

# Katelin & TJ

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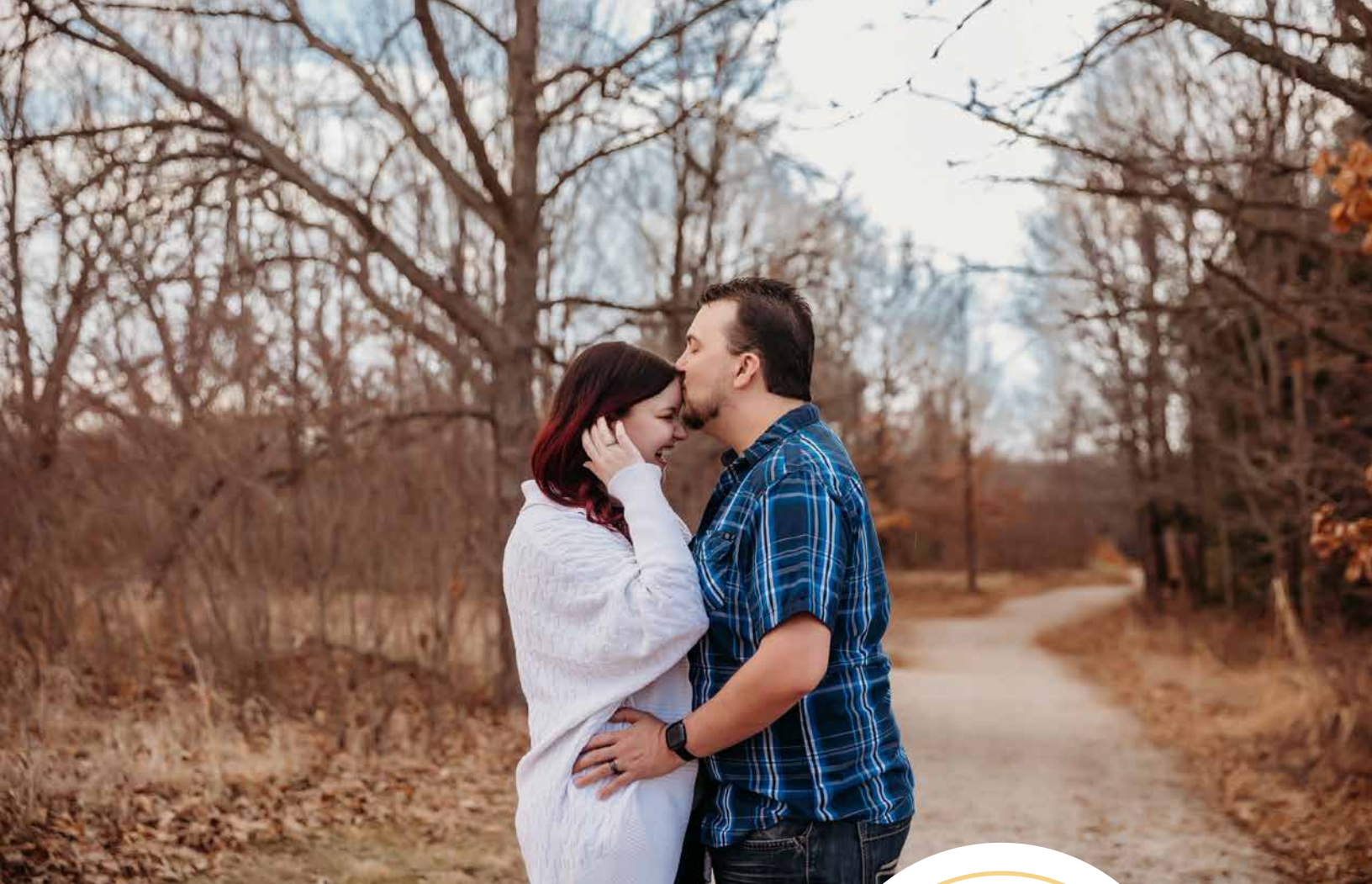
◆◆◆ HELLO! ◆◆◆

# We are TJ & Katelin

**We are beyond thankful that you are taking  
the time to get to know us through our profile!**

First of all, we want to acknowledge you and the difficult decision that you are making. We cannot begin to imagine the emotions you are experiencing or the weight you are feeling. The decision to adopt is not one that we have taken lightly. We discussed adoption when we were still dating and have always known that it would be a part of our plan. After discovering that we would be unable to have biological children due to unexplained infertility, we knew that God had placed adoption on our hearts long ago for a reason. We are so honored that you would consider us as an adoptive family for your precious child.





Each fall, we make sure to stop by the pumpkin patch!



**Describe  
us as...**

**Happy**

**Loving**

**Quirky**

**Talented**

**Creative**

**Giving**



# Our Story



**We were first introduced online and then soon discovered that we had friends in common.**

Our relationship grew from friendship to romance over time, with a few bumps along the way. When it came time for TJ to propose, he did so using a sock monkey since he knew that Katelin had always wanted one. What he didn't expect was for Katelin to swing the monkey around and promptly tell him to "kiss the butt" before he even got the words "Will you marry me?" out of his mouth. (To be fair, a sock monkey's rear looks a lot like its mouth!) We still laugh about that moment and how perfectly it reflects our shared sense of humor. Sock monkeys even made an appearance in our wedding in July of 2015! Not a day goes by that we don't laugh together about something, even when life feels heavy. Our shared faith and commitment to communicating with each other keeps our relationship strong. We have known from the beginning that we would eventually adopt. When infertility prevented us from having children, "eventually" became "now," and we are excited to grow our family through God's plan and His perfect timing.



**We love cheering for the Chiefs and try to make it to at least one game each season.**

**We often play cooperative board games during date nights.**





We enjoy serving together in our church's praise band.



## Our Faith

Our relationship is deeply rooted in our Christian faith, and we plan to share

this faith with our future children.

We are blessed with a strong church family and attend church weekly.

Those who visit our church often point out the strong Bible-based teaching and family atmosphere as reasons why they come back. Our children will participate in AWANA clubs and youth group as they grow up to help them to grow in their own faith. Both of these programs are strong within our church. Our church actively supports both local and international missions and has members from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds.



# About Katelin

◆◆◆ BY TJ ◆◆◆

**Katelin is one of the kindest people that you will ever meet. She can be a little reserved at first because she is an introvert, but once you get to know her, you will have a friend for life.**

I love her sense of humor and the snarky sarcastic side she has. I admire her for the huge place she has in her heart for children, which led her to her career path as an English Language Learners teacher. Katelin is intelligent and loves to have deep conversations. She can often be found working on crafts and hobby projects and enjoys gifting others unique, customized presents. At the beginning of the school year, she took on the responsibility of decorating parts of her school after hours because she wanted to make sure that the school felt warm and welcoming, especially for those from diverse backgrounds. One of the decorations she made included the word "hello" in the many different languages spoken by students and families at her school. She is always quick with a kind word when I need it, and it is very evident to those around her that she deeply loves Christ and is following in His footsteps. Katelin is a regular singer on the worship team at the church she grew up in and has held several leadership positions within the church over the years.



Katelin loves many crafts and recently discovered diamond painting.



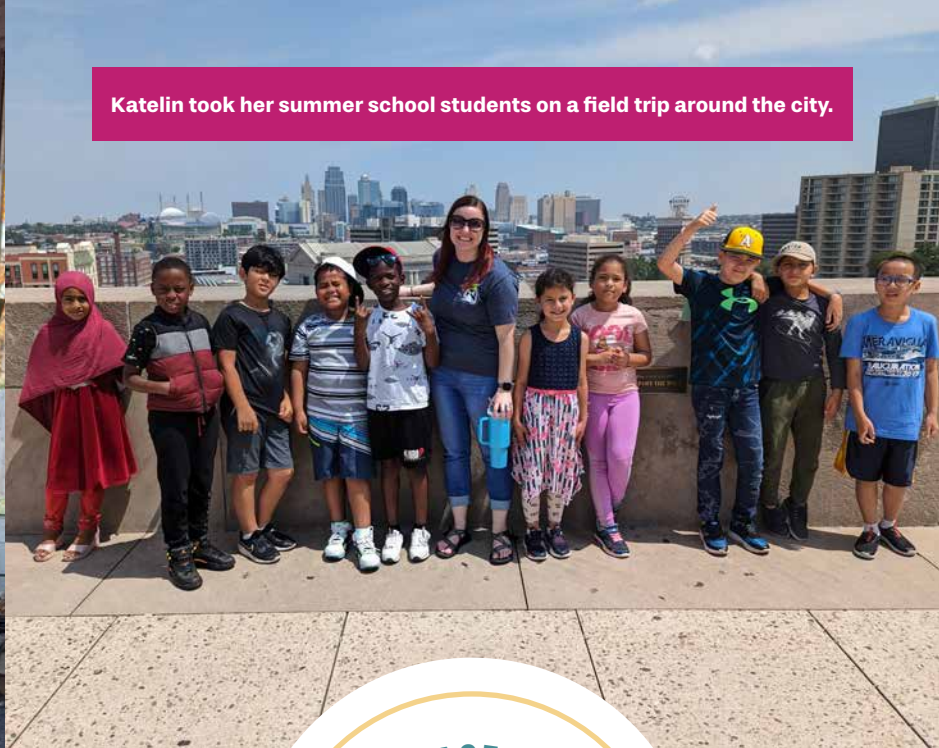


Sipping coffee and reading a good book

Cooking with fresh and healthy ingredients



Katelin took her summer school students on a field trip around the city.



FUN FACTS AND  
**Favorites**

**Favorite Vacation Spot**  
**Eureka Springs,  
Arkansas**

**Favorite Ice Cream**  
**Da Bomb (local)**  
**A mix of cookie  
dough and cookies  
& cream**

**Favorite Hobby**  
**Any type of crafting**

**Favorite Activity  
with Kids**  
**Wonderscope**

**Collection**  
**Sock monkeys**

**Instrument Played**  
**Piano**

**Favorite Kid's Book**  
**"Gibberish" by  
Young Vo**

**Favorite Sports Team**  
**Kansas City Chiefs**

**Languages You Speak**  
**I have a degree  
in Spanish and  
studied in Spain for  
a semester**

**Historical Figure  
You'd Want to Meet**  
**Anne Frank**



TJ enjoys spending time outdoors whenever possible.



# About TJ

◆◆◆ BY KATELIN ◆◆◆

**When I first met TJ, I was instantly attracted to his smile and the way that he treated others around him with kindness and care.**

As we started talking, I couldn't help but be impressed by his intellect and ability to carry an interesting conversation on just about any subject. TJ is a hardware engineer with a passion for learning that I truly admire. When he doesn't know how to do something, he quickly does the research and work necessary to learn. Recently, TJ remodeled our master bathroom and closet using skills that he had learned helping his father build his grandparents' house and those that he learned from YouTube just for this project. TJ is quick-witted and always able to make me laugh. I regularly tell him that he's ready to be a dad because he's already got the jokes! TJ breaks the mold of the typical introverted, awkward engineer, and can make friends with just about anyone because of his wide-range of interests and hobbies. He is a living example for those around him of a man who walks with the Lord and trusts in His plans. TJ has a servant's heart and is always ready to jump in when there is a need. This has led him to playing guitar, drums, and singing in our church praise band. He is a very hands-on uncle who loves to play with our nieces and nephews.



TJ and his friend  
have been playing D&D  
for 15 years!



FUN FACTS AND



## Favorites

**Favorite  
Vacation Spot**  
**Eureka Springs,  
Arkansas**

**Historical Figure  
You'd Want to Meet**  
**Einstein**

**Favorite Hobby**  
**Board games**

**Favorite Ice Cream**  
**Anything with  
peanut butter in  
it**

**Sport You Like to  
Play**  
**Disc golf, golf**

**Favorite Activity  
with Kids**  
**Science Center**

**Favorite Kid's Book**  
**"The Wonky  
Donkey" by Craig  
Smith**

**Instrument Played**  
**Drums, guitar**

**Favorite Sports Team**  
**Kansas City  
Chiefs**

**Author You  
Like to Read**  
**Brandon  
Sanderson**



Painting a figurine for his D&D campaign

TJ is an engineer by trade, but he enjoys doing side projects too.





Walking in our neighborhood



# Our Home



**We live in the suburbs of Kansas City, Missouri and enjoy experiencing all four seasons (sometimes all in one day).**

Our home sits in a quiet neighborhood that is close to many parks, walking trails, and restaurants. We live just a few minutes from a wonderful children's museum and public library that offers many activities. We enjoy sitting on our screened-in patio with our cats when the weather is nice or gathering with friends around the firepit in our fenced-in backyard. We enjoy going on walks through our neighborhood together, especially in the fall as the leaves change colors and in the spring when everything begins to bloom. Kansas City has become known for two things: sports and BBQ, and we enjoy them both! We are blessed with an amazing church family in the church where Katelin grew up, and regularly spend time with our small group and pastors playing games or having fun (and sometimes deep) conversations.

# Our Cats

ROMI AND JASMINE

People who say that all cats are the same clearly haven't met our two cats, Romi and Jasmine. Romi (also known as "Fat Cat") loves being lazy and lounging on the patio. She is incredibly intelligent and has even been caught on camera saying, "Hello!" Jasmine, on the other hand, is a bit of a spaz. She has extra toes on all of her paws and often puts them to work as she runs through the house with the zoomies. There is nothing Jasmine loves more than getting love and treats. (Okay, really there's nothing she loves more than treats, and she's willing to work for them!)

Jasmine follows Katelin everywhere,  
no matter what she's doing!



Romi loves snuggling on the laps of her people.



We call our patio the "cat-io".



# Our Family



We celebrated Christmas at the Chiefs game with TJ's parents.



Katelin enjoys spending time with TJ's mom and sister whenever she gets the chance!



One of TJ's greatest joys is being the "fun uncle" for our nieces and nephews!

## Family is very important to us!

TJ's parents are very involved in the lives of their grandchildren and see them weekly. TJ's mom loves spoiling them, while TJ's dad is always available for a good wrestling session. TJ is the oldest of four kids, and all of his siblings live nearby. Katelin has become very close with TJ's youngest sister and mother, and the three of them regularly get together for girls' nights. Katelin's parents and younger sister live in Texas. While we do not get to see them very often, they are very supportive of us adopting and are looking forward to welcoming a new child to the family.



Sharing a love of music with our nephew



Mini-golf, dinosaurs, and making memories with our nieces



TJ has a great group of godly friends at church to have deep conversations with and get advice from.

Katelin's school team is truly a family - complete with awkward family photos!



## Plus Our Friends

Our friends have truly become our family over the years. We are part of a small group at church that, along with our families, we count on to be our prayer warriors through all things. Our group enjoys sharing meals and life together, as well as encouraging each other in our walks with the Lord. One of our favorite traditions is getting together with our small group for our annual White Elephant gift exchange. Additionally, TJ is part of a group of guys who, for several years now, plays tabletop games together every other week. Katelin has a group of teacher friends who enjoy laughing together over things that sometimes only teachers understand.



# We Promise

We promise, as potential parents for your baby, to



**Raise them in a loving Christian home where they will always know that they are safe, valued, loved, and wanted**



**Teach them about the loving sacrifice that Jesus made for them**



**Guide them as they grow and encourage them in their interests and pursuits**



**Laugh and learn together as a family**

We further promise to teach them about their story and to ensure that they know that all of their parents (birth and adoptive) love them so much that we created a special kind of family together for them. We plan to homeschool our children so that their educational experiences can be individually tailored to their needs.

## On Open Adoption

We would prefer a level of openness where you would feel comfortable meeting in-person once per year as well as getting updates every so often via text or phone call. We understand that some circumstances make it more difficult to be so involved and are willing to adjust to less communication if that is what you want or need. We hope to grow our relationship with you in a way that feels as natural as possible. We will regularly talk with our child about how much you love them and how strong you are. We want them to know you, as you will always be an important part of who they are. We are open to trans-racial adoption. We will learn about your heritage and culture and share that with our child through incorporating it into our lives. We will seek out resources in our area to help our child feel a strong sense of connection to their heritage.



**Father's Name**

TJ

**Occupation**

Hardware Engineer

**Education**

Bachelor's Degree

**Religion**

Protestant Christian

**Date of Birth**

12/28/1984

**Hair Color**

Brown

**Eye Color**

Brown

**Height**

5'9"

**Mother's Name**

Katelin

**Occupation**English Language  
Teacher**Education**

Bachelor's Degree

**Religion**

Protestant Christian

**Date of Birth**

7/18/1987

**Hair Color**

Blonde (dyed red)

**Eye Color**

Green

**Height**

5'6"

# Family Information

**Date of marriage:** July 11, 2015

**Interests and hobbies:** As a couple, we enjoy taking walks, playing Pokemon Go and board games together, and cheering on the KC Chiefs. We also enjoy cuddling on the couch and watching a movie for quiet night in. TJ loves games of all kinds, working with his hands in a variety of ways, and listening to audiobooks. Katelin enjoys crafting, reading, and baking.

**Home:** We live in a 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in Kansas City, MO. It's a very quiet neighborhood with lots of trees that is a little off the beaten path. We have many beautiful parks, playgrounds, and walking trails nearby. We are also close to grocery stores, many restaurants, a library, emergency services, and a wonderful children's museum.

**Pets:** Romi is a female domestic short-hair cat, and is 13 years old. Jasmine is female Siamese mix, and is 5 years old.

**Why are you interested in building your family through adoption?** We agreed that we were going to grow our family through adoption while we were dating. It has always been a part of our plan, but after we discovered some infertility issues, it became clear that adoption was meant to be our whole plan.

**Openness to birthparent(s):** We have never gone through something like this before and are just as new to this as you. We are open to discussing with you what you would like our contact to look like. We are very open to sending updates on our child and his or her development. We understand that relationships take time to develop and hope that our relationship with you would develop as naturally as possible, to the extent that we both feel comfortable.

**Childcare plans:** Katelin will stay home with our children once the current school-year ends. We will hire an in-home nanny until that time.

# In Closing



It is so hard to know what to say here. How could a few words even begin to express how thankful we are for you? The decision that you are making is one of the bravest things a person could ever do, and we promise you that we will honor that bravery in the way we talk about you with your child. We have already been praying for you and the child that you are bringing into this world and will continue to do so. We look forward to building a relationship with you at the level that you feel comfortable. What we most desire is that you, as well as your child, know that you are loved by God and by us.

**Thank you so much for considering joining with us on this journey.**



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