

# Kelsey *and* Zach





Hello!  
so nice to "meet" you

**We are Kelsey & Zach**

*plus our son Lucas*

We appreciate you taking the time to read our profile book and getting to know our family, and perhaps in time we might get the chance to get to know you as well. We know that the decision you are making is unimaginably difficult, one that takes an incredible amount of courage and strength, and we have so much respect for you.

Health complications around the birth of our son have made our dream to grow our family difficult, but with adoption we are hopeful for the future. **If you feel our family could be a great fit, we promise to provide unconditional love and support to your child.** We are dedicated to having an open adoption and hope they will grow up knowing you and their story.





*"The greatest adventure is what lies ahead" – J.R.R. Tolkien*





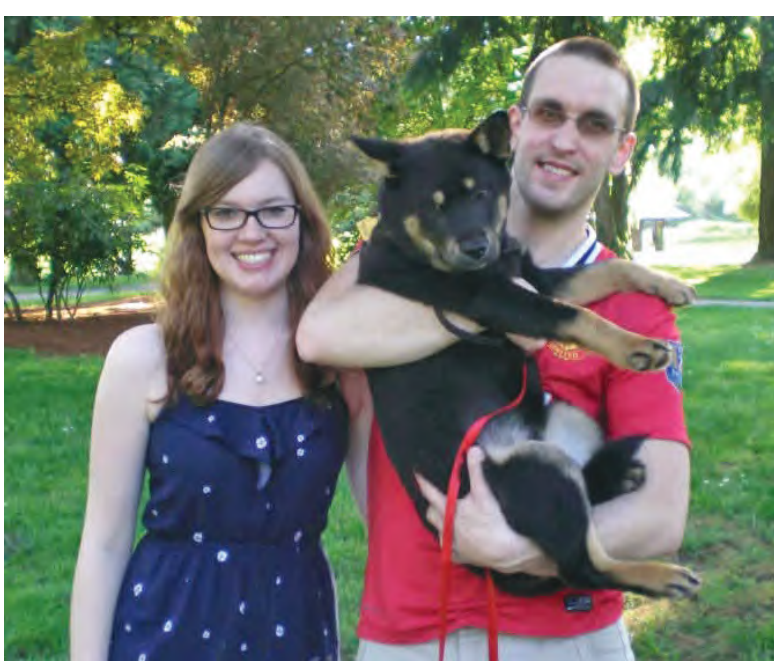
# Our Story

We went to the same college, though Zach graduated early 1.5 years ahead of Kelsey. We first met in 2009 at a Thanksmas party hosted by mutual friends Kelsey's senior year. We stayed in the area for work and ran into each other again the following summer when Kelsey graduated. We bonded over a similar taste in music, a love of cheesecake, and watching The Big Bang Theory. We went on our first official date in November 2010 and moved in together a few months later. By the time we got engaged in February 2014 (Zach proposed on Kelsey's birthday) we had already moved a few times, endured job lay offs, rescued two dogs, and been to countless family events. We were married that August at a nearby homestead and gardens surrounded by family and our closest friends, eating burgers and playing lawn games.

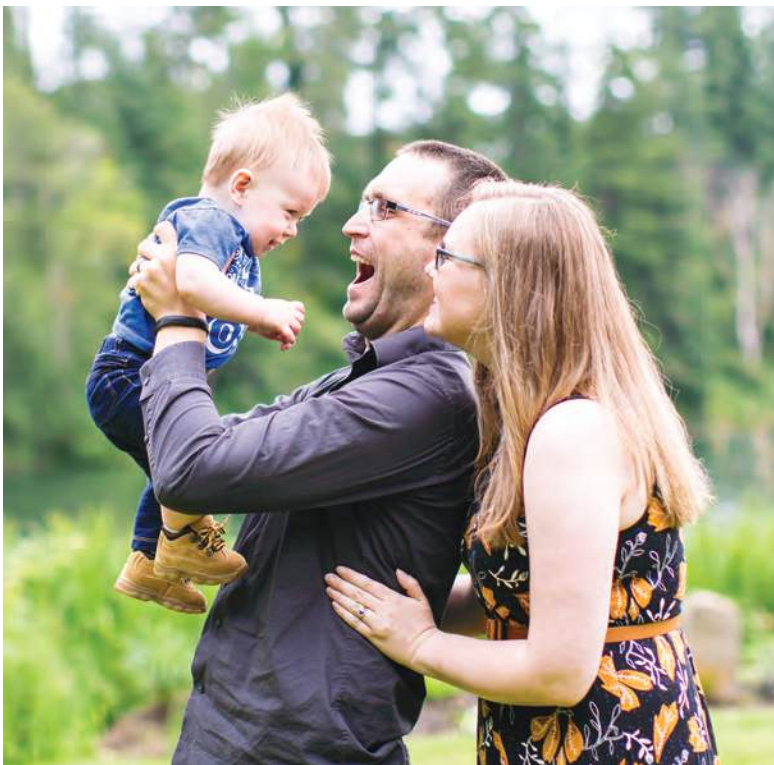
We have had our ups and downs in 10 years of marriage, but we have always been a united team. We have learned how to be better communicators and how to share responsibilities. We are always on the same page with big life decisions. **We have been great friends since the beginning, and make an effort to prioritize our relationship with each other as well as our newer roles as parents and as a family.**







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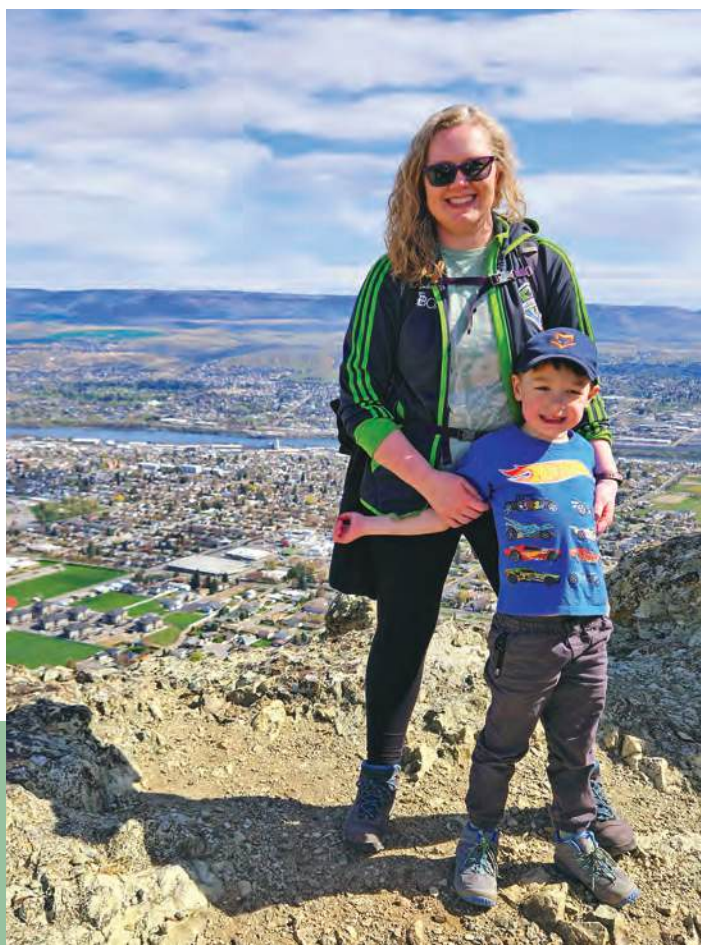
# KELSEY *(written by Zach)*

When Kelsey and I met and began to spend time together through mutual friends, I was immediately drawn to her. She was sarcastic, quick-witted and funny, and as time went on, her love, thoughtfulness and compassion shone through. I knew I was lucky to have such a wonderful person in my life, was sure she would be a wonderful mother.

Kelsey is immensely creative and talented. A graphic designer, she ran her own business designing wedding invitations for years. When our son Lucas was born, she turned those talents towards games, birthday invitations and fun arts and crafts projects, giving them all a special personal flair, full of love. She also volunteers as an art docent in Lucas' kindergarten class, planning out and teaching the kids fun ways to experience art. She is always thinking of ways to make life colorful and fun, always thinking about the next adventure, mapping out exciting family outings, spontaneous and planned.

*"I love to learn new things and tackle new challenges!"*

Kelsey really is the glue of our family. Her organization and attention to detail keep us all on track, and her passion, thoughtfulness, and adventurous spirit make life fun and vibrant, and our home a wonderful place for Lucas (and hopefully another child) to grow up.



*Kelsey & Lucas on a hike with friends in central Washington.* ➡





← Kelsey teaching an art lesson to Lucas' kindergarten class.



## KELSEY'S *Fun Facts and Favorites*



Works as a  
Chiropractic  
Assistant  
(8+ years)



Loves  
huckleberry  
milkshakes &  
dark chocolate



Favorite  
season is  
summer



Grows a  
vegetable  
garden  
every year



Wants to  
visit every  
National  
Park



Passionate  
about baking  
& cooking





# ZACH *(written by Kelsey)*

Zach was going through a rough patch when we first began spending time together and was a bit reserved, but even so, his genuine, joyful nature is what first caught my attention. He has a smile that's so big it crinkles his eyes, he laughs out loud, and is excited to try new things or share his passions with others.

Zach is not only my best friend, but our son's as well. He is always willing to go along with our plans, whether it's playing another round of soccer or basketball in the backyard, a spur-of-the-moment day trip, being challenged to a foam sword fight, or going on a big road trip (and he makes the best music playlists!)

Zach is the most active, hard-working person I know. He has been a pest control technician for over 12 years and spends most of his work day walking. He trains year-round for an annual 25K run he participates in with his younger brother and their childhood friend and spends the rainier months on his bike trainer. I joke that every now and then he needs to power down when he takes a rare impromptu nap.

*"Pushing myself to stay active and motivated is important to me"*

It has been an honor watching Zach become a fantastic father. A creative writing major and aspiring published author, Zach is the king of bedtime stories and silly stuffed animal voices. He is always present for sports practices/games and school events. Family is very important to Zach and he shows up whenever he can for everyone.

*Zach taking Lucas to get cookies from the same bakery his grandmother took him to as a boy.* ➡







← Zach on a backpacking trip to Yosemite with his brothers and some friends.



on vacation with Zach's brother and sister-in-law



## ZACH'S *Fun Facts and Favorites*



Long-time  
soccer fan  
and player



Favorite  
snack is  
chips & salsa



Collects &  
builds LEGO  
sets since  
childhood



Loves Lord  
of The Rings  
& Star Wars



Favorite  
season is  
Fall



Favorite  
animal is  
red panda





# LUCAS

Lucas is six years old and really enjoying kindergarten. He gets along well with everyone and people are quick to comment on how sweet he is. He is very active and does judo year round and basketball, T-ball, and soccer seasonally. He loves LEGO, Hot Wheels, arts and crafts, video games, board games, books, and being outside.

Since he is currently an only child, we arrange a lot meet-ups with his friends or other families outside of school and sports. He has been asking for a younger sibling for a while now and we know he will make an awesome big brother.

## *Fun Facts and Favorites*

- \* Wants to visit Legoland and Hawaii
  - \* Favorite foods are pizza and ice cream
  - \* Favorite animal is tiger
  - \* Favorite super hero is Miles Morales
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## KODI

Kodi is a Korean Jindo, 13 years old, and about 45lbs. He is a big teddy bear with people he trusts. We rescued him when he was only 3 months old, and he's been with us for everything! He loves to talk like a Husky and enjoys being outside, especially in the snow.



## ..... Our Senior Dogs .....

## OZZIE

Ozzie is a Dachshund/Chihuahua mix - we think. He is 10 years old and only 13lbs. We rescued him when he was about 9 months old. Ozzie loves to play fetch and patiently waited for Lucas to be old enough to play. He is the chilliest dog you will ever meet and a great snuggler!







# Our Home



We live in beautiful western Washington, less than an hour from Seattle. Our home is a two-story, 3 bedrooms, 2.75 bath house in a golf course community. We moved into our house in 2022 and love how close we are to schools, shops, a popular farmer's market, a lake, the library, and hiking trails. We have a private, terraced back yard and fire pit that overlooks our favorite local park.

Our home has many big windows facing the back yard and skylights which fill the common rooms with natural sunlight. We have a spacious playroom where we spend a lot of time building train tracks, assembling LEGO sets, or playing a board game. We love to get cozy and watch a movie or binge a TV show in our living room. **We also enjoy cooking and entertaining and we have already hosted many holidays and get-togethers with friends and family in our home.**

Our neighbors are great and the family next door likes to spoil Lucas at the holidays. There are lots of other kids and dogs in our neighborhood. The elementary kids like to play games at our school bus stop in the morning while the parents catch up. Our neighborhood has a friendly competition with Christmas decorations, and we usually have hundreds of kids trick-or-treating on Halloween. We also have the best sledding hills in town!

We live in a great school district, and we are only a mile from our elementary school. Kelsey's office, the farmer's market, playgrounds, restaurants, grocery stores, and a swimming pool are less than a 10 minute drive. We are just blocks from bike paths and trails, and Zach can safely go for runs right from our front door. There are many Parks & Rec programs in our area, and you can usually find us cheering on Lucas on the weekends. **Because of a lot of job opportunities in the Seattle-area our community is full of diversity and rapidly growing with many young families.** We appreciate that our town hosts a variety of annual events such as movies and music in the park, celebrations for Juneteenth and Pride, 4th of July, Christmas tree and menorah lightings, a kids festival, and more!







*We can't wait to add more love  
and silliness to our home!*





We both come from big, blended families! Between the two of us we have ten siblings, most of whom are in committed relationships, and we have five nieces and nephews so far.

**Everyone is so excited for our family to grow!**



*Kelsey with her sister, nephew, and mom*



*Zach & Kelsey with her dad, stepmom & step siblings*

### **About Kelsey's Family:**

My parents each live about 30 minutes from us and were our primary childcare until Lucas was school aged. I have a younger sister who lives in Virginia, an older stepbrother and an older stepsister who each live within an hour of us. We see my mom the most and she often goes on excursions with us or hosts Lucas for the weekend so we can have a fun date night. We enjoy going to hockey games with my dad and stepmom, something I've done since my teens, and we make an annual trip to their resort vacation home in Oregon each summer.

### **About Zach's Family:**

I am the second oldest of five kids, and eight years ago my mother remarried and I gained three stepsiblings. Most of my family lives in Washington within 1.5 hours of us, but my younger brother Christian lives in California, my older brother Matt lives in Utah, and my dad lives in Texas. The person I am closest to in my family is Christian, who is only 17 months younger than me and we have several close friends in common. My mom is really social and loves any excuse to gather family and friends—birthdays, holidays, and an annual camping trip or two. She also hosts a summer “grandma camp” with her best friend and their combined grandkids.

*Zach with his mom, grandparents, and siblings*



*Zach with his dad and Lucas*







*We feel fortunate to be surrounded by so much love and support*



*Lucas with his cousins at Christmas*



*with Zach's siblings, mom, & stepdad at a friend's wedding*



*with Kelsey's mom on a Washington ferry*



*with Kelsey's dad and stepmom at a hockey game*



# Work / Life Balance

We both work full-time, and Lucas started all-day kindergarten this year, so we like to take advantage of weekends and free time as much as we can. Time together as a couple, a family, and with our extended family and friends is something we greatly value. In addition to trying new things, some of our favorite activities out of the house are:

- Hiking
- Paddleboarding
- Camping
- Going to concerts
- Watching stand-up comedy
- Roadtripping
- Going to the library
- Seeing a movie
- Going to soccer, hockey, or baseball games

**We look forward to another child joining us for these activities and many more!**



*Experiencing our first Ren Faire*



*Camping and hiking trip with Zach's mom*





*Visiting Kelsey's dad's resort vacation home*



*Pumpkin patch and farm with friends*



*Vacation to the coast with our dogs*



*Attending a summer concert in the park*







## Before you go...

Thank you for taking the time to look at a snapshot of our life. We hope that it conveyed all of the love and joy we have to offer any child that we are fortunate enough to be chosen to adopt. We are so grateful for your consideration as you make the best choice for you and your child.

If you were to choose us as adoptive parents we promise to nurture a relationship with your child's biological family, with letters, photographs, phone/video calls, in-person visits when possible, whatever you are comfortable with moving forward.

We promise to encourage and support your child's individuality as well as a connection to their heritage.

We promise to continue to advocate for our child(ren) and help them feel connected to and represented within our community.

We promise to give our child(ren) new experiences, take them on fun adventures, and shower them with unconditional love.

And no matter what you decide, we wish you both nothing but the best.

*With love and gratitude,  
Kelsey, Zach, and Lucas*