KIRSTEN & JON

DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER

We have been talking about writing you this letter for years, and it feels as though we will never be able to express our true gratitude to you. We think you are the bravest person in the world for making the decision to choose adoption. Your strength and selflessness will never be forgotten in our family, and we hope you know we will do everything in our power to make sure this child has the best life possible, if you choose us. We have always dreamed of having a family with adopted children, and we want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering giving us this opportunity. Your child will grow up learning about the courageous woman who sacrificed so much for them, and we will do our best to teach them everything we've learned from life too.

We have fun talking about some of the family activities we will do as our family grows. Since we are both travel lovers, we've talked about annual family vacations so our children can explore different places in the world. We talk about how to educate our children from early ages, both academically and socially. We want our children to experience any and all sports, art classes, music groups, language classes, cooking clubs, or other activities, and we have already created savings accounts for those activities, trips, and college funds.

Mostly, we really want to thank you for your bravery and strength.

-Kirsten & Jon

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

We are a couple that loves adventure, challenging ourselves, and practicing self-care often. Over the course of our lives, we have learned that hard work and dedication pay off, and we have also learned that enjoying as many moments in life as possible is where true happiness comes from.

In July 2022, we were fortunate to adopt our first child and the love of our lives, Carson. Up until he was born, Kirsten was a teacher and track and field coach. Now she is a stay-at-home mom and continues to coach. She spends all her time nurturing and creating fun activities. We can't wait for Carson to become a brother!

Outside of being parents and Jon working as a structural engineer, we love going out to do fun activities like movies, bowling, and Top Golf. We also love swimming and hot tubbing, walking/hiking with our dogs Lily and Sadie, doing arts and crafts, and playing board games. We make sure we have something fun to do, plan, or talk about each day, so life is never boring.

ABOUT KIRSTEN
BY JON

Kirsten is a truly one of a kind human being. She is brilliant, has an unmatched work ethic, and is an incredibly caring person, especially for children. I have witnessed how the students she taught and coached interact with her, and it's clear that they look up to her as a role model. I can't think of anyone better to raise children with.

Kirsten grew up playing tons of sports, dancing, playing violin, and even more. She has so much natural talent and can truly do almost anything she sets her mind to. We have talked often about all the activities we will do with our kids like put on plays at home, attend their sports games, and doing all the arts and crafts!

She has an unmatched wanderlust and I am so thankful to have experienced so many fun places together.

Kirsten is an amazing partner and wife. I can always rely on her, and know that she always supports me. I can't wait to continue growing our family together.

Occupation:	Stay-at-home Mom and Track Coach
Education:	Master's Degree
Favorite Hobby:	Singing, Dancing, Reading
Favorite Sport:	Track & Field, Dance
Favorite Holiday:	Halloween, Christmas
Favorite Music Artist:	Blink-182, Green Day, Fall Out Boy
Favorite TV Show:	The Voice
Favorite Book:	To Kill a Mocking Bird
Favorite Tradition:	Watching the Macy's Day Parade on Thanksgiving
Dream Vacation:	New Zealand

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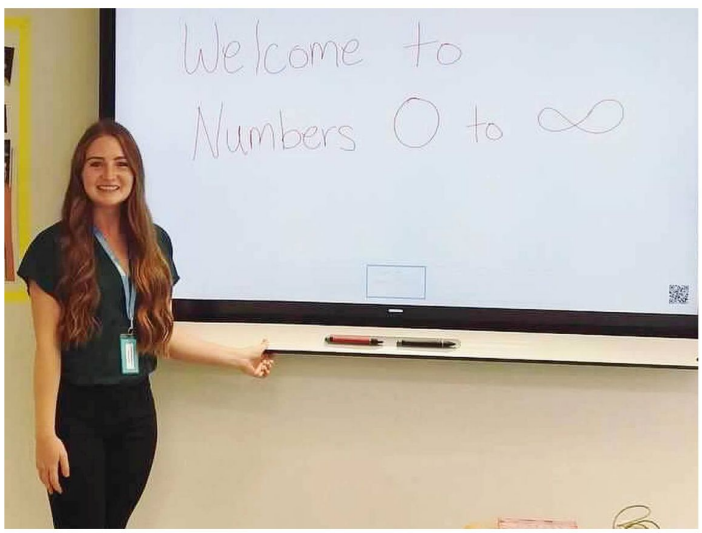
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ABOUT JON
BY KIRSTEN

Jon is the biggest blessing in my life so far. He is the most patient and compassionate person I know, and he grounds me all the time. He's incredibly smart, but more than that, he never gives up working through a problem. Much of Jon's success in life has been through his determination to always do his best. If he is faced with a problem in life, in work, or anywhere else, he will work harder and longer than anybody I know to ensure he's completed whatever needs to be done in the most thorough way possible.

Jon's also very outgoing, and gets along with everybody. He's friendly, funny, and he always has such a warm personality. He loves doing adventurous things, and he's very easy going. One of my favorite things about Jon is how true to himself he is.

Jon is an amazing father. He is patient, kind, calm, playful, and he will be an excellent role model for our kids.

Occupation:	Structural Engineer
Education:	Master's Degree
Favorite Hobby:	playing guitar
Favorite Sport:	Baseball, Hockey, and swimming
Favorite Holiday:	Halloween
Favorite Music Artist:	Tool, Mastodon, Architects
Favorite TV Show:	Lego Masters
Favorite Book:	Harry Potter
Favorite Tradition:	Gathering for family events
Dream Vacation:	New Zealand

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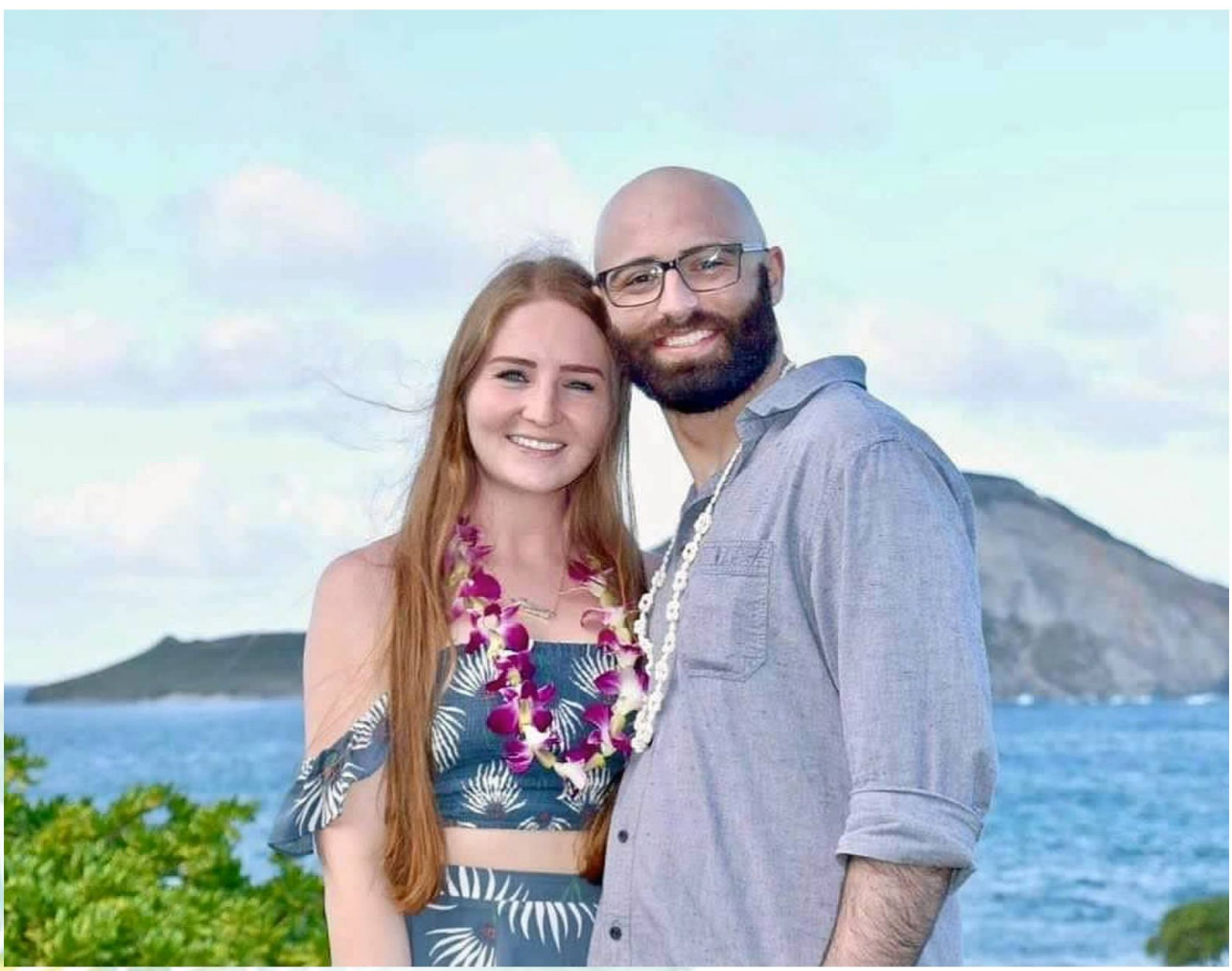
WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Long before we met, we both knew being parents was one of the biggest goals for our future. After meeting, we very quickly started talking about adoption as a strong option to start a family. Since Kirsten was a teacher, she was exposed to many different students daily, and adoption has always been something she has found to be beautiful. Additionally, we both have several family members who have been adopted, and have seen its magic first-hand.

Since adopting Carson, we've only grown to love the adoption process even more. We have always dreamed of a big family with multiple kids, and we cannot wait to see Carson as a big brother. We wouldn't have it any other way and we are so excited to see what the future has in store for us.



OUR PARENTING BELIEFS

We believe in gentle parenting - a balance of being compassionate and kind with discipline and structure. We will teach our children about kindness, respect, honesty, integrity, and many other key characteristics. We will teach them good habits for both mental and physical health. We will show them the value of education and hard work. We will encourage them to try sports, theater, music, crafts and more!

Above all we will love all of our children unconditionally, and support them as they pursue their dreams.

KIRSTEN'S FAMILY

Kirsten's family originates from both Canada and Germany. Both her mom and her dad moved to the United States when they were in their twenties. Growing up, Kirsten lived with her mom, dad, and younger brother. When Kirsten was 17 years old, her mother passed away from ALS. Kirsten's dad remarried five years later, and now Kirsten's family consists of Kirsten, her dad, her brother, her stepmother, and her stepsister. Her extended family still lives in Canada and Germany, but Kirsten goes to visit them often, and they come to visit the United States as well. They stay in contact over Facebook and text frequently.

JON'S FAMILY

Jon is an only child. His mother passed away in 2020 from cancer, but his father still lives in the home Jon grew up in. We make sure to visit with him on a weekly basis. Jon's paternal side is from California and New York. Jon's maternal side is from New Mexico (. He sees the California and New Mexico family annually and tries to see the New York family for important events and when near each other.

OUR HOME AND COMMUNITY

We live in a five-bedroom, four-bathroom home in a gated community. The house is 15 minutes from Kirsten's family and 40 minutes from Jon's dad in a great area of town. It has a beautiful pool and jacuzzi for summertime that is gated off and child-proofed. We have a nursery set up off the master bedroom and a giant playroom ready to go too!

The house is next to a huge, beautiful park where we walk our dogs, Lily and Sadie. It's also walking distance from the nearest public schools with high rankings. When picking a location to live, we also wanted to stay close to the town where Kirsten grew up as it hosts fun community events every few weeks. We feel this house offers us everything we want and will be a great home to raise a family in.

MEET CARSON

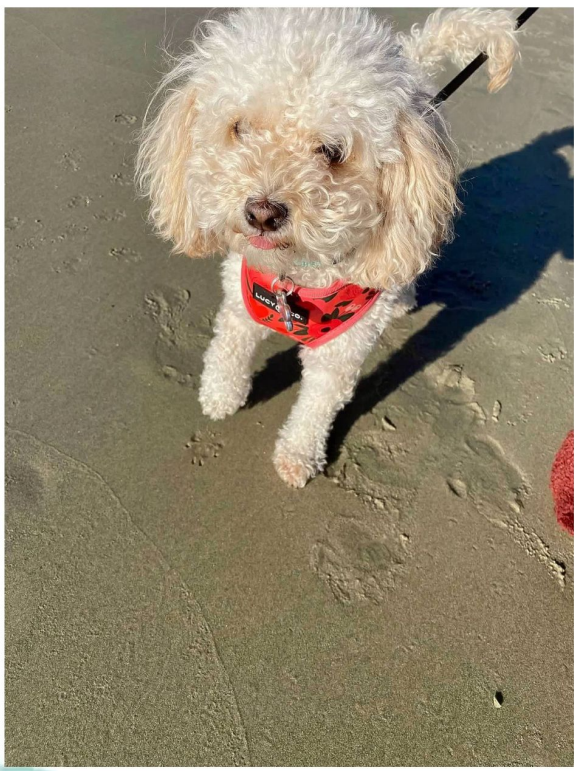
Carson is a very active, playful, and happy guy. His favorite things are jumping toys, watching the dogs play, and laughing at the silly noises and faces we make for him.

MEET SADIE

Sadie is a 6 year old Chihuahua mix and is the sweetest cuddle bug you could imagine. She is loyal, and a great companion. Kirsten rescued Sadie from a shelter in San Diego.

MEET LILY

Lily is a 3 year old miniature poodle mix with the personality of a teddy bear. She is sweet and constantly doing goofy things that make us smile. Kirsten took Lily in when her previous owners could no longer care for her.



OUR TRAVEL AND ADVENTURES

Traveling is one of our biggest hobbies, and we plan to take our family to as many different places as we can. We love embracing other cultures and customs, and also seeing the natural beauty all over our planet. We want to share that with our children so they can see everything this world has to offer.

OUR BUCKET LIST

- New Zealand
- Australia
- Japan
- Singapore
- Thailand
- India
- Spain
- Italy
- Greece
- Switzerland
- Denmark
- Belgium

Kayaking with Manatees - Miami, FL

Hiking at Bryce Canyon, UT

PLACES WE HAVE BEEN TOGETHER

Buggy Ride in the Dominican Republic

Hiking Diamond Head in Oahu, Hawaii

Maid of the Mist Tour at Niagra Falls, NY

Charcoal Ovens - Ely, NV

Visiting Disney World in Orlando, FL

The Edge, New York City

THANK YOU

We would like to thank for considering us to be the adoptive parents of your baby.
We plan to teach your baby where they came from, and how much of a sacrifice you made for their benefit.
Your baby will not only be loved by us, but also two sweet dogs, our family, friends, and community.

BONUS PICTURES