



Chris, English & Tyler





hello



We are incredibly grateful that you are taking the time to learn more about our family. It's hard for us to know what to say in this letter. We can only begin to imagine how difficult this decision must be for you. Please know that we respect and admire your courage, strength and selflessness during this time.

Thank you so much for considering us as parents for your child. Through this book, we hope to share a glimpse of our lives and show you our happiness, love of life and commitment to each other and family. We would be so absolutely grateful and honored if you should decide to place your baby into our family and hearts.

with love,
English & Chris



our story

We briefly met as teenagers one summer when we were both lifeguards at a local pool. Many years passed before we were reunited and “matched” for our first date. We had an amazing time catching up during dinner and have been together ever since.

Our shared love of the beach, shag dancing, dogs, holiday decorating and our faith made us a great match. We were married two years later in a beautiful church service. Renovating our beach house, raising Tyler together and starting a new business have helped us support and encourage each other in new ways. It hasn't always been easy but it's always been worth it. 10 years later, and we still love to dance (renovating — not so much!).



We love to spend our time snuggling Sophie, hiking trails, nights by the pool, movie and game nights and going to the beach!



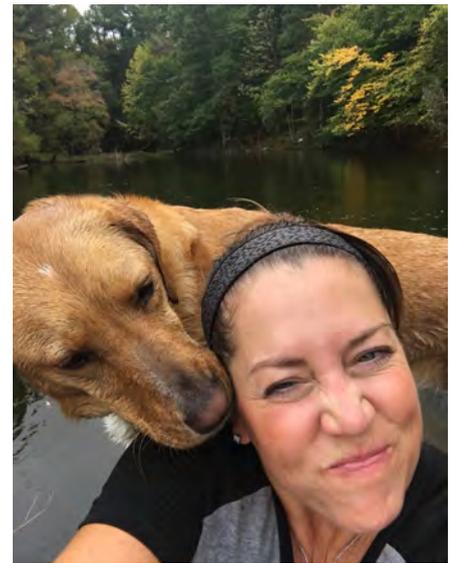
why we want to

A D O P T

We have known since we started dating that we wanted to expand our family. We dreamed of a home full of children to share the same unconditional love and support that we had growing up. After a year of trying, we sought professional help but were unable to conceive through fertility treatments. After much discussion, we realized that our main desire was to grow our family — not necessarily get pregnant.

We are blessed to have a wonderful 12 year old son named Tyler from Chris' first marriage. Loving and parenting Tyler has come as second nature to English. She and Tyler have a beautiful relationship built on their similar senses of humor, sarcasm and a genuine love for one another. We truly believe that having Tyler to love opened our hearts to the beauty of adoption.







English

I LOVE

Reading

Going to the Beach

Spending time with Sophie

*I have always been social
and was very active in high school —
student council, athletic trainer,
prom committee, basketball statistician
— if there was a social event going on,
I was there!*



I grew up in a large city in North Carolina with my younger brother. I was very blessed to have parents who provided a warm, safe, loving home and also instilled in me a strong work ethic, strong morals and a loyalty to family and friends.

I had a wonderful childhood. Summers were spent at the pool, playing cards and making bracelets with friends. My brother and I would also spend a week in South Carolina with each of our grandparents. We had fun on the farm (riding horses ~ feeding the pigs ~ woodworking) and adventures on the road in an Airstream camper. I was extremely close to my grandparents and so much of who I am today is because of their influence on me.

I love seniors and work in an assisted living facility. I have been in my current role supporting families and their loved ones for 17 years. I believe my close relationship with my grandparents led me to this field. I'm lucky to be able to work from home and have the flexibility to alter my schedule as needed.

While I'm a decent cook, I'm a great baker. My homemade chocolate chip cookies are a fan favorite! I'm active at church with Bible study, our college kids and our senior ministry. For many years, I worked with the youth at our church before getting more involved with Tyler's age group.

LOYAL CARING FUN





Chris

I LOVE

Golfing & Camping

Trips to Disney

Quality time with Tyler

*English often says that she
already has two children
— Tyler and me —
because I enjoy wrestling,
riding rides and meeting characters at
Disney, doing bike jumps in the woods
and catching waves at the beach!*



I was fortunate to be raised by two loving parents in a home where faith and family were considered priority. If asked, my hope is that others would describe me as a loving, gentle husband and father who puts his family first. My parents' influence has shaped me into who I am today.

Growing up, I was a good athlete and student in school. I attended college and graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science and earned my MBA. After years of working in the banking and construction industries, my twin brother and I made the leap into full-time self-employment with the purchase of an insurance restoration business.

After losing my 14-month old daughter, Meredith, to a brain tumor in 2008, I strive to make every moment count. I realize that time is very important, and I try to spend it on the things that matter. I enjoy exercising and biking with my family as well as visits to the neighborhood pool. Our vacation time to the beach and Disney are moments that I hold dear.

There is nothing that brings me more joy than being a father. To be part of a child's life is an exciting journey. Watching Tyler grow, learn new things, share adventures and become his own person is beyond fulfilling. I long to share the same love and devotion that I have for Tyler with a second child.

HARD WORKING
DEVOTED SELFLESS





Tyler

Tyler is our affectionate, curious and energetic 12 year old.

He attends a wonderful school that provides a great education. He has a great love of animals and a large circle of friends. We are often told by teachers how loving and kind he is towards his classmates. He is a good, loyal friend who is always inclusive of those being left out. He is honest and exemplifies the morals that we are trying to instill in him.

He is wonderful with his cousins (ages 12 months to 7 years old) — always playing with them and helping take care of them. He's quick to help calm the baby and build sand castles with the oldest. He's even been known to play with the Barbies to make the girls happy. They all adore him. He is so excited about becoming a big brother. He constantly talks about all the things we'll do together as a family.

I LOVE

Sports & Bike Riding

Star Wars & Avengers

Playing with Sophie

Sophie



We joke that Sophie is not actually a dog. She doesn't think she is, why should we? Sophie loves nothing more than walks with her mom, licking you, snuggling on the couch and chasing off the UPS man. Tyler and his friends are her favorite! She runs after them, chases them and believe it or not, loves to play hide and go seek. She so patiently sits and lets our nieces put bows and clothes on her and doesn't move till she's told to do so. She is so patient and loving towards everyone she meets.





ENGLISH

in Chris' words . . .

I have been blessed with an unbelievable wife. English is a natural communicator with a unique talent for putting people at ease. She is a faithful friend who loves deeply and loyally.

I could not have asked for a better stepmother for Tyler. While she is patient and calm — it takes a lot to ruffle her feathers — she is also exuberant and energetic. Our house is always brimming with activity; her enthusiasm for enjoying life is contagious!

Watching English love and care for Tyler as if he were her own brings me great joy. She is the glue that holds our family together. I can't wait to watch English shower a baby with the same love and devotion.



CHRIS

in English's words . . .

Chris is an amazing man who strives to uphold the Christian values that he holds so dear. Above all, he treasures family time and traditions. For Chris, enjoying a family dinner each night without modern-day interruptions is a cherished end to the day.

He is an amazing father — patient, affectionate and involved. He coaches Tyler in baseball, doesn't miss a school function and is the homework helper — thank goodness because I am terrible at math!

Chris is a big kid at heart but also an excellent provider, leader and role model. I can always count on him for guidance and support. Chris is so excited to bring another child into our home. I can't wait to watch him love, influence and shape a new little life!

meet our families



English's Family

My parents recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. Their relationship has been a true example of a strong marriage. They have always been supportive of each other's hobbies, careers and interests. They exemplify what it means to prioritize family, work through the tough times and provide a stable environment.

My mom taught high school for 30 years. She still runs into a former student almost every time she leaves the house. My dad worked for the department of agriculture, and to this day, feels more at home outside than inside. Grandy and Pop (as they are known to the grandkids) love to play games, take the kids on their boat and spoil them rotten at the holidays!

My brother, Mason, and his family live about two hours away. His wife, Courtney, is a nurse, which comes in handy! They have two children: Crew (age 7) and Payce (age 3) who will often come stay with us at our beach house or home. Tyler and Crew are very close and love to build sand castles, have Nerf gun battles and play video games.

We love to be together and have enjoyed many beach trips, family reunions, a Disney cruise and countless holidays and dinners together. We are so lucky to be very close to our extended family and to see them often.

Chris' Family

Though my parents are both gone, I am extremely close to my Aunt Joan (my mom's twin sister) and my Uncle Forest who live two minutes from our house. Aunt Joan has always been like a second mom to me, and I am so grateful for the love and support that she shows me, English and Tyler. We enjoy Sunday dinners at her house, trips to the beach and hearing stories about her and my mom growing up. You rarely see a mom who is a twin that has twins of her own. My mom and Aunt Joan had a lot of fun being twins and instilled that same closeness and fun in my brother and me. Kelly, my twin brother, is two minutes younger than I am, but I'm the better looking one (we're identical as were my mom and aunt). We are close and do most everything together including run a business, go to the beach with our families and watch college football.

My family, like English's, have a large reunion every year at my cousin's motel on the lake. That weekend is one of our most favorite of the year full of stories, bonfires, laughter and love.





meet
our *friends*

We are very lucky to have a close network of friends from high school, college and church that we can count on for most anything. English is very close to her high school friends and is lucky to have babysitters at the ready. These ladies get together monthly and do more laughing than anything else.

Chris has developed some very close relationships with many of the dads of Tyler's friends. They enjoy camping, disc golf, playing golf and watching sports together. Our friends and family are all so very excited for us and can't wait to welcome a new member to the tribe.





OUR HOME

We live in a wonderful neighborhood full of things to do. There are about 6,000 people in our community, and we feel like 4,000 of those are children. It is full of them! We have a full-time Program Director who keeps us busy. Santa and Mrs. Claus come at Christmas, there is a Family Fun Day every fall (with food trucks, inflatable slides, Kona Ice truck, lawn games), Easter Egg hunts, a kid-friendly haunted house at Halloween and much more! We love to decorate for holidays — inside and outside! It's so much fun to walk through our neighborhood and get into the holiday spirit. There are five playgrounds scattered throughout the neighborhood, two pools and tennis courts. There is also easy access to the greenway — a nature path through the woods, by the river.



our promise



We hope what we've shared helps you understand a little about our family and the life we lead. We can't possibly understand what you are going through but know that you desire to give your child the best life possible. We respect the courage and strength that you are showing in the hopes for a bright future for your baby. As you make your decision, we hope that you can find peace in knowing:

-  Your child will be loved unconditionally by a large network of friends and family.
-  She will be supported in any endeavors and opportunities that she chooses to pursue.
-  She will be surrounded by laughter, puppy love, delicious chocolate chip cookies and lots of Disney.
-  She will be raised with the knowledge and understanding that she is part of two families, both of which want nothing but the best for her.

With love and appreciation,
English, Chris & Tyler

