

# Chad & Tricia



## Hobbies & Interests

We both enjoy the outdoors, and love to travel. Chad enjoys tinkering with cars and home renovation projects. Tricia loves hiking, running, reading, and restoring MCM furniture.

## Occupation

Chad is a mechanical engineer specializing in fuel-cell technology. Tricia works for a federal government agency.

## Education

Chad is an alumnus of two Big-Ten colleges (Penn State and The Ohio State); and Tricia received a B.A. from University of Denver her graduate degree from the University of Michigan.

## Religion or Belief System

We don't identify with any particular religion, and believe in treating others with respect and kindness.

## Pets

We have two very fluffy, silly German Shepherd dogs, Koa and Belle.

## Children in Home

None.

## Our Story

You won't read "Our story" in any romance novel, but it all started with a dating app. 14 months after our first date, we were married in our backyard in the presence of close friends and family. We consider each other the ying to our yang, because we're about as different in opposites as you can get! Our mutual love of animals, the outdoors, and not to mention a few shared core values have kept us together for more than 10 years through the highs and lows of losing loved ones, pets, and failed pregnancies. We continue to learn from each other and grow as a couple and embrace the future with hopefully many more additions to our family (children and pets, of course)!

## What Brought Us to Adoption

We have always wanted children, and adoption was never out of the question as a path in fulfilling our hope of having a family. After several miscarriages and failed IVF treatments, we determined that adoption was the only viable chance we had to having a family.

## Our Hopes, Open Adoption & Relationship with Birth Family

We hope that through adoption, we are able to fulfill our desire to have a family. We both have direct experience with open adoption (Tricia's sister is adopted, and Chad's best friend first son was through an open adoption), both of which were very positive experiences. We understand and accept that adoption is a life-long journey and it doesn't end when we bring our child home. Ultimately, we want our children to know as much of their origin story, to feel loved, safe, secure, and cherished. We promise to give our hearts and soul toward the health and happiness of our children. Part of that promise means nurturing a positive and open relationship with their birth family, and respecting whatever level of openness is desired throughout the adoption journey.



These individuals have met all requirements of the State of Michigan and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County to become adoptive parents, may fit your situation and are waiting to welcome a child into their home. If you would like more information about this family, please email [pregnancy@csswashtenaw.org](mailto:pregnancy@csswashtenaw.org) or contact Melissa or Anne.

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