



Hello and Thank You...

...for taking the time to learn about us and what kind of a family and home we could offer your baby.

We are Craig and Kate. Since the day we met, we began planning our lives together, which included building our family. We dreamt of building our family with both biological children and through adoption. Through four years of trying to conceive on our own and losing several pregnancies, we have endured both exciting and difficult times, which has taught us a great deal about ourselves, each other, and our relationship. Our journey has brought us closer together and has grown our love deeper than we could have imagined. *We are more than ready to be parents and are excited for the joys and challenges of parenting through adoption.*

♥ Craig & Kate



We met at a mutual friend's going away party in 2014. *We knew it was something special right away*, and began planning details of how our lives would work together immediately, including our plans for building a family. We bought a house together in Sioux Falls and got married in 2016.



Our Life Together



We began trying to build our family shortly after getting married and eventually discovered it wouldn't be easy for us. We had several early losses and are now in the midst of fertility treatments. We are hopeful to have both biological children and adopted children in our family and *would love to have multiple little ones at the same time*.

We live close to the bike trail, which we use regularly for walking, running and biking. We also love to hike and explore state parks around our area and in other states to scope out new paths. *We love to travel, exploring nature* in Iceland and the Rocky Mountains or experiencing local life in Argentina and New York City. Every time we take a trip, we imagine how our children will fit seamlessly into our adventures.



We live in a *very kid-friendly neighborhood*, within walking distance to the school and playground. We have a great fenced-in backyard for our future children to play in. Every spring we *plant a garden* and we *visit the farmer's market* weekly, which helps foster our passion for food and *cooking together*. We plan to make our children's baby food and involve our children in the fun and creative side of food and cooking.

We enjoy quiet nights together, watching movies and playing board games. We can imagine our children's toys sprawled across our lower level floor with the newest Pixar movie playing on the TV (and a Utah Jazz or Minnesota Twins game on the other TV). *We love finding new activities to do together, whether it's candle making, arranging floral pots or making pasta.*

Both our families live close to us and we have family get-togethers regularly. They will be an integral part of our children's lives and will have six rambunctious nephews to play with, two of which are adopted.



About Kate

by Craig

Kate has a passion for life that is exuded in everything she does. Her eyes light up when we explore and do new adventures together. She loves to run, hike and bike. She also loves to take “minications” for a quick weekend getaway. Regardless if we’re staying home or going on a trip, she plans most days in great detail. She is a meticulous planner and is well organized. She loves making lists and I’ve learned to appreciate that about her.

Kate is caring and kind, which was on full display from the beginning by her making people feel special. She makes homemade cards and loves giving thoughtful gifts.



passionate for life | adventurer | planner
caring | kind | loves to craft | goofy





Kate has a passion for arts and crafts. She has turned a room in our house into the craft/sewing/arts room. She loves to sew, crochet, paint, make beauty products and DIY projects around our house. She takes arts and craft projects to our family events to provide entertainment for everyone. *I can envision all the creative projects she would love to do with our kids.*



Kate is very smart. *She took her education seriously, which helped her become an attorney.* I know she will be wonderful helping our children with their homework, coordinating extracurricular activities and making sure they have what they need to be successful. While Kate will be the one to keep our children in line, she also knows how to let loose and be goofy. I love it when she does her *silly dance moves or makes funny faces* and poses in pictures. We have inside jokes, and we can't wait to make more with our children.

She puts her full passion into things she cares about the most. Seeing her passion and desire to become a mother these past four years, I know that she will go above and beyond to do everything to give our children the best life.



About Craig

by Kate

I knew Craig was special when I saw how he treated everyone around him. *He is selfless, caring and patient.* During the early days of our relationship, it was apparent his friends thought very highly of him. They would enthusiastically explain to me what an amazing person he is. Every day I feel even more grateful to be with him as he shows his love to me, doing anything he can to make sure I am happy, whether it's doing laundry, dishes, making dinner or spending quality time with me. *He has so much love to share with our future children and I am so excited to share that experience with him.*



adventurous | caring | patient
loving | sports enthusiast | spontaneous



Craig loves being with our nephews and our friends' children. He loves to play board games, play sports or read books to them. *I knew from day one he will be an amazing dad and can't wait to see him teach our children* to ride a bike or shoot a basketball or snuggle up with them on a Saturday morning to watch cartoons.





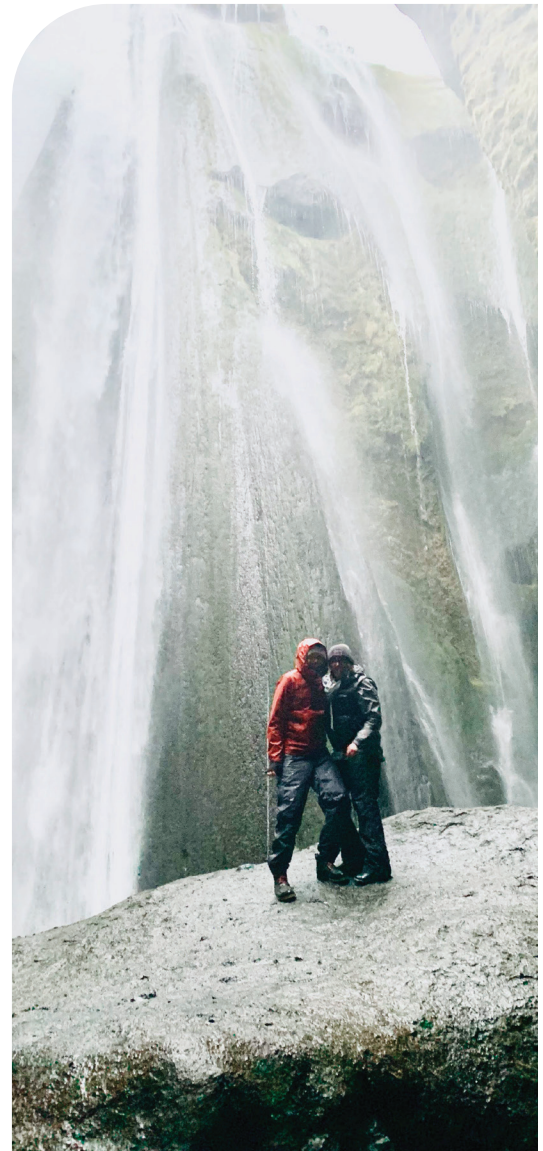
His number one hobby is watching sports, which I have learned to appreciate since meeting him. We even went to a Chargers football game on our honeymoon. We try to go to MLB, NFL or NBA games any time we visit a new city.

Craig has an adventurous spirit. About 2 weeks after we started dating, I asked him to join me on a trip to Jamaica that I would be taking about 6 months later. Without questioning, he agreed. *We have made it a priority to take adventures together, near and far, and dream of how much more fulfilling they will be with children.*

Craig is much more spontaneous than I am and loves to take adventures on a whim. He balances out that side of our relationship and helps me tap into my spontaneous side. I can imagine our children will go to him if they want to do anything spontaneous as *he's always up for an adventure.*

While he will definitely be the “fun” parent, he is also a rule follower. Craig is the oldest of eleven boy cousins. When he was younger, Craig would be the “peacekeeper” whenever disagreements would come up. Even now, he is sensible and reasonable, which helps us make sound decisions.

Craig has been *extremely supportive* through our fertility struggles and it is clear he will be a stable and supportive dad.



What we hope to offer a child...

Any child, regardless of how they come to us, will be loved unconditionally. We plan to raise all our children with the values of respect and genuine kindness to everyone and everything.

Our child's life will be filled with love and adventure. We hope to provide our children with all sorts of experiences and we will support them on their path to discover their own interests and passions.

Both of us have stable careers that we are proud of. We make sure to have a healthy work-life balance. We work a regular schedule Monday-Friday and make sure to relax and enjoy our evenings and weekends.

We are most looking forward to the day-to-day life of having children from the bedtime routines, the waking up at all hours of the night, the endless diapers, and all the messes. We can't wait for every last bit of parenthood.





Thoughts on Adoption

We appreciate that you've taken the time to get to know us. We realize what a big decision this is and would love more than anything to be there with you through this journey. Should you choose us, we are open to whatever you feel most comfortable with, staying in contact, keeping you updated and sharing with you all of the important milestones. *Regardless of how involved you want to be, your child will always know what a beautiful and selfless person you are to have given them this life.*

We are here to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for getting to know us. We appreciate what a gift adoption is and would love to be there with you on your journey.

♥ Craig & Kate