



*Tobias and Sarah*

**ID# 1103557**





*Hello!*

WE ARE SARAH AND TOBIAS

We cannot express how grateful we are to strong women like you for considering us to be parents to your child. We recognize the extremely difficult decision that you are currently facing, and we hope that getting to know us and the life we enjoy together will lead you to the right decision for your child.

For our part, we promise to raise your child in a home filled with laughter, hugs, family trips, outdoor BBQs, and Christmas cookie baking. We will love your child unconditionally, and we will always be there for them, no matter what twists and turns life may bring.

We are excited and hopeful to be writing this note to you, and we are deeply honored that you are considering including our family as part of your journey.

WARMEST WISHES,

*Tobias and Sarah*

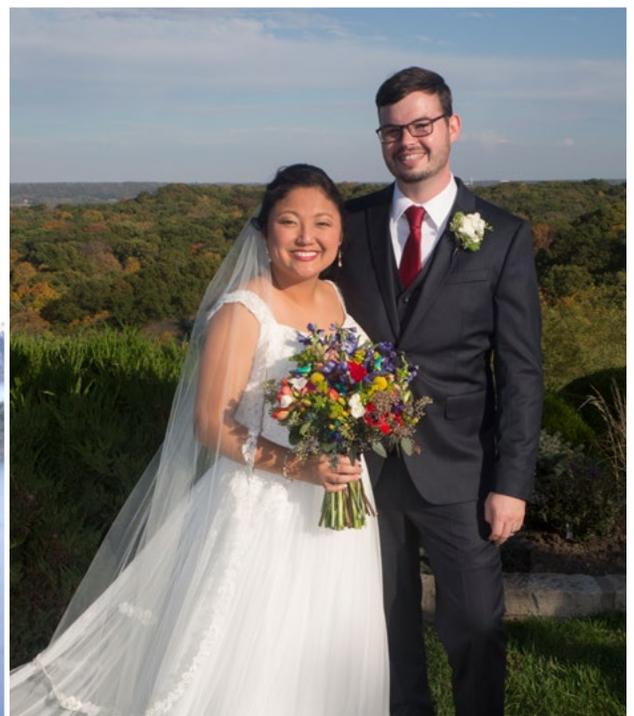
*"WE PROMISE TO RAISE YOUR CHILD IN A HOME FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, HUGS, FAMILY TRIPS, OUTDOOR BBQS, AND CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING."*

# Our Story

We met through a mutual friend about six years ago. On our first date, we met at a local coffee shop and got to know each other. Sarah was immediately drawn to Toby's friendly and outgoing nature. He is genuinely interested in every person he meets, and after only a few moments, she felt like she'd known him for years. For Toby, it was Sarah's optimism, compassion, and laugh that sealed the deal.

From the start of our relationship, travel has always been something that we've enjoyed doing together. One of our most memorable trips was in September 2016 when we flew to California and drove along the coast up to Oregon. Sarah didn't know it at the time, but Tobias was planning to propose on this trip! Tobias proposed on a hiking trail above Crater Lake, and Sarah enthusiastically accepted!

We got married on a beautiful, sunny day in October 2017, surrounded by family and friends. After a fun-filled reception marked by memorable toasts, great food, music, and lots of dancing, we packed up and headed to Hawai'i for a week of sunshine and relaxation.





SUCCESS IN LIFE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH  
WHAT WE GAIN IN LIFE OR ACCOMPLISH FOR  
OURSELVES. IT'S WHAT WE

*do for others.*

DANNY THOMAS, FOUNDER OF ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL





# Meet Sarah



## FROM TOBIAS:

Sarah is the person you first notice when entering a room. Her laugh is warm and inviting, and she has a knack for making each person she talks with feel like they're the center of attention. I admire her good humor and kindness, and her generosity knows no bounds. She always thinks of others before herself, and she is supportive of me, her family, and her friends. She loves to be in the kitchen and is an avid baker, a skill that she learned from her Mom and Grandma. She can't wait to share this passion with our kids. For these reasons and many more I am confident that Sarah is going to be a wonderful mother.

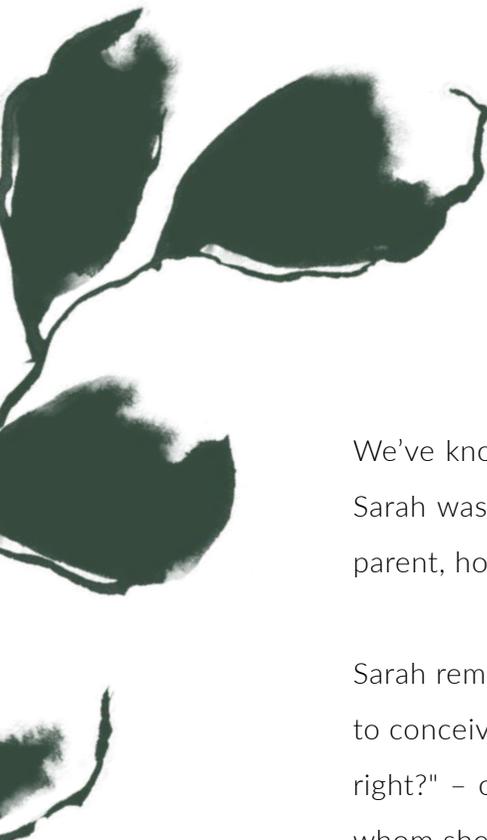
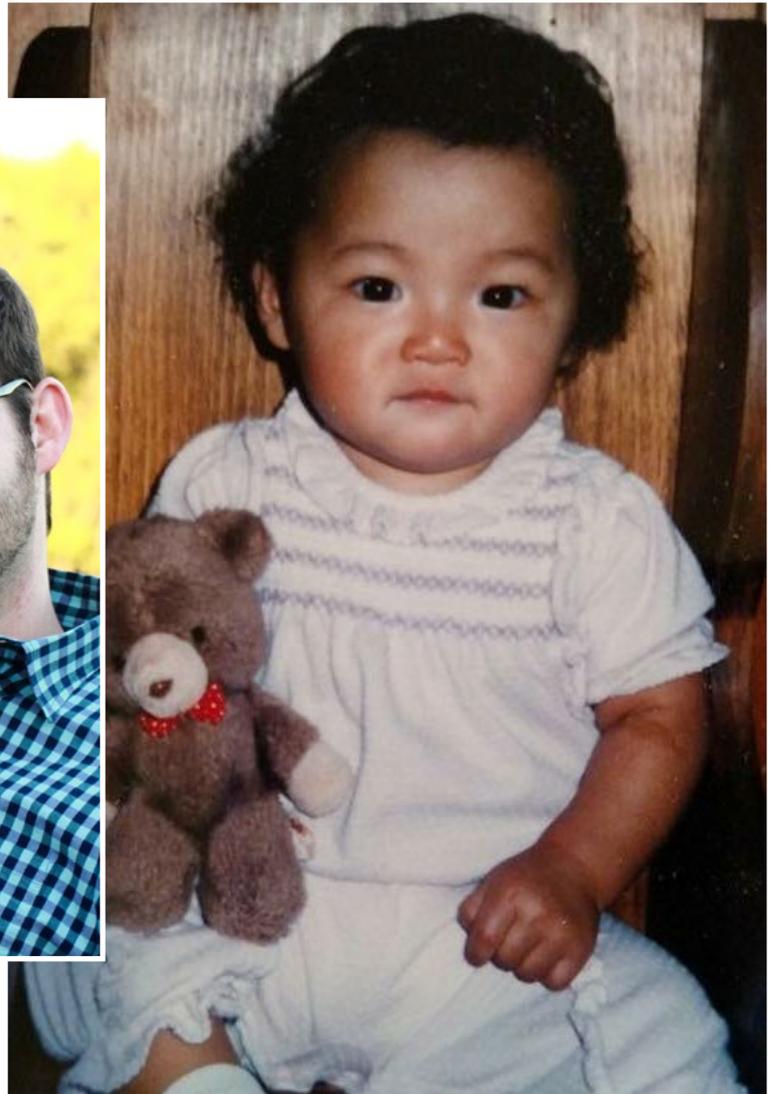
# Meet Tobias



## FROM SARAH:

Tobias is fun-loving, laid-back and has a contagious sense of humor. One of the things that I love best about Tobias is his ability to find the humor in anything, even when emotions are running high. Together, we've made so many fun memories camping, biking, hiking, and canoeing. Tobias is excited to share these adventures with our child as we expand our family. He can't wait to teach our little one how to fish and to see them exploring nature with their cousins. Tobias is going to be an amazing parent and I'm excited to watch him fall right into place in his new role of "dad."





## Why adoption?

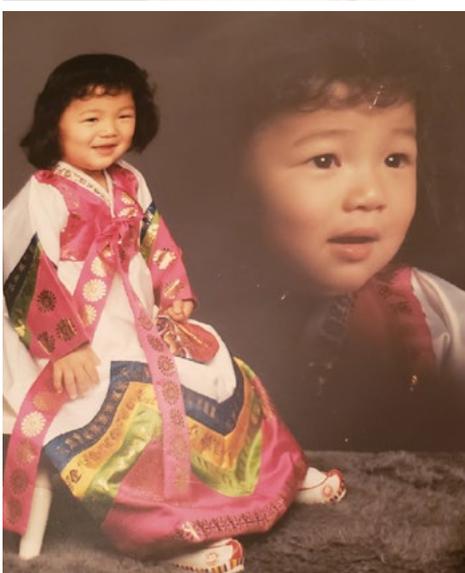
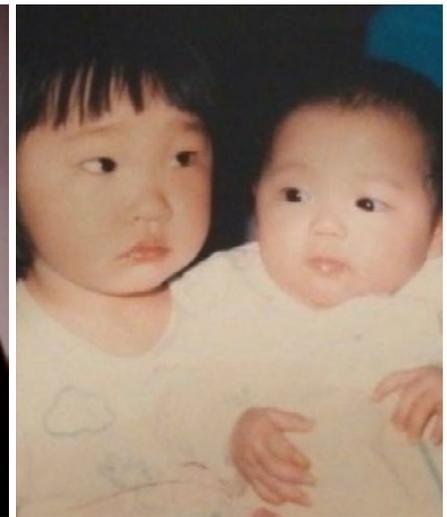
We've known for a long time that adoption would be how we would create our family. Sarah was adopted from South Korea as an infant and had always known that being a parent, however it happened, would be her priority.

Sarah remembers being initially anxious about telling Tobias that she would not be able to conceive, but his response - "Well, that shouldn't matter if someone really loves you, right?" - only strengthened their bond. She knew that she had found the person with whom she wanted to build her life and family.

# Sarah's adoption story

I was born in Hong Che'on, South Korea, on November 19, 1985. After living with a foster mother for a few months, I arrived in the United States on April 29, 1986, and met my adoptive parents and older sister, Amy, who had been adopted from Seoul, South Korea, two years earlier. We grew up in a close-knit family and a loving environment.

Some of my favorite memories were made at the kitchen peninsula where my mom taught us how to bake and cook. In grade school, we often made Korean food to share with our classmates. We always looked forward to attending the Korean summer picnic with adopted families from Illinois.





## *Our Home*

We just bought a new house with plenty of room to run around in the backyard. The house is a split-level that was built in the 1970s, and we've spent the last year making it our own. The entire house has been painted, and Toby has made shelving, a garden, and furniture in his garage workshop. On the top floor, there are three bedrooms and two bathrooms, and on the lower floor, there is a guest bedroom, bathroom, and office. Both the upstairs and downstairs have family rooms and dining spaces, which gives us plenty of room for hosting family and friends.

Our backyard is spacious, with a shallow creek and a wooded area at the end of the property. We enjoy the peace and quiet – and the deer and turkey that come to visit!

# things we love



We lead a pretty active life by playing on a recreational soccer team and enjoying the outdoors together. Whether we're gardening in our backyard or hiking a nearby trail, we love to be outside and enjoying nature. When we're not out exploring, we spend a lot of time in our kitchen. From Asian to Italian, we are always on the lookout for new recipes that we can share with our family and friends at get-togethers or parties on our deck.



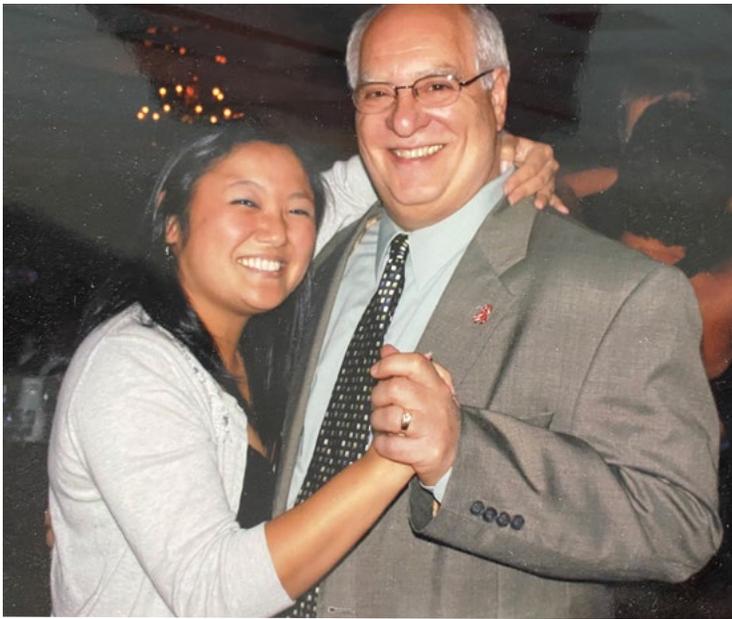


# Our extended family

WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE AMAZING FAMILIES.

Both of our families are supportive of our adoption journey, and we feel especially blessed to have our parents and most of our siblings within a 25-mile radius of where we live. We are close with each of our families, and we enjoy spending time with our parents, siblings, nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles, and Grandma. We host and go to many celebrations throughout the year for birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays.

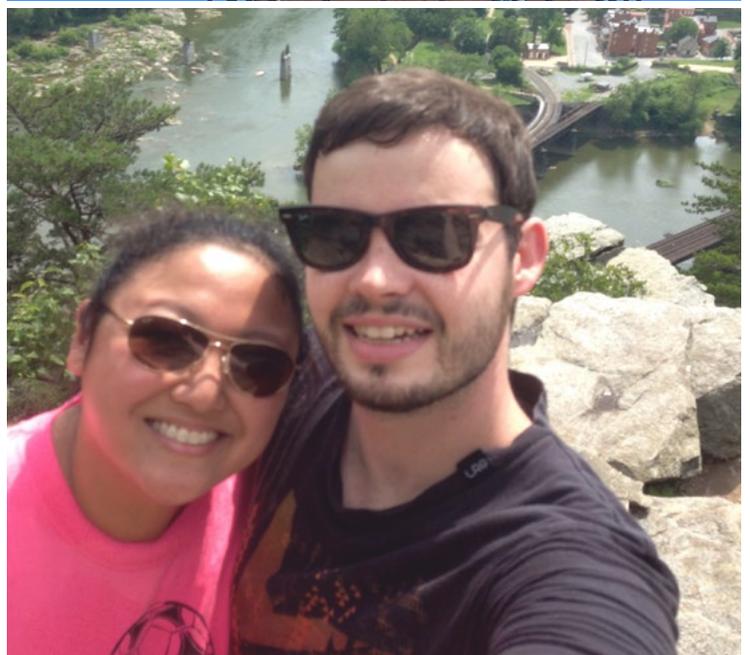






## *Our adventures*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXPLORING NEW  
PLACES – AND EATING LOTS OF NEW FOODS! –  
AS WE BUILD OUR FAMILY.



# tea fun facts

- 1 • Sarah was adopted from Hong Che'on, South Korea.
- 2 • Tobias has three older sisters and one younger brother.
- 3 • We are big foodies who love to try new cuisines and cook, grill, and smoke food at home.
- 4 • Sarah has an older sister, Amy, who is adopted from Seoul, South Korea.
- 5 • Tobias loves backpacking, hiking, and biking.
- 6 • Sarah loves to entertain and host get-togethers with family and friends.
- 7 • We play on a co-ed team in several recreational soccer leagues.
- 8 • Sarah enjoys volunteering for and supporting charities, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the American Red Cross.
- 9 • We are big fans of Tottenham Hotspurs, Chicago Blackhawks, Bulls, & Bears!
- 10 • Tobias has visited almost every National Park – 26 of the 62 to go!





# Our friends

THEY SAY "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" TO RAISE A CHILD  
AND OUR VILLAGE IS SUCH A BLESSING.

We have a fun and reliable group of friends in both the local area and out-of-state. Along with our families, we have a solid support network to support our growing family through every moment of laughter and joy as well as the inevitable bumps and bruises.





# Our promises



We promise to provide unconditional love to your child and be active participants in their life through our constant support, patient guidance, and exposure to new adventures. We plan to keep in touch through mail and email to share the special milestones that are reached, and we are committed to honoring your child's culture and familial heritage. We promise to instill good morals and values by raising them in a Catholic home and participating in Church, school, and social activities.

ALL OUR LOVE, *Tobias and Sarah*



# FAMILY *profile*

*Tobias*

**OCCUPATION:**

Commercial Rep, Sherwin Williams

**EDUCATION:**

Bachelor's, Business Marketing & Communication

**RELIGION:** Catholic

**DATE OF BIRTH:** October 7, 1987

**HAIR COLOR:** Brown

**EYE COLOR:** Brownish-Green

**HEIGHT:** 6'

**HEALTH:** Excellent

*Sarah*

**OCCUPATION:**

Events Coordinator, Notre Dame High School

**EDUCATION:**

Master's, Business Administration

**RELIGION:** Catholic

**DATE OF BIRTH:** November 19, 1985

**HAIR COLOR:** Black

**EYE COLOR:** Brown

**HEIGHT:** 5'3"

**HEALTH:** Excellent

**INTEREST AND HOBBIES:**

Soccer, Gardening, Hiking, Cooking & Baking, Traveling, Movies, Music, Wood-working

**HOME:**

4-bedroom, 2.5 bath, Split-level on 0.85 acres, Spacious backyard, Quiet & Peaceful

**ADOPTION:**

Domestic, Infant, Boy or Girl, Any Ethnicity

**OPENNESS:**

We plan to keep in touch through mail and email to share the special milestones that are reached. We will honor, through special culturally sensitive activities, the culture and heritage, that they would have been raised in.

**CHILDCARE PLANS:**

Parents, Grandparents, Childcare Services

VIEW OUR ONLINE PROFILE:

[HTTPS://ADOPTIONBRIDGE.ORG/DEAR-BIRTHMOTHER-PROFILES/TOBIAS-SARAH-ID1103557/](https://adoptionbridge.org/dear-birthmother-profiles/tobias-sarah-id1103557/)

