



KEVIN & MARIA

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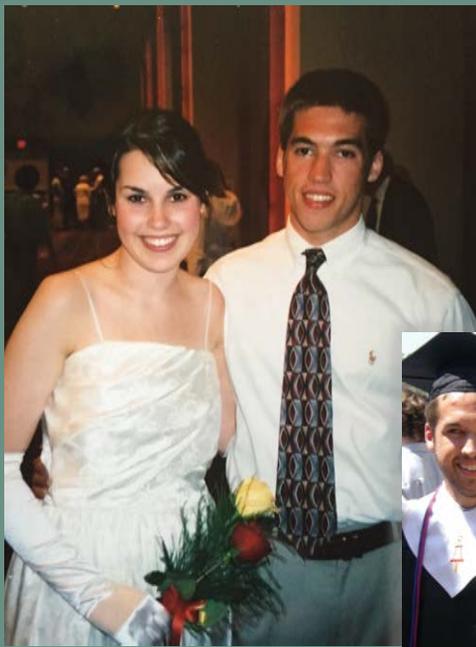


We are Kevin & María!

We are honored that you are taking the time to learn more about us. We are so excited to build our family through adoption. We received an unexplained infertility diagnosis seven years ago, and after taking time to pursue our careers, we (plus our dogs *Mason* and *Gia*) are ready to become a family of five!



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2000s We met in high school. Kevin went to the all-boys school, and Maria went to the all-girls school in Milwaukee. The picture of us (to the left) is at Maria's 2005 graduation, when we were 18 years-old.



2009 & 2010 We graduated from Marquette University. Maria graduated in '09 with an English and French degree. Kevin graduated in '10 with an Engineering degree.

In **July 2010**, we said "I do!" and celebrated with friends and family at a lake reception.



Shortly after we were hitched, we packed our bags and moved to Michigan for Kevin's job in **December 2010**.



2010 - 2017 While living in Michigan, Kevin went on to pursue his MS in Medical Physics. During this time, Maria earned her MA and PhD in Writing & Rhetoric at Michigan State.



2018 We now have returned back home to Wisconsin where we split our time between our homes in the Northwoods and the Fox Valley.

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Gia, the pup, loves to snuggle with Maria when she is working on her laptop.

Maria's Life & Passions

Maria is the oldest of six kids and loved having a BIG family. When she met Kevin, they wanted kids ASAP. But...there was another plan. After an unexplained infertility diagnosis, Maria and Kevin decided to start an infertility support group for couples. Maria fell in love with helping other people who wanted a family. She loved it so much that she went to graduate school and got her PhD, which focused on infertility. Today, she is a professor at UW-Oshkosh and hosts art and writing workshops for infertility patients to express their feelings.



Maria loves the outdoors, even when it is cold and snowy!



Maria presenting on her infertility research at a conference.

3 Words Kevin Uses to Describe Maria

- 1. Confident
- 2. Enthusiastic
- 3. Kind

Kevin Says... Maria is my best friend. We met early in high school and, even though we were really young, it was quickly clear that we had a strong connection. I love how after being together for over 15+ years, she still makes me laugh. Whether talking to our neighbors or teaching her students, she is down-to-earth, thoughtful, and compassionate. I know that co-parenting together will be such a positive experience to add to our history together.

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Kevin's Life & Passions

Kevin is the oldest of four kids and enjoyed growing up with his siblings and numerous cousins. When Kevin met Maria, he knew he wanted to spend his life with her and build a family together. Caught off guard by unexplained infertility in 2011, Kevin decided to pursue his graduate education focused on radiation oncology. Today, Kevin works in research and development designing cancer software. His passion also carries over to the hospital, where we works in a cancer center and calibrates radiation equipment used to treat cancer.



Kevin downhill skiing in Northern California, his favorite hobby!

3 Words Maria Uses to Describe Kevin

1. **Passionate**
2. **Dedicated**
3. **Intelligent**



Kevin calibrating a linear accelerator, which uses very precise radiation to treat cancer.

Maria Says... Kevin is my biggest supporter. He is always encouraging me and helping me succeed. I knew from the time that I met him, that he would be a great parent. He loves teaching everyone new things and working on projects. I can't wait to see him become my co-parent!



Kevin is an outdoorsman. He enjoys bird hunting and fishing.



We still hang out with our college friends, even though they live coast-to-coast!



Cross country skiing with Eric, our friend since high school.



We love cheering on the Packers with our up north friends, Jim and Jean. "Go Pack Go!"



Celebrating another sister getting married on Maria's side of the family!



Maria with her sisters.



Kevin with his brothers.



Celebrating another cousin getting married with Kevin's family.

FRIENDS & FAMILY



The Fox Valley

During the school year, we spend most of our time in the Fox Valley. Maria teaches classes at UW-Oshkosh, and we live in Appleton. Kevin travels occasionally for his job to Madison, but he is often working from home. We live by lots of bike trails and restaurants. We love walking our dogs and grabbing dinner on a dog-friendly patio. We can't wait to bring along a baby soon!

Our three-bedroom home in Appleton, close to parks and bike trails!



Family pontoon rides are one of our favorite rituals when up north.

A picturesque sunset over our lake.

Northern Wisconsin

During the summer and around the holidays, we are lucky enough to escape to our cabin in the Northwoods of WI. It is our "Home Away from Home!" We have lots of friends and neighbors up there, and we are lucky to count many of them as family. We can't wait to share our love of nature with our future child!



Our cabin in the Northwoods!

OUR HOMES

AS PARENTS



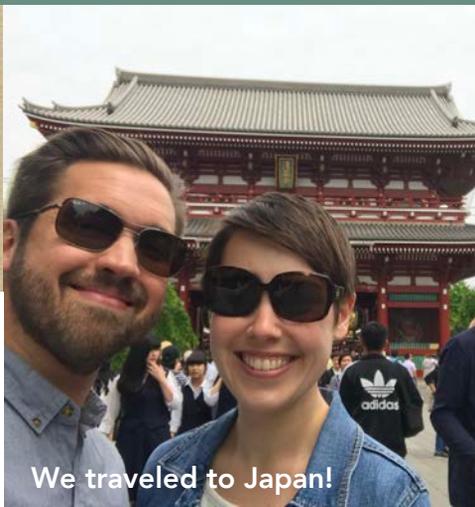
Parenting Style

We plan to be co-parents, both taking an active role in our child's life. We will create a safe environment that fosters our child's creativity, kindness, and compassion for others. We are looking forward to exposing our child to cultural experiences and openly exploring their interests. Our deep love for one another will naturally be extended to our new member of the family and through laughter, joy, and happiness provide a strong support system.

It has always been our dream to build our family and share the world with this little person. We value the importance of an open adoption for our little one's life. We thank you for taking the time to get to know us, and we look forward to getting to know you!

Maria says...

As a parent, I know Kevin will be a hands-on dad, loving, and our child's biggest advocate.



We traveled to Japan!

Kevin says...

As a parent, I know Maria will be an encouraging, devoted, and energetic influence in our child's life.