



JAMES
&
Kerry

HELLO
&
Thank
YOU!

WE ARE
JAMES &
KERRY
FROM TEXAS

We are so **grateful** that you are taking the time to learn more about our family.

We have two little girls, Jordyn and Brooklyn, as well as the sweetest Golden Retriever named Jasper.

We believe it is important to make our children feel loved and supported in all that they do. We promote a nurturing atmosphere where our children are free to be independent and try new things. We are careful to make sure they feel comfortable confiding in us about their fears and worries so that they can build confidence in their abilities and unique attributes. We are our kids' biggest fans, closest confidants, and most loyal protectors.

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We are so pleased that you are considering us to parent your child and can promise him a home full of love, warmth, patience, kindness, positivity and stability.
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Although we are unable to have any more natural children, we have always wanted a boy to complete our family and have long discussed adoption.

As a family, we have many traditions and enjoy watching each other learn and grow. We enjoy frequent visits to the playground, vacations to national parks, and slumber parties where we watch movies late into the night. We also enjoy an annual trip to Florida to visit James' cousins who live near the beach. **If you choose us, you can be assured that your child will be joining a caring and supportive family that will give him every opportunity to grow up to be a strong, confident, successful individual with a family who loves him.**

Getting to KNOW US

We have built a solid marriage together based on **love, mutual respect, and a shared enthusiasm for an active life and travel.**



FAMILY HIKE!

We met on a dating website created by our University. James had just graduated from law school and Kerry was teaching at an inner-city high school. We arranged to play tennis for our first date since we both played in high school. After one year of dating, James arranged a special trip to Disney World where he proposed under the fireworks in front of Cinderella's castle. It was magical, and we have many fond memories of Disney World as the happiest place on earth.

We have now been married for 11 years and still retain the magic! James calls Kerry his "Little Heater" because she is always so warm and comforting. Kerry calls James her "Mr. Incredible" because he is motivated and seems to excel at just about everything he sets his mind to. **Together, we have made a wonderful life and look forward to welcoming a little baby boy into our lives, our traditions, and our hearts.**



PLAYING DRESS UP!

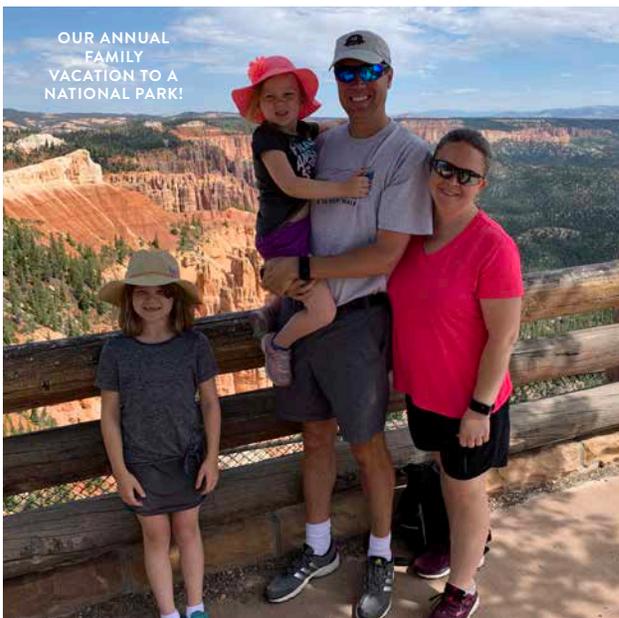


FUN FACT!
We love to travel!
We visited the locations where Lord of the Rings was filmed in New Zealand.



TOURING THE HOBBIT HOUSE!

a look at the hobbies WE LOVE TO DO



OUR ANNUAL FAMILY VACATION TO A NATIONAL PARK!

James loves to run distance races and referee soccer games.

These two loves extend to our children in the form of participation in Junior Running Club and frequent visits to the soccer fields to play while watching Daddy officiate. As a former speed skater, James has also taught our kids to skate and a trip to the roller rink is one of their favorite family activities.

Kerry enjoys rowing and hiking, particularly in scenic areas.

Every year Kerry organizes a trip for our family to visit one or more national parks. So far, we have visited Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Mount Rushmore and the Grand Canyon. These trips allow our family to relax, enjoy nature, hike some beautiful landscapes, and provide our kids with a different perspective of the world. One or more grandparents usually join us for these vacations which simply adds to the fun and reinforces our family bonds.

James is the most loving and committed father you will ever find. Our girls absolutely adore him. James has an incredibly positive attitude which sets a great example for our kids and provides an uplifting environment for our family as a whole. He is committed to spending as much time as possible with our kids which gives them a strong sense of stability and security. On most days, James picks up the kids from school and takes them to the park to play. Every night when it is bedtime, James always gives each girl “nose and kisses” and tells them that he loves them and that he is so happy that they are his kids. **These little moments and small gestures are the defining attributes which makes James both an incredible husband and a fantastic dad. He is quite simply extraordinary.**



SOAKING UP THE BEAUTIFUL VIEWS

Meet JAMES

His love knows no bounds and I feel like the luckiest woman in the world to have him forever in our life.



READY FOR CHRISTMAS!



A FEW

Favorites

- **Actor** Sean Connery
- **Animal** Koala
- **Author** J.K. Rowling
- **Children's Book** Twas the Night Before Christmas
- **Children's Movie** Mary Poppins
- **Dream Job** Sports commentator
- **Game** Texas Hold'em poker
- **Musical Artist** Whitney Houston
- **Source of Inspiration** My Grandfather
- **Superhero** Black Panther



WE LOVE DOING FUN RUNS AS A FAMILY



HIKING



PIZZA DAY AT SCHOOL

FUN FACTS

- My mother's side of the family is Australian
- I am related to Princess Diana on my father's side of the family
- I was once an NCAA Division I soccer referee
- I was a speed skating champion
- I am left-handed (writing, batting, golfing) and right-handed (tennis, bowling, throwing, putting)

A FEW

Favorites

- **Actor** Tom Hanks
- **Animal** Dog
- **Author** Daniel Quinn
- **Children's Book** The Little Princess
- **Children's Movie** Care Bears
- **Dream Job** Rowing Instructor
- **Game** Crazy 8
- **Musical Artist** Rob Thomas
- **Source of Inspiration** My dad
- **Superhero** Wonder Woman



TAKING A BREAK DURING A HIKE



HITTING THE SLOPES

Meet KERRY

Her kindness and generosity are what really set her apart and we are so fortunate to have her as a wife and mother.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



ENJOYING A HIKE



SELFIE!

I fell in love with Kerry because of her sweet demeanor and her kind heart. She is an amazing woman and a fantastic mother to our children. As a professional organizer, Kerry uses her many talents to help keep our household in order and on track. Kerry is also a former teacher and frequently uses her skills as an educator to help our kids with their reading, math homework, and other school assignments. She is always there for our kids, whether it be for a scraped knee, hurt feelings, or just because they need a little cuddling or reassuring. Kerry also has a love for cooking and enjoys creating many delicious treats in the kitchen, whether it be brownies or pastries to snack on or dinner for hungry kids. Should you choose us to parent your baby, you can be confident that Kerry will be the most loving and supportive mom you can imagine.

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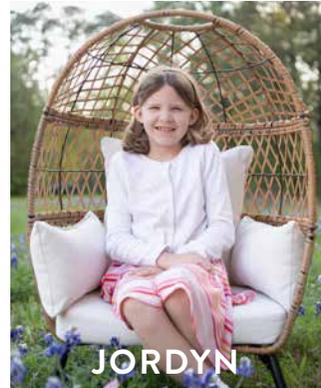
- I was in choir
- I had guinea pigs as pets growing up
- I have traveled to the Middle East multiple times
- My Dad's side of the family is related to the outlaw Jesse James
- My mother's side of the family was part of the first 300 families to settle Texas

We have two little girls, named Jordyn (8) and Brooklyn (6), who can't wait to meet their new baby brother.

Jordyn is very outgoing, self-confident, and ready to experience new things. She has a kind and helpful personality and seems to be friends with everyone. Her favorite subject at school is math and she relishes playing the role of big sister.

Brooklyn is precocious, careful and incredibly curious about everything in life. Her favorite holiday is Halloween and she loves to wear princess dresses throughout the year. Brooklyn is also our little "cuddle buddy" since she loves to crawl into bed early in the morning and cuddle with Mommy or Daddy.

Introducing our GIRLS



OUR DOG Jasper

Jasper is our sweet Golden Retriever that we rescued. He is patient, kind, and great with kids. Although he is older now, Jasper still loves his daily walks, playing Fetch, and constantly wants to be petted.



CHRISTMAS IS A BIG DEAL AT OUR HOUSE! WE LOVE TO DECORATE



We live in a wonderful town in the suburbs of Houston, Texas. Our community is frequently rated one of the best places to live in the United States due to its excellent schools, extensive hike and bike trail system, parks and recreational amenities, entertainment options, and overall quality of life. Our kids attend the #1 rated elementary school in the Houston metropolitan area, and we live close enough that our kids bike or walk to school most days. There are lots of other children in our neighborhood for our kids to play with and create lasting friendships. We live near several parks and a lake which we enjoy visiting often. We love living in our friendly and diverse community that is supportive and neighborly.

At our house, each kid has their own bedroom and we have the nursery room ready. There is a playroom upstairs with a covered balcony and a view of the backyard playset.





AFTER A FUN RUN WITH JAMES FAMILY

The PEOPLE that we love

Our parents have been married for 41 and 43 years, respectively, so we were raised with great examples of how to make a marriage strong and durable.

We both grew up in small, rural towns near Houston so we have an appreciation for the simpler things in life.



OUT TO DINNER WITH JAMES FAMILY

James' parents still live in the 1926 house where he grew up and look forward to visiting our kids at least once or twice a month. His family also maintains a large cattle ranch where James used to ride horses, raise rabbits, and go fishing in his youth. James has two younger sisters and a brother and has always had a paternalistic approach to parenting due to his role as the oldest sibling. Since James' mother is Australian, we also have many Aussie relatives and try to visit Down Under every couple of years. **In general, we maintain close relations with all of James' family and visit each other often on birthdays, holidays and special occasions.**



A FAMILY REUNION WITH KERRY'S FAMILY



KERRY'S MOM AND BROOKLYN

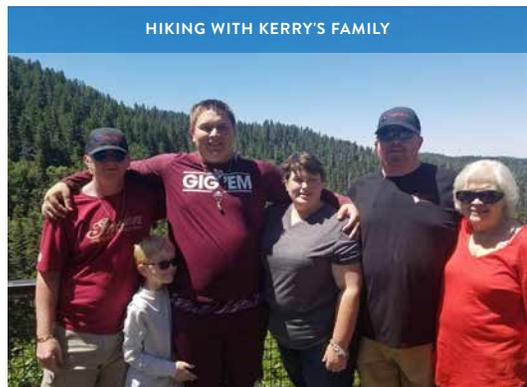
Kerry's mother still lives in her childhood home, but her father passed away several years ago. She has two older brothers, and we enjoy hosting her family each year for Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve celebrations. Kerry is particularly close to her mother who has taught her the value of patience, compassion and old-fashioned southern kindness that are vital components to being a great parent to our kids.



VISITING JAMES'S GRANDMOTHER



YELLOWSTONE WITH JAMES' AND KERRY'S FAMILIES



HIKING WITH KERRY'S FAMILY

Our thoughts ON PARENTING

We have a firm understanding of the commitment, sacrifice, and responsibilities of parenthood. We also know that raising children is one of the most rewarding, exciting and fun experiences we will ever have in our lives which is why we would like to welcome another child into our family. At the same time, we want to be there

to support, comfort and guide him through the inevitable challenges of childhood. We want him to grow up to be a strong, confident, independent man and provide him with every opportunity possible. We can promise you that in our home, your child will feel safe and secure, free and independent, loved and cherished. **While we know that nothing will ever be quite good enough for your child, you can be confident that we will offer him everything we can, will teach him everything we know, and will guide him to become the best that he can be.**



We are honored that you are considering us to parent your child. There is no greater decision than what is best for your child's future and we can appreciate how hard this must be for you. Although raising a child is hard work and certainly has its share of challenges, for us it is the most rewarding experience we could ever imagine, and we cherish every day with our kids. In our home, your child will have two loving and responsible parents dedicated to his happiness and well-being. He will also have two older sisters that will dote on him, treat him like a prince, and offer him a constant source of playfulness and sibling camaraderie.

As our son, your child will find peace, comfort, safety and security in our family. He will attend the best schools, live in a top-rated master-planned community, and enjoy the best of everything we can provide. He will have the opportunity to participate in new challenges, travel the world, and explore the curiosities of his imagination. Most importantly, he will grow up in a home where he will be loved and treasured to the moon and back by his parents, sisters, grandparents and other family. **Thank you for your consideration.**