



Dave, Chrissie & Ruby

Hello,

So here we are hoping to adopt a child! We hope this book will give you a good snapshot of our current family. To start with, we never thought we would be in a position of advertising ourselves! Honestly, it is a bit awkward and weird. But we will do our best for you to get the big themes: Be kind, Have fun, Work hard and FAMILY, FAMILY, FAMILY!

Here is a little about our journey that has brought us here. We met at Virginia Tech, dated for a bit and got married. We enjoyed it being the two of us with our previous 2 dogs and a cat for awhile and then decided we were ready to have a child. It took us several years to get pregnant but when we did the pregnancy was easy and great. We had Ruby and could not believe how great it was to be parents. We were never the couple that had planned out how many children we would have, we just knew it would be more than one. Dave has a brother and Chrissie has a twin, a stepbrother and a stepsister. We never for a minute thought that we would not be able to have more children. After a few frustrating years of trying on our own, we decided to seek help and realized we had “unexplained secondary infertility”. So we have spent another 5 years of meds, shots, tears, procedures, miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies, more tears, emergency surgery, donor eggs, lots more tears...you name it we've been through it. Needless to say, this has been a difficult journey for our family. But we are not done.

We decided that it wasn't meant for us to conceive again on our own, but that didn't mean we couldn't still have another child. Ruby has always wanted a sibling. So here we are, hoping to be selected to adopt your child.

We hope you will see we are a fun and loving family! If we aren't the right fit for you and your child, we do wish you the best in your journey.

Take Care,

Dave, Chrissie & Ruby



Dave is FUNNY! He is a great father. He and Ruby come up with crazy games like “Academic Challenge” and racing invisible horses that have superpowers. He and Ruby also enjoy playing Lego video games. Dave is a great father and husband. He loves baseball and music. He is also a well-loved band director. Students still come back to visit him after they have graduated. That says a lot about the positive impact he has had on so many kids!

Chrissie is very CARING. She is a School Counselor. She really enjoys baking, doing crafts, going to the beach, reading, visiting new places and spending time with family. She loves being in the kitchen and having Ruby as her sous-chef! She is always coming up with new things for the family to try. For 2018: going to church on a regular basis, joining a gym (Ruby loves this--Chrissie not so much) and doing at least one service project a month.





Hi! This is Ruby. I just wanted to tell you a little about the way I feel about us adopting. I think it's a great idea because I've always wanted to be a big sister. Also, now I'll have someone to play with after school.

(written by Ruby)



Pretending to be robots from outer space, Pumpkin Patch and Father Daughter Dance

Furrigie & Cooper



Furrigie is the happiest dog. She doesn't just wag her tail...she wags her whole body and is full of kisses. She is the epitome of joy!

Cooper joined our family 2 years ago and Furrigie couldn't be happier. Cooper is shy at first but warms up to people in a few minutes. He loves to snuggle!

They LOVE chasing each other in the yard, wrestling in the family room and barking at the neighborhood cats. Their all time favorite activity (other than having a sleepover with Ruby) is racing to her room to wake her up in the mornings!



This is our home.
On a cul-de-sac

2 story (4 bedrooms)

Fenced in Backyard
with a playset and
garden

We live in a Neighborhood with:



Swimming pool
Walking trails
Wide streets for biking
Sidewalks
Elementary School
Playground
YMCA



within 5 minutes of Richmond Metro Zoo
& Children's Museum of Richmond

There are lots of children in our neighborhood!



Roo's cheerleading debut / cousin's dance recital / solar eclipse / Halloween



At grandparents' pool / apple picking / cousin's first snow



Younger cousin's family / older cousin and younger cousins / "The girls"



Ruby and her cousin are like sisters / Chrissie's mom, sister and kids / Chrissie's Dad's side of the family



Older Cousins

A Pilot, a very creative baker and animal lover, a talented baseball player, all 3 have played musical instruments. All are great big cousins!



Dave's brother and wife / Christmas with the cousins/ family photo with grandparents



Wintergreen / Disney / Universal Studios / the Cascades / and Hershey Park-we got to make our own candy bars! We go to the beach at least for a day or two each summer.



Chincoteague--these ponies were outside of a McDonald's so we called them McPonies / Trip to maine (we visited 13 states that summer!) / Portland Sea Dogs game--cool mascot / Long hot bike ride on a tandem bike / Ruby acting as "DJ ME" / Lighthouse in Maine.



Solar Eclipse cupcake Ruby and Chrissie made for Dave's band students / Grill cupcakes they made for the annual pool party / Our backyard garden. Every year we have tomatoes and then we vary corn, carrots, peppers, beans, onion, potatoes, squash, watermelon...This was the year we grew crazy colored carrots.



Family Favorite: SNOW DAYS! SNOW DAYS! SNOW DAYS! Building snowmen, sledding on our cul-de-sac. Not Pictured: drinking hot chocolate with whipped cream, watching movies, reading, playing games, staying in our jammies...



We believe in letting Ruby figure out what she likes. She has participated in Dance, Gymnastics, Soccer, Basketball, Cheerleading, Girl Scouts and Tae Kwon Do. This summer she is on a swim team. Each year she picks one or two activities that she likes. Our belief is she sticks with it for the season/commitment, but if it isn't her thing then she doesn't sign up for that activity again.



Right now she is working towards her Black Belt.

We are very involved parents. When they needed coaches for Soccer--we learned soccer then coached the team.

Chrissie also became a Troop Leader to get Ruby and other girls off the waiting list and into Girl Scouts.





We hope you've enjoyed learning about our family and getting a glimpse of what it would be like for your child.

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We are HOME STUDY approved!

