

"I didn't give you the gift of life, but in my heart I know...



We wholeheartedly believe that family is what you make it. We are a family built on open adoption and cannot wait to grow our family this way once again. Thank you for taking the time to learn about who we are through this profile. We hope it leaves you with an understanding of our family and what we hold dear as well as the type of loving and supportive home that is available for you to place your child in.

...The love I feel is deep and real,
As if it had been so.
For us to have each other, Is like a dream come true!
No, I didn't give you
The gift of life, Life gave me the gift of you.



#### All About Albert BY KEYANNA

Albert is my favorite person in the world. I never feel safer than when I am with him. He consistently places his family and friends first, making sure that everyone is taken care of before he thinks of himself. Albert loves deeply and shows this through his actions. He is a man of few words. He is responsible, patient, and fun-loving. Albert is always the funny one, sometimes not on purpose, and makes sure that we all remember to have fun and not take things too seriously. He enjoys outdoor adventures, computers, gaming, and eating out with friends, especially sushi and Korean BBQ. He is also hoping to start biking as a family for fun and exercise. Albert enjoys music of all kinds (he is seriously like a music trivia treasure trove!) and has an affinity

for the guitar. He is a great Dad and it is so fun to watch him father our daughter. They especially enjoy cooking together, playing pretend, and being outside. Albert loves Chloë unconditionally and is sure to make her laugh every single day! Somedays that is because he puts hair clips in his beard and somedays that is because he tickles her until she cannot take it anymore! As we grow our family again I am so thankful that I will get to see Albert once again be a Dad to someone that will get smothered in his love all the time and grow up knowing what it means to have a Dad that thinks the world of them.







#### All About Keyanna

Keyanna's devotion to faith keeps her humble, strong, and loving of the world around her. The bonds she forms with friends and family are some of the deepest you will ever see. This is why her family is so large- when she chooses you to be in it- you are in it forever. The benefit of this is that our daughter has so many aunties and uncles to love! In her free time, Keyanna can be found watching TLC, HGTV and checking out deals at Target to help fuel her new ideas for customizing our home with lovely decor. She has a love for music and a beautiful singing voice she gets to share as a member of her church's worship team. Keyanna enjoys sports, particularly college football, and can always be found cheering on the Missouri Tigers. She also looks forward to



baseball season and loves the STL Cardinals. This year she was able to sing on the field with her church choir at a Cardinals game! Keyanna has always been a mother figure- working as a career nanny for numerous sets of twins and large families. She is a doting Auntie to so many I cannot count them and genuinely loves children and has their best interests and safety at heart always. Keyanna is also the Vice President and an Executive Board Member of our local area Mothers Club. As a Mom to Chloë she is a natural. They enjoy their days together and fill them with playdates, crafts, coloring, day trips to the zoo and to see family, turning errands into fun, and lots of reading! Keyanna is always anticipating what our daughter will need next- whether that be the next size of clothes, the next level of books, or the next car seat- she is very in tune with the needs of her child and I am so thankful for that. I am hopeful that when we add another child to our family I will get to see this part of Keyanna continue to grow and change as our kids do. That she will be able to share her love, faith and interests with another little one.







## Chloës Mae











Our daughter Chloë is 4.5 years old and amazing. She is creative, full of energy, and always talking or singing. She is currently attending a private pre-k program for the 2nd year and is thriving there. I asked her what she loves and she said "I love my family and Mamaw and Papaw!" Her favorite thing to do is play with animals and cars. She enjoys eating fruit and learning to ride her big girl bike even though sometimes it goes too fast. Chloë takes gymnastics weekly and enjoys learning new skills- especially the balance beam and the uneven bars. She likes watching shows like Gabby's Dollhouse, Bluey, and Work It Out Wombats with her Mom and Dad too. Chloë is 1 of 8 grandchildren currently and she loves going to visit her cousins. She has one cousin who is the same age and they always have a great time together. We have told Chloë about our adoption plans and she is very excited to be a big sister! She says she wants to hug the baby and teach them the letters. She also enjoys playing with our neighbors and her buddy two houses down is in a family of two adopted kiddos!



Dear Expectant Parent(s)

We are absolutely thrilled to hear that Chloë is going to be a big sister! Keyanna and Albert are such amazing parents!

It all started when we found out that we were expecting, unplanned. We were worried, stressed, and scared. We were going through the same emotions you might be going through right now, and we hope that you find relief and peace throughout the process. We wanted Chloë to have a life full of love, happiness, adventure and not have to worry about who or where her new home was. When we found Keyanna and Albert's profile. We quickly discovered how loving, caring, fun and creative Keyanna and Albert are and after talking with them we could say with confidence that we really felt like we could not have found a more capable family to provide the life we wanted for Chloë. Once, we finally met them in person, our confidence in our choice was immensely solidified. We couldn't be more relieved nor happier. We are always reminded about how much they love her and are grateful to have her in their life, and we could not be more grateful and blessed to have them in ours.

Keyanna is amazing with sending updates on life happenings, photos, videos and we feel so blessed that she keeps us involved in Chloë's life. She's such a wonderful mother with a sweet soul, and her heart is just melting with love for her family which shows when you meet her as well as in photos and videos. Albert is such a fun, loving, and down to earth father with a funny personality! He provides a great deal of security for his family while still managing to put a smile on everyone's faces. Chloë is one happy and lucky lil girl to have two parents that go above and beyond to love and nurture her. Keyanna and Albert is the family we MORE than hoped for and we know you will feel the same as we do. You won't be disappointed!

Sincerely, Mila and Josh







#### Our Story

We met by chance and fell in love on purpose. As we dated we found out that our differences brought us closer together because we wanted to learn so much more about each other, and our similarities were fun to discover and explore. It was on our third date that we mentioned adoption over cheeseburgers and 5 years later we grew our family for the first time through adoption. Together we enjoy traveling, holidays, sports, movies, concerts, and entertaining in our home. We enjoy playing games as well as being on or near water and exploring new places domestic and international. Albert works in the IT field as a Sr. Administrator and Keyanna is a Stay-at-home mom to our daughter Chloë who is in Pre-K.











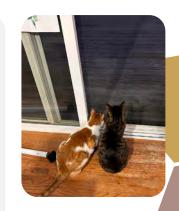
Without adoption our family would not exist- so keeping it at the center of our purpose and always sharing our stories is very important to us. While Keyanna was not legally adopted she met her parents at church as a little girl while living with her grandparents. They immediately filled a need in her life and when her grandparents became ill, and later passed away they naturally formed a family- adding Keyanna to the two biological children they had. They make no distinctions as to when and why they became a family because it happened so seamlessly as they feel it was always meant to.

Albert lost his mother as a teenager and to ensure his safety and security he was adopted by his older sister. This shaped their family and their deep friendship over the years and Albert still considers his sister his best friend. Both sides of our family are thrilled to see us growing our family through adoption once again and we are all excited that it will always be a part of our legacy. We will always speak openly about adoption to our children with ageappropriate answers to their questions. Our home library also has lots of books about and featuring adoption and we are close with other adoptive families.

#### Our Home

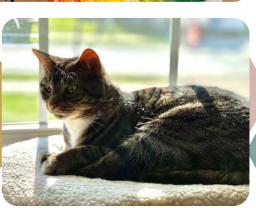
We live in a large two-story home in Missouri with a school district ranked number 11 in the state. There is a dedicated playroom that Keyanna and our daughter decorated together on the main level as well as a play space adjacent to Albert's game room downstairs in the full basement. There are 5 bedrooms so that our children will have their own space and we always have room for family to come and visit as well. Outside there is a trampoline and lots of yard space to run and play in all seasons. Our neighborhood has kids of all ages as well as two playgrounds, a walking trail, and sidewalks throughout for family strolls and bike riding lessons. We are also less than 3 miles from a city park with two large play structures as well as a walking track and fields where kids play soccer and baseball. We attended the HUGE city-wide Easter egg hunt here with thousands of kids and their families- it was a blast!

We have two cats who think they own our home. Virgil is 6 years old and Vladimir "Vlady" is 3 years old. They both enjoy sunbathing and sleeping most of the day away. Vlady loves to chase his toys and will even play fetch with us if he is in the mood. Virgil just wants his back and belly rubbed from time to time and is the talker of the two- he greets us with MEOW as soon as we come home unless he is sleeping on his window perch.













## Our Family

We have a lot of family members. Albert is one of two biologically and Keyanna is one of three biologically, BUT we do not let biology define our family. Because of this, we have much more family than we share bloodlines with and we would not have it any other way.

Albert's sister and her husband live on the East Coast so we do not see them as frequently as we did before we moved to the Midwest- but we make time for video calls every week and typically travel to see one another every 5 months or so. Albert's sister is a very loving Auntie and she values all her time with Chloë. She is always excited for an update about preschool or gymnastics and we send her photos often as well. She is very excited for us to add another member to our family.

All of Keyanna's immediate family, with the exception of her younger brother, live just 90 minutes away in her hometown. When we all get together for holidays and birthdays, there are now 17 of us and it can be...loud. But we love it and would not change it for anything. There are 8 grandchildren from age 2 through 17 so someone always has a performance or sporting event for us to attend and cheer them on. Chloë's grandparents are known as Mamaw and Papaw and they are one in a million. They plan an annual GRAND Adventure for the grandkids and make every visit special somehow. Mamaw loves Christmas and hanging the stockings. You can find Papaw outside teaching someone to ride their bike or shoot a basketball. A friend turned sister also lives there and we are all involved in her KC wedding next summer. Keyanna's youngest brother lives on the East Coast near Albert's sister so when we visit one we get to see both! He and his family have also come to visit us in the Midwest and enjoyed seeing Saint Louis for the first time. We are going on vacation with them later this year as well.













"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them."

-Desmond Tutu

### Our Friends



We all enjoy spending time with friends and Keyanna tries to always have room for the fun times in the family calendar. This summer we rented a beach house with Albert's best friend from childhood and his family- it was a blast for all the adults and the kids! We try to host our friends for easy family-style dinners where everyone can eat and relax. Albert participates in a weekly game night in the city as well and Keyanna will be leading a small group this fall. Chloë has a growing group of friends from school and church as well as the Mothers Club with whom we coordinate play dates and events at least monthly.









# Enjoying Costa Rica



Hikking in Hawii



Cave Swimming in Mexico



Baha Mar with Uncle John



Alantic Ocean with Cousin Kolby

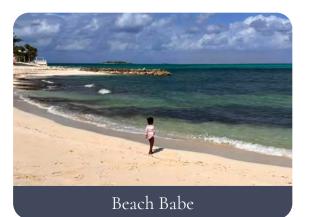


Enjoying the Beach in Delaware with Dad

# HOBBIES &



Princess Ride at Saunders Beach





Keyanna Heading to Sing at the Game



Veggies from Mamaw and Papaw's Garden

## Expectant Parent

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We are excited to grow our family through adoption for a second time. While we have battled infertility for many years, we have always known that adoption would be a part of the journey as well- and we like to say that we have beaten infertility through adoption. We are a loyal committed family and will provide a loving, and stable home to your child. They will grow up with two parents to encourage and support them, a big sister to be their first friend, as well as a large extended family that is excited to meet, get to know, and love them. In addition, we have the love of our large group of friends who are like family. Your child will be so loved, and so very welcomed.

#### Our Promise

We promise to provide a loving, stable, supportive home for your child. We promise to be parents who lift your child up with words and actions of encouragement and spur them on to explore the world for themselves and create positive change in their community. We promise to love your child through the ups and downs of adolescence and adulthood. We will always be a source of support. We are thrilled to share family memories and moments big and small with your child.







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