

Dear birth family,

Thank you for taking time to get to know us through our profile! We are Rebecca and Kelsey, and we are thankful for the opportunity to build our family through adoption.

Why Adoption

We have both always wanted to build our family through adoption. Rebecca was adopted from Paraguay as an infant, and she knew from a young age that she wanted to adopt kids of her own. Kelsey knew that she wanted to be a mother, but she felt drawn towards adoption instead of having biological children. As Rebecca shared her adoption story, it became clear that building our family through adoption was the best fit. Our extended families and friends are extremely supportive of us becoming parents through adoption. We are grateful to have them through every step of this process.





About Rebecca

Favorites

Movies: Finding Nemo, The Parent Trap, and inspirational sports films

Hobbies: scrapbooking (a hobby both Rebecca and her mom share), doing word searches, coloring, and watching sports - mainly football and basketball

Books: memoirs and historical fiction books

Foods: Pizza and Chocolate

Holidays: Thanksgiving and any loved one's birthday (including her own)!

TV Show: Grey's Anatomy and The Crown

Childhood: After she was adopted from Paraguay, Rebecca grew up on Long Island and later in upstate NY. She lived with her mom, dad, and younger brother. Rebecca grew up surrounded by cousins, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Her favorite childhood memories include spending quality time with her family at her brother's basketball games, going on family vacations to amusement parks and beaches, and making lots of family traditions like special birthday breakfasts and Christmas Eve pajamas.

Profession: Rebecca currently works as a speech-language pathologist (SLP) at an elementary school in a local school district. She has worked with students with various learning profiles and language backgrounds. Her work centers around the belief that every student deserves the chance to learn in a welcoming, affirming, and safe environment.

Written by Kelsey: Rebecca is caring, supportive, and goal-oriented. She loves to plan adventures and she always knows what is next on the to-do list. She is incredibly dedicated to those she cares for, including her family, friends, and students. Rebecca will undoubtedly support a child with this same dedication and love. Since she is adopted herself, she brings a unique perspective to parenting an adoptive child that will benefit our family.



About Kelsey

Favorites

Movies: Mulan, Star Wars

Hobbies: reading, word puzzles, listening to music, and video games. Favorite games include the Sims, The Last of Us, Horizon series, and anything Legend of Zelda (especially Breath of the Wild).

Books: A fan of thriller/mystery books. Favorite authors include Stephen King, Taylor Jenkins Reid, and Fredrik Backman.

Foods: Mexican food

Holidays: Halloween and Christmas

TV Shows: Steven Universe, Arcane

Childhood: Kelsey grew up in Pennsylvania with her parents and two younger brothers. She has always been an animal lover, and she often acquired cats for her family by feeding strays. One of her favorite childhood memories is playing with her brothers and cousins in her grandparents' backyard, where her grandpa built a 2-story treehouse. Her grandpa also owned a garden center, where Kelsey and her siblings enjoyed corn mazes, hayrides, and riding ponies. Today, her uncle owns the store, and Kelsey hopes to bring her own children there someday.

Profession: Kelsey currently works as a speech-language pathologist (SLP) for a neurodiversity affirming private practice. She has a passion for working with kids who are complex communicators, both in early intervention and outpatient.

Written by Rebecca: Kelsey is an empathetic, compassionate partner who brings a sense of humor, goofiness, and fierce loyalty to our relationship. She would make an amazing parent because of her strong commitment to those she loves and her ability to make the most out of whatever challenges come her way.

About Us

We met each other when we were attending graduate school in Buffalo, NY. We have been together for 9 years and married for 4 years. We spent the first several years in Buffalo, but recently moved outside of Philadelphia 2 years ago to be closer to Kelsey's family. Since moving, we have rescued our 3-year-old miniature poodle and adventure partner, Jack O' Lantern.



We are proof that opposites attract. Because of this, we have learned how important it is to communicate effectively with one another when leaning on each other for support or when approaching a task. We strive to delegate responsibilities or reach a conclusion together.

After work, we like to relax and prioritize spending quality time together. We take turns making dinner or we have family dinner with Kelsey's extended family.

On the weekends, we love taking Jack on walks together at the park down the street, going to a local dog park, exploring somewhere local, going to a live show, or traveling to visit Rebecca's family in NY state. We also enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles, reading together (we are currently reading the Harry Potter series together), and enjoy watching TV shows together, especially Survivor and The Amazing Race.

Our Home

We currently rent a house in Pennsylvania, but in the future, we plan to buy our own. We would like to continue living in the same area where we rent, since it has a neighborhood feel while being walkable, and it is close to Kelsey's parents and brothers. Rebecca's family lives in NY, but we see them often. Both our families get along well, leading to many joint family hangouts. Two fun facts- we can walk to 2 different ice cream shops from our current home, and our house used to be a deli! We are also within walking distance to multiple parks, coffee shops, and the library.

Our Future Family

Ultimately, we want to provide a child with a secure, loving environment to thrive and grow into the best version of themselves! We want to share our interests with them, but also give them the freedom to develop new ones of their own. We value compassion, integrity, and authenticity. We want to provide a child with a village of people, including family and close friends, who love and support them unconditionally. We hope to build lasting memories with them, just as our parents and families did with us.

We plan to raise a child knowing their birth story from an early age and openly answering any questions that they may have about their adoption. We plan to encourage them to be proud of their heritage and confident in who they are and what they offer the world.

We have the utmost respect and compassion for the decision you are making. With heartfelt gratitude, thank you for learning about our family!

Rebecca and Kelsey

