



Amy
& Keith

FAMILY ID
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HELLO
FROM

Jacksonville, *Florida.*

We hope this letter finds you well and surrounded by love and support during this significant time in your life. We cannot begin to comprehend the emotions and considerations you are navigating as you explore the possibility of placing your child for adoption. Your bravery and strength in making such a decision are awe-inspiring, and we feel deeply honored that you are considering us as prospective adoptive parents for your precious baby.





ABOUT US

We are Keith and Amy and we live in Jacksonville, Florida. We are blessed with two incredible, biological children, Maddy, 10 years old, and Eli, 9 years old.

We cherish the love and laughter they bring to our lives every day. While our hearts are full, we yearn to grow our family. We have encountered difficulties in conceiving another child biologically and we strongly believe God has pointed us to adoption.



Walking around downtown, window shopping and enjoying local cuisine

Our Story

Our journey together began during Amy's RN schooling and Keith's Coast Guard training in Panama City, FL. We met and after one week of dating in person Keith was sent to Guam for his next assignment. We nurtured our relationship, spending countless hours each weekend on online video chats, getting to know each other. Amy eventually moved to Guam after completing nursing school, and that's where we exchanged vows and embarked on our adventurous life together. Our Coast Guard journey is nearing its conclusion and we are eagerly anticipating the next chapter of our lives. We plan to buy land in North Florida and have a small family farm with animals and a garden. Our family has always dreamed of having chickens and goats.



Meet Amy

BY KEITH



Amy is a well-educated woman who has chosen to use her talents and gifts as a stay-at-home/homeschool mom.

She has her RN license and a BS in Psychology as well as a degree in Child Care Administration. She stopped working outside of the home when Maddy was born and plans to continue to stay home until our children have all graduated from high school. Her whole life she has loved children and dreamed of being a mom. She started babysitting when she was 13 years old, and ever since then she worked with children in one way or another. She keeps her nursing license current and uses her knowledge in the daily care of our children. It amazes me how much medical knowledge she has passed onto our children.

Fun Facts About Amy

SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

Amy loves inspiring quotes on optimism.

FAVORITE PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD

The zoo is the best place to take a child.

FAVORITE MUSIC GENRE

Currently is Light Rock Singer Songwriter and Christian Worship on Pandora.

FAVORITE HOBBY

Photography

FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK

I'll Love You Forever, by Robert Munsch, although a close second is I Need a New Butt by Dawn McMillan due to the roar of laughter it creates.

FAVORITE SEASONAL ACTIVITY

Spending time at the pool with her children

FOR FUN...

She loves traveling and exploring new places.



Hiking with the family

Amy loves volunteering to help wild animals with the local wildlife coalition



Amy loves spending time outside with the kiddos any chance she gets



Meet Keith

BY AMY



Keith is a hardworking and dedicated husband. He graduated from the Coast Guard Academy and has been with them for 15+ years.

He plans to retire in the next couple of years and will have full benefits and retirement. He would do anything for his family. He encourages me to be the best mother I can be for our children. He 100% supports my choice to stay home with our children. He enjoys reading to the kids as well as doing projects with them. He is very involved in our sons Trail Life Troop and enjoys going on camping trips with them. He is a Godly leader in our home and I am so grateful to be his partner.





Keith loves to be out on the water on the ship or in a blow up canoe



Keith and Eli getting ready to go to a scout meeting

Fun Facts About Keith



FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Keith loves the wilderness; his favorite vacation would be backpacking in the woods.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT YOU PLAY

Played the trumpet in high school

LANGUAGES YOU SPEAK

Keith can read and speak some French. He is also learning Latin and hopes to teach the children as well.

FAVORITE SEASONAL ACTIVITY

Keith loves fishing, boating and camping, anything outdoors really.



Keith enjoying the company of friends and family by the bonfire. one of his favorite things is to sit by an outdoor fire



Our Home

Our home is located in a quiet community nestled in Jacksonville, Florida.

Within our neighborhood we are fortunate to have two lovely ponds that provide a glimpse of turtles gracefully swimming alongside water birds. As part of our community amenities we have a beautiful pool and splash pad combo. We spend many hours a week there during the warmer months. Because we live in Florida, the pool is open from March to October. We are also just twenty minutes away from the beach. Although our children lean toward the pool rather than the sandy beach, we still enjoy visits to the beach due to our shared fascination with discovering and studying new shells and creatures. Following each beach excursion, we find ourselves immersed in online research, delving into the details of our new found treasures. Our home has four bedrooms and a quiet backyard. The children love playing on the ninja obstacle course in the backyard and playing tag in the front yard.



Our ninja course outside in our backyard

Our happy place! This is our community pool, we are here at least 4 times a week



Volunteering together at 2nd Mile Ministry in Jacksonville, FL



VOLUNTEERING

We volunteer with a local organization that rehabilitates local wildlife. We have raised orphaned baby squirrels and opossums from a fur-less 'pinkie' baby until they are old enough to be released back into the wild. We also have helped many injured animals recover and then released them back to the wild.

Poki during one of our camping trips



Delilah's adoption day



Family photo with our pups

Our Pets

We have two dogs, Poki, a lab mix and Delilah, a chihuahua mix. We have a bearded dragon as well.

Waterfall hike in Pennsylvania



Family hiking is one of our favorite activities

MEET ELI

Eli is an energetic and playful 9 year old.

He thrives on physical activity. While he enjoys visiting parks, his true happiness lies in spending quality time with his family at home playing card games or building with Legos. Eli was a member of Cub Scouts for two years and now he is going to transition to Trail Life. He eagerly looks forward to the role of big brother rather than just being the little one.

MEET MADDY

Maddy is a compassionate and helpful 10 year old.

She possesses a deep fondness for animals, gymnastics and playing with friends at the park. She loves cooking as well. She spends time dreaming up flavor combinations to use in her smoothie bowls to share for breakfast. She is thrilled to welcome a new baby into the family. Maddy's vibrant personality reflects her boundless energy and caring nature.

Our Kids



HOMESCHOOL

Like many others, we turned to homeschool when the shut downs happened in 2020. We all have thrived since then. In a typical homeschool week we do 2-3 meetups with other kids at the pool, park or beach. We learn math and language arts at the kitchen table or snuggled in bed in our pajamas. The kids have done many extracurricular classes including cooking classes, monthly zoo classes, parkour, gymnastics, archery, as well as monthly field trips.



We enjoy hanging out at the local ponds watching the wildlife together

Amy and Keith serving at our church's 25th anniversary celebration

Our Faith

We love the church we attend! Our church family is the best. Amy is the Children's Ministry Director and we both teach in the classrooms regularly.





Keith's neice was baptized and we were so excited to be there with them for it

Our Family

Keith is the oldest child among his two sisters.

Recently, his two sisters have embarked on the journey of parenthood, resulting in three adorable babies in the span of just three years. Olivia is three, Tommy one and Adalaide is just a few months old. They have brought immense joy to the family. Keith's parents, now retired, have a charming cabin in the woods of Pennsylvania. It makes for a special gathering place for the entire extended family. We also join them for week-long river trips on their boat yearly.

Upstate New York river vacation with Keith's family in 2021



GiGi and Pop Pop with all the grandbabies on Easter 2023





Smokey Mountains Christmas trip with Amy's side of the family in 2021

Amy equally values the importance of extended family time.

They frequently have meet ups at Airbnbs in locations with beaches, mountains or amusement parks. Amy's brother has a 16 year old son who adores his younger cousins. Though our family does not live in the same city as our extended family, we have formed a supportive network of friends within Jacksonville through the church and our home school group.



Mountain vacation with Amy's family



Yearly matching Christmas Pajama photo



Birthdays

Birthdays are special to us! Instead of doing parties with friends, we have a family tradition. The birthday kid gets to pick anything they want to do for the day. They choose the meals and the fun things we do that day. This past year Maddy chose to swim with the dolphins at Marineland and Eli chose to go to iFly and do indoor skydiving.

Family mountain hike in the Smokey Mountains



OUR THOUGHTS

On Adoption

We thought we were done having children after we had our two biological children, Maddy and Eli. They are so wonderful and we adore them. During the spring of 2020 we started to realize our family was not yet complete as we had thought before. God led us to this adoption journey and we have learned so much. During this time he has drawn our whole family closer to him and given us a desire to seek out his Word.

Ideally we would love to welcome you into our extended family, but we also understand you may have different desires. We will honor any level of openness you are comfortable with. Amy is a photographer, so no matter what, this child would have a well documented childhood. We would love to send you photos and letters to update you. We would be honored to have you attend birthdays, holidays or any other special occasion you would be willing to attend.





Family Information

FATHER'S NAME:

Keith

OCCUPATION:

United States Coast
Guard Officer

EDUCATION:

Graduated from USCG Academy,
Masters in Homeland Security

RELIGION:

Christian

DATE OF BIRTH:

7/20/86

HAIR COLOR:

Brown

EYE COLOR:

Brown

HEIGHT:

5'8

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MOTHER'S NAME:

Amy

OCCUPATION:

Stay at home mom

EDUCATION:

Registered Nurse
BS Psychology
AS in Child Care Administration

RELIGION:

Christian

DATE OF BIRTH:

02/19/81

HAIR COLOR:

Reddish Brown

EYE COLOR:

Hazel

HEIGHT:

5'3

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DATE OF MARRIAGE:

12/15/2011

CHILDREN:

Madelyn, 2/21/13, biological, gymnastics, loves animals. She is a helper. She is kind and funny/silly. Elijah, 3/07/14, biological, loves outdoors, hiking/camping, parkour, ninja. He is physically strong. He is a sensitive soul who loves to make people laugh.

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:

Amy loves photography and helping her children learn. The whole family loves animals. We love hiking and exploring. Keith enjoys learning about history and reading.

HOME:

We live in a nice community with sidewalks and a pool. There is a pond where we enjoy watching the turtles and water birds. We live 20 minutes from the zoo and 20 minutes from the beach. We visit both often.

PETS:

We have two dogs. A lab mix and a chihuahua mix. We have a bearded dragon as well.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?

We are unable to have more biological children. We feel God lead us to adoption. We have the love and the resources to provide a child with everything they need to grow into a successful, well adjusted, God seeking individual.

OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S):

We are ready for any level of openness you would be comfortable with. I am a photographer, so I would be happy to set up a file sharing for photographs. We would enjoy having you be a part of our extended family if that is something you were interested in.

CHILDCARE PLANS:

Any plans to stay at home with our children until they are at least in High School.

IT'S A WRAP

We want to express our deepest gratitude for considering us as potential parents for your precious child.

The opportunity to welcome your baby into our lives would be an immeasurable gift, and we promise to provide a loving, nurturing, and supportive Christian home filled with endless opportunities. Your selflessness and courage in this decision are both admirable and appreciated beyond words. Regardless of your decision, we want you to know that you will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. God Bless you.



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