



# CHRIS & JAMIE

*Dear Birth Family,*

First, we want to recognize the difficult decision you have in front of you. We respect and admire your decision to make an adoption plan, and even though we may not know each other, we definitely want you to know we want the best for you and your child.

If you should select us as adoptive parents, you will be fulfilling our lifelong dream of creating a family of our own. We will honor and love your child with all our hearts and give them the respect and support they need to grow into all that you have dreamed for him or her.

*Chris and Jamie*

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# about US

We met while we were both students at Kansas State University and established a solid friendship prior to becoming a couple. It is this strong friendship that drives our relationship with each other and guides how we spend time with family and friends to enhance our lives.

## our WORK

**Jamie** is a high school English teacher in Chicago and recently received his Master's degree in Education from DePaul University. He currently works in the field of Special Education, but he has a long history of working with children and teenagers at all levels, committing to this work for the past ten years.

**Chris** works in healthcare consulting and previously worked for Accenture and Deloitte. In 2007, he started the company he now leads with three other partners and they have grown the company to over 50 employees. The company maintains a startup culture which Chris is very passionate about, but has the wonderful opportunity to serve several Fortune 500 clients across the country.



OUR FIRST TRIP TO PARIS!



RUNNING THE DISNEY MARATHON



HORSEBACK RIDING IN COSTA RICA

## WHAT WE LOVE TO DO *for fun!*

We are both *passionate about helping others* and we take the opportunity to give back whenever we can. Chris volunteers teaching leadership courses to collegiate men and Jamie runs marathons and competes in triathlons to raise funds for non-profits.

We enjoy *cooking at home*, eating a vegetarian diet. We both enjoy the health benefits and it helps us immensely in our training.

*Travel* is also a large part of our lives. We have traveled to four continents and have visited over 15 countries. We plan to take trips with our children and experience new cultures and locations together.



OUR WEDDING DAY IN MAUI



ENGAGED IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE



SNOW CONES IN KAUAI



AT THE LAKE WITH OUR NIECE



MEETING OUR FRIENDS' ADOPTED SON

## meet OUR PUPS!

We live with our two dogs Penny and Grover. Both of us had dogs growing up and we take care to ensure they are well socialized and caring with people, especially kids. We consider them family and we enjoy going to the lake, visiting parks and attending the many Chicago street festivals together.

Both pups love playing fetch and have curious and sweet personalities — perfect for playing with a little brother or sister.



PENNY AND GROVER

## a special note about ADOPTION

We hope to give the same gift of love and support we experienced as we were growing up with our parents and extended family.

**Adoption is also something that is very important to us as it has a unique and special place in Jamie's family story. Both he and his sister were adopted at birth.**

His family is very proud of their unique make-up and they acknowledge that fact whenever they get the chance.

## a few of our FAVORITES!

**Place to take kids:** Lincoln Park Zoo. Kids always have such a good time there. During the holidays, the zoo is lit up with lights and it is fun to wander around and check out all the spectacular holiday scenes.

**Children's Books:** Jamie's favorite is J.M. Barrie's, *Peter Pan*. Chris is particularly fond of the poems in Silverstein's, *A Light in the Attic*.

**Holiday:** Christmas, of course! **Snack:** Popcorn

**Dessert:** Jamie- banana splits, Chris- cheesecake



# OUR FRIENDS & family



SURROUNDED BY LOVE



HIKING IN HAWAII



SNOW TUBING IN COLORADO



A BEACH TRIP WITH FRIENDS

We are both very fortunate to come from very loving and supportive families. Our families get along well together and we've been fortunate to get both sides together for a few weekend visits. Even though we live apart from our families, we still enjoy visiting with them a few times a year and guarantee that our children will have fulfilling relationships with their aunts, uncles and grandparents.

**Jamie** grew up in a small town in Kansas with his parents, two sisters and various family pets. He is very close to his family and enjoys FaceTime chats on a weekly basis, and travels together throughout the year with all of his nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**Chris** grew up in Texas and Kansas with his parents, two siblings and the family dog. He enjoyed a fun and engaging childhood playing youth sports and traveling with his large, tight-knit family. While his parents and siblings live some distance from us, they all still make time to gather together on holidays and special occasions.



ZIPLINING THROUGH THE JUNGLE

## our HOME & COMMUNITY

We make our home in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago. Lincoln Park is a diverse neighborhood full of young families. Strollers and bicycles fill the sidewalks on weekend mornings. We live in an area with many nearby parks, schools, and libraries. While we live in city, we still have a large three bedroom home with a fireplace and all the trappings. We even have tons of room for a Christmas tree during the holidays and we can't wait to share our loving home with our growing family.



### in CLOSING

We cannot thank you enough for giving us the opportunity to share who we are and what dreams we have for creating a family. We feel very fortunate to be able to provide a wonderful home for a child and cannot wait for our opportunity to make that happen.

We will raise your child with love and care and will give the very best of ourselves to ensure your child becomes a confident, independent and thoughtful person. He or she will absolutely know about you and how you made one of the most loving decisions anyone could make.

Our thoughts are with you as you make your decision.



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