

CHRIS *and* JEN





*Thank you...*

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING US IN YOUR SEARCH FOR A LOVING FAMILY FOR YOUR CHILD. WE KNOW THIS IS A DIFFICULT DECISION AND TRUST THAT YOU ARE CHOOSING WHAT'S BEST UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT YOU AND UNDERSTAND THE TOUGH CHOICE YOU ARE MAKING.

*Chris + Jen*

# Why Adoption

WE ARE A DOWN-TO-EARTH, HARDWORKING, AND LOVING COUPLE LOOKING FORWARD TO ADOPTING A CHILD. AFTER STRUGGLING WITH FERTILITY FOR MANY YEARS, WE BELIEVE ADOPTION IS THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR GROWING OUR FAMILY AND SHARING OUR LOVE WITH A NEW ADDITION TO OUR FAMILY. WE ARE EXCITED TO BECOME PARENTS AND WILL RAISE A CHILD IN A SAFE, HEALTHY, AND CARING ENVIRONMENT.





MEET  
*Chris*

**AS A PARENT AND PROFESSIONAL, I'M COMMITTED TO LEADING BY EXAMPLE—INSTILLING VALUES LIKE LOVE, JOY, AMBITION, AND A PASSION FOR AN ACTIVE, PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFESTYLE. I'M A DEDICATED GOLF COACH AND INSTRUCTOR, WHO TEACHES ALL AGES AND ABILITIES. I SPECIALIZE IN JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT WITH KIDS AGES 7-17. TEACHING OTHERS THE SPORT I LOVE IS INCREDIBLY REWARDING, AND I BRING THAT SAME ENERGY INTO EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE.**

**OUTSIDE OF WORK, I STAY ACTIVE THROUGH GOLF, FITNESS, AND TRAVEL. I ENJOY EXPLORING NEW AREAS AND RESTAURANTS, COOKING, AND COMPETING IN PROFESSIONAL GOLF EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. I AM OF ITALIAN DESCENT AND VERY CLOSE TO MY FAMILY. WE USUALLY HAVE LARGE GET-TOGETHERS AROUND THE HOLIDAYS, WHERE EVERYONE EATS, LAUGHS, AND TRULY ENJOYS ONE ANOTHER'S COMPANY.**



*What first attracted Jen to Chris was his genuineness, dependability, athleticism, and drive.*



AS A PARENT, I PLAN TO INSTILL KINDNESS, FAIRNESS, AND A LOVE OF NATURE AND LEARNING IN OUR CHILD. I AM AN ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYER AND ENJOY READING, HIKING, LEARNING LANGUAGES, AND TRAVELING. I **SPEAK SPANISH**, WHICH I LEARNED AS A CHILD FROM MY PUERTO RICAN GRANDPARENTS, AND AM LEARNING KOREAN AND ITALIAN. I VOLUNTEER WITH MY COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND MEET WITH FRIENDS ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH FOR DINNER OR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS. I ENJOY PRACTICING LAW IN A FIELD THAT IS SATISFYING AND BENEFITS THE COMMUNITY.

SOME OF MY FAVORITE TRAVEL ADVENTURES HAVE BEEN EXPLORING JAPAN, DOING A FOOD TOUR AROUND SICILY, AND HIKING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. **IN NEW CITIES, I LIKE TO EXPLORE THE LOCAL BOOKSTORES, CAFES, AND SEE THE COURTHOUSE.** BONUS POINTS IF THERE ARE WALKING TRAILS OR BIKES TO RENT! CHRIS AND I FREQUENTLY DO HISTORIC TOURS WHILE ON VACATION. **I LOOK FORWARD TO INCLUDING OUR CHILD IN ADVENTURES AND SHARING ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS TRAVELING CAN TEACH US.**

MEET

Jen





*Chris was attracted to Jen's kindness, humor, intelligence, and positivity.*

# Our Story

WE HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR 8 YEARS, HAVING TIED THE KNOT 3 YEARS AGO IN AN INTIMATE CEREMONY FOLLOWED BY A FAMILY CELEBRATION. ONE OF OUR FIRST DATES WAS A TENNIS MATCH, WHERE CHRIS BEAT JEN, WHICH PROMPTED AN IMMEDIATE REMATCH. WE BOTH ENJOY A GOOD CHALLENGE AND OFTEN INCORPORATE SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES INTO OUR DAILY LIVES.

WHAT MAKES OUR RELATIONSHIP SPECIAL IS THE RESPECT AND LOVE WE HAVE FOR EACH OTHER, ESPECIALLY THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES. WE ARE EACH OTHER'S BIGGEST FANS AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER WHILE ALSO BEING HONEST AND OPEN.

WHILE WE ENJOY SIMPLE PLEASURES SUCH AS COOKING, WATCHING A MOVIE, AND GOING FOR A WALK IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WE ALSO LOVE TO EXPLORE OUR CITY, ATTEND SPORTING EVENTS, AND TRAVEL. SINCE PURCHASING OUR FIRST HOUSE LAST YEAR, WE'VE HOSTED PARTIES AND HOLIDAY GATHERINGS. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO BE SURROUNDED BY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND RECENTLY WELCOMED OUR NEW NEPHEW INTO THE FAMILY.





# Our Home

OUR HOME IS IN A SAFE AND QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM OUR COMMUNITY, AND MANY NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS WALK TO SCHOOL. WE ARE CLOSE TO ACTIVITIES, SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, PARKS, NATURE TRAILS, AND BEACHES. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS IN THE SUBURBS OF A CITY, AND THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT AGES, RACES, AND CULTURES IN OUR COMMUNITY.



JEN GREW UP ABOUT 20 MINUTES AWAY FROM OUR CURRENT HOME AND KNOWS THE AREA WELL. SHE WORKS MOSTLY FROM HOME BUT GOES INTO THE OFFICE OCCASIONALLY. CHRIS WORKS ABOUT 25 MINUTES AWAY. SINCE HE IS SELF-EMPLOYED, HE HAS THE FLEXIBILITY TO MAKE HIS OWN SCHEDULE.

JEN PLANS TO TAKE A FEW MONTHS OFF WORK AFTER THE ADOPTION, AND CHRIS WILL TAKE A FEW WEEKS OFF WORK. THEN WE WILL LIKELY HAVE A PART-TIME NANNY AT THE HOUSE WHILE JEN WORKS FROM HOME. HER MOTHER, WHO IS RETIRED, WILL ALSO HELP WITH CHILDCARE.



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*“We enjoy participating in the local 5K Turkey Trot every year on Thanksgiving morning and have made it a family tradition.”*  
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# Our Families

JEN'S MOTHER, FATHER, BROTHER, AND SISTER-IN-LAW LIVE NEARBY.

JEN'S BROTHER AND HIS WIFE RECENTLY HAD A BABY BOY, LUKE, WHO IS JUST AS HAPPY AND INQUISITIVE AS HIS PARENTS. WE ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH LUKE, TAKING HIM TO THE PARK, AND WATCHING HIM GROW AND REACH HIS FIRST MILESTONES. WE ARE VERY CLOSE WITH JEN'S BROTHER AND HIS FAMILY AND EVEN TRAVELED TO SOUTH KOREA TOGETHER. JEN ALSO HAS AN EXTENDED FAMILY OF COUSINS, AUNTS, AND UNCLAS IN THE AREA.



CHRIS'S FATHER LIVES NEARBY AND HIS BROTHER PLANS TO MOVE TO THE AREA SOON. HIS MOTHER LIVES OUT OF STATE BUT VISITS A FEW TIMES A YEAR. CHRIS'S EXTENDED FAMILY LIVES WITHIN A FEW HOURS DRIVE.

WE USUALLY VISIT CHRIS'S GRANDPARENTS FOR CHRISTMAS, AND CHRIS MAKES SURE TO PLAY A ROUND OF GOLF WITH HIS GRANDFATHER. EXCITED ABOUT THE ADOPTION, GRANDMA BARBARA HAS ALREADY STARTED KNITTING BABY CLOTHES!



*“Our families are excited and supportive of our choice to adopt a child and look forward to welcoming our new addition to the family. They made our childhoods special and have taught us how to be good parents.”*





# Our Friends

JEN ENJOYS WEEKEND GIRLS' TRIPS WITH HER FRIENDS AND LOVES TO INCLUDE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES. SHE IS A GODMOTHER TO THE SON OF HER CHILDHOOD FRIEND.



CHRIS ENJOYS

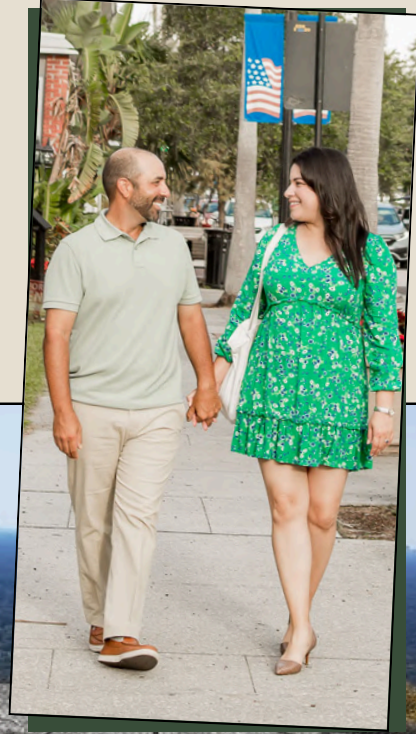
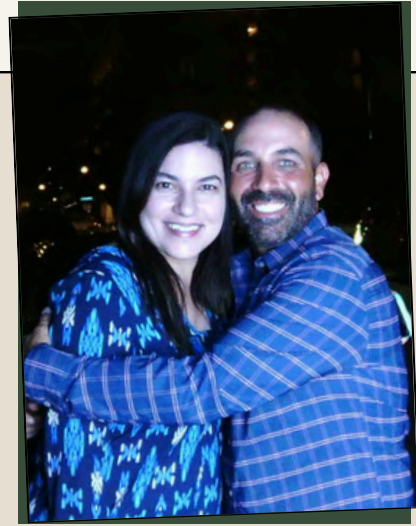
GOLFING WITH HIS FRIENDS AND ATTENDING SPORTING EVENTS.

CHRIS'S GETS TOGETHER WITH HIS CLOSE FRIEND FROM HIGH SCHOOL EVERY YEAR.



# Our Values

WE WILL RAISE A HAPPY, CURIOUS, AND MOTIVATED CHILD WHO APPRECIATES FAIRNESS, COMPROMISE, AND HARD WORK. JUST AS WE WERE RAISED IN LOVING AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS, WE HAVE CREATED THE SAME ENVIRONMENT IN OUR HOME AND WILL BE PRESENT AND INVOLVED IN OUR CHILD'S SCHOOLING, ACTIVITIES, AND INTERESTS AND LOVE THEM UNCONDITIONALLY. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT TO CULTIVATE HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS AND RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIVES. OUR CHRISTIAN UPBRINGING HAS HELPED DEFINE OUR VALUES AND KEPT US HUMBLE AND THANKFUL FOR WHAT WE HAVE WHILE ALSO HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.





THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN ABOUT US AND CONSIDER US AS A POTENTIAL FAMILY FOR YOUR CHILD. **WE KNOW THAT THIS DECISION COMES FROM A PLACE OF DEEP LOVE, STRENGTH, AND SELFLESSNESS, AND WE HAVE IMMENSE RESPECT FOR THE JOURNEY YOU ARE ON. WE UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO FIND THE FAMILY THAT FEELS LIKE THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD, AND WE FULLY SUPPORT YOU IN MAKING THE CHOICE THAT BRINGS YOU PEACE. IF CHOSEN AS PARENTS FOR YOUR CHILD, WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT THEIR LIFE, GROWTH, AND DEVELOPMENT IF YOU WISH. NO MATTER WHERE THIS PATH LEADS, WE SEND YOU LOVE AND STRENGTH AS YOU MOVE FORWARD.**

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