

# Josh AND Kristin



# Hello,

IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU

Life. It's sometimes crazy, right? It's a constant journey that's full of twists and turns, leading us down paths that we never imagined. In one moment, we're at our highest, celebrating our best successes. The next, we can find ourselves at a crossroad, faced with choices that weigh so heavy it seems impossible to bear. We can only imagine just how difficult this moment is for you right now.

**We know that the decision you're considering is one that comes from a place of deep love and care. It takes incredible strength to explore the possibilities ahead and that is admirable.** While we can't fully grasp the emotions you're feeling, we want you to know that we're here with open hearts, ready to support and honor whatever choice you make.

Our hope is to share our journey with you, to provide a glimpse into our lives, and to express just how much love we have to give. We've spent years building a home that is filled with warmth, laughter, and endless love. It's a place where a child will be cherished, nurtured, and supported every step of the way.

If you choose to walk this path with us, we promise to always honor your courage and the enormous gift you're considering. **We will provide a safe, loving environment where your child will grow, thrive, and be surrounded by a community that cares so much.** Thank you for considering us as part of this journey and we hope that whatever decision you make brings you peace.



# About Us.

We are a fun-loving couple looking to grow our family! Being in our late 30s, we have both taken time to grow into ourselves as a couple and as individuals. We've got solid and stable careers, own our home, 3 beautiful pups, and are ready for this next chapter in life; Parenting.

Together for nearly a decade, we have been through a lot. We have laughed, cried, and experienced grief and joy together. We have celebrated achievements and struggled through infertility. We have driven across the country in a small confined car and still really like each other! **Through it all, we've both realized how lucky we are to have each other as partners.** We will always work together to support and love each other no matter what life throws our way.

We believe in living life to the fullest and embracing every opportunity to learn and grow. Whether it's exploring new hobbies, traveling to new places, or simply spending a quiet evening at home. We can't wait to share our experiences, traditions, and values with our future kid.

## OUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO TOGETHER

We love taking little road trips. Walking through those quiet streets and cozy shops give us the chance to see the charm and beauty of the places close to us. It's a chance to listen to an exciting podcast, or have our own deep conversations during the drive. It's a sense of adventure, even if that just means we're going two towns over to check out a hidden gem like a delicious BBQ spot, or interesting thrift store.



HI, I'M

# Kristin

I am silly but consistent. **I am goofy but provide stability because I am confident and grounded in who I am.** Growing up, I was the quiet younger sister. The **dependable** kid that always did her homework without being asked. Some of my favorite memories growing up are when my dad used to take me fishing, going camping in Yosemite with my family, and weekend softball tournaments. I played softball for 10 years but also sang in choir and loved doing makeup. Despite not having a lot of money, my parents always made us feel special during the holidays. My mom made our Halloween costumes, Easter baskets, and sewed our Christmas stockings. I can't wait to continue some of these traditions in our family. **I have a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology** from California State University of Fresno. After graduating college, I moved to Austin in 2009. As an espresso bar manager, I have a unique and fun job that offers me the freedom to be available nights, weekends, and holidays. I also love interior design, fashion, and surrounding myself with **bright and fun** colors.

## FUN FACTS

**Top 5 Karaoke songs:** Blind Melon - No Rain, Queen - Bohemian Rhapsody, The Chicks - Goodbye Earl, Third Eye Blind - Jumper, Pearl Jam - Evenflow

**Next desired travel destination:** Australia & New Zealand

**Life dream:** Open a vintage clothing store with a coffee shop attached

**Top 5 movies from childhood:** The Sandlot, Ace Ventura Pet Detective, Dumb & Dumber, Major Payne, and Mrs. Doubtfire

“She has the biggest heart of anyone I know!”

WRITTEN BY JOSH

During our journey together, Kristin and I became foster parents for a bit. She had experience with little ones growing up, but I didn't have much experience myself. The first little one we had in our care was a 3 month old boy. Watching Kristin with him was one of the most amazing things I've ever experienced. **She's wonderful with kids!** I fall in love with her every day, but that day was really special to me. It was a glimpse into our future. One filled with warmth, laughter, and the kind of love that only deepens over time. It was then that I knew she will be an amazing mother! **She's kind, empathetic, patient, and always makes sure the needs of others are met.** She's taught me so much about not only taking care of kids, but about life. About living in the moment and building lasting memories.

“SHE WILL BE AN AMAZING MOTHER!”





HI, I'M

# Josh

The first few years of my life, I lived all over! My bio-father was in the Army, so we moved around. When I was about 3 years old, my mom, my brother, and I moved to Alabama where my mom later met my step-dad. When I was 13, we moved to the Austin area and have been here ever since. It's become my home. **I love computers!** They're a really big part of my life. In my everyday, I work for a big tech company fixing bugs in the software. I have a few different hobbies, so I'm always finding something to get into. I've been into **photography** for many years and think it's a great way to capture memories. It also pairs well with my love of **traveling** and seeing what this amazing world has to offer. **Cooking** is another huge passion of mine. I love trying new foods and learning what goes into making delicious meals. **I can't wait to be a dad!** I love **teaching** and am really looking forward to sharing all the little life lessons, exploring the world together, and seeing things through our child's eyes.

## FUN FACTS

**Top 5 Movies:** Dumb and Dumber, Robin Hood: Men in Tights, Star Wars, Chef, Finding Nemo

**Next desired travel destination:** Japan. I would be in awe of the cars!

**Favorite Food:** Pizza, no question. There are so many great types!

**Favorite Memory:** The first time my dad and I built a computer together. It sparked my interest in computers, which led to a career. It was also a really great bonding experience with my dad.

**Favorite thing built:** I built an arcade machine a few years ago with over 6,000 games!

# “Josh is patient and a wonderful teacher”

WRITTEN BY KRISTIN

My niece Angelique openly states, “**Uncle Josh is my favorite person.**” When I wake up early in the morning when we visit, she sees me and quickly asks, “Is Josh awake?!” I am literal chopped liver when he is around. Josh didn’t have a lot of experience with kids but you would never know it. **He is patient and a wonderful teacher.** When we were fostering a 4 year old and a 8 week old, he was a true partner for me. He tagged out with me in the middle of the night, he made and washed all the bottles, he packed backpacks for trips, and always knew when I needed a break. One morning, I woke up and he was teaching the 4 year old how to scramble eggs. One of the cutest moments of our experience. Every night before bed, we would let her pick a record and put it on the player and they would dance 1 song. Josh amazed me with his ability to connect with her.

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PARTNER FOR ME.”







We're so excited to grow our family!



## WHY WE WANT TO ADOPT

A couple of years after getting married, we decided it was time to grow our family. During our journey, we ran into some fertility complications and found out that we wouldn't be able to have biological children. While it was hard to hear this news, **we knew that we still wanted to be parents.** As we reflected on what it means to build a family, we realized that **love, support, and commitment are the foundations, not genetics.** Adoption offers us the chance to provide a loving and stable home to a child that needs it. Our journey may have taken an unexpected turn, but it has only strengthened our commitment to become parents and give a child the love and support they deserve.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
COULDN'T BE MORE  
**EXCITED** FOR US!



## MEET OUR PUPS

# Bobby, Daisy, and Watson

### **We are without a doubt dog people!**

There's a quote that sums it up perfectly that says, "A dog will teach you unconditional love. If you can have that in your life, things won't be too bad." We have 3 amazing pups who mean the world to us. Our oldest is Daisy, who's the white Chihuahua. She's 15, but runs circles around the other two. Our next oldest is Watson who's the dachshund. He's 12 and knows just how cute he is. Our youngest is the bigger dog, Bobby.

Everywhere Bob goes, he's carrying a ball with him. Each of them has their own unique personality and quirks that bring so much joy and laughter into our home. **Together, they make our house a home, filling it with love, kisses, and endless tail wags.** We wouldn't have it any other way and we're grateful for every moment we get to spend with our furry family members.



They're all so great  
around kids!





# H O M E S W E E T H O M E



For the last several years, the Austin area has been our home. **In 2020, we bought our current house that's just north of Austin in Round Rock.** If you're not familiar with Round Rock, it's an expanding suburb just north of the city. We live in a nice friendly neighborhood that offers a lot of diversity and has a lot of children. We're zoned for the Georgetown school district, which is known for offering children a great education. There are several parks in the area where there are loads of family activities like playgrounds, hiking trails, pools, and much more! Being so close to the capital city of Austin also gives so many great opportunities to enjoy a variety of cultural events, festivals, and entertainment. Whether it's visiting a museum, checking out live music, or trying new amazing foods, there's always a chance for us to do something. **We love that our community provides the perfect balance between the peacefulness of suburban living and the excitement and opportunities of a big city.**



# our adventures

## ROAD TRIPS & AUDIO BOOKS

A typical Thanksgiving or Christmas for us could mean a trip to Seattle or California to see family. **Traveling and new experiences are invigorating to us.** When we first started dating, we would both take our cameras and drive to a small town in Texas, go to thrift stores and take photos around town. We would listen to audio books or podcasts and try to find delicious pizza places. Those trips were some of our best dates! For Josh's 30th birthday, we explored Yosemite in all of its glory. During our Honeymoon in Mexico, we ate so much delicious food and went snorkeling. We weekend road tripped it to New Orleans and had beignets at Cafe du Monde. We also really love just being at home with friends and family. We love making a big dinner and having a few friends over. Kristin loves to set up a good loaded tater tot bar or biscuit bar buffet. That is a successful Friday night for us.

OUR FAVORITE PLACE EVER : THE MOUNTAINS IN CALIFORNIA  
WEIRDEST FOOD WE'VE HAD : CRICKETS  
GREATEST EXPERIENCE : WATCHING THE SUNRISE OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY



DRIVING TO CALI



SEATTLE



BIG BEND



YOSEMITE



SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK



MARFA, TX



GRAND CANYON



WHITE SANDS, NM





**JOSH'S MOM AND AUNTS**



**OUR NIECE**



**BREAKFAST WITH FAMILY**



**KRISTIN'S FAMILY**



**JOSH'S FAMILY**



## ABOUT OUR family & friends

**We have an amazing support system.** During our time fostering, we realized we have a village of people behind us ready to help in any way possible. As soon as we got the call letting us know that kids were going to be dropped off, our friends rushed to give us old clothes, toys, pack-n-play, etc.. Josh's immediate family lives nearby in Cedar Park. He has an older brother named Sam who's great with kids. His mom and dad are both retired and can't wait to spend time with a grand baby. Kristin is the middle child of 3. She has an older sister named Danielle who has a family in Seattle. She also has a younger brother name Logan who lives in California where her parents also live. Like Josh's parents, Kristin's folks are retired and love to visit their kids any chance they get. As soon as we got placement for fostering, Kristin's mom flew out to be with us and helped so much! As a labor and delivery nurse, she is an amazing resource! **We are lucky to have such wonderful people in our lives who want to see the best for us and our family.**

## OUR traditions

- Kristin's Mom making and hiding Easter baskets on Sunday morning
- Watching A Christmas Carol on Christmas Day
- Christmas morning Stockings
- Kristin's Mom's famous cranberry salad
- Black eyed peas & collared greens on New Years Day
- 4th of July BBQ
- Josh's parents cooking a favorite Birthday meal

# kind words

FROM FRIENDS AND FAMILY

**"Kristin & Josh would make amazing parents.** They are both loving and fit to raise and guide a child"

KASEY - KRISTIN'S BESTIE

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"They are committed to becoming **loving & emotionally available parents.**"

DANIELLE -KRISTIN'S SISTER

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"Josh and Kristin are **easygoing with children,** but balance **boundaries** and **safety** as well."

GARTH -BROTHER IN LAW

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"Both J&K both have **gentle demeanors** and **they are very helpful and safe** with our 3 young children."

MARINA - FRIEND

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**"Woof."**

BOB, DAISY, AND WATSON - DOGS

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*"They would be awesome parents! They are kind, fun, and caring!"*

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A LETTER

# From our hearts, to yours

First and foremost, we want to acknowledge the strength and courage it takes to consider adoption. We understand that this decision is deeply personal and no doubt filled with many emotions. While you're thinking about what path to take, we want to offer you our respect and support.

Our hope is to share a bit about who we are so you have a clearer picture of the kind of life we can provide. We are a stable, loving couple who value family, kindness, and the simple joys of life. Our home is a place with lots of love, where we laugh often, and everyone feels safe and accepted. We look forward to the possibility of welcoming a child into our lives and sharing the values that have guided us.

We want you to know that we are fully committed to open adoption and believe in the importance of maintaining a healthy connection with the birth family. We understand that adoption is a lifelong journey and we are dedicated to fostering a relationship that is built on trust, respect, and mutual understanding. Your role in your child's life is invaluable and we are committed to keeping you involved in a way that feels comfortable and meaningful to you.

We want to honor the journey that has brought you here and the thoughtfulness you're giving to your child's future. If it feels right to you, we would welcome the chance to learn more about your hopes and wishes for your child and how we may fit into that. Thank you for taking the time to consider us. We wish you peace as you make the decision that feels the best for you and your child.

xoxo,  
and Josh  
Kristin







# We can't begin thank you enough,

BUT WE CAN **APPRECIATE** YOU TAKING THE TIME TO  
READ OUR PROFILE!

As you reach the end of our story, we hope you've gotten a good sense of who we are and the life we've built together. We've had a few unexpected turns, but our time together has been full of adventure, lots of laughter, and countless memories. We're so excited about the possibility of sharing all that with a little one. We're ready to embrace the joyful chaos that comes with parenthood - the sticky fingers, bedtime stories, all of it.

No matter where this path leads, we're grateful for the chance to share a bit our world with you. If our paths happen to cross, we're eager to see what type of journey lies ahead. And if not, we wish you nothing but the best in finding the right fit for you and your family.



*we can't wait  
to meet you!*