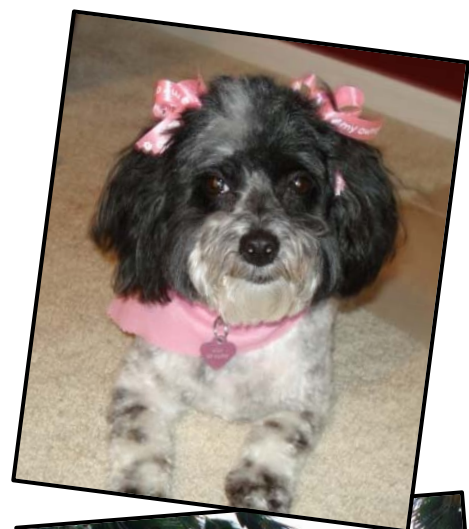
Hi, my name is Bryan. I am 34 years old with brown, wavy hair and brown eyes. I stand 6'3" tall and weigh 215lbs. I have no physical health problems. I work out daily to maintain my physical and mental health. I do not smoke or engage in any other substance abuse. My ethnic background includes German and Irish. After graduating from college, I went to work for a large multi-national Corporation. I've been with this company for 5 years and look forward to having a long future with it.

I was also raised a Christian attending mass on Sundays and going to classes to learn the history of my religion. I will work with Kristen to provide a religious environment for our family. Whatever religion our child chooses to follow, as an adult, will be his or her choice.

My upbringing was great. I grew up in a family of 3 brothers with my mom and dad. I was the middle child. I had an older brother to look up to and a younger brother to teach, protect and support. My dad worked to support our family, and my mom stayed home with us boys. All three of us were involved in every sport think of. I played Soccer, Baseball, Basketball and Football. My favorite sport to play growing up was Baseball. I was a left-handed pitcher and had colleges recruiting me to play for their schools. No

activity you could matter what I chose to do, my parents were there to support me and cheer me on. They were my biggest fans! Kristen and I will be the same type of parents to your child.

These days my favorite sport is Golf. I picked it up when I was in my early 20s and love it! When my brothers and dad go out golfing together, we end up having such a good time because either my older brother, Scott, or my dad end up missing the ball or hitting the ball



three fairways over. Let's just put it this way, "Fore!" is yelled a lot. Kristen isn't a bad golfer either. She always impresses me when we golf together. You wouldn't think that a little thing like her could hit a ball so far.

Kristen is an outgoing, bubbly, compassionate, supportive and caring wife. She is always there for me, our families and our friends. My mother and her share a close relationship that is full of respect and love for each other. Kristen is the person that everyone calls when they have something bothering them or they just need an ear to listen. When my father needed someone to take him to have a procedure done and my mom couldn't get off work, Kristen took a day off and was there by my dad's side. When her grandfather was admitted to the hospital, she dropped everything to be right there with him. Her love for her family is inspiring. Not only does she show so much support for her family and friends but to strangers alike. Being a nurse is a hard job, but she does it, and she does it well. She currently holds the title "Super Duper Star" for the most written compliments from past patients than any other nurse in her department. She is going to be the best mom! If you choose for Kristen and me to adopt your child, you can be assured that your child will be loved and cared for with all our hearts.

Not only do we have an abundance of love to give a child, but we promise to give him or her all our support and encouragement to achieve their hopes and dreams. We will provide the best education possible and help your child to develop their skills, interests and talents. If you choose us to be the parents of your child, your child will always know of the hard decision you had to make and that you made it out of love for him or her. We would be forever grateful!

We would be happy to send you letters and photos letting you know how your child is getting along if you wish. If you would like to know more about us, talk with us by telephone or meet us in person, please let Steve or Joel Kirsh know. You can reach them at 800-333-5736.

We hope to hear from you.

Warmly,

