



ELIZABETH & KENNETH

Dear Expectant Parent,

HELLO! WE ARE KENNETH AND ELIZABETH FROM CHICAGO. We are so honored by your decision to consider us in your search for adoptive parents.

We have always wanted to have a family and spoke about wanting to adopt when we first started dating. We are so excited that the time has come for us to be able to bring a child into our lives. We cannot begin to understand the courage it takes and the love you have for your child as you journey through this process. We promise you we will be present, open, and full of love on this path with you should you choose us.

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about US

We met over a shared passion for social change, youth empowerment and the arts while working at a nonprofit in New York that used the performing arts with young people to help them better their lives and to create change in their communities. What started as a friendship, quickly grew into love and two years later we got married surrounded by the people we love. At the wedding, we were surprised with a flash mob from our students, who wrote and choreographed a song for us and then stayed to dance the night away.

Our life continues to be full of family, friends, music, social justice and our dog, Julep. We live each day trying to make the world a little better because we are here.

5 THINGS WE WILL TEACH OUR CHILD:

- You are loved
- Be true to yourself
- Your mind and thoughts are important, share them
- Laughter is important, so are tears, life is full of both
- Your compassion and love can change the world



FAMILY VACATION IN CANADA



THERE WILL ALWAYS BE MUSIC!



AFTER RACE GLOW

WHAT WE LOVE TO DO for fun!

- Create music together
- Travel and explore the world
- Go on hikes & adventures with Julep
- Run races, 5K, 10k, marathons
- Spend time with friends near and far
- Spend time with family in Chicago, Louisiana, Maine, and Colorado
- Read fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, anything really!
- Kenneth has a passion for martial arts and Sumi-e painting
- Elizabeth loves theater, creating it and seeing it



ELIZABETH IN HER ELEMENT



VISITING OLD FRIENDS IN THEIR NEW CITY, BERLIN!



KENNETH HIKING IN TENNESSEE



OUR DEAR FRIEND AMINA



SWEET, SWEET JULEP

about our WORK

For both of us our careers have been more of a vocation than a job. We believe in working to empower young people to find their purpose, discover their agency in the world, and work to make their own lives and communities better. We have worked in the field for more than 10 years, currently as education director and program manager at our respective organizations.

Our work has allowed us to live comfortably and are both fortunate to work for organizations that value family and have generous family leave and flexible work schedules so we will be able to be home.



ELIZABETH GETTING HER CAST READY

about ELIZABETH

Elizabeth is my partner in all things and my life is so much better for it. She is caring, attentive, and carries herself with a learned and grounded optimism. Elizabeth is a wonderful listener, a loyal friend, and a strong independent woman. She rises to meet challenges well when she is under pressure. Elizabeth is spontaneous but also sets goals that she works towards. She is organized but also creative. Elizabeth's joy encourages everyone she meets to live life in the moment and take each day as it comes. She inspires me everyday! I know she'll be a wonderful mom.

about KENNETH

Kenneth is the most passionate, kind, and tender person I know. He lives by his convictions, holds strong to his beliefs, and stands up for what he believes to be true. He speaks with honesty and heart, is strong in his vulnerability and has been my hero since I met him. He is a true musician, filling our home with music. He is as quick to laugh as he is to listen. He is the person people go to when you need advice or when you just need to laugh. I am excited to see him bring all his energy and talents to raising our child.

THE PEOPLE *we love*

We are so lucky to have the tribe of people around us that we do. We are both really close to our families: Kenneth's family sends us homemade gumbo from Louisiana on birthdays; we facetime with our niece in Maine every week; we visit our extended family in MA (who also have an adopted son) on holidays.

Our friends are also super important to us and feel like family. They are from all over- from Berlin to Florida and everywhere in between. *They are also an extremely diverse group* of people bringing different cultures, experiences and love to us in their friendship.

our STUDENTS

While we do not have any children of our own, we have been "parents" to hundreds of young people through our work, many of whom we are still in touch with, come to holidays, bbq's, visit from college, and call us regularly. *They are a huge part of our lives* as we have learned so much from our relationships with them.

We wanted to share them with you because they will continue to enrich and add joy to our lives for many years to come.



END OF YEAR DINNER WITH STUDENTS



UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY



PLANTING A TREE IN HONOR OF PAPA'S BIRTHDAY



LIFE-LONG FRIENDS

our HOME & COMMUNITY

We live in a four bedroom, multi-level home in a quiet neighborhood full of young families. We're close to playgrounds which we'll enjoy as a family, and great school systems. There is also a great forest preserve nearby with hiking and bike trails as well as picnic tables and lots of open space. We take Julep there on weekends to run around and play!

One thing that makes us unique is that we share our home with Elizabeth's parents, who add plenty of laughter, some seriously good food, and lots of love into the home. Our child would grow up with the love of their grandparents close at hand.



in CLOSING

We truly believe our family will be better because of the opportunity to adopt.

We did try to conceive on our own, but adoption was not our second option, it was always part of our plan. We are now at a place where we get to make this dream a reality and we couldn't be more excited. We promise to honor you and your needs as we go through this process together.

Thank you for your love and courage.

With love, *Elizabeth and Kenneth*



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