

KRISTIN & ADAM



Hi.

We are excited to share our adoption profile with you. We believe that every child deserves a loving home filled with joy, adventure, and endless support.

We are **Kristin, Adam** and **Owen**, and we are excited about the possibility of expanding our family through adoption. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us better.



OUR STORY

Our story began in college, where we were introduced through mutual friends during our sophomore year at the University of Iowa. We dated for five years before marrying in 2011.

We are best friends. We challenge each other and balance the other person's weaknesses extremely well. We make each other better people and have a strong bond that is built on the shared values of honesty, respect, and support. We enjoy each other's sense of humor, being active and adventurous together. Our lives have provided us the opportunity to live in three different states and visit many wonderful places.

Over the course of our 12 year marriage, we've always dreamed of becoming parents. We were blessed with this becoming a reality nearly 5 years ago when our son, Owen, was born.

After much consideration and reflection, we realized that adoption is the path meant for us to further expand our family. We both know that our family is not complete. We share a strong desire to provide a loving and exceptional home for another child, sharing our family experiences and showering them with love, warmth, and cherished traditions.

Our journey together has been built on love and trust and we are ready to embrace the expanded role, and gift, of parenthood.





Meet Kristin

AGE
37

OCCUPATION
Pediatrician

THINGS I ENJOY MOST
Gardening, hiking, dog walks,
traveling, reading, and baking
her famous cinnamon rolls

..... WRITTEN BY ADAM

Kristin is a mother, wife, daughter, friend, doctor, educator, gardener and baker of all things delicious. Once you meet her, you'll quickly understand that the most important thing to her in life is family. She is a middle child which led her to becoming an expert peacemaker. Kristin is also very creative, thoughtful, compassionate, intelligent, dependable, and fun. What I've always admired about Kristin is how she prioritizes our family and keeping us safe, healthy and happy.

Kristin's professional life is decorated with numerous achievements in education and medicine. As a pediatrician, she has devoted her career to taking care of children and building relationships with their families. Kristin loves her job and this passion is strengthened by an incredibly supportive work environment that emphasizes personal and family life.

With her free time, you'll find Kristin (*likely with Owen by her side*), exploring new hiking trails with our family dogs, traveling to visit family and friends, baking tasty treats, or caring for our ever growing collection of plants.

Kristin is a wonderful person. Her empathetic and protective nature provide an unmatched supporting foundation for our family and she is the spark that brings joy to our lives.





Meet Adam

AGE

37

OCCUPATION

Healthcare Strategic Development

THINGS I ENJOY MOST

Being outdoors, DIY projects, traveling, golf, cycling, and pizza

..... WRITTEN BY KRISTIN

Adam is a passionate, driven, and thoughtful person. I've known Adam for nearly half his life and have seen him grow into a courageous, considerate, supportive, honest, and dependable person who advocates for others and has a great sense of humor. Most of all, he's a wonderfully engaged father who wants the absolute best for our family.

Adam works hard at everything that he does. I am very proud of the professional milestones he's achieved such as receiving a 4.0 GPA in his MBA program to the success he has achieved helping hospitals improve their operations. What's also impressed me is how well Adam achieves work-life balance, making time to coach our son's sports teams and leading church-sponsored missions trips and retreats. The little things are what makes Adam stand out. He takes pride in packing our son's school lunch every day, planning memorable vacations, and preparing delicious meals for our family.

Adam has various interests, such as hiking, woodworking, travel and cheering on his beloved sports teams. Through all these hobbies, Adam always involves our son Owen, helping him grow and discover the world.



Meet Owen

Owen is an energetic four-year old with tons of spunk and creativity. He has countless stories ready to share with anyone ready to listen. He's very outgoing and friendly, and enjoys imaginative play. Whether it's pretending to be in a grocery store, making important phone calls, or transforming into 'Super Owen', his imagination combined with his enthusiasm for life, make him a very happy kid.

Owen LOVES spending time with family and friends. When we shared the prospect of him becoming a big brother through adoption with him, he could hardly contain his excitement and immediately started picking out toys and books to share.



Owen's favorite days include.....

- Playing outside or at the pool with his friends
- Exploring parks and playing on his soccer team
- Baking cookies with his mom
- Putt putt golf and chocolate ice cream





Meet Penny & Otis

Penny (3) and Otis (6 months) are our family dogs. Both are gentle and energetic golden retrievers that love to be active. Dogs have always been a part of our family and taking walks/hikes have been a cornerstone of 'family time' for us.

Both Penny and Otis are outgoing, trustworthy and eager-to-please. They take immense joy in play and love any attention that is provided to them. We love them both as they are great family dogs that have plenty of energy to keep up with children as they play!



IT'S VACATION TIME

Our family loves to adventure! Photos from our travels this year to Michigan and Florida.



TIME TO CELEBRATE

We celebrate birthdays in our house with plenty of joy, decorations, and cakes baked with love!



OUR HOME

MADISON, WI

We live in an active, family-oriented neighborhood that provides a welcoming, safe and vibrant community. Our home is spacious and provides ample opportunities for play. We have a vegetable garden and recently installed a basketball hoop and play structure.

Since moving to Madison in 2017, we have been overwhelmed with the friendliness and support extended by our neighbors. We've become close friends with several families and the fun, child-oriented atmosphere is something we don't take for granted. Most families have small children, and with large yards, so most evenings are filled with kids running between backyards to play and families socializing through games, pool parties, and BBQs.





Kristin and Owen picking apples at the nearby orchard

OUR COMMUNITY

There are several parks within walking/biking distance from our home. There is a community pool, tennis/pickleball courts, garden center, and a golf course within a mile.

One of the most cherished parts of our community is a nearby orchard where we pick berries, apples and pumpkins throughout the year. After living in several places throughout our lives, we've come to love Madison and are confident that we've found our forever home.



From top left: Owen fishing at neighborhood pond, annual 4th of July community parade, kayaking at nearby Lake Wingra



OUR FAVORITES

As a family, we enjoy spending quality time together. We love outdoor activities such as hiking at nearby parks, visiting apple and berry orchards, and tending to our flowers and vegetable garden. We've been blessed to travel to some amazing places. We have annual trips with family friends to the Michigan coastline and to St. Louis. We've also traveled as a family to San Diego several times to visit Kristin's sister as well as to Hawaii and Walt Disney World. We cherish the everyday moments at home, cooking meals, playing board games or our Friday night tradition of pizza, popcorn and a movie.





Get to Know Our Extended Family

Our extended family and close-knit group of friends are ecstatic about the prospect of welcoming a new family member into our lives. They have offered their unending support, and their love has been and will continue to be an essential part of our family. Many of our fondest memories are centered around holidays spent together and trips taken as a group.

NANA & PAPA

Kristin's parents live in nearby Iowa, and enjoy both hosting the whole family for a noisy fun-filled weekend and packing up to visit us in Madison. You are most likely to find Owen building puzzles or legos with Papa and crawling through his fort or baking brownies with Nana.



GRANDMA & GRANDPA

Adam's Mom and Dad

Adam's parents live just a few hours away in Iowa. Because they are so close, and retired, they make frequent trips to our home to watch Owen play sports, attend birthday parties, and simply enjoy time together.



Kristin's older sister and family getting excited for 4th of July parade



Adam's families annual vacation in Galena, IL

Our extended family includes Kristin's older sister Jaclyn, her husband Jon and their four children that range from ages 4 to 10 and live in the nearby Twin Cities. Kristin's younger sister Katelyn lives in San Diego and makes several trips back to the Midwest to visit family and friends. Katelyn has also hosted us for an annual family vacation every year.



Adam's older brother Andy, and his wife Bailey live in Iowa with their two sons ages 6 and 10.

We spend a lot of quality time with our families and have developed rich traditions celebrating birthdays, holidays, and vacationing together.

Celebrating Nana's 70th b-day in Hawaii



Our Promise

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us better and considering us to be a part of your adoption plan. We think you are tremendously courageous and we want to support you throughout this journey.

Our promise is to provide a home that is supportive, playful, and full of love and opportunities. We will encourage an appreciation for the outdoors and lifelong pursuit of adventure. We promise to share with them the importance of building deep relationships with others and the value of being gracious and respectful of others. We will prioritize health, both physically and mentally, and provide a home that is safe. We will love this child unconditionally, celebrate their accomplishments, and teach them along their journey.

Thank you again for considering us and we look forward to meeting you.

with love,

KRISTIN & ADAM

THANK YOU

