

*crissy & brian*

2021



*Dearest mama,*

We know this road isn't easy, but we want you to know that you matter and are important to us. We don't pretend to know you or your past but would like to. We have always wanted a family of four and have struggled to get pregnant again. Our parenting objectives are clear:

-love your child with all our might including loving and supporting them **equally** to our biological daughter

-talk to your child early and often about adoption so that they will know their birth family and how much we respect them

-teach them about their nationality, heritage and background

-teach them empathy, kindness, honesty and morals

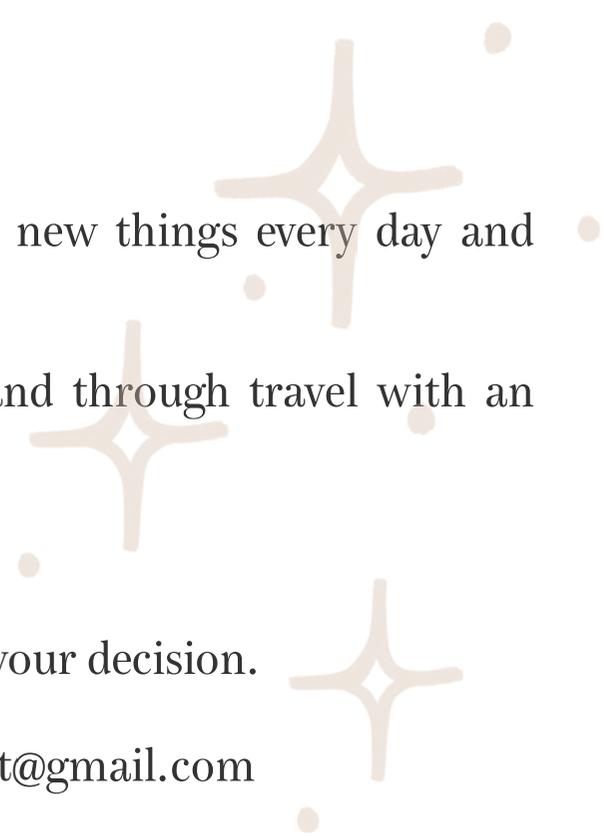
-educate them by choosing the best schools, teaching them new things every day and reading to them every night

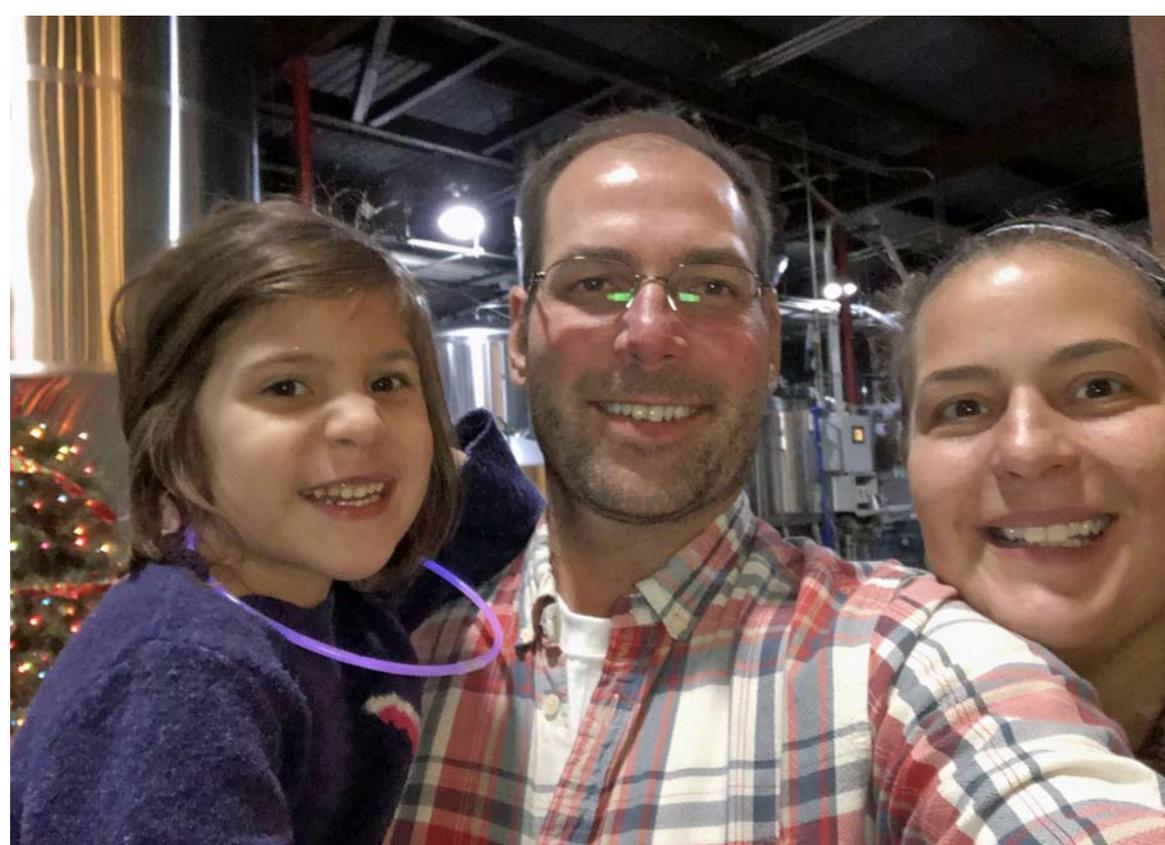
-expose them to a variety of life experiences both locally and through travel with an emphasis on protecting and caring for our earth

-socialize them early with many different types of children

We wish the best for you, your baby and solace and certainty in your decision.

If you have any questions, please email us at [crissyandbrianadopt@gmail.com](mailto:crissyandbrianadopt@gmail.com)





**status:** happily married for 12 years

**children:** 1, Karlyn (6)

**pets:** 1 food thief, Dunkin (3)

**location:** Gainesville, FL

**occupations:** Healthcare IT Manager (Crissy) &  
Civil Engineer (Brian)

**education:** Masters Degree (Crissy) and Bachelors  
Degree (Brian)

**post-adoption contact:** Open to any contact  
(phone, video chat, visits)

**We are a no frills, hard working, live life to the  
fullest, down to earth, fun loving family.**

**\*\*disclaimer:** Karlyn appears in many pics  
throughout to show what a child's life in our  
family is like

**age:** 43

**sign:** Pisces

**born:** Kokomo, IN

**family:** youngest of 3 siblings

**three words to describe me:** creative, stoic, funny

**favorite movie:** Bottle Rocket, Three Amigos

**favorite famous person:** Conan O'Brien

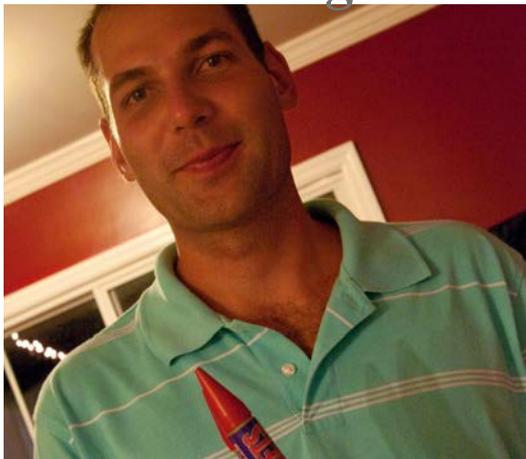
**favorite musicians:** Guns N' Roses, Vampire Weekend

**loves:** kayak fishing, roller coasters, gardening, golf, playing guitar, camping, too many to list

**dislikes:** browsing stores (shopping without intending on buying), mint

# Brian

**Brian is one of the most likable people I know. People who know him absolutely adore him (myself included). He routinely plays pretend with Karlyn on the floor (one of her favorite things). He is always making us laugh. I admire and respect his work ethic, cooking skills & passion for life. He is a great listener, the best dad & my best friend. I can't imagine life without him. - Crissy**







# crissy

**age:** 41

**sign:** Sagittarius

**born:** Elgin, IL

**family:** oldest to a younger sister

**three words to describe me:** loving, responsible, patient

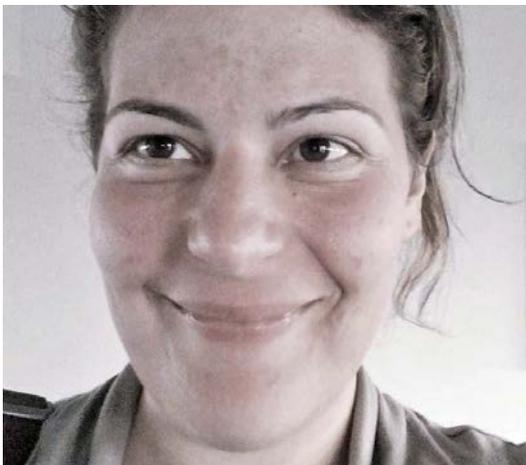
**favorite movies:** Little Miss Sunshine, Moulin Rouge, Life Aquatic

**favorite famous person:** Bill Murray

**favorite musicians:** Muse, Fun., Lady Gaga

**loves:** Hamilton, snorkeling, baking, live concerts, going to garage sales, repairing things

**dislikes:** Donald Trump, grapefruit



**Crissy is beautiful, smart & has an active life. She is a wonderful mom, giving much of her time to Karlyn to ensure her life is enjoyable & has structure. She is the love of my life, best friend & co-pilot to navigate life. - Brian**



Butterfly (but see 211), n.  
A small, delicate insect of the order  
Lepidoptera, which has a level body and  
large, extensively veined wings.





# our love story

**We met through mutual friends in college and have been together for 17 years!**

**Brian attracted me with ambitions to be an engineer, his great sense of humor, and his honesty.**

**Brian was attracted to Crissy's carefree, optimistic and loving nature.**

**Brian asked my dad for permission before he proposed. He got down on one knee after a romantic dinner in our downtown square over the holidays. I was shaking and so excited - of course I said yes.**

**We married at an outdoor wedding at our home in 2009 with our closest family and friends. Our dog Beefy took part and wore a tuxedo!**

**We really wanted kids to have fun at our wedding, so we had a kids table with games, activities and a pinata. It was one of the best days of our lives. I hope to be able to tell you about it one day.**



# crissy's family



**My dad and beautiful sister Amy are pictured here. My mom passed away unexpectedly from ovarian cancer when I was 16. I would give anything to talk to her one last time. Our small family is very close. We video call all the time & see each other as much as possible as they still live in Illinois.**

# brian's family



**brian's dad's side of the family. we all get together annually. bri's grandpa is amazing, 97 and a WWII vet**



**bri's mom and dad**



**every christmas is a multi-day celebration with a room full of gifts, cooking, baking & special family time**

**We all live close by and see each other often. Brian's family is loving and incredible. We like to play pool volleyball, Euchre and Catch Phrase.**



**hot wing challenge: bri's brother, dad & bri. i'm so glad i got a video of this - it's so funny!**



**wild adventures with bri's sister & her kids (our awesome nephews)**



**bri and his dad - they'd rather be fishing**

# things we love



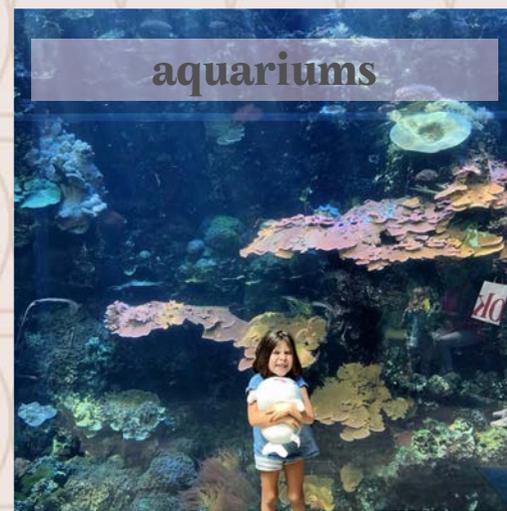
water parks



the beach



bike rides



aquariums



our local springs



chicago bears



putt-putt



hiking and wild horses- cumberland island, ga



halloween



# karlyn

**age:** 6

**sign:** Sagittarius

**three words to describe her:**

funny, kind, responsible

**favorites things to do:** draw,  
swim, ride bikes

**favorite movie:** Soul

**education:** Kindergarten, attends  
the 17th ranked public school in  
Florida as your child would  
(according to Niche)

**She is ecstatic about having a  
little brother or sister to read  
to, play with and protect.**



# our home

We built our home in 2006 on a 3.5 acre wooded lot that is close to everything.

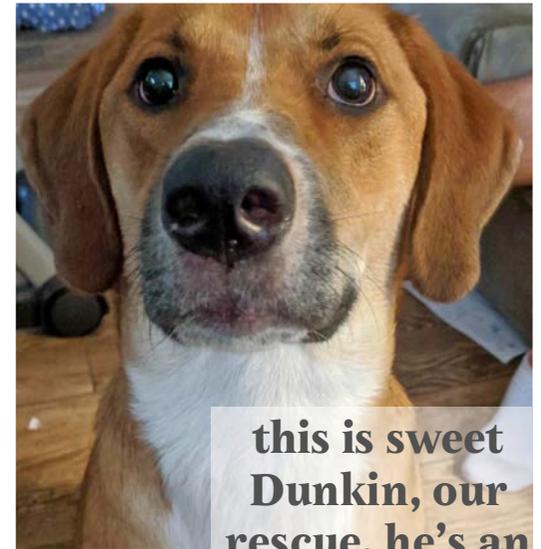
It is 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths so your child would have their own room.

Our house is in a family neighborhood on a quiet street. We walk & bike to nature trails, a dog park, a playground & Karlyn's school.

We are excited that a lot of families with young children have moved to our street recently.

We enjoy our huge oak trees & frequent visitors: deer, turtles, turkeys, frogs, and much more.

Gainesville was just named the best city to live in Florida by Niche & we agree wholeheartedly. Despite it being a college town we have numerous family oriented events, wonderful diversity & a community that takes care of one another.



this is sweet Dunkin, our rescue. he's an American Foxhound mix and was raised with Karlyn



playset in our large fenced in backyard

our friends



**Our oldest and best friends are pictured here. Some of these beautiful souls have been in our lives for over 20 years!**

# karlyn's friends



swim lessons are a priority living in FL



the little mermaid play at local playhouse



We included this page to show how we emphasize socialization, play and relationships from a young age.

I was terribly shy as a child and don't want that for Karlyn.



local new years eve celebration - pretending to be puppies



All of the children pictured here met and became friends as toddlers.

Our families still enjoy getting together today.

san fran



new orleans trolley ride



redwood forest, ca



costa rica



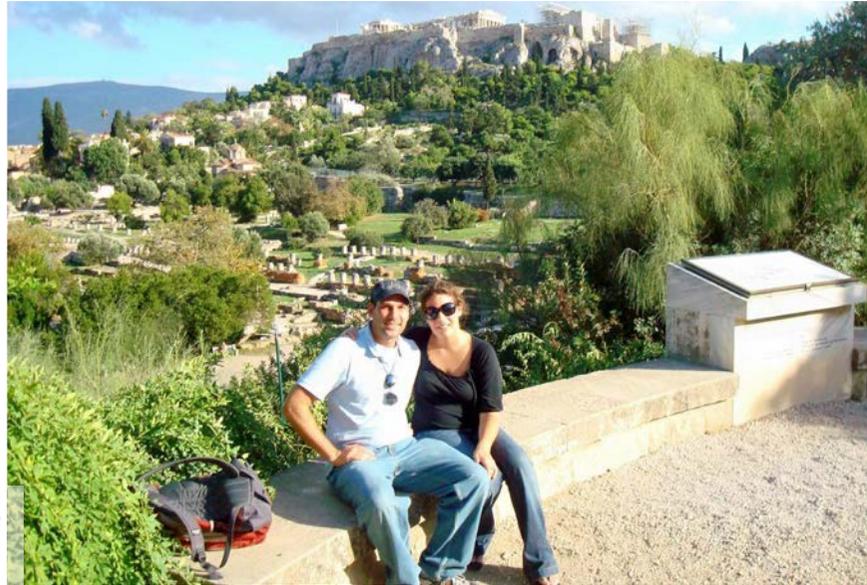
denali national park, alaska



# travels



**honeymoon in athens, greece  
crissy is half greek!**



**Traveling is one of  
our favorite things  
in the world.  
We love to visit new  
places we've never  
been and show our  
children all the  
beauty and variety  
on this earth.**



**chattanooga trip with  
cousins**



**summit of pikes peak,  
colorado**





# adventures in parenthood

**We want our children to find their talents and passions while we support them along the way!**

**We have flexible schedules, lots of leave and can work from home. Brian intends on being a part time stay at home dad.**



**gymnastics**



**tubing in our local springs**



**horseback riding lessons**

**top left: we love wearing babies and they love it to!  
bottom left: nightly reading & disney dumbo ride**

**Thank you for reading about us brave mother!**

**We wish the absolute best for you and your baby!**

**With love and hope, Brian and Crissy**

