Hello, we are Lisa and Chris. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We are excited to share our story with you.

We met online and communicated by email before meeting in person. We spent our first date at a coffee shop, and after a few hours of talking about shared interests, we moved to a restaurant when the coffee shop closed. After six hours of conversation and a great meal, we parted ways with a hug. That first date led to more dates, and we have talked every day since.

In the fall of 2016, more than two years after we started dating, we were married at a local hobby farm. Our wedding reception included games, music, an inflatable obstacle course, and a bounce house.

Shortly after we got married, we were in a head-on car crash with a driver who ran a stop sign. The time needed to recover from the collision delayed our plans to grow our family, and infertility has further delayed our timeline. We have always wanted to have children. We are eager to become parents and welcome a baby into our family through adoption.
About Lisa
By Chris

Lisa is the most kind-hearted person I know. She is always willing to offer her time to those in need, whether it be her family, friends, co-workers, or the kiddos she works with, she lends a compassionate ear and words of encouragement. Lisa works with teens, providing a youth-focused space where they can feel free to be themselves. Her programs offer resources for tutoring, several group programs, and mental health coaching. It’s a joy to see Lisa interact with our extended family (including all 18 nieces and nephews!). I particularly love watching her hold lively and engaging conversations with everyone, from the toddlers to “Grammie.”

Lisa’s creativity is something to behold, from knitting or crocheting baby blankets for our nieces and nephews, to her annual sewing day with her mother and sisters where they make items and donate them to those in need—pillowcases, hats and gloves, and more. Lisa’s playful side comes out in the detailed Halloween costumes she has handmade for me. Her attention to color and detail is essential when we undertake a do-it-yourself furniture project. Lisa is simply the best, and I can’t wait to watch her teach these skills to a child.
About Chris
By Lisa

Chris is kind, caring and has a great sense of humor. He values family and will drop whatever he’s doing to help a friend or family member move a couch, shovel a driveway, or celebrate a milestone. Chris is excellent with kids! He has been a huge part of his niece’s and nephew’s lives since they were born, and he is also loved very much by my nieces and nephews. Chris will fly our nieces and nephews around like airplanes, play the role of puppy or cat as instructed, and color with the younger ones. He also loves playing board games and having great conversations. I’ll never forget how Chris talked with our nephew, who was calculating the cubic feet of concrete that it would take to make a tunnel underground between our houses. Chris is also a favorite of our three-year-old niece, who always asks, “Where is Uncle Chris?”

Chris loves a good story, from movies, books, song lyrics, or relating a funny incident from work. He has a fantastic memory for details, and has even told the whole story of the book The Princess Bride to his running companions on a fifteen-mile run. He shares my joy in creating things—building furniture, cooking, baking, and he’ll even help me sew. Chris will be a wonderful father, and I’m excited to parent with him.
We fell in love with our home the moment we walked in the front door and saw the large open-concept. We had our growing family in mind as we purchased our spacious home. We spend a lot of time in the kitchen, which is big enough to hold everyone when we host family events such as our annual Christmas cookie baking day.

We live in a low traffic sub development where everyone waves when you drive past. We enjoy taking our dog, Eitzen, for walks around the neighborhood, and we have connected with many neighbors who are also walking their dogs. We love having a park just down the street. We live a few minutes from a scenic overlook and miles of hiking trails, which we enjoy exploring on weekends.

Our small city has a lot of great downtown shops, many annual festivals, and plenty of parks and trails. Chris grew up here, and we love having his family, and some of Lisa's family, living in the same city. We enjoy meeting friends and family at local restaurants and participating in local events.
Our family includes Eitzen, a certified pet therapy dog, who loves going to work with Lisa several days a week to engage with the kids and teenagers. We know Eitzen will enjoy spending time with a child, as will our cats, Bagheera and King Louie.

We each grew up in close-knit families where we had family dinner together each night, hung out with our siblings, and played and watched sports together. As adults, we have maintained that closeness with our parents and siblings, and we get together regularly for dinners, birthdays, holidays, and even made-up holidays like “baking day” and “lefse making day.” We have enjoyed being involved with our nieces and nephews as they have grown and we know our siblings are excited for their turn to be aunts and uncles. Our parents are looking forward to more grandchildren to spoil!
Physical activity is important to us. Lisa grew up playing soccer, and Chris ran track and cross country in high school. Chris has been practicing yoga since 2007. Lisa grudgingly tried yoga a few years ago, and now she loves it. We have both run marathons in the past, but we are now more interested in shorter runs, walks, or hikes. When we travel, we always look for ways to enjoy the outdoors, such as hiking, kayaking, going to the beach, or exploring the city we are visiting.

On weekends, we like to spend time with family or doing projects around the house like building furniture, gardening, and cleaning. On winter nights, you will often find us curled up by the fireplace reading books.

Lisa’s mom taught her how to sew, and she is excited to put her skills to use by sewing for a child and also teaching a child to sew. We often volunteer to bring a dessert to family gatherings, and Chris enjoys testing out new, elaborate recipes. Chris’s passion for baking is something that he is excited to share with a child.
Thank you so much for taking the time to learn a little bit about us. We are eager to expand our family and share all the love we have to give with your child. Your child will be a part of a large, dynamic extended family that loves spending time together. We look forward to the opportunity to share our interests, hobbies, and traditions with your child and help them discover their own interests, talents, and joys.

We hope to meet you and stay connected with you throughout your child’s life. Regardless of the level of openness you prefer, we will always talk openly with your child about adoption and their story.

We know that this is an extraordinary situation you are navigating, and you have a very important decision to make. We respect your desire to choose the best option for you and your child, and we wish you love and luck.
Thank You

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