



ERIN & BRIAN

Hello,

We are Erin and Brian from Chicago, IL. We want to thank you for taking the time to read our profile and learn about our life. We cannot imagine how difficult your journey has been so far and admire your strength to make such an incredibly tough decision. We hope this profile can provide you a glimpse into the life your child could have growing up in our family.

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about US

We met in 2008 when Erin joined the same soccer team that Brian was on. Five years later, we married and have spent as much time together as possible doing our favorite things - traveling, watching our favorite sports teams and cooking. Shortly after getting married we rescued our beagle, Larry. We wanted to continue growing our family and spent several years trying to have children on our own as well as undergoing various fertility treatments. Unfortunately, we discovered we could not have a child of our own. *We knew we were meant to be parents and decided adoption was the right choice for us.* We are looking forward to this experience and can't wait to be parents!

our WORK

ERIN works in finance at a bank and been there for 14 years. Erin's company also provides 4 weeks of vacation and 4 weeks of personal or family sick time. Recently she led a team of coworkers who lobbied to get benefits for adoptive parents doubled!

BRIAN works in marketing at an employee benefit consulting firm where he has been for 4 years. He has a flexible schedule that allows him to work remotely as needed.



AT OUR 2013 WEDDING



US IN NEW YORK CITY



ERIN COOKING DINNER

WHAT WE LOVE TO DO *for fun!*

We love spending time with our nephew and niece, whether it be an overnight baby-sit, taking them to the park, or showing them how to roast a marshmallow. We love traveling the world and have crossed five continents off our list. On Saturdays in the Fall, we spend our day watching and **cheering on our favorite college football teams** (we are season ticket holders at Erin's college). We also enjoy **playing sports** such as soccer, golf, and running. We both love to **cook at home, read, listen to music, take our dog Larry for walks** in the neighborhood, and entertain our friends and their families.



US WITH LARRY IN OUR FRONT YARD



US ON A SAFARI IN SOUTH AFRICA



BRIAN WITH OUR NEPHEW



TAILGATING FOR OUR RIVALRY FOOTBALL GAME



BRIAN GRILLING IN OUR BACKYARD

meet LARRY THE BEAGLE

We rescued Larry in 2015, when he was approximately 1 year old. *He has a lot of energy and loves meeting people and children when he is out on walks.*

Our nephew loves Larry and will chase him around while Larry loves eating all the food he drops on the floor!



OUR PUP LARRY

meet ERIN (BY BRIAN)

Erin is an honest and hard-working person who always makes sure to find time to spend with me, but also our friends and family. Erin sets and achieves goals and keeps the two of us on schedule. She is a great person to try new things with - restaurants, travel destinations, or even changing a lightbulb on the side of the house. *She is very respectful of everyone she meets and I know that as a mother she will pass that along with all the other qualities I love about her to the child that comes into our family.* PS she also keeps homemade cookie dough in the freezer at all times!

meet BRIAN (BY ERIN)

Brian is a very honest and loyal person, he also has a great memory. He remembers a lot of helpful things like what time our dinner reservation is and also less important things like the score of every baseball game played yesterday. Brian loves walking Larry and letting all the neighbors pet him. *Brian has been talking about all the things he wants to teach our child for years now: respecting others, how to read, and how to kick a soccer ball.* Brian's dad passed away in 2009 and he understands how important a positive male role model is to a child. Brian looks forward to having a similar bond with his child as he did with his father.

THE PEOPLE IN OUR *lives*

ERIN'S sister and family live about three miles from us, so we get together often. Erin's brother and sister in law live in the Chicago-area while her parents retired to a lake in Michigan where many family gatherings are held. Her parents frequently travel to Chicago to help with their grandchildren.

BRIAN'S mom lives in Ohio while his sister lives in Minneapolis. We visit each other as much as we can. We are fortunate to have many close friends who live nearby, all of them having children who are included in our get-togethers.

5 THINGS WE WANT TO TEACH *our child*

- **Love** and importance of **family**
- **Respect** others
- Importance of **education**
- **Work hard** to understand the **value** of a dollar
- How to play **soccer**



ERIN HOLDING OUR NIECE FOR THE FIRST TIME



OUR HOME



ERIN'S FAMILY



BRIAN'S FAMILY

our **HOME** & COMMUNITY

We live in a house within the city of Chicago. *Our neighborhood is very diverse with people of many different backgrounds and ethnicities. We are friends with our neighbors, many of whom have children.* We can walk to parks, schools, restaurants, and the "L" train from our house.

We chose to live in the city of Chicago to allow our child to grow up with people who come from different backgrounds and to learn to respect all cultures/walks of life. We love attending the local farmers market, movies in the park and taking Larry to the dog park.



in **CLOSING**

We appreciate you taking the time to read our profile and get a glimpse into our lives. *We cannot wait to be parents and want to provide a loving, respectful, and fun environment for your child to grow up in.* We know this is a huge decision for you to make so please feel free to ask us any other questions. At the same time, we would love to learn about you! *Thank you* for considering us to be the parents of your child.

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