

AS SOON AS I SAW YOU,



I knew a grand



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Hello!



Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family. We are very grateful for your strength, courage and love that you have for your child. As you consider adoption, we want you to know that we honor you and your wishes no matter what choice you end up making. If you have any questions after reading through our profile, we would be happy to share more and look forward to getting to know you as well.

SINCERELY, NICK, CHRISTINA AND SYDNEY



Age: 33

Born and Raised: suburb of St. Louis, Mo

Career: Mechanical Engineer

Favorite Movie: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

Favorite Music: Country

Favorite Food: BBQ and Mexican

Favorite Dessert: Frozen Custard

Favorite Get-Away: Beach, preferably the Caribbean

ABOUT
NICK



My parents lived in the same house from the time I was born until well after graduating from college. I made very good friends in the area, who I was able to truly "grow up" with. Two of them are my best friends to this day. I want to do all I can to provide that same opportunity to my children. My parents also emphasized the importance of education and provided me and my sister with great opportunities. I plan to provide the same with my children. After graduating high school, I moved to Fort Collins, Colorado to attend college at Colorado State University. This allowed me to expand my view of the world and really helped bring about positive changes in my life. Before college I was overweight, but while attending school I found a strong interest in mountain biking. This not only allowed me to become healthier, but is now my favorite hobby and keeps me active and fit to this day. My daughter, Sydney, and I bike to parks and the grocery store weekly during the warm weather season. Now that she is bigger, rather than having her ride in the trailer with the groceries, we make a bike train with my bike, her tagalong and the trailer. My other great passion is in automobiles. I love to attend any type of car-related event, especially with my dad. A few years ago, Christina supported me purchasing my dream car, a BMW M3. During the summer I take it on back-road drives frequently and also autocross events. One thing I like about being a dad, is being able to fix things for Sydney and in her eyes, be a hero. I love being able to teach her things like multiplication when driving home from school. I really hope to enjoy all of this with another child through adoption.



Age: 34

Born and Raised in Colorado

Career: Engineer

Favorite Movie: Top Gun

Favorite Music: Country

Favorite Food: Steak with sautéed mushrooms

Favorite Dessert: Cheesecake

Favorite Get-away: Mountains



ABOUT CHRISTINA



As a child I always knew I wanted to be a mom of multiple children and that I wanted to work with airplanes, or be the first person on Mars. Now as an adult, I am a mom that loves dance parties in the living room and family game nights. I'm proud of every achievement, turn spelling lists into games to make studying fun and will do anything to help right a wrong or make an owie go away. I am a wife that loves to binge watch Survivor, cook together and attempt to win at laser tag. I am an engineer that worked my way through college and never gave up on my dream to work with airplanes. I am an artist that loves charcoal drawings and playing the piano. I am a crafter that could stay up all night working on a scrapbook. I get excited when a hummingbird flies by for a visit and try to enjoy the small pleasures in life just as much as the big ones. Family is the most important thing to me and I have so much love and care to give. I am blessed to be able to be a work from home engineer. My dream of being a mom to multiple children is still very real, and I sincerely hope and pray that we are blessed with the gift of another child through adoption.





THE STORY OF US



We met Spring Break of our senior year of college at Colorado State University. Christina knew about Nick from a mutual friend. Nick, was a little more oblivious at first to her existence, even though we had the same classes. One evening out with friends, Christina flirted with Nick until he got the idea that she was interested. After that, we spent as much time together as possible. There were Friday night bicycling trips to Cold Stone for ice cream, walking together to classes, and lots of study dates as we completed our degrees. After graduation, Nick turned down a job in Ohio to follow Christina to Seattle as she followed her dream of working for an aerospace company. We have been together for 11 years and married for nearly 9. In that time, we have enjoyed a lot of adventures, worked through struggles, and experienced major life moments together. We visited Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Mexico, Canada and several places in the US. We have built two homes, lived in two countries and three states, faced infertility together and welcomed our daughter to the world. Life certainly has its ups and downs and we are very happy to get to experience it together.



From Christina: What I love most about our relationship, is that we both support one another's dreams and passions. We are a true partnership in our marriage

and in life. When one person is hurting, facing uncertainty or struggling, the other is right there alongside them. Nick was the first person I felt truly loved me for who I was, all of me, the good and the bad. I was able to be 100% honest with him from day one and still can without concern of how I'll be treated or loved.



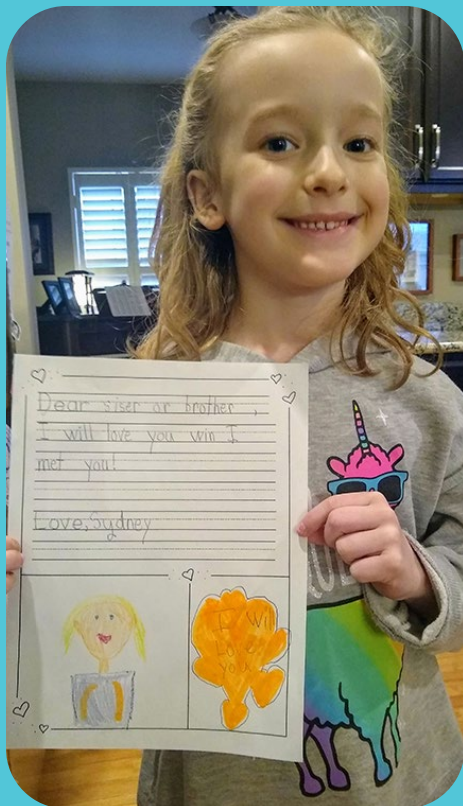
From Nick: What I love most about Christina is her resilience and drive to accomplish what she sets her mind on. She has overcome many challenges in life which has made her a stronger and more empathetic person. The reason I fell in love with her and what continues to amaze me each day is how selfless and caring she is, especially as a mother. Even when

she is dealing with her own hard times and struggles, she puts our daughter first.

MEET SYDNEY



Sydney is the source of much joy, laughter, imagination and creativity in our family. She is our fairy, unicorn, RC truck and Hot Wheels loving six-year-old daughter. She loves to try out new things and most recently took horseback riding lessons. Sydney is in first grade where her favorite subject is PE! What she loves most about our neighborhood is the swimming pool and living by lots of friends. Sydney is thrilled at the possibility of being a big sister and already draws pictures for her sibling and has shown she will be very caring and fun!



From Christina: What I love about Sydney, is her care and compassion for others, especially animals. The dogs in the neighborhood will run to greet her and every animal she meets is an instant friend. Her kindness, empathy and giving heart is truly special.

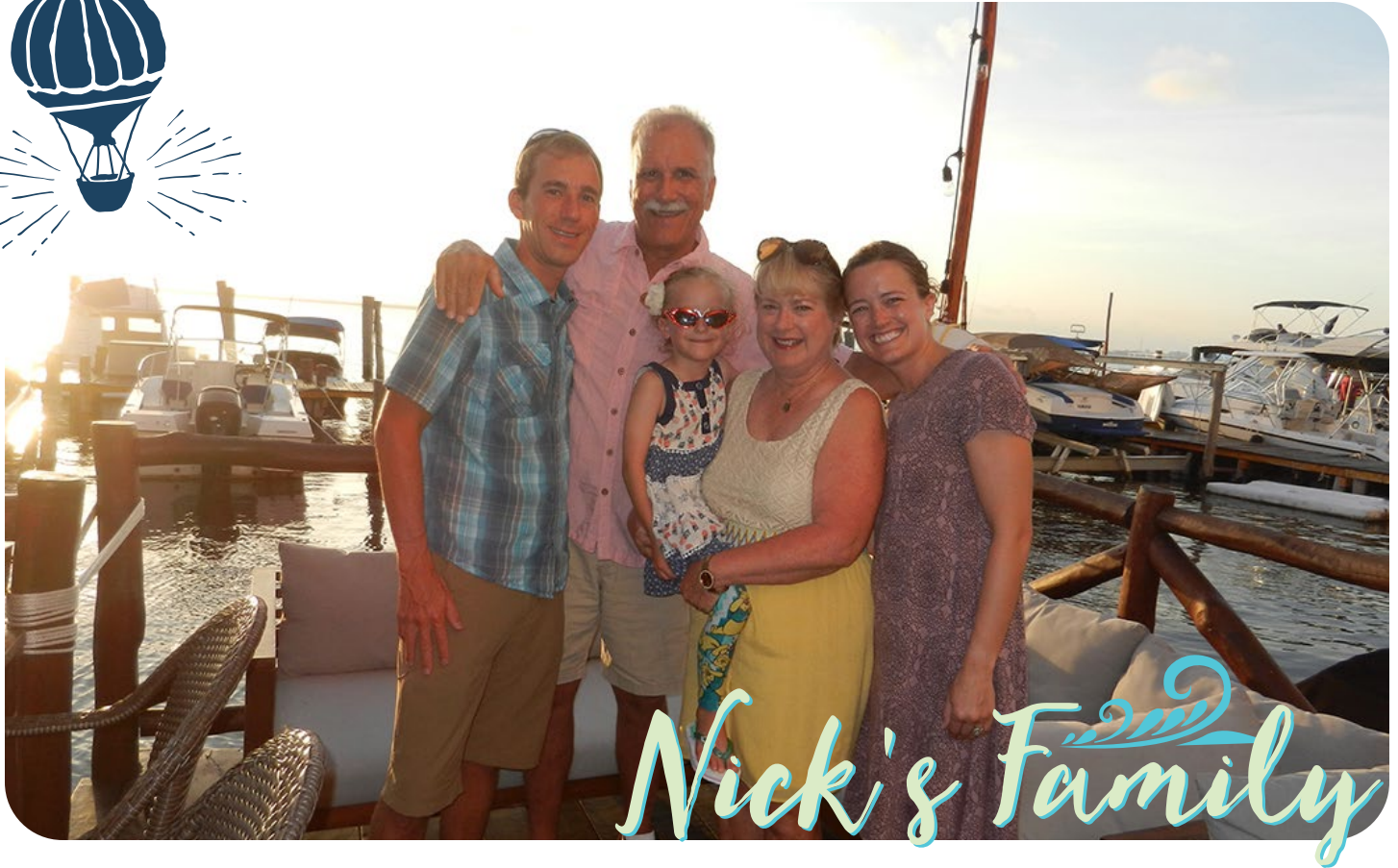


From Nick: I love that Sydney wakes up every day excited for unbounded opportunities. She is very inquisitive and always wants to know why things are a certain way, or how things work. She is very creative, compassionate and loves animals.



I come from a very large extended family with tons of cousins, multiple grandparents, aunts, and uncles. I always had someone to play with while growing up, making mud pies with my cousins, camping and fishing with my grandpa, and endless more adventures. My dad's side of the family is Japanese which taught me a lot about compassion and appreciating another culture and how life experiences differ greatly between individuals. My mom's side of the family is the biggest and I loved when we would all get together growing up, skiing in Colorado, or trips to the water park. Now at reunions, we get to see our children run around and play the way we used to. I have two sisters and am the middle child, and have five nieces. I absolutely adore being an aunt! What I love most about family is that unconditional love and support is out there for you. No matter what brings you joy, what career you have, or the choices you make, there is someone you can share that with. My little sister is adopted by our step-dad who was also adopted (as an infant), and my dad was not raised by his biological father. I have experienced the love of a family that has been brought together in multiple ways. Family is about being there for one another, listening when you are needed, flying home to help in a crisis, cheering others on when they achieve a new goal, or crying together when there is pain. It is special to me that Sydney has cousins to grow up with and I look forward to her sibling experiencing the same.





I grew up with one sister, Danielle, who is a few years younger than me. As siblings we got along well and still do to this day. After graduating college, she stayed in the Austin Texas area, but she visits home (near Saint Louis) a couple times a year and we generally see her during our annual family vacation with my mom and dad. Growing up, my extended family was relatively small and today it is even smaller as family members have passed away. One benefit of growing up with a small family is that we were all very close and able to spend every holiday with the entire family. My mom and dad live about 20 minutes away from us and we are very close with them. They are wonderful grandparents to Sydney and are very supportive of our family. We generally visit with them at least a few times a month to have dinner or a summer time pool party. Both of my parents are now retired, so they have lots of time to spend with Sydney who is currently their only grandchild. Sydney's school is less than 10 minutes from their house, so nana loves to pick her up to have play dates and sleep overs. As Danielle is not planning to have any children of her own, my parents are very excited about the possibility of being blessed with another grandchild through adoption.





We live in an amazing city west of St. Louis, MO in a great neighborhood surrounded by friends and other children to play with. Our home is on a cul-de-sac which adds safety and comfort to playing outside. We live in a two-story home which has three bedrooms upstairs, the main floor has the living space including a dedicated playroom. The basement is unfinished which allows for more active indoor play. We have a large backyard where Sydney and the neighbors love to play on the swing set and run through the sprinklers in the summer. We cannot forget to mention our cat; Dune. He is a total love bug and will do anything for kids. You'll often find him lined up with Barbies for a tea party, listening to Sydney reading a book, or matching in dress up clothes. There is a lot we enjoy about our neighborhood and community. We are close friends with our neighbors, BBQ nights followed by laughter around the fire pits, and dance parties with the kids. Our neighborhood has a community pool, basketball and pickleball courts, walking trails and two playgrounds which are a constant source of entertainment. In winter, our backyard hill is perfect for sledding and snowball fights. The community also has several playgrounds we enjoy. The "blue castle park" and "bug park" are two favorites and both have water features. Every 4th of July our city holds a parade. We love dancing to the marching bands, waving flags and gathering all the candy and necklaces! Other things we enjoy are the summer night concert series in the park, food truck Friday, and so many other festive events that make this a joyous place to live!





Friends are a huge blessing in our lives! We have close friends from all stages of our lives, from early childhood to college and beyond. Some live local to us and we are lucky to see frequently while others are spread across the country. We hope to see them all in person again soon! Our friends are all extremely supportive of our adoption journey and are thrilled at the potential of another child to love.



Just for Fun

There is never a shortage of things to keep us busy and entertained. We are a family who definitely likes to keep busy and have fun! St. Louis is known for their amazing zoo and we have been members for multiple years. We love riding the train, strolling through the butterfly house, watching the polar bear swim and are big fans of the sea lion show! There are also numerous museums in the area. City Museum is like a massive playground made out of historic city pieces and one we really enjoy! Family bike rides along the Katy Trail, or through Indian Camp Creek are always a treat. Bicycling is a definite favorite of Nick and Sydney's. When it's warm outside they even bike to the grocery store (you should see the bike train!). Kokomo Joe's arcade games and winning as many tickets as we can, or jumping our way through a trampoline park and tackling a ninja course are great indoor activities! As a family we also enjoy hiking, annual visits to the Renaissance Faire, summer vacations and making sure we never miss Legends & Lanterns at Halloween or Christmas Traditions on Main Street in St. Charles.





Travel

Being able to explore, get away from work and the chores of home, relax and go on family vacation is really important to us! It's important to focus on family and have that dedicated time. Traveling to Colorado to visit Christina's family is an annual trip. At Christmas time we alternate years between Missouri and Colorado. Last year we spent a week in a cabin with Christina's parents and other nieces. There was sledding, snowmobiling and lots of giggles adventuring through Rocky Mountain National Park!

We are very thankful for the ability to travel often with Nick's family. Our recurring trip is two weeks in Cancun, Mexico and we cannot wait to go back! Swimming in the ocean, reading by the pool, trying new foods, going to the museum and aquarium are big hits. We also recently got to experience the natural beauty of Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Park this past summer. Not too long ago, we experienced the magic of Disney World. We look forward to continuing to explore the US and more internationally with our family in the future.



DEAR BIRTHPARENT(S).

There are no words to describe the gratitude and respect we have for you as you consider adoption for your child. The amount of strength and courage you have to seek the assistance of an adoption agency proves your unconditional love for your child and is something we admire. We will never fully understand what you are experiencing or how you are feeling, but we hope that you always know that we care about you and support your wishes. Despite facing fertility challenges we have been blessed with our biological daughter. After a few more years of trying for another, Christina ultimately had to have a hysterectomy. Two years later, our hearts and dreams are still to love and cherish another child, this time through adoption.

As you consider our family for your child, we want to tell you a little bit more about our promise and commitment to you as birthparents. Our promise to you is that your child will be unconditionally loved, treasured and supported by us and our families and friends without limitations. We are completely committed to partnering together in an adoption plan and working together to keep the communication at a level that brings peace and happiness to both you and ourselves. We would love for our child to know their adoption story, their birth parents and about the incredible gift that you gave them, the gift of life, and us, the gift of family.

As parents, we will provide a safe, stable, loving, creative, fun and adventurous home. One filled with living room dance parties, and hot wheels races. Afternoons of family games, bike riding around the neighborhood or playing on the swing set. Dinners together as families with the special treat of eating out, or Friday trips to get ice cream. Evenings full of bed time stories and lullabies. We will provide an education that suits their needs, desires and dreams. A conventional private elementary school with small class sizes, multiple specials a day, and a diverse student body has been wonderful for our daughter and we would provide the same for our next child. We will support their interests and let them choose the extra-curricular activities they want to try. Summers will include vacations to new places and new experiences. As they grow older, we'll take them with us to travel the world and learn about various cultures and history.

We sincerely appreciate you taking the time to learn more about our family, our home and the life we would provide for your child. It is amazing to feel so much love for a child we do not even know yet, and truly hope that our family may be a wonderful option for your child's future. Thank you for providing hope to families like ours. We wish you health and happiness as you move through this journey and are here to support you and your child the best we can.

With gratitude,

*Nick, Christina
and Sydney*





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