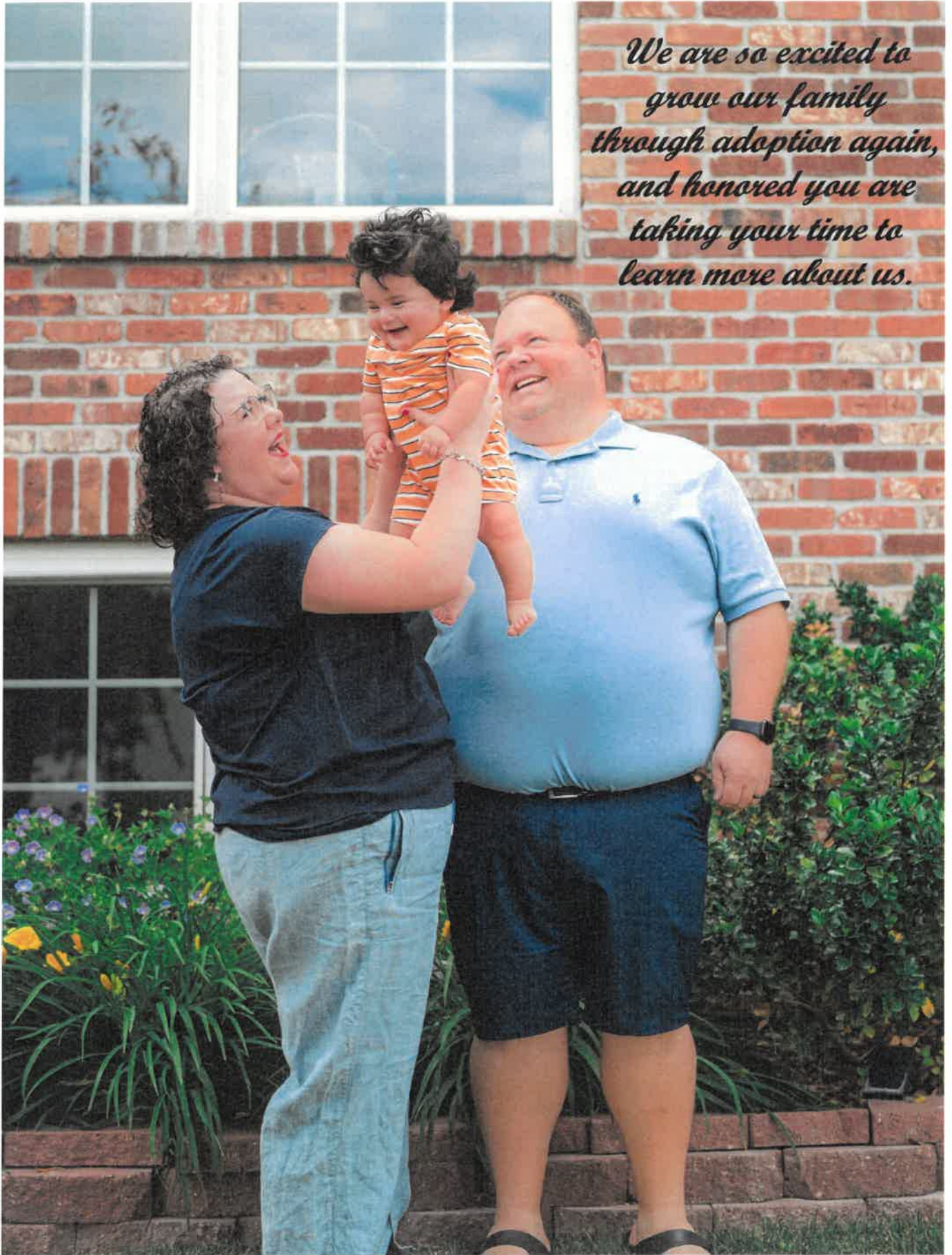


# TYLER, KRISTEN & DOMINIC





*We are so excited to  
grow our family  
through adoption again,  
and honored you are  
taking your time to  
learn more about us.*



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## **WE ARE TYLER, KRISTEN & DOMINIC**

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We admire the courage and strength you have in considering adoption. As adoptive parents, we recognize the care you are taking in this journey, and the immense love you have for your child. You are an important part of your child's life, and always will be. If you consider us to raise your baby, we promise your child will always know you are a part of our family, and ensure they are raised in a safe, secure home filled with laughter and love.

We welcomed our first child, Dominic, through adoption in 2022. As we both were raised with siblings, it is important for us to give this same experience to Dominic, and know he is so excited to be a big brother and have a sibling!

We always knew adoption would be how we grew our family, as Kristen is unable to have children due to a cyst which was removed. We had opened our hearts to adoption from a very early age, which made the decision to pursue adoption that much easier for us. The ability to share our love with children, allow them to share within their unique adoption experiences together, and see the grace of God working in our growing family is something we are so excited to experience!



# OUR love story



We first met in 2016 and quickly found we loved spending time together. Whether we were at a concert, golfing, or on a road trip exploring new cities, we fell in love laughing and creating memories with each other. Tyler proposed to Kristen on a hiking trip on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and we love taking trips back to the mountains each summer to relive those moments. Our wedding was a destination celebration for everyone except us as our families are all of out-of-state! We had a weekend filled with barbecues and enjoying time with both families together where we live now. It was important for us to make the day special for our nieces and nephew, and each had a role in the day, followed by an evening of dancing and fun. We have been married for five years.

We love sharing adventures together and have built a home around sharing in both the big and little moments in life. Our faith and family are important to both of us and something we valued in each other very early in our relationship, and continues to be important in our lives today.

*From holiday dinners, to weekend activities,*



*To quiet evenings at home,*



*we find joy in sharing the small moments of life with each other.*





## MEET

*Tyler*

I work in insurance as an actuary. I love math and being able to apply it in business. From early on, I knew I wanted a career where I could apply math and finance into my every day work. I work from home with my employer valuing a work life balance to allow for time to spend with family. I enjoy flying Dominic around the house, playing peek a boo, and have taught our dog to play hide and seek around our house! In my free time, I play golf as it is a relaxing way to spend time with family and friends while being active and enjoying the outdoors. I enjoy barbecuing for the family, watching college football each fall, and classic cars.

## WHAT KRISTEN LOVES MOST

Tyler is incredibly caring, attentive, and always ready for what life may bring! His passion for family and work makes him one of the hardest working individuals I know. He is always willing to help a friend, has the kindest heart and always has a smile on his face. He is my rock, always patient and kindhearted. Tyler is the first one to take the nieces and nephew out on an adventure, from seeing who has the biggest jump in a bounce house, taking them to the dock to fish, or having splashing contests in the pool. Tyler is extremely attentive as a father, and I love seeing the abundance of love and care he has for Dominic. They love going on walks in the neighborhood, making funny faces and noises at each other, and bouncing around the house. Tyler always gets him to laugh and gets the best giggles! Tyler loves to teach Dominic new things, but is also the father and friend who supports a child as they go and explore the world themselves.

Our friends know they can always depend on Tyler, as he is eager to lend a hand when needed, and always willing to crack a joke or two to lighten the mood. His nickname was Smiley on the ranch, which is a perfect description of his personality. He doesn't let things bother him, it's just a new opportunity and challenge to take on.







## MEET

*Kristen*

I work for a company that manufactures scientific research instruments. The company is very family friendly, from new parent leave for adoption, family events such as trips to the zoo and pumpkin patches, to additional days to care for children. I plan to take a few months away after the baby arrives and have flexible hours for when I return. We have an amazing daycare in our neighborhood that Dominic and our friends' children attend, which includes an indoor gym for colder months. I love music, from going to concerts or musicals to having the radio on in our house. Dominic and I love reading together, and spending time playing with his blocks and stuffed animals. In my free time, I enjoy playing with our dog, Ella, decorating our home for each season or holiday, gardening, visiting friends, and working on small projects that have been passed down by my grandma and mom, including crochet.





## WHAT TYLER LOVES MOST

Kristen is a very thoughtful and caring person. She comes from an amazing family, who taught her how to work hard, believe in herself, and thank those along the journey of life. She is incredibly brave and never backs down from an adventure. She loves to travel and share those experiences with her family. Kristen is an amazing mom, something that came so naturally to her from her first hours she spent as a new mom. She is so attentive to the needs of Dominic and the rest of the family, and loves celebrating his milestones, even when his first words were dada.

Kristen loves spending time with our nieces and nephew, from singing Disney songs with them in the car, to crafting or reading their favorite books. She has such a caring heart and is always helping her friends with their children, from bringing over a meal or simply helping them with tasks. Kristen is the friend and mom who is there for them when they fall and scrape their knee, but also walks alongside them, letting them find their path in the world with her unconditional support.



## MEET

# *Dominic*

Dominic is our energetic one-year old! He loves jumping and bouncing as much as possible, finding toys that he can bang together to make new noises, playing outside and trying to catch our dog, Ella. He can always be found with his stuffed llama and dinosaur nearby, and enjoys sitting on a lap looking at books. He has such a fun personality, always trying to answer us back by babbling and roaring like a dinosaur! Dominic loves water, from splashing in the tub at bath time to going to the pool with his cousins.

We adopted Dominic at birth and are thankful to have had time with his birth mother while in the hospital to learn more about his background and extended family. These are stories and memories that we have captured so we can share them with him as he grows, and as he learns more about his heritage. We post regular updates for his birth mother to see, capturing what he is learning and discovering in the world.

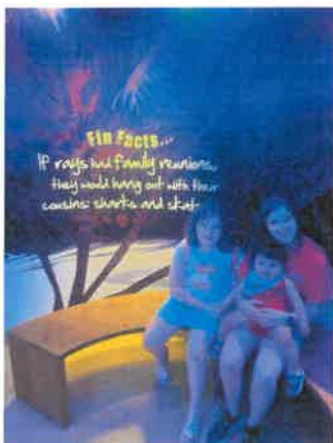






Dominic knows no stranger – he loves spending time laughing at his cousins, playing peek a boo with anyone willing, and sitting at the dinner table eating whatever he can with family around! We know he will be a great big brother, and excited for him to have a sibling close in age to play with as they each grow!

Our families are both incredibly supportive of the adoption process, and have been lucky to have relatives that have been touched by adoption as well. We look forward to our children being able to share their adoption journeys with each other, and have that bond within our family.



OUR THOUGHTS ON

# *parenting*



From Kristen: I love seeing a child grow – from their first steps, to their growing imagination and creativity, to the adults they become and impact on the world. My biggest hope as a parent is to be able to raise a kindhearted individual who trusts who they are and is open to the world around them.



*We pray no matter where the world takes them they can enjoy the smallest moments along with the big moments, and always know they have a home wherever family is.*



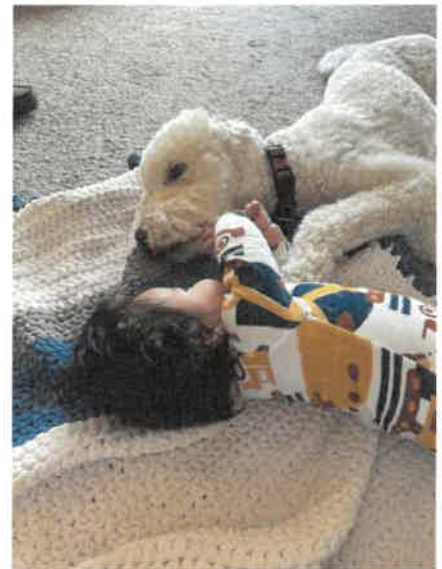
From Tyler: I look forward to being able to guide our children through different stages of life, and to be there to witness how amazing their journey is as they grow, and become their own individual.



OUR TIME *together*

We often find ways to enjoy experiences together, something that we have continued as parents and look forward to continuing to share with our children. We love cooking fun dinners, movie nights, visiting the ranch Tyler lived and worked on, weekends spent at farmer's markets and parks, golfing, frequent trips to the zoo, and enjoying everything that living in the Midwest has to offer.





As much as we love finding new activities, we also love our quiet evenings at home, playing on the floor with Dominic and our dog, Ella. We love taking trips to the mountains or the beach, and visiting our families frequently! We visit a beach every couple of years with both sides of our family. It's created special memories to have them together and be able to share that with our families. Ella is our playful Labradoodle. She loves playing with other dogs, and is great with Dominic. As a baby, she would always lay close to him, and now, let's him wrestle on top of her as he learns to move about. They have become best friends at dinner time, as he tries to feed her from his highchair! Ella loves daily walks through our neighborhood, playing with her toys and any treat she can get!





## TYLER'S EXTENDED

# *family*

Tyler grew up surrounded by his extended family. We are very close with his cousins, aunts and uncles, and love going home to visit all of them. His immediate family includes his parents, Kevin and Cindy, brother Kirk, and niece Eleanor (2). The nieces and nephew are always offering to babysit and spend cousin time, from watching movies to playing games outside.







## KRISTEN'S EXTENDED

# *family*

Kristen's family loves filling their time with all the activities Dominic and his cousins are involved in! Her immediate family includes her parents, Mike and Kala, siblings, Jay (married to Kandace) and Melissa (married to Lucas), and her nieces and nephew Mary (16), Madelyn (13), Lucy (12), Bailey (10), Paul (7) and Emma (2).

With our families out of state, we take every opportunity to visit or host them in our home. With Kristen's family living a few hours away, we are able to see them frequently for weekends enjoying the zoo, pool or supporting our nieces and nephew at their events. We vacation with both families and enjoy taking trips with them to the beach or mountains. It is incredibly important for us that our children grow up around their cousins and grandparents, and use any opportunity to go visit with Dominic.



# traditions

## HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

*The holidays are very important to us as it's a time to be with our families. We have found ways to create traditions with both that we look forward to sharing with your child.*



### 4th of July

Our town loves the Fourth of July, which includes bike parades around our neighborhood, barbecues and fireworks. Our neighborhood also loves Halloween, with our dog even dressing up each year to participate! We spend these holidays having bonfires and seeing all the neighborhood families come together for fun!





## *Thanksgiving*

We spend Thanksgiving with Tyler's family, from cousin dinners and mountain drives, to baking pies each year. For Christmas, we spend time with Kristen's family, making a yearly trip to the light display at a local botanical garden with Dominic and his cousins to celebrate Christmas.

## *Christmas*

We love decorating our home for the holidays. As we put up our Christmas tree each year, we love having Christmas movies playing including Tyler's favorite, Home Alone. On Christmas Eve, we attend church with all of our family and return home to put on our Christmas pajamas and sing carols as a family.



## *Birthdays*

We have a tradition for birthdays and Christmas to get each of our nieces and nephew a book. It is a small token, but one we look forward to every year selecting their favorite book or interest. Since starting this, they have each grown a collection of books, and continued the tradition with Dominic, giving him their favorite books they have received from us over the years.

# *our home*

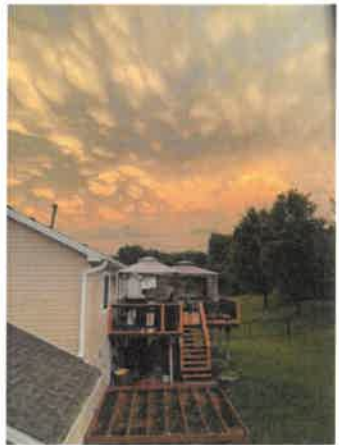
## IN A MIDWEST COMMUNITY



We live in a Midwest community tucked between an established neighborhood with towering oak trees and newer homes built in the last 20 years, with plenty of sidewalks and trails to walk around. We have three bedrooms and a basement play area that Dominic loves spending time in. Our favorite part of the house are the windows in the living room. They look out over our neighborhood

and we love being able to see families go by and watch the day change from that view. We have a large backyard with an extended patio overlooking two fruit trees. We have spent the summers creating a flower bed in the backyard, including a butterfly bush, which is our favorite to watch bloom each year.





We love sharing our home with family and friends, and live in a family friendly neighborhood, including a neighborhood pool and the ability to walk to school and our church. Living in the Midwest, we enjoy every season and what opportunities it brings. We spend the spring and summer working in our yard gardening, visiting

local farmers markets, and listening to thunderstorms roll in. The fall is always marked by leaves filling the sidewalks and streets, picking pumpkins from the local pumpkin patches, and watching football games. Even in the winter, snowmen line our neighborhood as you see Christmas trees in all the windows.

# OUR *family values*

## *adventure*

We share a passion for experiences from travel, to spending time with our families and friends, to participating in new activities in our local community. We believe these experiences are important to share with our children, allowing them to experience different cultures and have new experiences to shape them and their view of the world. We hope to give them a desire to learn more about the world around them.

## *faith*

Our Christian faith is the foundation of our relationship. From the moment we met through our marriage, parenting, and in pursuing adoption again, our faith has guided us and gives us support and encouragement along these paths. We love sharing our faith with Dominic, with our church being extremely supportive of adoption.

## *education*

Education is very important to both of us. We plan to send our children to private school so they can learn about their faith alongside their education, and our daycare also spends time focusing on faith-based values at a young age. Tyler was the first of his family to graduate college and Kristen's family values education and pursuing your passions through school. We plan to be extremely supportive and encouraging of our children's interests, if they attend school or pursue their passions and the ability to turn them into their career moving forward. We want to support our kids and what they love unconditionally.





# *thank you*

## OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We know adoption comes from a place of love, and without a doubt your child will know the love you have for them. We look forward to sharing their adoption story and to an open relationship with you as they grow, if desired.

We promise we will raise your child in a home full of love, and give them the freedom to become the person they choose to be, with our unconditional support.

We truly appreciate your strength and courage learning about our family.

With love,

*Tyler, Kristen and Dominic*

