



# Colin & Natalie

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**Hello!**

WE ARE

# Colin & Natalie

We have a pre-school aged daughter, Susanna.

It is tough to imagine how hard a decision you are in the process of making. As parents, we recognize that making decisions about your baby's future must be incredibly difficult. We hope to support you by maintaining whatever level of openness you desire. Thank you for reading about and considering our family.

We want to get to know you too and imagine a relationship where we give you regular updates and have occasional visits if you would like. We hope that we can help your child know how much you love them.

ENJOYING SPRING AT ONE OF OUR FAVORITE LOCAL SPOTS





# OUR Story

## We met our first year of college through our campus ministry.

The first time we met we played the “furniture game” on a team together, where we had to pretend to be a piece of furniture and whichever pair looked most like it won. When

we first starting dating, we loved talking for hours and now we still try to carve out time to catch up, even if that means staying up later than anticipated. Since Colin works from home and Natalie stays home most of the time, it’s easy for us to quickly check in throughout the day. We eat dinner together as a family every night and eat breakfast and lunch together most days as well (another perk of Colin working from home). We love going for walks and hikes, and enjoy going to our neighborhood pool.

We decided to try to adopt because Natalie had some medical complications after our daughter’s birth that could recur with subsequent pregnancies. We are excited for the possibility of growing our family while trusting God’s plan and timing for what that looks like.



KAYAKING ON  
THE RIVANNA RIVER



HIKING IN VIRGINIA



PICKLEBALL AT THE BEACH



HIKING IN  
UTAH AT  
CANYONLANDS  
NATIONAL PARK





MEET

# Natalie

WRITTEN BY  
COLIN



**From when Natalie and I first started dating, I have been able to be myself and have all the positive parts of my personality come out around her.**

When we first met we had a solid foundation of common ground and I was eager to find ways I could spend more time with her.

A decade later, I still am happy spending a lot of time together, especially evenings and weekends. With Natalie it is easy to have long conversations that can be light-hearted one moment, serious and candid the next, and then naturally onto another light-hearted topic. Others seem at ease with her as well and she has several close long-time friends where we live and from where she grew up. **She is kind, compassionate, and excited to see others flourish.**

**Natalie is a great mother and is always thoughtful in how she parents our daughter.**

She often looks into fun activities for us to do as a family. I enjoy seeing how she uses skills she gained before becoming a parent, like how her experience as a swim instructor means she knows how to teach her children to swim or how studying nutrition has led to her knowing how best to talk about food with kids and deal with common issues.



## NATALIE'S Favorites



NATALIE AND SUSANNA HIKING



**SEASONAL ACTIVITY //** Hiking or skiing

**LUNCH BOX SNACK //** Cheese stick

**SPORT I LIKE TO PLAY //** Pickleball

**DESSERT //** Oreo Madness (a layered dessert of Oreo's, chocolate pudding, cream cheese and whipped cream)

**HOBBY //** Reading

**PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD //** Somewhere with animals

**VACATION SPOT //** The beach

**ICE CREAM FLAVOR //** Tillamook's campfire chocolate peanut butter cup

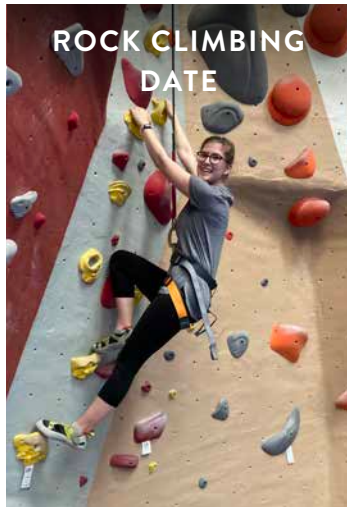
**CHILDREN'S BOOK //** Mouse Mess

**AUTHOR I LIKE TO READ //** Kristen Hannah

**ACCESSORY //** Watch



PAINT NIGHT WITH FRIENDS



ROCK CLIMBING DATE





MEET

# Colin

WRITTEN BY  
NATALIE



**Colin is patient and a steady presence in our home. He is a great listener and is always encouraging.**

I love watching him interact with Susanna, and thankfully he is able to spend a lot of time with her in everyday moments since he works from home. Colin will get 12 weeks of paternity leave, which we are very grateful for!

Colin contributes to our family in so many ways and I am grateful for how involved of a dad he is. On the weekends we like hiking together as a family, but Colin also tries to play tennis about once a week. We like playing games and Colin has a strategic mind so often wins. It is fun to see him teach Susanna how to play games as well or to watch him throw or kick a ball with her. Colin enjoys watching NBA games and occasionally follows along with the major tennis tournaments or Premier League soccer.





**Colin is our primary vacation planner and helps me feel comfortable traveling.**

I'm so glad he has gotten me out of my comfort zone and planned trips to many different places. We have enjoyed taking Susanna on trips with us and hope to continue to travel as our family grows.

**COLIN'S**

# Favorites

**SEASONAL ACTIVITY** // Skiing

**LUNCH BOX SNACK** // Goldfish

**SPORT I LIKE TO PLAY** // Tennis

**DESSERT** // Oreo Madness

**HOBBY** // Watching basketball, tennis, or soccer

**PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD** // Somewhere with animals

**VACATION SPOT** // Any type of nature, preferably somewhere I haven't been before

**ICE CREAM FLAVOR** // Chocolate with fudge ripples

**LANGUAGES I SPEAK** // English, can read French somewhat well

**DREAM JOB** // Aviation-related, but magically don't have to be away from family or have stress about keeping passengers safe



**PLAYING TENNIS**



**KAYAKING**



MEET

# Susanna

**Susanna turned 3 in July.** She is super chatty and likes to sing as well. She enjoys puzzles, magnetic tiles, pretending, and seeing firetrucks on the road or when we drive by our local fire station. Susanna loves taking care of her stuffed animals and baby dolls.

We've been talking about adoption with her and she is hopeful God will make her a big sister one day. She already tells us about all the things she will do with her sibling and all the things she will teach him or her.



OVERCOMING SUSANNA'S  
FEAR OF THE OCEAN



BUNDLED UP AT THE GRAND CANYON

**As parents we see our role as showing Susanna how to increasingly understand the world and live intentionally.**

**This means that we want to let her be curious and explore new things so she can learn about the world around her.** We teach her that she was created by God, and that He has given us the Bible so that we can live how He has designed us to. We strive to teach her to live in relationship with God and to treat others as she would want to be treated. This looks like having conversations about being a good friend, praying with her regularly, and being actively involved in our church.





WE ENJOY READING ON THE DECK  
IN THE EVENINGS

# OUR Home & COMMUNITY

We have lived in  
central NC for  
over 10 years  
and moved into  
our current  
home in 2022.

We love our back yard, playroom, and neighborhood playground and pool. Natalie enjoys watching her garden grow and expanded the number of plants she grew this year. We are close to a few state parks and enjoy getting out on Saturdays to hike. We love berry picking in the spring and early summer at some local farms and traveling to apple picking in the fall. We have a membership to our favorite local museum, which has farm animals and wild animals, play spaces, and science-based areas. Natalie often takes Susanna there during the week, or we go on the weekends as a family. We are glad to have a number of fun things to do within a few hours, including the NC Zoo, the mountains, and the beach. We meet each week with our small group at church and Natalie attends a weekly Bible study.

We hope to pursue an open adoption and have an ongoing relationship with you, but are also okay with less contact if that is what you desire. Our hope is that we know you and your child knows you, that they view their birth family positively, and that they know they are loved by so many people.



MATCHING CHRISTMAS  
JAMMIES



EARLY TOMATO HARVEST

We live in a fairly diverse area, so we should be able to easily find options for a child of another race to connect with their heritage and others who look like them. Even something as simple as story time at the library typically has a number of different races present as well as stories with characters of different races. We enjoy traveling, so would love to go places where a child can connect with their roots.





# OUR

# Family

We each have one older sibling: a sister for Colin and a brother for Natalie. Colin's sister and her husband live nearby so we see them most weekends. Both sets of our parents live a few hours away and we visit with at least one of them each month. Colin's mom is retired and stayed with us to help when Susanna was a baby, and has offered to help again with any future babies, which we appreciate. We gather with extended family around Thanksgiving or Christmas (often involving a White Elephant gift exchange with Natalie's family and lots of games with Colin's). We usually take a beach trip each summer with our parents and siblings, where we spend time on the beach and at the pool, play games, ride bikes, and play pickleball.

Colin has a younger cousin who is adopted and Colin's aunt has shared a lot of her experience with us. We are grateful to have someone who will be able to give us advice as we parent an adopted child.



IN UTAH WITH COLIN'S SISTER



NATALIE'S PARENTS, BROTHER AND HIS GIRLFRIEND



NATALIE'S EXTENDED FAMILY



COLIN'S PARENTS, SISTER AND BROTHER-IN-LAW



COLIN'S EXTENDED FAMILY



- **Father's Name** Colin
- **Occupation** Actuary
- **Education** Bachelor's in Economics
- **Religion** Christian
- **Date of Birth** Dec. 1994
- **Hair Color** Dark Brown
- **Eye Color** Brown
- **Height** 6' 2"
- **Mother's Name** Natalie
- **Occupation** Part-time lactation consultant
- **Education** Master's of Nutrition
- **Religion** Christian
- **Date of Birth** Dec. 1994
- **Hair Color** Brown
- **Eye Color** Blue
- **Height** 5' 6"



# Family Information

## DATE OF MARRIAGE

December 16, 2017

## CHILDREN

Susanna, our biological daughter, was born in July 2020. She is talkative, excitable, and loves playing pretend.

## INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Hiking, skiing, board games, cards, Colin plays tennis, Natalie enjoys reading.

## HOME

Our neighborhood was built in the 1990s, and has a playground, pool and tennis courts. Our house is two stories, and has four bedrooms and a shady back yard with a play set.

## WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?



Pregnancy related complications after our biological child was born accelerated our plans to adopt.

**OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S)** We would love for the child to know their birth parents and have a relationship with them. We envision giving regular updates and having occasional visits as desired by birth parents.

## CHILDCARE PLANS

Natalie will be home most of the time. She works 2 half days a week, and we have a babysitter in our home during that time.





**Thank you for taking the  
time to read about our  
family.**

We hope to be able to have the chance to learn about you, and we would be honored and excited to parent your child. We would always let them know that they have many people who have loved them and have been planning a life for them from before they were born.

