

KRISTINA & RYAN



Hi!

Thank you for taking the opportunity to review our profile and read our story. We are thrilled for the potential opportunity to be selected as adoptive parents. We have been married for five years and homeowners for four years and are ready to take the next step towards having a family. We appreciate you taking the time to consider us as parents and support your decision. We admire your strength and courage in this process.

With love, Ryan and Kristina



About us

Ryan and I met in a research lab in graduate school. We were immediately drawn to one another's calming presence and quick witted humor. We started dating in 2013 and got engaged in 2015. Ryan and I then married in July of 2017 in a big Italian wedding. Our honeymoon to St. Lucia was an unforgettable trip to last a lifetime and often reminisce on those precious memories. We recently celebrated our 5 year wedding anniversary, acknowledging how special and genuine these past years have been.



ENGAGEMENT



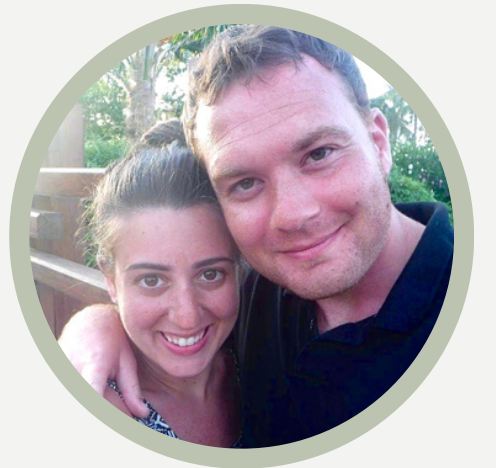
We celebrated our engagement with an intimate dinner and later celebrated our wedding in large Italian fashion!



WEDDING



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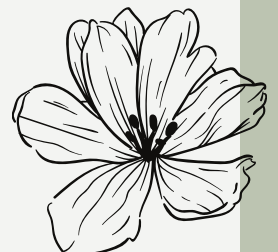


When we first arrived we took a helicopter to the resort and was able to view the entire island.

WHY ADOPTION?

Becoming parents has been a dream of ours for several years. In our efforts of trying, with the intention of having biological children, we had found there to be fertility struggles throughout the process. While going through the journey of both trying naturally and IVF we explored the idea of adoption. We saw this as an optimistic path, due to seeing the beauty of adoption from both sides of our families. Ryan and I both have cousins from adoption and adore them deeply. We have seen first hand the love and compassion that goes into this, along with support from our families.

As we partake on our adoption journey, our hope and love for our future child continues to grow. We are simultaneously excited and eager to watch our journey unfold in this new chapter of our lives. We admire the process of adoption through the bravery and courage displayed by our readers.

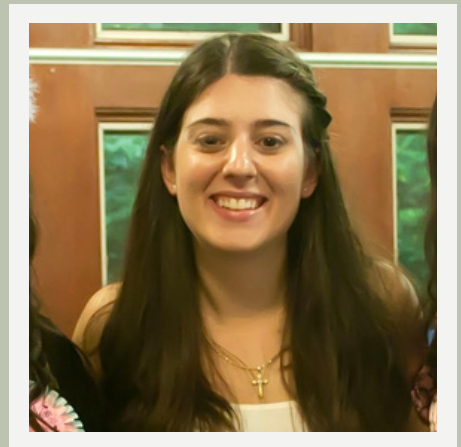


Meet Kristina



I am a Scientist and Clinical Trial Manager working for a large pharmaceutical company. I work in oncology and manage clinical trials in the United States. I love my career yet more importantly I love my life with my husband, family and community. Traveling, trying local restaurants, volunteering at the animal shelter and playing with my dog Holly are some of my favorite things!

Growing up, friends and family found me to be outspoken, independant, and humorous. I enjoy lazy Sunday's and relaxing time with Ryan.





Meet Ryan



Friends and family would describe me as comedic, passionate towards my interests, and an avid conversationalist. I am a Scientist working on the research and development of new pharmaceutical drugs in the pharmaceutical industry. I have a PhD in Biochemistry and truly enjoy my professional career.

I enjoy listening to and playing music. I have played jazz and rock guitar for roughly 20 years. I'm a big dog lover and enjoy relaxing nights while watching movies. I can't live without music, science and baseball.

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS

Kristina

FOOD

Easily, pasta! Sunday dinner growing up was my favorite

SNACK/CANDY

Black olives is my go to savory snack and Reese's peanut butter cup for sweet

MOVIE

Disney's The Little Mermaid (original)

SPORT

I love baseball, specifically the New York Yankees!

HOBBY

I spend my free time volunteering at the local animal shelter, walking the dogs

CANT LIVE WITHOUT

I cannot live without my dog, coffee, and a good peanut butter cookie

Ryan

FOOD

Chicken parmigiana, Italian food is a comfort in our home

SNACK/CANDY

Cheese crackers and cheese doodles and Swedish Fish for candy!

MOVIE

Jaws, such a classic

SPORT

We're a rival household, I'm a huge New York Mets fan. LGM!

HOBBY

My favorite hobby is playing both Rock and Jazz guitar

CANT LIVE WITHOUT

I cannot live without a good book, music, and pizza

HOLLY

Holly is our five year old Dalmatian Hound rescue dog. We adopted Holly from a rescue organization in Florida. Upon meeting Holly, she was malnourished and sick. After treats, vet visits, snuggles, and lots of love, Holly began feeling better and acclimated to her home. She loves long walks around our neighborhood and lots of yummy treats. Holly is our absolute love! She loves kids through her gentle licks and calm nature.



THINGS WE LOVE TO DO TOGETHER

Travel, food, and family are our three favorite things! Together we have traveled to many countries such as Mexico, Jamaica, and Italy. We also love to travel locally, such as Florida, Rhode Island, and the Outerbanks, North Carolina. On every trip, we research the best cuisines in town and go to all the local places for a great meal. We also love staying home and having family and friends over. Each summer we host a family barbecue and New Years Eve party with our close friends. We cannot wait for the opportunity to grow our family and to make memories together.





Kristina's side of the family



I am the oldest of my family and have two beautiful sisters. I have an extremely close relationship with both my mother and father as well as my two sisters, Gina and Jo-Marie



My mother and father have been married for over 30 years. My fraternal grandparents emigrated from Italy and I hold them near to my heart. I was blessed to have a great relationship with all four grandparents before their passing and cherish our memories.

My mother was a stay at home mom and gave my sisters and I unforgettable memories through her nurturing heart and amazing cooking. My father worked for the Post Office for over 30 years and displayed true work ethic and passion for teaching us how to achieve our goals.



Gina is a special education teacher. Often being the rational thinker of the family. Jo-Marie is a Mental Health Therapist, typically giving the family validation and compassion. She is also the comic of the family! They will make incredible aunts!

Ryan's side of the family



My mother and father were married for over 20 years and even after their divorce when I was an early adult, remained close friends and continued supporting me through my accomplishments.

Being an only child, I was particularly close to my cousins growing up, especially those close in age.

We often had family gatherings and attended social events together.



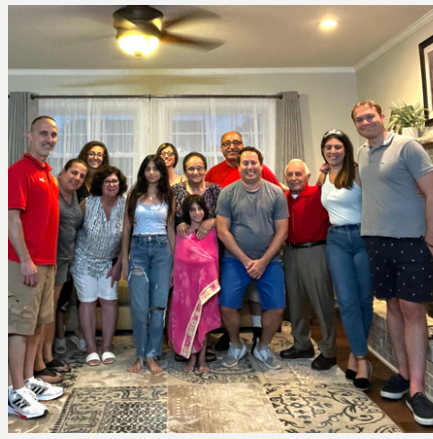
My father is quick witted and intelligent and my mother is nurturing and kind specifically due to her rewarding nursing career.



I also had very close relationships with both paternal and maternal grandparents. My maternal grandfather is like a second father to me. I remain very close to my mother, father, grandparents and cousins who I grew up with.



Family



HOLIDAY TRADITIONS



Our favorite holiday is Christmas! In the Italian tradition, Christmas is celebrated on Christmas Eve with the “Feast of the Seven Fishes.” My favorite memory is making “struffoli,” with my grandmother in the days leading up to Christmas. We also enjoy decorating the house as well as enjoy our local Christmas light show which is a drive-thru event of glamorous Christmas lights. We look forward to growing our family and passing on our holiday traditions with our child. I look forward to the day of baking and decorating the house with our little joy.

HOMIE SWEET HOMIE

We live in a suburban Pennsylvania town within a short drive from Philadelphia. On weekends, we enjoy the local restaurants as we are both “foodies.” There is always something to do in our neighborhood, such as going to the local farmer’s market or simply driving along the scenic Delaware River. Our Pennsylvania school district is the best in the county; the local High School is known for the biggest and best Prom!



Kristina through Ryan's eyes

Kristina is a strong, caring and extremely kind-hearted woman. She often puts others needs ahead of her own, whether it be for family, friends or pets. She is keen on self care and evaluation, in terms of both physical and mental health. She enjoys cooking healthy meals, going on long walks and traveling. Kristina would be the most loving and compassionate mother I have ever known, if given the opportunity.



Ryan through Kristina's eyes

Ryan is a loving, caring and brilliant person. Ryan loves cooking, reading, and playing music as he has played guitar for 20 years. Ryan would be an amazing father through his patient and compassionate nature. Ryan would teach our future child all there is to know about science, music, and history. He would also teach them how to make a wonderful Sunday Dinner meal!





THE FUTURE

Kristina and I are known to have strong morals along with supportive and accepting hearts. We intend to teach our child about God, the importance of family, and the beauty of compassion and kindness.



We Promise To

We promise to love our future child unconditionally, and support them in every aspect of their life. We promise to fill their life with love, and will have the utmost sense of compassion and devotion through their life journey. We promise to teach the child our family values and core principles, while also allowing them to develop their own opinions based on their life experience. We embrace the fact that this is a lifelong commitment and will give our 100% effort as to raising our child in the best way possible for the rest of our lives. We will respect the birth mother's wishes as far as disclosure of information regarding biological parents.



DEAR
little one,

We can not wait to meet you! We love you so much already and have been praying for you for several years. Ryan and I hope to provide you with a life filled with love, guidance, and overwhelming happiness.

We can't wait to show you what life has to offer through family, education, and support.

We love you!

LOVE,
KRISTINA & RYAN
