



Hello and Thank You...

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

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. After four years of trying to conceive on our own and losing several pregnancies, we gave birth to our beautiful baby boy, Hank. Through our ongoing journey to grow our family, 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 share our hearts and our homes with more children 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 began in vitro fertilization treatments in August 2020. We had more losses during our 2 years of IVF, which ultimately led to Kate having her tubes removed after a second ectopic pregnancy. All this finally led to the birth of our beautiful boy, Hank in April 2023. We are very hopeful to have more children and we know Hank would be the best big brother to his biological and adopted siblings.

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. Our adventures haven't stopped since having Hank.



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 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 enjoy nights at home together, watching sports or playing board games. We also love evening walks in our neighborhood, sitting outside with a cup of coffee, or just playing with Hank at home. *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 seven rambunctious cousins 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.



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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's made some clothes and blankets for Hank and even made his Halloween outfit this year. *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 during our infertility struggle was just the beginning. Watching her become a mother has shown me even greater depth to her compassion. She loves Hank with all her heart, and she knows she is meant to mother more children. I know 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 children and I am so grateful I get to share that experience with him.*



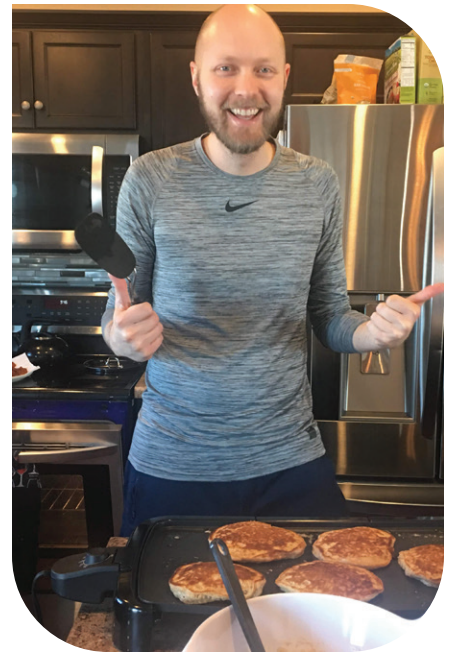
adventurous | caring | patient
loving | sports enthusiast | spontaneous



Seeing Craig become a dad has been one of my greatest joys. Craig loves so selflessly and would do anything for me and Hank. He has a very playful side but still knows how to take care of business. I love hearing him sing, read books, tell stories and play with Hank. I can't wait to watch him teach our children to ride a bike, shoot a basketball or snuggle up with them on Saturday mornings to watch cartoons.

I can't imagine a better dad for Hank and I am very hopeful and excited for him to be a dad to more children.





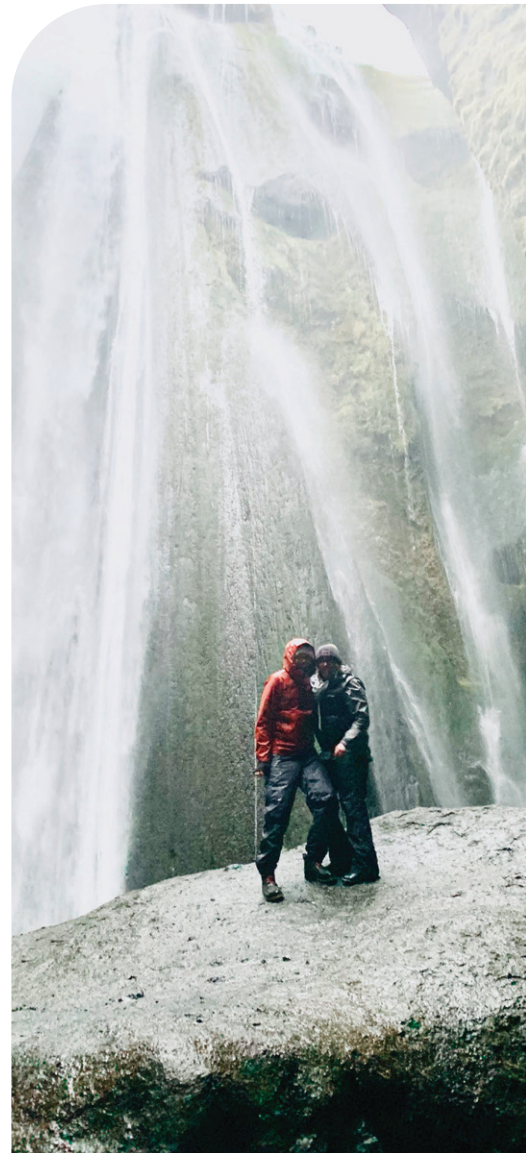
His number one hobby is watching sports, which I have learned to appreciate since meeting him. We even went to a Chargers football game on our honeymoon. We try to go to a game any time we visit a new city. We have brought Hank to a Twins, Chargers and Jazz game and plan to continue our tradition.

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 appreciate how much more fulfilling they are 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 was *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 love the the day-to-day life of parenthood 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 adding more children to the mix.





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