



Abby and Kenny

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Hi there!
WE ARE
Abby and Kenny

We are grateful that you would consider our family as a possible placement for your child and want to share with you who we are and how your child would be raised in our home.

We want to grow our family and believe God has called us to adopt. Abby has four adopted siblings and seven adopted cousins, and we have always wanted to grow our family in this way because it was a joy-filled part of Abby's upbringing. We are anxiously waiting for another child to join the fun!

We are a family that doesn't stop moving! Whether its an adventure in our neighborhood or a trip to another country, we love to explore and have fun. We love to travel, play sports, and read books.

We would love to meet you and answer any questions you have. We are praying for you as you make this decision for your child.



Our Story



Our beautiful wedding day

We were both raised in Southern California and have been happily married for nine years.

WE MET AT CHURCH: ✝

Abby was serving donuts to guests and Kenny was working in kids ministry. Abby thought that if Kenny was the kind of guy who would help out with the rambunctious kids in Sunday School, he must be a really good guy - and she was right!

OUR FIRST DATE ☕

was at a Starbucks - at an airport!

Every month we get coffee on the 22nd of the month (the day of our first date) to commemorate the occasion. We love coffee so this is not a burden at all!

IN OUR SPARE TIME ✈

We love to travel, especially to spots with a beach. Our favorite spot on earth is the Hawaiian island of Kauai, which was also where we went on our honeymoon. We now go there every other summer.

We love to play golf together and throw some fierce competition out there on the fairway into our loving marriage.



Soaking up the sunshine in Florida



We love to golf together



MEET *Kenny*



Kenny reading a book

Kenny is a voracious reader, and reads multiple books a week. He also loves to read to the kids and do all the voices! His dramatic reading is well-known, and he is often asked to come read to the kids in Felicity's school and is always a big hit!

Kenny has a strong commitment to public safety and works in national security for our country.

Kenny is a really good baker and cook and makes most of our family meals. The girls beg him every day for his famous crepes or pancakes, and Abby may have fallen in love with him for his chocolate chip cookies!

Kenny is a huge fan of the LA Lakers!



Kenny making pancakes - the girls favorite



AS A

Dad

Kenny is the kind of Dad is always up to jump into the pool with the kids, play in the snow, jump into the pile of leaves, or try a new board game! He is a kid at heart.

He also loves to create treasure hunts for the girls around the house, and has a special surprise at the end - like a bouquet of roses!



Golfing in Florida



My Fun Facts

- 1) Favorite sports team is the Lakers
- 2) Favorite sport is golf
- 3) Favorite vacation spot is Kauai
- 4) Can't live without my Yeti water bottle - I need my water COLD and books/reading
- 5) Favorite Children's book is the "Book with No Pictures"
- 6) Favorite seasonal activity is decorating a bunny cake at Easter (one of my favorite family traditions)

MEET Abby



Running the Chicago marathon



Abby loves doing art projects with the girls

Abby loves to run and has completed six marathons. We fuse our love of travel with her running, so she chooses races that include a fun trip for the family for all of us to enjoy after the race is done. Her dream marathon and family travel destination is London. Kenny and Abby will run races together on occasion.

Abby loves to do art and craft projects, both by herself and with the kids. When the weather is warm, she will put all the paints out on the porch with a giant roll of paper and paint with the girls.

No one loves Christmas more than Abby! The moment the last trick-or-treater leaves our front door, Abby is ready to start the holiday season!



Abby decorating the house for Christmas

My Fun Facts

- 1) Favorite vacation spot is **Kauai**
- 2) Favorite children's book is "**Giraffes Can't Dance**"
- 3) Favorite sport is **golf**
- 4) Source of inspiration is **running along the Potomac River**
- 5) Favorite ice cream flavor is **Baskin Robbins Peanut Butter Chocolate**
- 6) My perfect day is the **day I start listening to Christmas music and putting out holiday decorations!**
- 7) Favorite dessert is **Kenny's chocolate chip cookies**



Abby and Felicity sharing a milkshake



Golfing in Florida means watching out for the wildlife



FOR Work

Abby works in government relations for credit unions, working alongside Members of Congress. She enjoys politics, history, and government. **She works from home several days a week, and loves her job for the flexibility to be an involved and active Mom to her kids. She also can bring the family along on most of her work trips.**

MEET OUR *girls,* AVONLEA AND FELICITY

AVONLEA ♡

Avonlea is 7-years-old and in 2nd grade. She is very creative and loves to make art and create songs. She plays piano, and enjoys her gymnastics class and soccer team. Avonlea is very social and we always say she never leaves anywhere without a new friend!

FELICITY ♡

Felicity is 5-years-old and in preschool. She is obsessed with animals - especially lions - and is a walking encyclopedia of animal facts. You can often find her quietly reading in the playroom, as she is our more introverted child. She has a large collection of stuffed animal lions, and has already selected the one she "wants to give to the new baby!"



Baking brownies in our kitchen



Family photo at The Lion King musical



Abby ice skating with the girls



We Want to Travel with our Kids



LONDON



ALASKA



GERMANY

(DURING THE CHRISTMAS MARKETS)

PANAMA CANAL



EGYPT



OUR FAITH

We are Christ-followers and it is an integral part of our lives that we have built this faith into our family.

We attend church every week; serve in the church; and also lead a Bible study of other young families who have become like family to us. We raise our children with this faith and with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Bible: love God and love others. One big thing we teach our girls is that our family serves others: every other Sunday, we serve as a family on the "Hospitality Team" at our church, welcoming people into church, which sometimes includes those experiencing homelessness. We are teaching our girls to love and respect everyone.



Sledding down our street



Playground in our neighborhood we can walk to

OUR *Home and* COMMUNITY

We live in a suburb outside Washington, DC

Being near the nation's capital means we were close to historical landmarks, Smithsonian museums, and exciting national events! We take advantage of this whenever we can, and our family favorite is the National Zoo.

Our neighborhood is in walking distance to the local library, a donut shop, a farmers market on Sundays, several playgrounds, and a large pond filled with ducks and turtles. We love how walkable our neighborhood is!

In the summers, we have a community pool we can walk to and we spend as much time there as we can!

Our home is a 4-story townhouse with four bedrooms, as well as a playroom. Our back patio has a small trampoline and a fire pit where we love to roast marshmallows and watch a movie outside.



Incredible

DC Experiences as a Family (so far!)

TRICK-OR-TREATING AT THE
WHITE HOUSE



BOWLING AT THE WHITE
HOUSE BOWLING ALLEY



WATCHING THE DC
FIREWORKS ON THE
4TH OF JULY



ATTENDING THE WHITE
HOUSE "EASTER EGG ROLL"



LAYING WREATHS AT THE
GRAVES IN ARLINGTON
CEMETERY

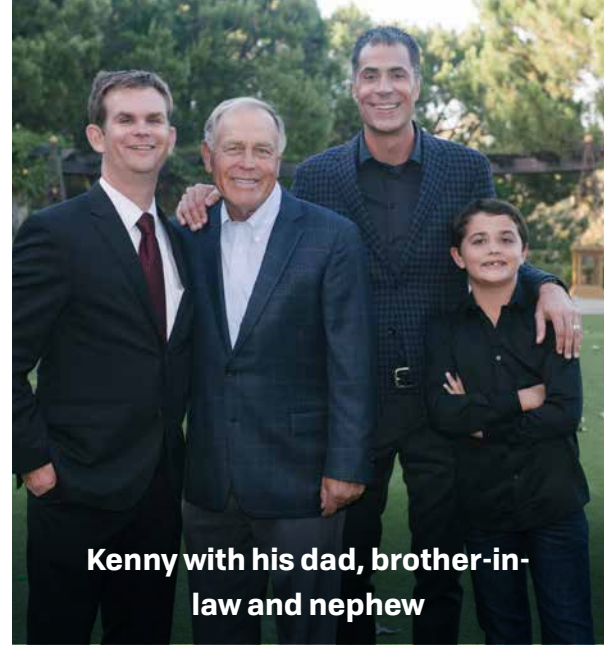
Visiting the White House Christmas tree - a favorite holiday tradition



OUR Loved ones



Playground day with both
Kenny's Mom, Yaya, and Abby's
Mom, Grammie



Kenny with his dad, brother-in-law and nephew

- ♡ ○ **Kenny's family -**
- parents, sister, aunts and uncles, cousins
- all lives in the same town he grew up in Southern California. They are all very close and get together frequently.

His Dad is a retired dentist and his mom is a retired teacher. Kenny's older sister is a pediatrician and she has two older children (13 and 16) who our girls adore!

Kenny's family in Kauai, our favorite vacation spot





Big family lunch to celebrate Grammie's birthday

Abby's family is very large and very loud!

She has two sisters and three brothers, and most of them are adopted too! They live in Seattle, California, and Mexico, but we make an effort to see them several times a year.



Abby and her dad who the kids call PopPop



Going to tea with Abby's mom and sister

Abby's family is very diverse and formed from adoption: Abby's two older brothers are from Colombia. One of her sister-in-laws is Peruvian and the other is Mexican. Abby's little brother and little sister are of Mexican descent. That is why none of us look alike in photos; adoption brought our family together!

Abby also has one biological sister who is a doula and birth instructor.

Abby's Dad is a pastor and her mom is a retired teacher. They plan to retire and move to Virginia near Abby and Kenny in a few years to live close by. In the meantime, we get several grandparent visits a year!

Cousins at Christmas





Always making each other laugh

ON Adoption and Parenting

We hold adoption in a high regard, as it was such a joy-filled part of Abby's own childhood, and have longed to adopt for years - even talking about it while we were dating! Our daughters also have a positive view of adoption as they understand and appreciate their aunts and uncles' own background. Just like adoption was embraced and openly discussed in Abby's home growing up, we intend to do the same in our own family. We fully intend for your child's adoption story - including you! - to be celebrated, and not tip-toed around.

As parents, we love to share travel and adventures with our children, and are excited for your child to join the fun!

We are already daydreaming of trips and adventures to do "when the baby comes." We are intentional about showing our children the world, and making them bold to try new things.

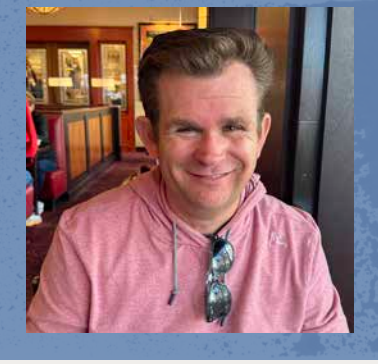
DIVERSITY AND OPEN ADOPTION:

We are very open to both a trans-racial adoption and an open adoption.

Specifically, on open adoption, we are open to 1-2 visits per year, and monthly photo-sharing. We want to open our hearts and lives to you so you are included in how your child is being loved and cared for.

On trans-racial adoption, we want you to know that, while our family is white, your child will be surrounded by aunts, uncles, and cousins of other races and backgrounds. Abby's immediate and extended family was built

on adoption from various countries around the world. Your child will always have a sympathetic ear from a close family member about life as an adoptee. Additionally, since we live in the nation's capital, we are surrounded by nationalities from all over the world. In our community, school, sports teams, and church, we are immersed in the rich diversity this country has to offer and incorporate it into our lives.



Father's name: Kenny

Occupation: National Security

Education: College and Law School

Religion: Christian

Date of birth: 7/29/1979

Hair color: Brown

Eye color: Hazel

Height: 5'11

Mother's name: Abby

Occupation: Government Advocacy

Education: College and Business School

Religion: Christian

Date of birth: 1/6/1986

Hair color: Brown

Eye color: Blue

Height: 5'10



Family Information

Date of marriage: July 19, 2014

Children: Avonlea (7) was born on June 1, 2016 and is our oldest biological daughter. She is a very social, creative child who loves to play piano, ride her bike, and do gymnastics. Felicity (5) was born on October 2, 2018 and is our youngest biological daughter. She is obsessed with animals, especially lions, and loves to read books and color.

Interests and hobbies: We love to play golf together and enjoy running and traveling. Kenny is a big reader and enjoys books about history, biographies, and politics. Abby loves doing craft and art projects.

Home: We live outside Washington, DC in a 4-bedroom townhouse. Our neighborhood is walkable to a public library, donut shop, farmers market, several playgrounds, and a large pond filled with turtles and ducks. In the summers, we have access to a community pool that we love spending time at.

Pets: n/a

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? We want to grow our family and believe God has called us to adopt. Abby has four adopted siblings and seven adopted cousins, and we have always wanted to grow our family in this way because it was such a joy-filled part of Abby's upbringing.

Openness to birthparent(s): We would like an open adoption that includes 1-2 visits per year and routine photo sharing. We want to open our hearts and lives to you so you are included in how your child is being loved and cared for.

Childcare plans: We plan to use a nanny for childcare, and Abby and Kenny both have flexibility to work from home part of the week.

In Closing

We know this is a big decision, and we have been praying for you as you make it.

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We want you to know that your child is not a "second choice" in deciding to grow our family or some project we are taking on. **Your child is an intentional choice, made by two loving parents, to expand our family through the process of adoption.** Your child will be fully known and fully loved in our home and in our family.

Your child will be intentionally raised in a home where we show respect, display love, and practice forgiveness every day, as we follow Jesus. You, likewise, will be loved and respected by our family as we practice open adoption. We will celebrate you and your decision, and include you every step of the way with routine visits and photos.

Also, our extended family is fully supportive of our decision: your child will always have a listening ear and a sympathetic heart from aunts and uncles who can honestly say, "I get it" when your child walks through their own adoption journey. **We will love your child and love you, as we embark on this journey together.**