

SCOTT & KATIE



Greetings from Washington D.C.!

Hello! Thank you for taking the time to view our profile and learn more about us. We are Scott and Katie, and we are excited and honored that you would consider us as loving parents for your child. We hope this book gives you a sense of who we are and the life your child would have as a part of our family.

We met in 2008 when our two best friends began dating. At first, we were just friendly acquaintances, but conversations about music or our favorite baseball teams (the Cubs for Katie, the Phillies for Scott) evolved into more frequent texts and emails. Scott, in graduate school in Delaware at the time, began to make 'work' excuses to visit Katie in Washington D.C. Eventually, we began dating, traveling on weekends to spend time with one another. Scott moved to D.C. in 2012 and we were married in 2014 and have continued our adventures together ever since. We're an adventurous, loving couple who share a passion for travel, music, sports, and the outdoors. Our friendship and committed partnership make us a strong team (both in life and in lawn games!).

Since early in our relationship, we've talked about building our family through adoption. We were happy to welcome our first child through adoption in 2019. We love being parents and we hope to be able to welcome another child to our family and provide them both with opportunities to learn and grow together and to develop meaningful relationships that will last them a lifetime. We are proud of the life we've built together and look forward to sharing it with another child.



[Inauguration Day in D.C.]



[A day at the ballpark]



[Hot air balloon festival in New Mexico]



[Relaxing on the Chesapeake Bay]

Meet Scott

I grew up in a suburb of Philadelphia with my parents and my older sister. As a kid, I played almost every sport, but my favorite has always been soccer. Being active helped me to develop strong friendships and gave me the confidence to take on new experiences. Katie and I both look forward to taking our kids to baseball games in the summer and supporting them in whatever sports or hobbies they choose for themselves.

Growing up, I always wanted to be a marine biologist. However, in college I became more and more interested in renewable energy like wind and solar power. Today, I work for an electric utility analyzing new energy technologies. I love my job because of how important electricity is to our everyday lives, and because I'm excited by the future of cleaner forms of energy.

Fun fact about me - I love food. Seafood is my favorite! I especially love eating lobsters in Maine or eating blue crab along the Chesapeake Bay. Whenever we travel, I always make sure to try something new. My mom always used to say 'you'll never know if you don't try'. I look forward to raising a child that loves to try new things, and is inquisitive about the world around them.



Katie's favorite thing about Scott

My favorite thing about Scott is his loyalty. He is dedicated to those he loves and works to show them how much he values them on a regular basis, whether it be a call to a friend he hasn't spoken to in some time or by helping his parents with things around the house. He models the type of family that I'm excited to build together and is already an amazing dad.



[Trout fishing in Montana]



[Hiking in California]



[Checking out an electric car]



[Shooting oysters at a fish market]

Meet Katie

I grew up in a suburb of Chicago with my parents and two older brothers. I have fond memories of riding bikes around the neighborhood, playing softball, and camping with my family. I still ride my bike and camp as much as I can and have been playing on a local softball team for nearly 10 years. I also enjoy rock climbing and yoga and can't wait to share some of the things I love with our children.

I also really love to travel and value the ability to connect with others across languages and cultures. These passions led me to a career in international public health and I'm lucky to have had the opportunity to travel to and work in places like Haiti and Nicaragua. I love the work I do and am committed to doing my best to ensure that people all over the world have access to basic health services regardless of financial circumstance.

Looking back, I think that a lot of my best qualities and favorite hobbies were those that were nurtured in me as a child. I was lucky to have parents who were involved and supportive. They instilled in me a strength of character and sense of independence that I hope to pass on to our children so that they too will be ready to take on their own adventures.



[Going to cheer on the Cubs]



[Making our Halloween costume — grapes!]



[Doing yoga in the park]

Scott's favorite thing about Katie

My favorite thing about Katie is her confidence. She has a strong sense of who she is and is not afraid to speak up and do what's right. Whether it's her passion for social justice or developing the skills to rock climb in the mountains, Katie has the confidence to pursue and excel at what she loves. Developing a child's confidence is an important foundation for a rewarding life, and Katie is already such an amazing role model for our child.



[Hiking in the Canadian Rockies]



[Hiking in North Carolina]

Meet Morgan

We count ourselves incredibly lucky that Morgan joined our family through adoption in 2019. Morgan is an energetic, happy kid. Every morning, she wakes up happily babbling and is quick with a giggle at every strange noise or face we make. She's extremely curious, watching everything going on around her and particularly enjoys spending time outside. She also seems to take after Scott, in that she is very interested in food and (so far) has been willing to try anything. When Morgan was a baby, our dog Molly didn't pay much attention to her, but now that she can drop food on the ground to her, they are best friends!

As Morgan has grown over the past year, there have been a lot of wonderful memories - from the first smile, to when she started to crawl; from her first time at the beach, to the first time she sucked on a lime. Every few months, we really love picking out our favorite photos and sharing the funny stories with Morgan's birth parents. We're grateful to have had the chance to meet and learn about them and look forward to telling Morgan about them as she grows.



[First trip to the beach]



[Morning storytime]



[Family bike ride]







Our Home

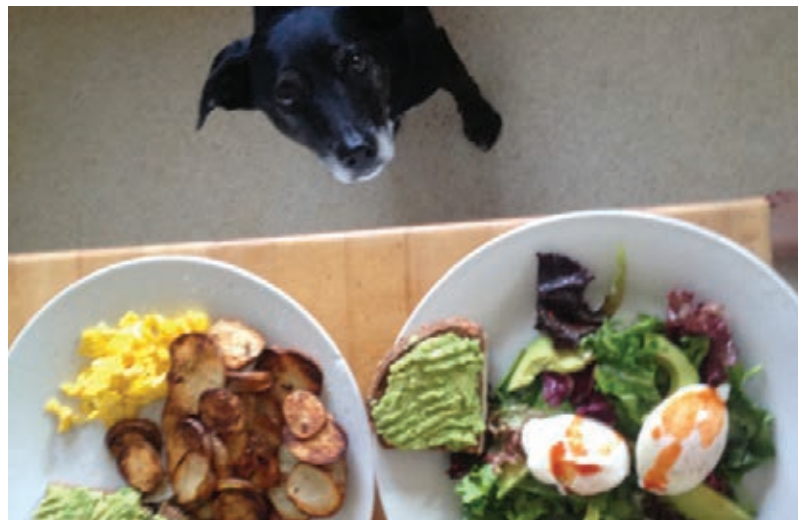
We live in a safe and diverse neighborhood just minutes from downtown Washington, D.C. Our home is within walking distance to wonderful schools, a large park and an incredible community space with a playground, baseball field, basketball courts, and a community garden. For us, it's the perfect blend of a diverse and accessible urban environment with access to the outdoors.

Our home is a cozy single-family home. We spend a lot of time on the screened-in porch playing Yahtzee and enjoy evenings curled up by the fire listening to music or watching our favorite TV show, Survivor. However, we definitely spend most of our time in the kitchen! We love the challenge of making things from scratch, like pasta or tomato sauce. Our dog, Molly, loves it too. She's always by our side waiting for crumbs to fall her way!

We chose our home not only for the house itself, but for the vibrant local community. There are a lot of young, growing families on our block and we enjoy seeing our neighbors at the Farmers Market or Trivia Night at our local restaurant. Most of all, we love that our block is the type of place where neighbors pick up one another's packages, shovel one another's sidewalks, and are there for one another. It's exactly the kind of place where we want our children to grow up.



[Relaxing on the porch with Molly]



[Molly — hoping for a bite]



[Cooking with Morgan]



[Walking Molly through the neighborhood]



[Reading to our nephew by the fire]

Friends & Family

We believe strongly in the value of family and community and are grateful that our family and friends have been so and supportive of our decision to adopt. They have all welcomed Morgan with excitement and open arms and we know they will do the same for another child.

Katie's family lives in Chicago and we visit a few times a year. We love going to Cubs games together and often spend time cooking out, playing Cornhole, and catching up with family and close friends. Though Katie's mom passed away from cancer a few years ago, Katie's dad is particularly excited about welcoming another grandchild and can't wait to spend more time with us in D.C.

Scott's parents live just a few hours away on a beach in Delaware. We visit them as often as we can and look forward to spending summers teaching our kids to swim, fish, and skip rocks on the beach. We are particularly excited to welcome another child into the large group of young cousins on Scott's side of the family.

We are also the proud aunt and uncle to four nephews – two college-aged twins on Katie's side and two young nephews on Scott's side.

In addition to our families, we've worked hard to build a strong and loving community of friends in Washington, D.C. Whether we're taking a boat ride on the Potomac river or playing softball on the National Mall, we cherish our time together and can't imagine a better group of friends to be honorary aunts and uncles!



[Cubs game with Katie's family]



[Catching lobster with our nephew]



[Maine vacation with Scott's family]



[Heading to the beach with our friends (and all of the kids)]

Keeping Busy



[Surf day at the beach]

We like to relax in the sand and are lucky to be able to visit Scott's parents for long weekends swimming, playing on the beach, and going to the boardwalk. When we aren't at the beach, we like hiking, rock climbing, or skiing in the mountains. We love the peace, quiet and beauty of being in nature, whether at the beach or in the mountains, and look forward to sharing this with our kids.

When we're at home, we do our best to stay active. We get around D.C. by bike and take Molly for hikes in the National Park a few blocks from our house. On the weekends, we like to golf when we can. Scott is a pro and Katie is just learning, but we like supporting (and competing against!) one another. We are also active in a local network of alumni associations and play for our college softball and volleyball teams.

We enjoy cooking (and eating!). A connection to healthy and delicious food is important to us (but we also love ice cream). We like to experiment with new recipes and try new foods. Scott is a bit more adventurous eater and will eat almost anything (even if he's not sure what it is). Katie is a bit more conservative and has been vegetarian for 17 years.



[Hiking in North Carolina]



[Getting ready for a round of golf]



[Cycling through Oregon]



[Skiing in Colorado]



[Rock climbing in West Virginia]





Our Promise

We promise to love your child and to provide them with all of the opportunities that we can. We will teach them to love and respect themselves and to be kind to others. We look forward to helping them navigate the world and will encourage them to be curious and adventurous. We value a good education and a connection to nature and will do our best to fill every day with reading, walks outside, and lots of laughter.

Most importantly, we are committed to making sure that your child understands that every decision you made was out of a deep love for them. We will make sure that you, your family, and their adoption story are a part of our daily lives. To the extent that you're comfortable, we would like to share information about you with your child as they grow up - your hobbies, favorite foods and family traditions. We want them to feel connected to you and to be proud of where they come from and the decision you've made.

Should you choose our family to adopt your child, we look forward to learning more about you and sharing photos and updates as it feels right for you. We would consider it a privilege to be able to raise your child and will work to honor your decision and your relationship with your child on a daily basis.



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