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# RYAN & SARA

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Hi there!

We are Sara and Ryan, we have been married for three years and we cannot wait to grow our family! Right now our family consists of the two of us, our daughter Kamryn, from Ryan's previous marriage, and our two dogs, Max and Penny. Kamryn is with us every other weekend. She is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, a great student, and she cannot wait to be a big sister! As soon as we shared our adoption plan with Kam, she was over the moon excited. She regularly talks about the things she would like to do with a younger brother or sister, like teaching him or her to swim and read stories together.

Adoption felt like the right fit for us from the start – to us, biology is less important than a family bond. Sara has a cousin that was adopted when he was 4. Also, Sara's best friend has two young children who are adopted and we have a family friend that has four children through the foster-to-adopt process.

We are so excited to grow our family, and that includes growing with you. Our family is built with love, patience, humor, and joy. And, going forward, your act of love will forever be a part of our family story as well.

We can only imagine all of the questions you have as you make a decision that feels worthy of your child. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We would love to get to know you and talk about what we are able to provide your child – a life filled with so much love, opportunity, family support, and countless adventures. We also want to hear about your vision for being a part of our family, too.

We can't wait to hear from you!

Ryan & Sara

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## Our Home—Richmond, VA

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Our home is a historic brick house in the Museum District neighborhood of Richmond, VA.

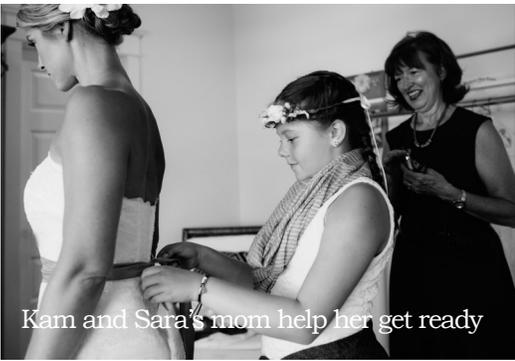
We live a mile from the local elementary school and walking distance to the middle school and our local library.

We are a few blocks away from several parks and museums and enjoy walking around our neighborhood with the dogs.



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Our Wedding—October, 2016



Kam and Sara's mom help her get ready



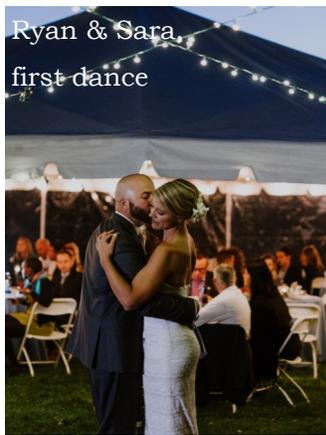
Ryan & Kamryn



Ben (Sara's brother), Jeff (Ryan's dad), Ryan, Brandon and Stephen (Ryan's brothers)



Ryan & Sara



Ryan & Sara, first dance



Ryan's brother, Brandon, performed the ceremony



Richard & Katee (Sara's parents), Stephen, Jeff & Cindy (Ryan's dad & stepmom), Sara, Ryan, Kamryn, friends, Ben, PJ & Brandon (Ryan's sister in law and brother), Joanie (Ryan's mom)



Ryan dancing with Kam, his mom, and brother, Stephen



Sara's brother, Ben, walked her down the aisle



Ryan, Kam & Sara

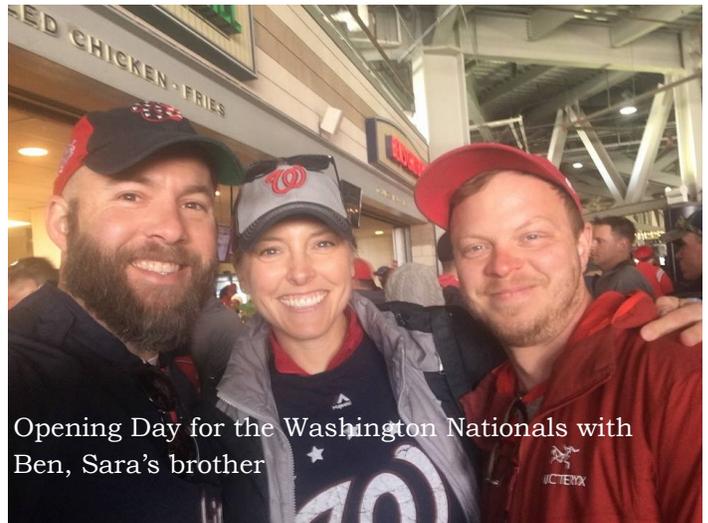


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## Sara's Family

Sara's family loves to spend time outdoors. Cycling is a hobby for the entire family, as is hiking. Sara's parents, Richard and Katee, currently live in Missouri, but are moving back to Virginia in 2019. They want to be closer to family and know their new grandchild. Ben, Sara's brother, lives about 2 hours away in Loudon County.

Ryan, Sara, and Ben go to the Washington Nationals' Opening Day each spring. This tradition is something we would introduce to our children as well, along with our love of baseball.



Opening Day for the Washington Nationals with Ben, Sara's brother



Sara, Richard (her dad), Katee (her mom), and Ben



A family bike trip across the state of Iowa

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## Ryan's Family

Most of Ryan's family lives in the Richmond area near us. This includes Joanie (mom), Stephen (youngest brother), Brandon (middle brother) and his family— PJ (Brandon's wife) and their two boys, Hudson, 4 and Hendrix, 1.

Kamryn, Ryan's 12 year old daughter, lives in Northern VA and visits every other weekend. His dad and stepmom live about 2 hours away in Woodstock.

We are thrilled to have so many family members nearby so they can be involved as our family grows. Kamryn is dying to be a big sister!



Kayaking at Ryan's dad's house



Ryan heading to a Nationals baseball game with his dad and brothers



Mother's Day get together with Ryan's family



Kamryn and her cousin

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Hi, I'm Kamryn!

I'm writing this letter to inform you about me! My name is Kamryn, I'm 12, and would like a new addition to my life (or two). At school I'm in A.A.P (advanced academics program) and advanced math, so your baby/babies will be in good hands with me. After school I dance with a dance studio near my house. I enjoy climbing trees, dancing, reading, tumbling, crafting, and writing. I live with my Mom but every other weekend I visit my Dad. In our basement my Dad and I are making a craft space for me and a workshop for him.

In school I work with an autistic 1st grader. He speaks Russian most of the time so I'm trying to learn a little. When I'm with him we work on communication and social skills.

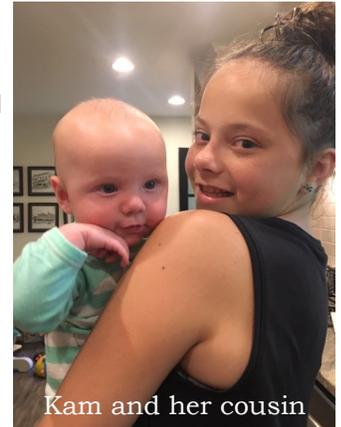
I have two little cousins, so I have experience with little ones. I love Harry Potter and my Dad does, too. I am very open to anyone and everyone and I am patient. In my free time I craft and play outside with my friends, we play capture the flag, we climb trees, and build forts out of sticks in a park near our house.

I have always wanted a sibling so I think I would be a good big sister. I think that I would be able to teach he/she many different lessons and skills.

Whenever I'm at my dad's house we always have a good time. Our house is super cozy and it's always fun to be there. We take our two dogs (Max and Penny) on walks two to three times a day, so we're always active. We live super close to a lot of family so we see them all the time.

My dad is super welcoming and loving, he is always finding new things to try and is constantly putting others before himself. He's super funny and gets along with almost everyone. Sara is always thinking of ways to make someone she loves happy, and is always making little ones (like my cousins) laugh. I think she would be a great Mom along with my dad and any child would be lucky to have them as parents. So please consider my letter and I hope my Dad, stepmom, and I hear more from you.

-Kamryn



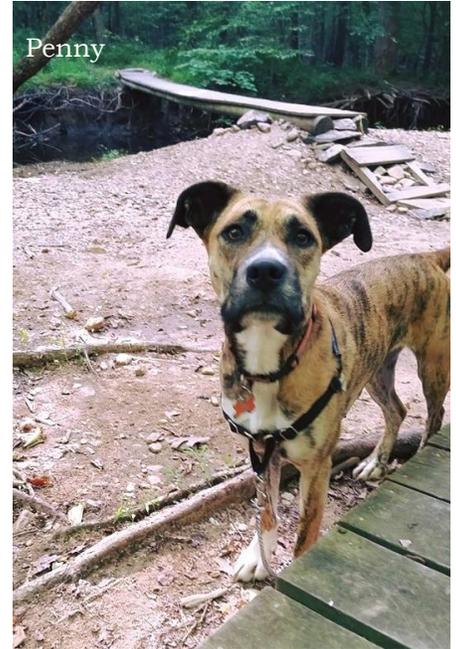
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## Our Pups

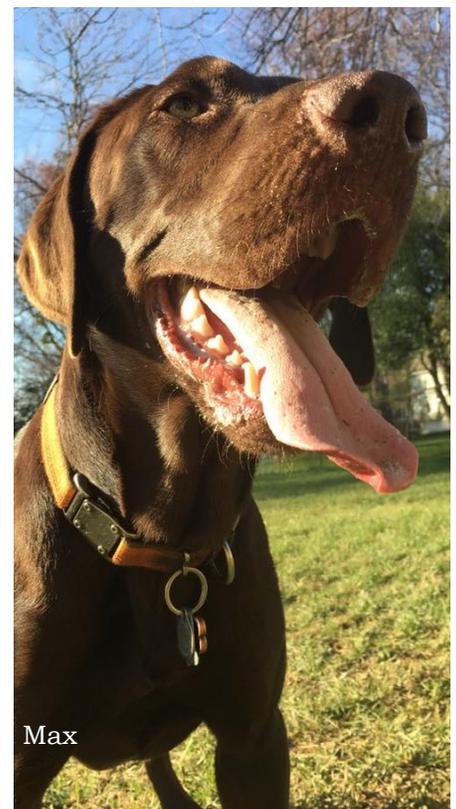
Max is a chocolate lab and a total goofball. He is always the happiest guy in the room and up for anything, especially if it includes chasing a ball.

Penny is a rescue dog and Max's best friend. She is quite the snuggler and has been known to sneak kisses when our nephews are visiting—they are just the right height for her to kiss and run. The only thing she loves more than a snuggle is a nap in the sun.

Both dogs are great with kids and can't wait to have more people to kiss and follow around the house!



Penny



Max



Pups with our nephew



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## Our Adventures

We love to travel and try new things! Some of our favorite things to do include going to baseball games (Washington Nationals and the Richmond Flying Squirrels minor league team), soccer games (the minor league team the Richmond Kickers), hiking, trying new restaurants, going to the museums (we live a few blocks away from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Children's Museum, and the Virginia Science Museum). We are also members of the Maymont Park, a 100-acre park in Richmond with a zoo that helps rehabilitate wounded animals. They also host summer camps. Last summer Kamryn attended a young animal keepers camp at Maymont and loved it!



Redskins game



Skiing in PA



Mt Hood, OR



Hiking in Utah



Hiking in MD



St. Thomas



Annual holiday get together with friends

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## Running!

Running is a big part of who we are and what we do. We are both marathon runners and running coaches. Ryan has volunteered as a coach for at-risk middle school kids as part of the Higher Achievement program in Richmond. Sara has volunteered as a coach for the United Nations Foundation Team Girl Up. We also travel with friends on running vacations to run in races around the United States as a way of exploring the country in an up close way.

Running in Richmond as a Higher Achievement Coach



With friends running a race in the Pacific Northwest



At the Philadelphia Marathon as a Coach



Running the Marine Corps Marathon