

# CATHLEEN AND CHRIS



# HELLO!

We cannot wait for the next chapter of our lives to begin by adding you and your child to our family. Before we were ever married or began to seriously start building our family, we always talked about someday adopting. That day is here, and we are so excited to complete our family! We know this is a very important decision for you. We are open to whatever level of involvement you feel comfortable with and understand that this may change with time.

We hope that this profile will provide you a snapshot of who we are. If there is one thing we want you to remember about us, it is that we will fill our home with lots of love and laughter, and we will provide unconditional love to your child. We dream of your child achieving great things; we hope to expose your little one to as many opportunities as possible in their younger years, so he or she gains the knowledge to what path they want to choose to take in their life.



LOVE,

Cathleen and Chris

# OUR STORY

We met on New Year's Eve in 2004, at a mutual friend's party during graduate school. We were both painfully shy, but that mutual friend stepped in and pointed out that we were both editors, which gave us something to talk about! We spent the next three hours talking; a few days later, we went out for coffee. That coffee date lasted five hours until the restaurant closed. We have been married for over 11 years now and the rest is history!



# HOW WE WERE RAISED

We were both raised in hardworking families where equality and inclusion were strongly valued. Our youngest son has Down syndrome and our older son has high-functioning autism. It is very important to us that people be valued for their unique contributions they make to the world. We feel strongly that children's strengths should be celebrated and their differences should not be cause for segregation.

# WHAT CATHLEEN LOVES ABOUT CHRIS...

Chris is, quite simply, the best person I have ever met. He is the kindest person I have known and possesses a huge heart. He also makes me laugh every single day. I hit the jackpot when I met him!



# WHAT CHRIS LOVES ABOUT CATHLEEN...

Cathleen has a warm heart and a great sense of humor. She is the smartest person I know and an incredibly hard worker. She is an outstanding mother.

## THINGS WE LOVE TO DO TOGETHER

- ◆ Exploring new parks and museums
- ◆ Making big sandcastles on the beach
- ◆ Trying new restaurants, especially Mexican food
- ◆ Watching the Harry Potter movies

# MEET CATHLEEN

**Occupation:** Author & Director of Medical Outreach for a nonprofit

**Degree:** Bachelor's & Master's in English

**Siblings:** 1 older sister

**Fun Fact:** I really, really love pugs!



As a child, I was a total bookworm and played soccer for fun. As an adult, I still read a lot, but I also enjoy doing outdoor activities with our kids, such as going to the beach or the park. I love writing for my job; it is a lot of fun to research new topics. I am also a leader in educating the community about Down syndrome. It is a cause near and dear to my heart. Because I am self-employed, I get to make my own schedule. After we adopt, I plan to take a few years off to focus on our growing family.

## THINGS I LOVE

- ◆ Traveling to new places
- ◆ Eating chocolate ice cream
- ◆ Eating sushi
- ◆ Watching House Hunters



Giggles during vacationing



Play time with Zoe

# MEET CHRIS

**Occupation:** Editor

**Degree:** Bachelor's & Master's in English

**Siblings:** 1 younger sister

**Fun Fact:** I have been in 45 states!



Growing up, I loved sports, space, and dinosaurs. I played baseball and learned Taekwondo. I was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout, eventually earning my Eagle Scout. As an adult, I am active in our sons' Cub Scout pack as the Cub Master. I also love traveling and spending time with my family. I love my job as an editor because no two days are the same. I am fortunate enough to work two days a week from home, allowing me to attend any fun and important family events.

## THINGS I LOVE

◆ Eating peach pie

◆ Learning about world history

◆ Reading mystery novels

◆ Watching Star Wars

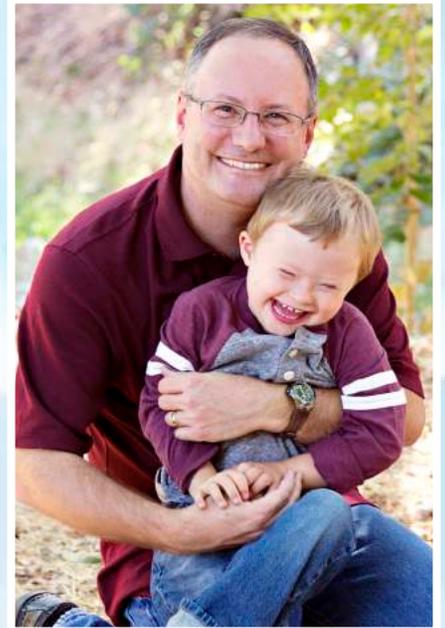


Posing before Cub Scouts



Relaxing out in the back yard

# MEET OUR SONS



## THEODORE

Theodore loves to travel, cook, and do pretty much any outdoor activity, such as hiking and horseback riding.



## SAMUEL

Samuel loves all sports, as well as cars, trucks, buses, trains, and planes. He loves hanging outdoors with Theo!

## OUR FAVORITE THING TO DO AS A FAMILY

Travel! In 2018, we took a nine-week road trip across the United States and back, visiting 29 states. We visited mountains, beaches, national parks, all five Great Lakes, and historical sites, as well as seeing friends and family across the U.S. It was an amazing trip! We road trip most years, but this was definitely our most ambitious adventure yet.

# OUR COMMUNITY

Our townhouse has a beautiful backyard. Since it overlooks a golf course, there is a lot of green grass and trees. We live in a small town close to a larger city, so we have the pleasure of enjoying small town life or big city life whenever we want. Our town is the gateway to a beautiful state park, so there is a gorgeous mountain and a lot of hiking trails in town. Our downtown is an Old West town that still has hitching posts for horses—and yes, they are occasionally still used! We love attending all the community events, such as the Christmas tree lighting, Labor Day soapbox derby, Oktoberfest, and the Fourth of July parade.



Our neighborhood



A discovery museum



A green park nearby

# OUR PUP AND KITTIES



Zoe



Isobel



Violet

We have a pug named Zoe who is very silly. Pugs are the clowns of the dog world, so she always keeps us laughing! We also have 2 cats, Violet and Isobel, who are affectionate and friendly.

# FAMILY LIFE



Smiles at Niagara Falls



Summer playtime



Beach fun at Cape Cod



Visiting friends in Tennessee



Being silly with cousins



Family reunion in Pennsylvania

# WE BELIEVE IN

- ◆ Raising your child in an open, nurturing, and loving environment.
- ◆ Teaching your child to be kind and a role-model to others.
- ◆ Being active in social programs that help people in need.
- ◆ Providing the best, inclusive education for your child.
- ◆ Fostering independence and confidence in your child.



Vacationing at Glacier National Park

# OUR PROMISE TO YOU

- ◆ We promise that your child will be loved and treated exactly as our biological sons are. To us, blood is irrelevant—families are built in the heart.
- ◆ We promise that we will fight every bit as hard for your child and promise that we will always be your child's biggest supporters and fans.
- ◆ We will help your child reach their full potential by providing your child with a quality education and encouraging them to find their own interests and develop them.
- ◆ We promise your child will be raised in a home filled with laughter and love.

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