



JUSTIN and KIM



ABOUT US

Our family is large and overflowing with love. We support each other and grow together. We have been married for 13 years. We met in grade school, dated through highschool and college, and got married shortly after graduating. We have a deep love, respect, and silliness for each other and our children. Together we have 4 biological children and 1 adopted child (through foster care), 3 small dogs, 1 indoor cat, 2 fish tanks, lots of barn cats, chickens, and bees.

We have been foster parents off and on for over 5 years (and are currently licensed) and enjoy welcoming children into our home and working with birth mothers and families. Our parenting philosophy is love, consistency, and natural consequences. We have experience parenting children with a variety of physical, mental, and emotional needs.

Kim is an engineering manager for a tech company and works from home full time. She loves building engineers' careers and working with intelligent people across the globe. Justin has been a stay-at-home dad for 13 years. He loves playing with children, goofing-off, and being there for each of our children. We also live with Kim's retired father, John. Having 3 adults at home at all times gives our children the stability and freedom to enjoy their home and explore the world.



JUSTIN

Occupation: Stay-at-home Dad

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems

Hobbies: Video games, board games, painting miniatures

Favorites: Candy bar - Reese's Nutrageous; holiday - Halloween; Relaxing activity - reading in the hammock

Occupation: Senior Engineering Manager (work-from-home)

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Computer Art and Graphics, Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science

Hobbies: cross stitching, quilting, true crime novels, video games, hiking, puzzles

Favorites: Candy bar - Milky Way; holiday - CHRISTMAS!!; Relaxing activity - cross stitching in my rocking chair and building Legos



KIM

FAVORITES/FUN FACTS

ABOUT JUSTIN by Kim:

Justin is a goofy, silly, and loving parent. He treats each child as an individual and loves interacting one-on-one time with each of them. Justin spends time in cooking, cleaning, and running the kids to and from activities each day. He enjoys sharing his hobbies with our children, friends, and family; he is often playing games with others (board games, video games, and in person). Justin is the perfect partner and parent, giving himself fully to each person he interacts with.



ABOUT KIM by Justin:

Kim is loving, diligent, creative, and passionate. She does everything in her power to support her family's needs whatever they may be. She works very hard at her job, but has ensured that her work is entirely from home so that she can spend extra time with her kids. Kim is the organizer of the family. She is a master of scheduling all appointments, obligations, parties, and a million other things a family needs to do. Kim has a seemingly endless source of patience with which she deals with her kids and husband. She is fully committed to the needs of whomever she is interacting with and this is part of what has made her a wonderful mother.



JASMINE



Jasmine:

Jasmine is 15 years old. She joined our family through foster care in 2012 and was adopted in 2013. She enjoys coloring, swinging, and all animals. Jasmine was born prematurely, is deaf and has autism. She has cochlear implants and uses a g-tube for nutrition.

Valerie:

Valerie is 12 years old. She loves music, video games, reading (mostly Captain Underpants), and jumping on her trampoline. Valerie is welcoming to all our foster placements and is excited about gaining a sibling through adoption. Valerie was born prematurely and has ADHD.

Walter:

Walter is 10 years old. He loves technology, video games, piano, and biology. Walter desperately wants a brother to share his hobbies with, although he is nervous about having a baby sibling. Walter has depression that is treated with therapy and medication.

VALERIE



WALTER



EVELYN



Evelyn:

Evelyn is also 10 years old (she and Walter are twins). She loves art, baking, and guitar. Evelyn is fiercely independent and loves trying new things. She wants another sibling to play with and teach.

Cecilia:

Cecilia is 7 years old. She is a social butterfly and enjoys playing outside, art, and singing. Cecilia is extremely excited about having a younger sibling. She loves having foster children in our home, and would love to be an older sister.

John:

John is a doting grandfather (called "Papa"). He is retired and spends his time in his vegetable garden, flower gardens, and greenhouse, and takes care of chickens and multiple bee hives. He is always around to help with his grandkids. He loves to share his hobbies of gardening, baking, and watching old movies with them.

CECILIA



JOHN



OUR HOME

We live in Kim's childhood home on 30 acres of land - the house is almost 1 mile from any road traffic. Our house has 5 bedrooms upstairs, as well as 2 bedrooms in the basement. John lives in a mother-in-law suite with his own kitchen and 2 bedrooms. We love spending time outside on the porch swing, playset, hiking in the fields and woods, picking wild blackberries, and biking, rollerblading, and using chalk on the giant concrete driveway pad.



OUR FAMILY/FRIENDS



Justin serving as godfather to our niece



Playing video games with our brothers



Board games with friends



Uncle Chris with the kids



Valerie and Grandma dancing



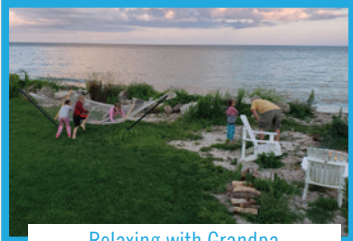
John with his mom and 15 siblings



Celebrating Valerie's birthday with family



The kids with their uncles, Sean and Chris, on Christmas



Relaxing with Grandpa on vacation

Our family is very close and loves being together. We spend a lot of time at home - playing board games and video games together. All of our family is close to us, including Kim's brother, Justin's 3 brothers, Justin's parents (just 5 minutes away), and most of John's 15 siblings and Kim's 50+ cousins. Family and friends are always nearby to help around the house, with the kids, and to be together. We frequently host holidays and board game nights with our family and friends.

We were both raised Catholic and loosely follow Catholic traditions. Both of us feel that doing good in the world and being kind to others is more important than any one religious belief system. Our 4 younger children attend a private Catholic school. Their school is academically rigorous and highly diverse with 60% POC, 25% Spanish speaking, and 30% on free or reduced lunch.

We love adventures and experiencing new things together. Our most recent vacations have been hiking and spending time at the ocean. Holidays and birthdays are always a big deal at our house. We love celebrating so much - our "Christmas" lights stay up all year and change color to reflect the current season or celebration.



DEAR BIRTH PARENT(S),

We understand that adoption is a deeply difficult and personal choice. We pledge to be here for you now and in the future to support you and your child's relationship at whatever level you desire.

Our large family means there will always be someone to talk to, you can't be lonely in a house with 8+ people! There are so many opportunities to learn from each other. Our children look out for each other, signing ASL for their older sister, Jasmine, being patient when Valerie excitedly repeats herself, and teaching Cecilia to tie her shoes.



We promise to provide a loving and caring home for your child. We give all our children the lessons, tools, and access to achieve greatness in adulthood. We will raise your child to be loving, kind, and generous - with the knowledge that they have 2 sets of caring parents backing them up.

Sincerely,

Justin and Kim



WHY ADOPTION?

We have always wanted a large family. As foster parents we are able to help children and families for a brief period. We want to expand our family permanently and feel that adoption is the best way for our family to achieve that. We are open to adopting a child of any gender, race, or ethnicity. We love and support our children with their individual needs and culture. We both love parenting and our children are ready to welcome a new sibling.

