Kyle and Kim

We Are Kyle and Kim -

Thank you for considering adoption for your child. You may be scared, devastated, confused, relieved or have many other mixed emotions right now. You may not be sure about this process or what is going to happen in the coming months. But taking the step of reading these letters is an amazing blessing. We are a family who has been overwhelmed by the miracle of adoption, so we know how your sacrifice is about to change a family forever. Thank you for considering us as the potential adoptive parents for your little one.

We had all the love and commitment as a couple to parent a child, however medically we are unable to bear our own children. We waited until we were emotionally and financially ready to raise a child. After we tried for two years to conceive naturally, we turned to fertility doctors for some guidance. This was a hard decision for us but after several months of prayer, we decided to try In Vitro Fertilization. We knew this journey was not going to be easy but would give us a sense of solitude. Instead of dwelling on the negative results of three rounds of IVF, I like to think of it as God's way of giving us the chance to raise children through the adoption process. We are excited about another adoption journey and can't wait to add to our family.

Our Lives Together

Kyle and I met at college in 2000. We met through friends but actually we both were working on the same degree so had many college classes together. We had become great friends and realized we shared many interests. However, our relationship began to grow and flourish when we both attended our University's bowl game in Phoenix, Arizona in December 2000. We dated for six years and had many adventures. We got engaged in December of 2004 and started planning our wedding for March 2006.

I remember the night Kyle proposed to me very vividly. It was December and we were both excited for the holidays to approach. We already had our trip planned to go back to see our family for the holidays. Since we were going to be traveling for Christmas, Kyle and I had decided to have our very own little Christmas before heading back to our home towns. The night Kyle proposed to me, he gave me very little detail or warning. All he told me was we were going to go out for an elegant dinner. I was very excited to get dressed up and have a "date night". As we headed out for the evening I could not imagine where we may be going and never once did I imagine I would be coming home with a ring on my finger. We arrived at a resort and entered a restaurant which brought back many memories for us, as this was where we started our dating adventure. We had a great dinner and spectacular views of the mountains. After dinner, Kyle asked me to walk up a little trail to view the city. I agreed. At the top, while enjoying the view, Kyle got down on one knee and asked me to marry him.

Our wedding took place in March 2006. After over a year of planning and preparation, the weekend was flawless. The wedding day was perfect from the beginning. Our ceremony took place at our church followed by a limousine ride to the reception which was held at a local country club in town. We had so many special family and friends that attended our celebration and danced the night away. We were even surprised to be serenaded with some friends that had travelled all the way from Russia to celebrate our marriage. After a great wedding weekend with family and friends, Kyle and I headed to Maui, Hawaii to relax on our honeymoon.

Kyle and I love the outdoors. We both love being active in many things. Because we share many interests, most of the activities we enjoy doing are things we can do together. We both love to run, bike, swim, and of course hike. We have participated in marathons, triathlons, and other local races. Not only do we enjoy being active we also enjoy traveling and spending time with family and friends.

My Wife, Kim -

Kim is very compassionate and caring toward others. She really gets true enjoyment out of making others happy. Whether it be helping others in need or providing a nurturing environment for the students she teaches, Kim's smile lights up a room. Kim's devotion to kids incredible. She interacts with children on a daily basis and puts her heart and soul into seeing those kids succeed. After a long day of teaching, I see how much Kim enjoys spending time with our daughter and providing her with guidance every step of the way. She uses every opportunity for a "teachable moment," and will take the extra time to teach our daughter how to do something instead of just doing it herself. Kim is very close to her family and I admire that she speaks to her mom and sister every single day. The close bond they have as a family is truly remarkable. Kim is very structured and well-organized, she does not take on something that she is not fully committed to or prepared to succeed at. I am impressed how she can be strong and confident, yet gentle and caring when the situation is called upon.

It has been a true blessing to see my wife raise our daughter. Already knowing how she can put others first, motherhood has really put her on another level. Kim always wants the best for Alaina and is thinking of her future in all of her decisions. Knowing when to separate "fun" time from a young child's learning experience comes easy to Kim with her teaching experience. Kim looks forward to her mommy-daughter time each day. She enjoys taking Alaina on walks, swinging in the backyard, and playing house with her. Watching Kim become a mom has brought tears to my eyes. It has been an incredible step in our lives' to become parents and I can see how this has been such a fulfilling experience for Kim. I can't wait to see her nurture, teach, and love another young child with her incredible compassion and love.

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My Husband, Kyle -

Kyle is the perfect companion for me and I could not have been blessed with a better man. He is caring, compassionate, and loving in so many ways. Kyle is not only my husband, he is also my best friend. He is always there to listen in good times and bad and somehow always makes my day a little brighter. Whether he surprises me with flowers or cute text messages, there is never a dull moment with Kyle. Kyle is full of energy and very athletic. He loves running, biking, and competing in marathons and triathlons. His determination and willingness to succeed in everything he puts his heart into, is a trait that shines in Kyle's character. I admire his dedication to both his job and his family and his ability to balance both. He is a hard worker and will do anything to help others. Kyle is simply an amazing man.

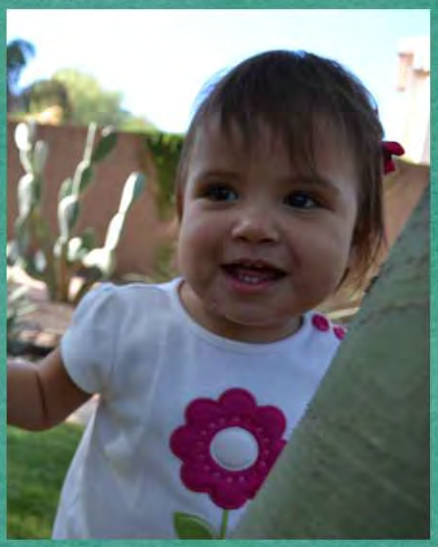
Kyle is an outstanding dad. He enjoys spending one-on-one time with our daughter, using each opportunity as a chance to teach her something and learn something from her at the same time. He makes her giggle to her fullest, and can sooth her when she is upset. Kyle enjoys taking Alaina everywhere he goes and is very proud to be a daddy. His favorite time of everyday is bed time. After dinner, Kyle loves to give her a bath, put her PJ's on, and cuddle up with her and read stories. It is such a sweet and relaxing time for the both of them. He hurries home each night to make sure he has not missed his daddy- daughter time. Kyle is excited to welcome another little one into our home. He is an amazing father and I can assure you he will give all the love in the world to this little one, just as he has with our daughter Alaina.

Our Daughter, Alaina

In August of 2011 we were blessed with the adoption of our beautiful daughter, Alaina Shea. We had such an amazing experience with adoption the first time which is why we are so eager to adopt again. We did not have any other children at the time, so we had no idea what to expect. The minute we saw those big brown eyes gazing up at us, we were totally in love. Alaina attached to us immediately, and we had a smooth transition. We pray for her birth mom every night and thank God for giving her the peace of mind to make one of the hardest decisions of her life.

We were lucky enough to be at the hospital when Alaina was born and brought her into our home the next day. Alaina is a healthy, energetic, and extremely loving little girl. She loves to play with her dollies, make us meals in her kitchen, and especially loves to play outside. She also loves to read books and can never get enough snuggle time. It has been such a gift to watch her grow.

Our favorite activities are spending time playing at the park, and snuggling on the couch with her favorite books and animals. We love to read together, and Alaina is always eager to turn the pages. We also enjoy going to the zoo and engaging in local activities near our home. All in all, we love being together and spending time as a family.



Our Family and Friends -

Kyle's family lives close by and we see them frequently. My sister lives close to us and even though my parents live in another state we see them often. We each have grandparents that are still living and we stay in contact with them on a regular basis.

Our most celebrated family traditions are Thanksgiving and Christmas, although we frequently get together on other holiday occasions with family, since we have so many close to us. On Thanksgiving Day we get together with family at Kyle's parents. This includes both of our sister's and their families, several aunts, uncles, and cousins who also live close by. Before we divulge in a traditional turkey dinner, we participate in a 10k Turkey Trot race to start off our day. This makes it easier to enjoy the large family dinner. After dinner we all go for a long walk and come back to the house to play games until we are all tired. It is a great day with family.

Our Christmas traditions consist of spending Christmas Eve with my family since that has been our tradition since we were young. We attend the children's church service in the afternoon and then get together at either our house or my sister's for dinner and gifts. It is great to have my parents travel out regularly to enjoy the season with us.

Christmas morning is my favorite time. I get just as excited as our daughter to wake up and celebrate in our PJ's. We first check our stockings and then sit down for a nice hot Christmas breakfast. After breakfast we all gather around the tree and open gifts. After a full morning of excitement and playing with our gifts, we head out as a family to go on a long hike. This is what is so great about Christmas time where we live, the weather is usually beautiful! After some snuggle time as a family, we continue our Christmas journey and get together at Kyle's parents with his sister and her family for a nice dinner, gift exchange, and quality family time.

No matter what the holiday or special occasion is, Alaina loves getting together with her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and of course playing with her cousins.

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Our Home and Community -

We live in a 2500 square foot two-story home with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, and a den. Our home was built in 1998 and we have recently done a lot of remodeling. The backyard is fenced in and has a built in pool, waterfall, and large covered patio. The nice part about our backyard is that it backs up to one of the greenbelt areas in our community. We take pride in our home and love to take care of it and entertain guests.

We live in a small quiet neighborhood in a suburb of a large city. The neighborhood is friendly and full of young families raising children. The community has a nice kid-friendly playground and picnic area, as well as grassy greenbelt areas to play in. The nice part about our community is that it is within walking distance from an excellent elementary school which is in an award winning school district. This is the same school district Kim has taught in for the past five years. The community is close to shopping and dining areas as well.

Our Future -

We are always living our life to the fullest and dreaming about the future. Our plans for the future include adding to our loving family by adopting another baby. We plan on staying in our home for a long time, as our family and friends are all close. Kyle's career could not be any better. He is building his business and achieving success. Kim enjoys being a teacher and is very passionate about what she does. We plan on having Kim stay home indefinitely in the near future, as long as finances allow. We are looking forward to more family outings, trips to visit family, and spending a lifetime together building a family legacy.

Kyle and I were both raised by the Christian faith and believe that it is the foundation of our lives. There is no doubt in our mind that we will raise all of our children according to the Christian faith. We are involved in an awesome church with a wonderful children's ministry. Attending church weekly is part of our routine and we know that our faith in God has provided us a wonderful, healthy life.

Education is very important to us. We both grew up attending public schools, but would not be against sending our children to a private school if it was in the best interest of our children. As an educator myself, I know the importance of working with your children at home to help them achieve success in any school system. I know that we will be actively involved with our children's education. We have already decided to start a college fund for our children and let it grow as they get older in hopes to provide them some financial help to attend college. Both of our parents provided a large financial help for our college education and we understand through experience how vital that was to a successful life in the working world. College is just another stepping stone in the education system and we feel strongly about guiding our children in this direction.

We hope this information has helped you get to know us a little better. We are grateful for the loving gift you are considering and hope we can be the answer to each other's prayers.

God Bless You,

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