




James & Christin

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HELLO!

**It is with the utmost respect and gratitude
that we write this letter to you.**

Adoption is a myriad of feelings and emotions, and we cannot even begin to imagine how you feel. What we can share with you is that we too are excited, anxious, hopeful, and extremely grateful for you.

We attended the same grade school, college, and law school, all in various parts of New York. We met at some point in high school, but neither of us can recall the exact moment. Our friendship really began to blossom when we both attended Ithaca College. After several years of friendship, working together, and attending the same classes (we were both history majors), we began dating James' senior year of college. James proposed after EIGHTY-EIGHT months of dating.

After we got married, we spent several years living and working in Manhattan, and then our first son – Liam, was born. As soon as Liam was born, we knew that we wanted to leave New York and raise our family in Charlotte, North Carolina (we had both visited Charlotte several times throughout the years). Liam is a sweet, creative, brilliant kid, who loves with his whole heart and finds the absolute best in everyone.

Four and a half years later, our second son – Niles was born. The pregnancy with Niles was “complicated.” We knew at one of our first ultrasounds that the pregnancy with Niles would be our last, as a radical hysterectomy would be required at the time of delivery. Born at 34 weeks, Niles spent four weeks in the NICU, received incredible care, and came home Easter Sunday 2017. Niles is a funny, kind, and generous kid who gives the best hugs, and begins and ends his day by hugging and kissing his fur-sisters.

We are both attorneys, James works in corporate finance, while Christin is currently a “retired” litigation attorney, who is now a stay-at-home mother. In our free time we play with our six dogs (combined weight is a grand total of 48 pounds), “park hop” around Charlotte (south charlotte has the most amazing parks for children), swim in our pool, and entertain our friends, family, colleagues and neighbors. We all like to create things: whether its crafting or cooking with Christin, wood working with James, drawing with Hudson, or fort building with Niles. We all like to use both our hands and imagination to create something out of nothing.

We are so fortunate to live where we have the most amazing support network. Our school system and teachers are absolutely amazing, and give all of themselves to the students. Our boys are testament to that dedication. We have created the most incredible friendships with colleagues and neighbors – folks that you trust to care for your children, folks that you spend the holidays with, folks that would jump at a moment’s notice if you ever needed anything. This is so rare these days, and we are quite aware of how lucky we are.

In our hearts, we always knew that we are a family of five and hold out hope that one day, that dream will come true. We welcome the opportunity to meet you, and are amenable to your preference in communication. We understand that this is a difficult and confusing time, but want you to know that we care and are grateful for whatever decision is best for you.

Sincerely -
James and Christin



OUR story

We met in high school, although neither of us actually remember our first meeting.

Then, we both ended up attending college in Ithaca, New York; one year apart, and by complete coincidence. We were both history majors, both residential advisors, and shared many of the same friends. It was during this time in which our friendship grew into much, much more; we started dating James' senior year of college.

EIGHT years after college, we eloped!

After we married, we moved to Manhattan to explore our careers, and a few years later, our first son was born. Soon after, we made the decision to relocate to North Carolina, to raise and grow our family. Four years after our move, our second son was born. Our family of four and our six pint-sized pooches, are grateful everyday for our decision to relocate.





We always dreamed of being a family of five. Who doesn't love being outnumbered!?

How we were to arrive there was always a question mark; let fate decide. Well, mother nature and modern medicine decided for us.

Plain and simple, Christin does not do pregnancy well. We can joke about this now . . . five years later. Our pregnancy with Hudson was difficult, but everyone arrived safely and healthy. We never imagined that our second pregnancy with Niles would be even more complicated, but alas, it was.

As a result of these complications, Christin required a radical hysterectomy at the time of Niles' birth. Following Christin's recovery, we revisited the possibility of adoption to complete our family -- a conversation we had long before Hudson and Niles were even twinkles in our eyes. We are confident this is the journey we are supposed to be on.





MEET **Christin**

from James

Christin is warm and thoughtful.

Christin is a delightful mix of both logic and thoughtfulness. She is the most responsible and organized person I know. You will be hard pressed to find someone that puts more effort into a simple gift (nor does she ever forget an occasion to give you one – even if it is just for fun). She makes our house a home, and not only for the boys and me, but for anyone that comes to our home for a visit.

Our lives are full of laughter, warmth, and puppies because of Christin. I would not want to imagine my life without her.



James is kind and hard working.

James is level headed and reasonable. He knows when to take the driver's seat and when it is best to be the passenger.

James has a work ethic that I have never seen in another human being.

He believes that providing for one's family is of utmost importance and strives to make a better world for our children.

He is an incredible father. I cannot imagine life without him.



MEET James

from Christin

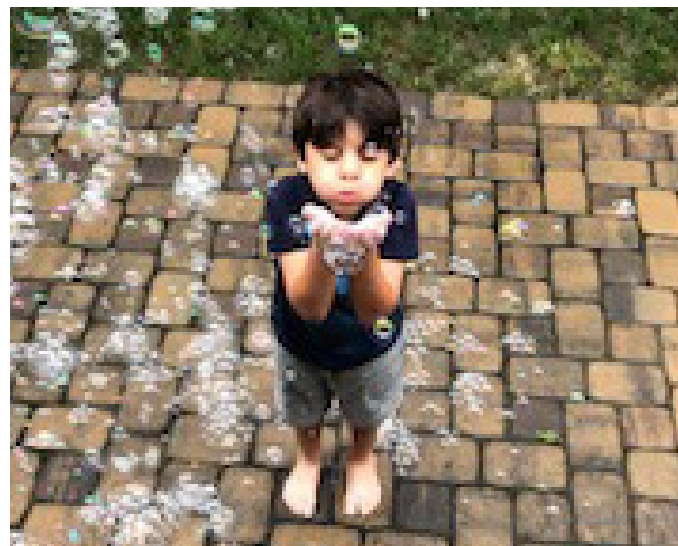


Meet our son, HUDSON

Hudson is nine years old and is in the fourth grade. His favorite ice cream flavor is pistachio. He is a seventy year old man trapped in a nine year old's body; he is wise beyond his years.

Hudson is the king of all "dad jokes" and is currently working on punchlines. Like James, Hudson has a work ethic that one does not see in a young child and Hudson strives for perfection in everything does, but also knowing that sometimes, it is okay to fail.

Hudson loves his puppies ... LOVES.





Meet our son, NILES

Niles is five years old and has just started kindergarten. His favorite ice cream flavor is coffee. He is our preemie; he is certainly our little miracle.

Niles is cautious and meticulous. Niles is a comedian. Niles loves the Marvel Universe and his favorite character is Dr. Strange – quite the choice for a kindergartner!

Like his brother, Niles loves his puppies ... LOVES.





things James
LOVES

- Woodworking**
- Legos with the boys**
- Everything Star Trek**

He is an avid reader and enjoys anything fantasy related, e.g. Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, and Game of Thrones.

things Hudson
LOVES

- Reading**
- Drawing**
- Playing the piano**
- Crafting and Legos**

Anytime Hudson can invade the kitchen, he loves to conduct science experiments and create slime ... oh the slime.



things Christin

LOVES

Crafting

Cooking

Organizing

Holidays & Birthdays

Our birthday parties are turned into giant charity events that sponsor our local Children's Hospital. At Christmas, we have seven Christmas trees. Seven!



things Niles

LOVES

Board Games

Anything math related

Painting & Constructing

Playing dress up

Niles loves to do anything his brother does; he adores Hudson.



OUR home



We spent many years finding the perfect home. Note: the “perfect” house does not exist, but we found one that instantly felt like home when we walked in.

As James says, “it is the perfect Christmas house.” Our home has six bedrooms and four and one half bathrooms (for two folks who grew up with one bathroom in their home, this was mind boggling). We have a playroom and theater room. James has a dedicated office, which makes it possible for him to work from home most days. We recently renovated our backyard, which now includes: an outdoor kitchen, inground swimming pool and spa with waterfall, and garden with astro-turf where children can play.

Our neighbors are incredible; we are truly blessed. We socialize with them on a daily basis and they have become our family; we even celebrate holidays together.





chloe

Chloe is a Pomeranian and is 11 years old.

She is our “pretty, pretty princess.” Chloe gets very attached to our babies when they come home from the hospital and will not leave their side ... until they start walking and chasing her around.



izzy

Izzy is a Japanese Chin and is 9 years old.

She is named after “Gizmo” from the Gremlins movies. Izzy is our “Pepe Le Pew”, so watch out, she is all about the kisses.



holly

Holly is a Cavapoo and is 2 years old.

She is “Hudson’s dog.” She loves to play but is also our cuddler. The boys’ naps are spent with Holly by their sides.



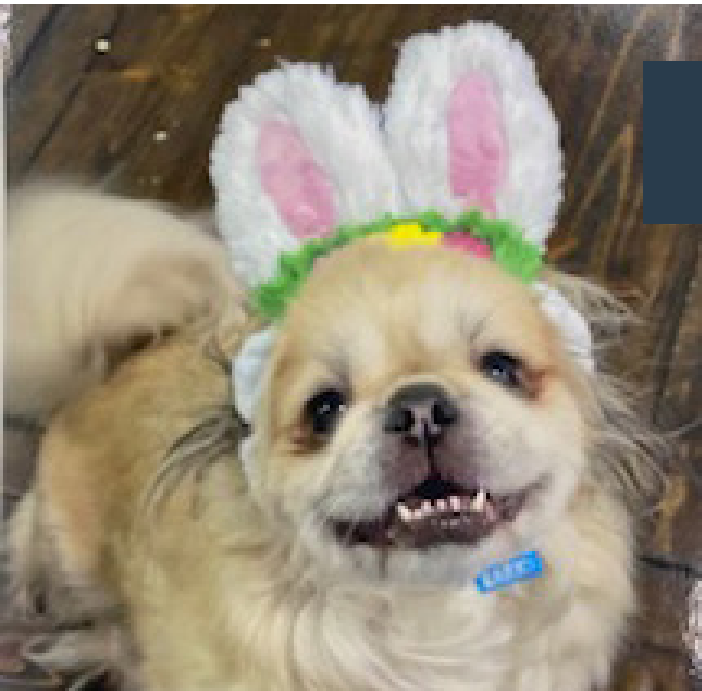
lucy

Lucy is a yorkie and 15 years old. She is spunky and the queen of our misfit toys. We swear she has adopted Christin's personality over the years. Lucy reminds you that she is in charge.



pepsi

Pepsi is a Pekingese and is 6 months old. Pepsi is "Niles' dog." Pepsi is full of "Pep", but like Zoey, is a protector of the children. She is also our "garbage disposal"; she will eat anything from Cherrios to strawberries to spinach, there is no food (of course all doggie safe) she will say "no" to.



zoey

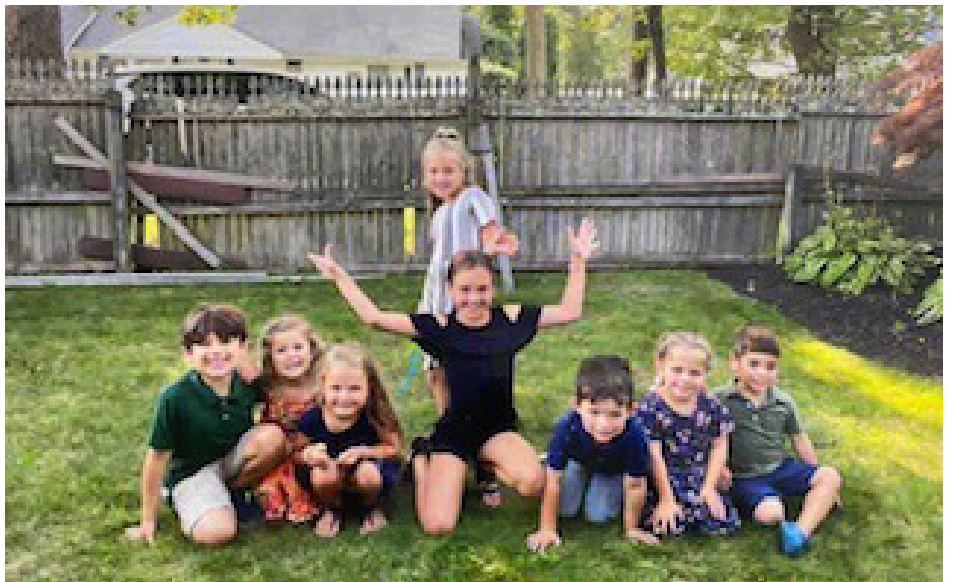
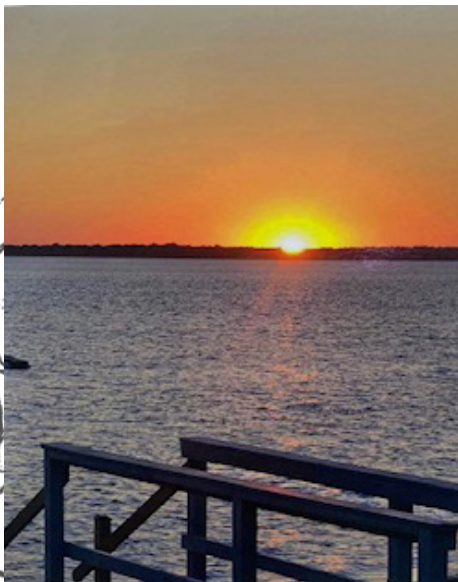
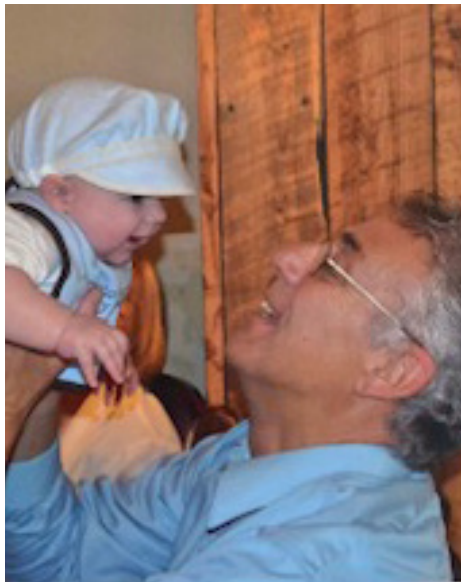
Zoey is a Pekingese and is 7 years old. She loves costumes and talking to you about her day. She is just the sweetest girl, but is also very protective over her (our) children.

EXTENDED family

We truly love our families and they love us unconditionally.

As previously discussed, we attended the same high school. We grew up in the same town, and our parents still live five minutes from one and other. Our entire family (both sides) still resides in New York, from Brooklyn to the Twin Forks. This does make it quite easy when we go back to New York for vacations and family events; it's one-stop shopping. We are fortunate that our families also visit us frequently for holidays and events, and sometimes ... they all visit at once! Our home is always filled with loud (like really loud) talking, lots of laughter, and above all, love.





family is EVERYTHING





OUR promises

**If you feel a connection with us and
decide that our family is the one for your
child, we want you to know...**

We promise to raise this child

in a home filled with laughter and hugs,

We promise to raise this child

in a home filled support and encouragement,

We promise to raise this child

in a home filled with two loving brothers and two loving parents.

We promise to raise this child

to love Christin's marinara sauce and Nutella mousse,

We promise to raise this child

to love both Marvel and D.C.,

We promise to raise this child

to love their puppies, almost as much as their brothers.

We promise to raise this child to be kind and generous,

We promise to raise this child to be insightful and observant,

We promise to raise this child to be independent of us ...one day.

We vow to remind this child on a daily basis

that they are loved by so many people,

including you and your family.

- James, Christin, Hudson and Niles

family profile

Parent 1: Christin

Born: 1982
Race: White
Ethnicity: Greek/Hungarian
Education: Juris Doctorate
Religion: Protestant
Occupation: Stay at home mom
Hair/Eyes: Brown/Green
Height: 5' 7"
Health: Excellent
Smoking: Never
Alcohol: Occasionally
Years Married: 12 years

Parent 2: James

Born: 1981
Race: White
Ethnicity: Italian/Irish
Education: Juris Doctorate
Religion: Catholic
Occupation: Attorney
Hair/Eyes: Brown/Hazel
Height: 5' 11"
Health: Good
Smoking: Never
Alcohol: Occasionally
Years Married: 12 years

Home: Our home is a six bedroom house with the most incredible neighbors, schools, and community. We are surrounded by beautiful parks, sporting and music venues, and amazing museums.

Children: Two - Hudson (born in 2012) and Niles (born in 2017)

Pets: Six pint-sized dogs

Why Adoption: Even before we had Hudson and Niles, we spoke about adoption. We had always hoped for a family of five. When fate and mother nature intervened, we knew in our hearts that it was time.

Childcare Plans: Christin is a stay-at-home mother. Further, James receives twenty (20) weeks of paid paternity leave -- which he plans to use every moment of bonding with our child.

