



TONY *and* KATIE





TOGETHER,  
WE MAKE ONE  
*beautiful family.*

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hi there!

IT'S SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU.

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We're so grateful that you're taking the time to look through our profile. These pages offer just a glimpse of who we are, but we hope that they show that we are a fun and adventurous family. We know that words can't fully express our feelings, but we hope you can see our genuine love and excitement.

We understand the immense love and strength it must take to consider making an adoption plan for your child, and we want you to know that we are here with open minds and profound respect for your journey.

**No matter your decision, we are here to support you with compassion and care. We would be honored to share more about our lives and our commitment to providing your precious baby with a loving, nurturing home.**

All our love,  
**TONY + KATIE**

# This is our story

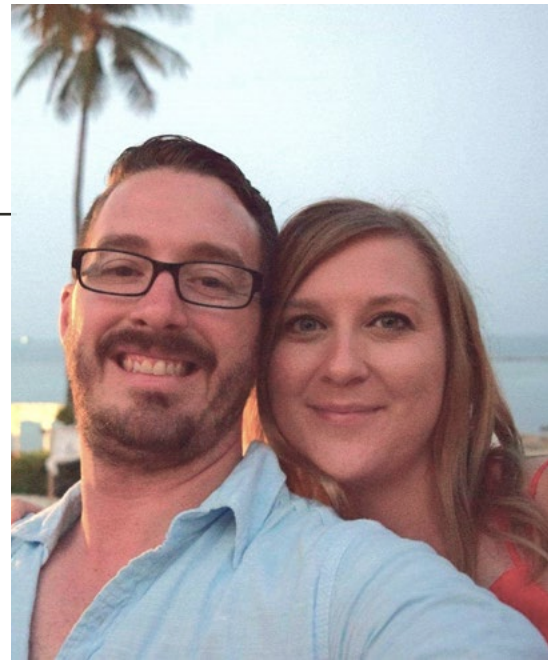
## WHERE WE STARTED

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Our journey began 20+ years ago when we met through mutual friends in college. After graduation, we reconnected and went on our first date, and it's been a whirlwind ever since!

For our first real adventure, we moved to Vegas so that Katie could attend graduate school.

After that, we continued west to California, where we spent seven years before returning to the Midwest to be closer to family.



## LIFE TOGETHER

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Over the years, we've had so many fun adventures, from hiking through the national parks to taco tours through Tijuana. While we love going on grand adventures, we also treasure our day-to-day lives. We love to really live life and are so excited to share this life with children.

## FUN FACT

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We've been together for nearly 18 years!

We dated for nine years before we got married (we know, we know, what took us so long?!) and will be celebrating our ninth wedding anniversary this year.





## Why adoption?

WE'VE SPENT MANY YEARS DREAMING OF STARTING A FAMILY, AND WE ARE SO EXCITED TO GROW OUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION.

After realizing we were not able to have biological children, we unquestionably decided that it was more important to us to become parents and less important about how we became them. We love our life together (and with our four-legged furry kids), and we are so ready to shower a little one with love and support, teach them how to be a good person, and give them all the beautiful childhood memories and adventures our parents provided for us. **We want you to know that if you choose us to love and raise your child, you will forever be part of our family, too, and our stories will always be intertwined.**



# Meet Katie!

as told by Tony

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Allow me to introduce my wife, Katie, aka the architect, planner, travel agent, organizer, designer, bookkeeper, and overall rock of our relationship. Self-admittedly, she is not a morning person, but once she's had her coffee, she is an unstoppable force. Her love and passion for everything she does is contagious, and I can't help but want to dive into every experience with her.

Katie is funny, energetic, independent, and hands down my favorite human. I couldn't imagine navigating life without her by my side. When it's time to slow down and relax, you'll often find Katie snuggled up with our pups on the couch in front of a fire. When it comes to parenting, Katie's energy and joy for life will make her a wonderfully fun and devoted mom. Witnessing her excitement about the opportunity to watch a child grow and introduce them to the wonders of the world fills my heart with love and gratitude every single day. **Katie is ready to shower our future child with love, laughter, and endless adventures. I have no doubt she'll be an incredible mom.**





# Meet Tony!

as told by Katie

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Tony is my better half, no question. He's funny, confident, generous, and full of endless knowledge (most of the time it's true...he likes to exaggerate, and we all lovingly tease him endlessly about it). His superpower is that he can figure anything out. His mother tells stories of him dissecting household objects into millions of little pieces and putting them back together just to see how it all worked, and he has carried that curiosity into adulthood. He has worked so hard to build a career in the asset protection/loss prevention industry that he's proud of and enjoys thoroughly.

He's always the fan favorite of our nieces and nephews, playing any game they dream up. His support for my wild ideas is unwavering. Let's remodel a house while in the midst of another remodel? Sure! Let's get two puppies instead of one? Sure, they're adorable. :) He will be the best dad. He's pretty excited, too, that our daycare is at his work, so he can pop down to see them throughout the day. **I am so lucky to do life with him and I know that parenthood will be his greatest adventure yet. He will be the best dad, and I cannot wait to see that side of him flourish.**



# home sweet home

OUR IOWA HOME IS A 100-YEAR-OLD TWO-STORY STUCCO HOUSE WITH THREE BEDROOMS AND BATHROOMS.

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We are so lucky to have a park and golf course right across the street and a front patio with a firepit to relax on overlooking it. In addition to all the fun wildlife we see, the park provides a wooded trail to hike through, several playgrounds, a splash pad, and a frisbee golf course that is sure to keep a little one plenty entertained! There is also a popular bike/walking trail nearby that you can find us on often. It ends at a lake that hosts summer entertainment, lots of wildlife, restaurants, and another playground.



WE LOVE WHERE WE LIVE  
AND CAN'T WAIT TO FILL  
OUR HOME WITH GIGGLES  
AND BEDTIME STORIES!

We have a fully fenced backyard to keep kiddos and dogs corralled, and while we're getting a little ahead of ourselves, we dream of all the fun play structures we can build for a little one.

We love to have dinners and morning coffees out back while the dogs play in the yard.





## our pets

OUR DOGS, FINN AND MURPHY, ARE THE BEST ADDITIONS TO OUR FAMILY, AND WE LOVE THEM SO MUCH!



They are quirky and make us laugh daily. Dogs have been such an important part of our entire lives, so after we lost Bailey (the Schnoodle you've seen in photos), we knew we wanted more dogs right away. In classic fashion for the two of us, we decided to go a bit overboard and get two puppies at the same time! They are quite the dynamic duo!

**Murphy** | We like to say Murphy chose us. He was not going to let us leave that day without him and who can say to no to those cute puppy eyes? He is always so happy and loves us so much. Murphy's loves in life are playing fetch, going on walks, chewing on toys, and snuggling with his humans.

**Finn** | Finn is the sweetest boy and loves to snuggle up to us. He loves tennis balls and you can always find him running around the backyard with two in his mouth at all times (How? We still don't know...). Finn is a proud member of the neighborhood watch program and spends many hours perched on the back of the sofa watching all the neighbors walk by.

**Both of them are so great with children** – our favorite is when our niece gives Murphy a ponytail – he loves it! We know they will quickly fall in love with their new human sibling.





# Things we love

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**TONY LOVES:** Tinkering on cars, electronics, house projects • Finding delicious restaurants • Cabin time • Making homemade pizza • Hanging with friends • Minnesota Vikings



**KATIE LOVES:** Slow mornings with coffee • Reading • Snuggling with puppies • Beach days • Impromptu vacations & adventures • Cozy fires • Patio sitting





# *Our adventures*

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We love traveling and can't wait to share our passion with a little one! We both grew up going on lots of Midwest road trips and camping, which has filled us with memories of lakes, hiking, and campfires. As adults, we've continued those trips but have also found we love to travel to other countries and experience diverse cultures (and all the yummy food that comes with them!). Between the two of us, we've been to 10 countries and 34 states. Some of our highlights are biking through Copenhagen, enjoying the music in the streets of Cuba, camping on California beaches, and finding a restaurant in NYC called Katherine meets Toni (ok, the spelling of Tony was a bit off, but still!).



# Ten fun facts

## ONE

We've lived in 4 states during our relationship— Minnesota, Nevada, California, & Iowa.

## TWO

We jumped out of a perfectly good airplane mid-flight— with parachutes!

## THREE

We've renovated five houses together.

## FOUR

Our front yard is a park full of animals— we regularly see deer, owls, bald eagles, hawks, frogs, raccoons, squirrels, ducks, and the occasional woodchuck. An owl just perched on the front of our house the other night and looked straight at us through our living room window!

## FIVE

Our favorite summer activity is going to fairs. Dare we say the Minnesota State Fair is the best?!





## SIX

Tony's favorite food is pizza— even though he's lactose intolerant! He once made us make a special stop at a world-famous 150-year-old pizzeria in Naples, Italy!

## SEVEN

Katie thought she was going to be an Olympic gymnast growing up and watched the movie Nadia daily for inspiration. Spoiler alert: she was not good, and the Olympics were absolutely NOT in her future!

## EIGHT

After missing out on one too many good travel deals, we made a family rule: Katie is allowed to book one trip a year without discussing it with Tony or waiting for his approval.

## NINE

Tony has over 50 cousins — two were adopted!

## TEN

There are currently nine dogs between our two families — our family get-togethers are full of fur!



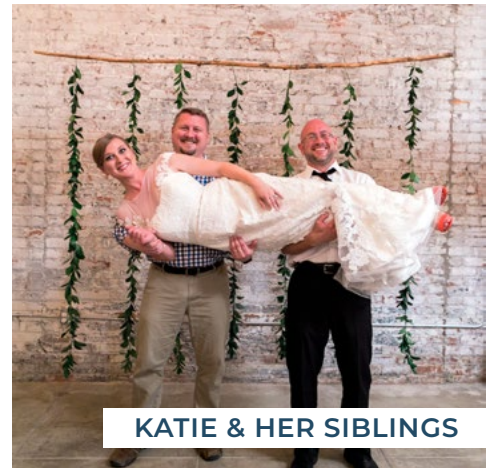
# our extended family



KATIE WITH NIECE MOLLY



KATIE & HER DAD



KATIE & HER SIBLINGS



KATIE WITH HER MOM & SISTER-IN-LAWS



WITH KATIE'S FAMILY

**KATIE'S FAMILY** I am the youngest and have two older brothers – who have never stopped the sibling teasing! We have four nieces and nephews on my side, ranging from 11 to 21, and we have loved watching them grow up. My mom and siblings all live in the area where I grew up, and my dad alternates between Arizona winters and summers at the lake. My love of board/card games started with my family, and every family gathering requires a (not-so-quick) game of Canasta or Mexican train dominoes. At our Christmas gatherings, tradition requires us to make homemade pizzas and devour multiple slices of my mom's cheesecake. The kids are very involved in sports, so no family gathering is complete without making it to a game or practice. As the out-of-towners, we usually stay with one of my brothers (who recently moved back to Minnesota) and love to spend mornings catching up with them over coffee.

**TONY'S FAMILY** I am the oldest and have a younger brother and sister. Between the two of them, we have three nieces and nephews spanning from 4 to 9, and we have so much fun with them. They, along with my mother and her husband, live within a three-hour drive. Family gatherings on my side are filled with lots of love, music, and laughter. My mom always makes sure the cookie jar is fully stocked for all those grandkids (ok, us too)! During the summer months, we usually gather at her lake cabin, where we get our fill of pontoon rides, kayaking, and our absolute favorite event - small town 4th of July complete with family races/games, a parade, and fireworks. During the colder months, we gather at her house for home-cooked meals, fires, games, and lots of impromptu music performances.



**TONY & HIS SIBLINGS**



**WITH TONY'S FAMILY**



**TONY WITH NEPHEW JACK**



**OUR ENTIRE FAMILY**



**TONY WITH NIECE MOLLY**



# *promises*

## FROM US TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD

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We promise to love your child unconditionally, celebrate all their wins, and comfort them on their hard days.

We promise to celebrate their uniqueness and encourage their hopes and dreams.

We promise to provide a solid foundation for them to become respectful, loving, and confident adults.

We promise to be truthful about their adoption, their story, answer their questions, and provide support and guidance throughout their lives.

We promise to give them the most adventurous of lives and fill their childhood with wonder and excitement.

We promise to raise them in a house filled with love and respect.

We promise bedtime stories and laughter, puppy snuggles and kisses, fort-making and cousin playtime, lake cabin summers, and matching Christmas jammies. We promise the best memories they could ever wish for.

**We know you are on an incredibly difficult journey right now, but know that if you choose adoption, and choose us to raise your child, we will always be respectful of your wishes and the type of relationship you want to have with our family and your child.**

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*and* **FINN + MURPHY**





