

*Hello,*

We may not know each other, but what we do know, is that you are already someone who means so much to us. The road that has led us all to this place has been unexpected and full of twists and turns, all for the single purpose of bringing us together. We have not met, yet we are on a journey together that will change all of our lives. In writing this, we feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude and empathy for the difficult choice that you have made to give your child the gift of life, and for giving us the opportunity to grow our family. While we know that God's plan has always been for this to happen, we know that this process is filled with many emotions.

From the start of our married life, 14 years ago, we knew that one day we would have children and create our family. Even in the beginning discussions, we always felt that God was calling us toward adoption and planned on completing our family with both biological and adopted children. Our journey began with us trying for biological children first... and trying, and trying... until it became clear that it was not in God's plan for us to conceive naturally. Three years ago, God answered our prayers and used adoption to send us our son Corban. That process showed us the beauty of God's planning, and once again we are trusting him to guide us on this path. As we pray for you throughout this journey, we hope you feel His love and guidance as well.

We hope that this book helps you to learn more about us since we want to have an open relationship that is loving and healthy for us all. We want you to know that we respect your role in this child's life and we want this child to know and understand the immense amount of love that they have experienced from the beginning - from their parents who loved them enough to let them be raised by people other than themselves and from their parents who loved them enough to wait to be chosen for them.

With all our love and prayers,

*Brian and Kristin*

# Brian



WORK: Senior Project Manager at a General Contracting Company

EDUCATION: Bachelors Degree in Economic from the University of Florida

FAVORITE COLOR: Blue

FAVORITE ICE CREAM FLAVOR: Cookies and Cream

FAVORITE THINGS TO DO: Golfing, Wood working, Cooking

# Kristin



WORK: Behavior Analyst  
who works with special  
needs children

EDUCATION: Masters in  
Counseling from the  
University of Central Florida

FAVORITE COLOR: Orange

FAVORITE ICE CREAM  
FLAVOR: Butter Pecan

FAVORITE THINGS TO DO:  
Decorating, Crafting



# About Brian

Written by Kristin

Brian is a person who shows unwavering dedication to the people in his life. No matter what they need, Brian will always be by their side to help, support, listen, or fix the problem. Brian is also dedicated to living a life that he believes God has called him to live. He is strong in his faith and tries everyday to be the best husband, father and man he can be. Since I met him 22 years ago Brian has been "my person" - the one who is my rock, my comfort, my cheerleader and my protector.

I fell even deeper in love with Brian when I was able to see him in the role of a father which he has embraced from the beginning. It makes my heart overflow when I see how deeply he loves and how carefully he guides our family.



# About Kristin

Written by Brian

Kristin is my best friend of 22 years, Wife of 14 years and a wonderful Mother to our son, Corban, for 3 years. She is caring, compassionate and fiercely loyal. She has a huge heart, loves deeply and selflessly, dedicates herself to her friends, family and clients. She is also funny, quirky and a lover of reality TV shows.

As a Mother, she is patient, kind and gentle. She brings out the joy and playful curiosity in Corban and is sacrificial in her love for him.

I am blessed to have Kristin in my life and to have married my best friend.



At the Beach



Playing Croquet



Attending a Company Party



Hiking in Hawaii

# our story

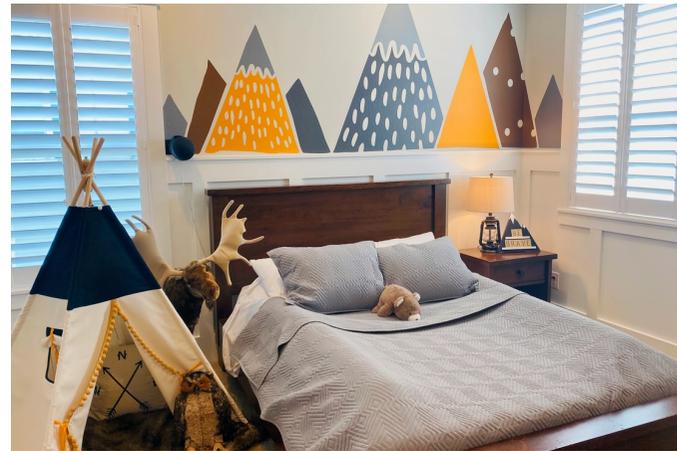


We met 22 years ago at the University of Florida where we both went to college.

Our strong foundation of friendship evolved into a deep and loving relationship. We have been happily married for 14 years, and continue to enjoy time together laughing and talking as best friends. We are looking forward to growing our family by becoming parents again. Our family environment is warm, loving, and eager to welcome your child. We are excited to provide opportunities for your child to follow their dreams. Most importantly we want to make sure your child grows up knowing how much you loved them and how thankful we are that you gave them, and us, the gift of life.



Living Room



Corban's Room



Nursery

WELCOME  
*Home*



Community Pool



Bonus Room



Playroom



In March 2017, we moved into our current home where we have spent many fun weekends doing home improvement projects. There is plenty of room for play and fun in our fenced in yard or our playroom. Our house is located within walking distance of the elementary school we are zoned for and has lots of fun amenities like playgrounds and pools. We chose this neighborhood for our family because it provides a community that focuses on family. Within the neighborhood, there are frequent events that allow us to meet and hang out with other families and will give our children an environment where they can develop friendships and make memories.



Riding his Scooter



Getting ready to go on  
the airplane to visit  
family



Driving his Jeep in the  
neighborhood



Climbing Trees (With  
Help)



Riding his bike in the  
neighborhood

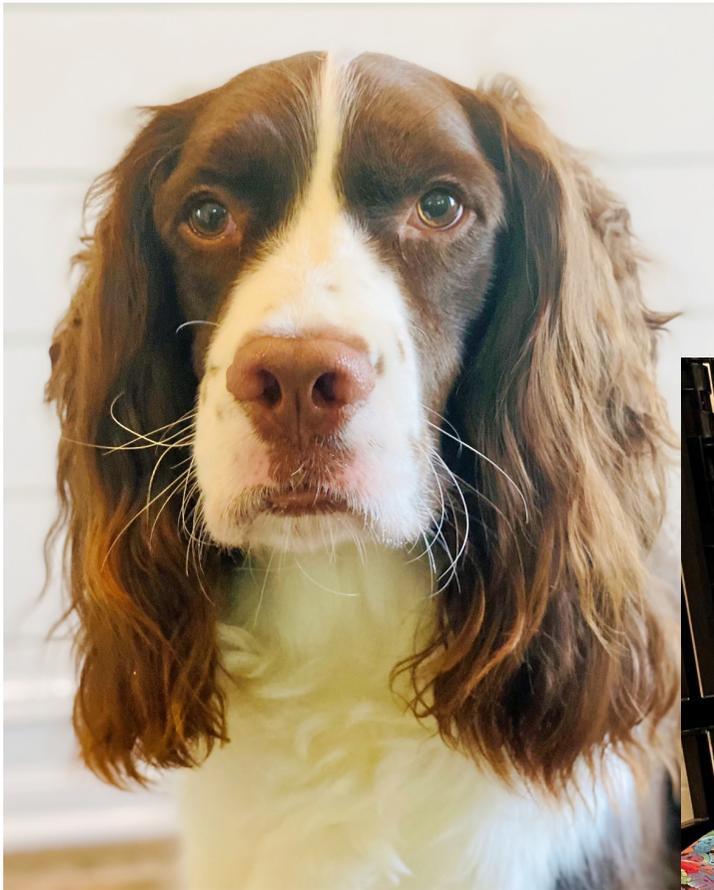


Playing with trains in  
the Playroom



## *Corban*

Corban is a very happy and joyful little man. He loves toys that have wheels or that roll and is always excited to go outside to play. He prides himself on being a big boy and loves to help take care of Ruger, pick things up and to do whatever Mommy and Daddy are doing. Corban is always excited to play with other children and is asking about when he can have a younger brother or sister.



*Ruger*

*Henri*



Ruger and Henri are our fur-babies who we love very much! Ruger is a 2 year old English Springer Spaniel, and is truly a happy and loving companion. He is always eager to snuggle, chase a ball (even if he forgets to bring it back), and be close with his family. Ruger is devoted to being wherever we are and always has an excited wiggle to his waggle. Henri is the newest member of our family and we think he is the cutest! Henri is a Chihuahua puppy who is sure to bring a lot of joy and excitement to our home.

# Fun with Family and Friends...



Visiting the Zoo



Hiking Haleakala in Hawaii



Paddle Boarding with Family



Escape Room with Family



Family Trip to Disney World



A Luau in Hawaii



Brian's Brother James, his wife  
Eileen and their children Isla  
and Declan



Isla and Declan



Brian's Parents with Corban

# Brian's Family and Childhood

Brian was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where he lived with his mom, dad and older brother, James. Brian's mother retired from teaching a few years ago and his father recently retired from the construction industry.

Right now they enjoy living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and work to foster Springer Spaniels through a rescue organization. They are committed to helping their dogs find loving families. Brian's brother and his wife live with their two children in San Francisco, California. Our niece is nine and our nephew is six. We enjoy traveling to see them and also going on joint vacations. This dedicated time together helps us remain close even though we live far away.



Brian playing with Corban, Declan, and Isla



Kristin's parents Rodger and  
Cindy



Kristin's sister Stefanie with her  
boyfriend and her daughters  
Amelia and Emily



Kristin's sister Julie, her husband  
Matt and their son Hudson

# *Kristin's Family and Childhood*

Kristin and her family moved from Springfield, Illinois to Orlando, Florida when she was six years old. Kristin's mother and father are both retired and they spend most of their time with their grandchildren and taking cruises. Kristin's middle sister and her family live ten minutes away. Her sister enjoys being a dental hygienist and raising to her two daughters, who are ten and six years old. Kristin's youngest sister lives about 30 minutes away with her husband and their 1 year old son. Our family is very close knit and Kristin's sisters and mother are her closest confidants. No matter what is going on, we can always count on family to be there to celebrate, help, laugh, or just hang out together.



Kristin and her sisters

# *What it Means to be Parents*



We believe that being a parent is the most important job that either of us will ever have.

We feel that children are a gift from God and that our purpose will be to help them develop into a kind and confident person. As they grow, we will support and encourage them in their dreams and the life that they choose. This is not a job to be taken lightly; instead it will be our chief responsibility to show them unconditional love and to dedicate our lives to being loving, kind and stable parents. In doing this, we look forward to watching them discover God's plan for them. Our belief is that strong parents blend patience, respect, trust, and a healthy sense of humor, and that they pass these traits onto their children. We want to teach a child to be their own unique self and to pursue a life in which they find fulfillment. We are eager to discover all of the special characteristics that a child has and to learn alongside them. As your child grows, we look forward to sharing pictures and letters with you to celebrate each new phase of their life.

# Family Information

**Father's Name:** Brian  
**Occupation:** Project Manager  
**Education:** Bachelor's of Arts  
**Religion:** Christian  
**Date of Birth:** 11/04/1978  
**Hair Color:** Brown  
**Eye Color:** Brown  
**Height:** 6'0"

**Mother's Name:** Kristin  
**Occupation:** Behavior Analyst  
**Education:** Master's of Arts  
**Religion:** Christian  
**Date of Birth:** 08/26/1981  
**Hair Color:** Red  
**Eye Color:** Blue  
**Height:** 5'6"

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**Date of Marriage:** 09/28/2007

**Children:** Corban, 3 year old little boy who we adopted as an infant. Corban is kind, loving and playful. He loves to be active and enjoys being outdoors as much as possible.

**Interests and Hobbies:** We enjoy trying new activities as a family and doing home improvement projects. Brian enjoys woodworking and Kristin enjoys crafting and making things.

**Home:** We live in a 5 bedroom 3.5 bathroom house in a planned community. Our neighborhood is filled with families and always has a lot of group activities planned.

**Pets:** Ruger (2 year old Springer Spaniel), Henri (Chihuahua puppy). Both are energetic and love children.

**Reason for Adopting:** We always wanted to adopt and when we were not able to conceive naturally, we felt that this was God's plan calling us to create our family fully through adoption.

**Openness to Birthparents:** We are eager to have a loving relationship full of updates, pictures, letters and communication. We believe that this is the best way for the child to know that they are loved by all of their parents.

**Childcare Plans:** Kristin, Brian and Kristin's mother will be helping with in home care until the baby is 4 -6 months old, then they will attend daycare while Kristin is working. Kristin's schedule is flexible and self-made so it can meet the needs of our family. Brian has saved up time off at work to use to make sure he can help participate in childcare.