



*Kerry & Ryan*



# Our Story...

Hi there! We are Ryan and Kerry! Thank you for taking the time to review our profile. We are thrilled to be on this journey to expand our family. We can't begin to understand how incredibly difficult this decision is for you to make. We have tremendous gratitude for mothers like you that are being so selfless. We'd love to take this time to tell you more about ourselves and our story, and we truly appreciate your consideration!

We met through Ryan's sister. After a failed attempt to get Kerry to come to a Jimmy Fallon show with them, we eventually saw each other out again. Ryan used the game Words with Friends to chat with Kerry through the game, where he asked her out. We've been together since! During our relationship, we traveled a lot, went to concerts and just enjoyed each other's company. We got engaged in Central Park in New York and were married in July 2014.

We talked about adoption before marriage, because Kerry has PCOS and we knew we could be facing some issues. We were fortunate to conceive quickly and naturally and our daughter, Stella, was born in July 2015. We later found out, after two years of treatments, surgeries and procedures, that we were now infertile. We decided it was time to pursue adoption and we are excited to begin this journey!







# About Ryan

## by Kerry

When I met Ryan, I knew right away that he was the man with whom I wanted to spend the rest of my life. I could tell right away that he was very caring and genuine. He has a great sense of humor and we shared many interests from the start. We both love music and Ryan is always open to going to concerts and checking out new musicians and having fun.

Ryan is very hard working, and provides for our family as a corporate communications supervisor at a regional insurance company. When our daughter was born, he had no reservations about carrying the extra responsibilities so I could be home more to raise her while pursuing my passions. Ryan is also very eager to help other people. Whether its carpooling coworkers to work in snow storms, or offering an extra hand at church, you can always count on him to help out.

One of the best experiences so far was watching Ryan become a father to our daughter. He is amazing with her and no matter how long of a day he's worked, he always comes home ready to play. Ryan has a very calm demeanor and he is the foundation and rock of our home. He has always talked about adoption and I know he will continue to be a great father to any child who joins our family.





# About Kerry

## by Ryan

Kerry radiates a warmth that instantly attracted me to her when we met... that and her smile. She's honest, optimistic and thoughtful. She's very passionate about helping others, and her chosen professions of massage therapy and birth doula exemplify her selflessness. Her innate ability to put others at ease has been on display many times with both me, and our daughter.

Kerry has a passion for the outdoors. Whether we're going for a hike in the woods or heading to the beach, we both feel that family time is best spent outdoors. Kerry is also a great cook and works hard to ensure a picky three-year-old eats nutritious meals (with the occasional pizza). As a couple, we both have a passion for music. In fact, Kerry plays the piano and hopes to instill a love of music in the children.

I already knew Kerry as an amazing wife and person, but in 2015, she also became an amazing mother. I love watching Kerry do arts and crafts and bake with Stella. One thing I'm especially proud of is making sure that Stella understands that there is nothing she can't talk to her about. I'm so incredibly fortunate to have such a caring, compassionate wife who puts her heart and soul into her family!







# Meet Stella

Stella is an energetic three year old who loves to play all day, whether it's games, make believe, or outside on the swing set. She has a great sense of humor and is always being silly and laughing. She was always a very happy baby. She loves to be around other kids and is typically good at sharing. In fact, we signed her up for soccer lessons, but she was more interested in picking the balls up and handing them to the other kids than actually kicking the ball herself.

Stella is excited knowing that she is going to be a big sister at some point. We've explained that the baby will not grow in mommies belly. We think she'll be an amazing big sister because she already has so much empathy and such a huge heart.





# Our Home

We live in a colonial-style house on a quiet cul-de-sac in the town in which we grew up. Ryan's parents live within walking distance and are our daycare a few days a week. We have four bedrooms, all of which are upstairs, so we have easy access to the kid's rooms. Downstairs we have a nice den where Stella does most of her playing, as well as well as a large eat-in kitchen, dining room and formal living room. In the back, we have a nice patio and a full swing set, as well as the garden where we spend a lot of time taking care of our flowers and vegetables. We also have a hill in our yard that is great for sledding.

Our neighbors are friendly. We have a good mix of young couples with younger children and retirees. Everyone is helpful during snowstorms or if you're in need of any favor. Ryan grew up in this neighborhood and enjoyed his time growing up here. It feels very safe here being a close-knit community.





# Our Family

We've been very fortunate to both have our parents and siblings living close by. They've been able to help us quite a bit with Stella and are a big part of our lives. Both of our sets of parents spend a lot of time with our daughter, as well as their other grandchildren, and love to take them places and spoil them the way grandparents love to do!

In addition to our parents, we each have one sibling. Kerry's sister has three children whom we see often. We enjoy going to their baseball games and dance recitals and spending lots of time at the pool and beach with them, as well as impromptu cookouts and fishing trips. Ryan's sister has a one-year-old daughter, and we love visiting her and watching her grow and learn new things.





# Our Hobbies

We enjoy being outdoors more than anything. Whether it's hiking, playing on the swing set or in the garden, we just love getting fresh air. Music, as we mentioned before, is also a huge thing for us. Whether it's taking in a concert or just sitting out on the patio listening together as a family and dancing and singing along - it's one of our biggest interests as a family. Even in the winter, we'll often turn off the television, and listen to different types of music. We also have family game nights, which currently involve many rounds of Hungry Hungry Hippos.

In the summer, we love to go to the local farms and pick fruits and vegetables. Kerry's parents have a pool, so a lot of time is spent there during the summer. In the fall, we go apple and pumpkin picking and celebrate Halloween and Thanksgiving with family. In December, a local house transforms their yard into a winter wonderland open to visitors. We love to take Stella there to see the lights and decorations! We also make trips to another local farm that has a drive-through Christmas light show.





# Thank You



We really want to take this time to extend our gratitude to you for selflessly considering to pursue adoption. We can only imagine how difficult it was for you to come to this decision and we are in awe that you decided to do so. We are so appreciative that you took the time to learn more about our family and consider us as the adoptive parents to your child.

We want you to truly know that we will do the very best parenting job that we possibly can. We give our very best every day with our daughter now and it would be no different with any other child that enters our home. We love being parents and we know the joys of having a sibling and are so excited to watch the two kids grow up together and learn from each other.

We wish you the very best on your journey and hope that you make a decision that leaves you with peace in your heart and confidence to know you made the very best decision.



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