

PAUL & KACIE

Dear Birth Parent,

We are excited for you to learn about us through our letter and through open adoption. We are open to a child from any race and are very aware of the impact race has on the world of adoption and in our world at large. It is our hope, first and foremost, to be caring and devoted parents to any child that we are honored to call us mom and dad.

We want to acknowledge that this child you've carried within you carries your story and your family's story with them, you are their first mother. Honoring that story is one of the most sacred things we are humbled to be the steward of while this child you have carried grows with us. We are excited and honored beyond measure.



OUR FAMILY - OUR JOURNEY

We originally started to grow our family in 2015 with a 17-year-old foster daughter who we adopted in 2016. Shania, our 22-year-old daughter, is a wonderful part of our life but when she moved out of our home with her daughter, our granddaughter, we realized we wanted to experience parenthood and grow our family with a baby.

While infertility is part of our story, adoption was always something we'd considered. We've been together since we were 19, we met at college in North Carolina and are still learning and growing and falling in love all over again every year since. We value growth and creating community where you are planted, and while we aren't from Pittsburgh,

we've certainly made it our home and grown community here.

OUR HOME

Our 5-bedroom home in Crafton is cozy and feels like a safe haven, a place of repose. We have 2 dogs: Valkyrie, our 3-year-old Catahoula Mix, and Parker, our 9-year-old Cattle Dog Mix. We enjoy being in our garden and having evenings playing yard games with friends or just enjoying being outside together. Sometimes the garden feels like it isn't even in a city, instead it feels like The Secret Garden, full of beauty, magic, and growth. We love going to museums, amusement parks, and concerts. We love to cook and eat new food that is delicious and full of story. We cannot wait to share in the joy and wonder of exploring the world through new eyes.

ABOUT US

We enjoy taking walks along the rivers or in the woods as well as working out in our home gym. We are both involved in Dungeons and Dragons groups that we play through video calls.

Katie has her Masters in Social Work and is a Program Manager for an education team



that does health education for students in Allegheny and surrounding counties. Paul has a Masters in Business Administration and works for UPMC as a Project Manager doing analytical work for the Department of Medicine.

We both value a well-rounded education and believe in following your interests to bring joy to your learning and development. Our hope for this child is to bring excitement to learning and exploring the world. We love going to museums, renaissance festivals, and craft markets. One of our favorite fall activities is the Apples and Arts Festival in Delmont. We believe that exposure to many faith systems and people of many backgrounds only serves to create a more fulfilling and joy-filled life.

Katie attends services and teaches religious education at a Unitarian Universalist church. Her own polytheist beliefs stem from exploration of self and she and Paul think that the UU church is an excellent place for a child to find their own supportive path as they grow up.

We are so ready and excited to explore the world with this young one. We are excited for the adventures that life will take us on and are thankful for you taking the time to read our letter!

Please feel free to reach out to us at paulandkatiefamily@gmail.com or 412-736-2908 with any questions.

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