



Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you so much for allowing us this opportunity to tell you about ourselves.

We feel very blessed to be considered by you, and we admire your courage and strength in making this decision for your child.

We will provide a home full of love, laughter, and stability to the child we are chosen to raise. It is our dream to have a family.

We thank you for making that dream possible for one very special family.

Kilian & Kimberly

Our Story



Kilian and I have been together for ten years, and married for four. We met in high school on a class trip. I was dancing with a group of my friends when a man tried to pull me away, and Kilian stepped in and said I was with him. He danced with me the entire night to make sure the man never came back, and we became friends right away. Kilian played on the ice hockey team and I was their biggest fan. We soon became high school sweethearts, which turned into college sweethearts, and here we are today! We have seen each other through the good times and the hard times and have always been there to support each other. We encourage each other to achieve our dreams, and our biggest dream is to be parents. We are very excited to start our family! Kilian and I discussed our desire to adopt early on in our relationship. We have big hearts with a lot of love to give, and we can't wait to share our life with children.



At our friends' wedding in Seattle this past summer



*Junior Prom
10 yrs ago!*

Things We Like To Do Together

*** Our favorite thing to do is travel!** We work very hard so that we can see new places every year. We love to learn about new cultures and meet new people. Some of the places we've been so far are Italy, Spain, England, Germany, France, Switzerland, Monaco, The Bahamas, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, and many other US States! Our favorite cities so far are Philadelphia, Boston, Seattle, San Diego, and Orlando.



*** We love sports!** We like to play tag football and Kilian plays ice hockey. We love bike riding and swimming. Penn State Football, the Philadelphia Eagles, and the Philadelphia Flyers are our favorite teams to watch! Every fall, we go up to Penn State with our whole family and camp out for several weekends. We grill and play games together. We do this again for their annual Arts Festival in the summer.

*** Music is a passion we share.** We listen to music to relax and we like to see our favorite bands when they come to town.

*** Game Nights!** We have our friends and family over every month for game night, and we cook a lot of tasty food to enjoy during it. It's always a fun time!

*** We have a weekly family dinner** every Wednesday night with all of our parents, siblings, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. Our grandparents make pizza and we sit around a large table (in a room we built especially for big dinners!) and catch up. The kids play and have a great time!

*** We love to be outdoors,** exploring what our city has to offer such as museums, summer carnivals, and local parks.

*** Some of our favorite times are spent at home** with our beagle, Erin. We take her for long walks and picnics. We also like to watch movies together and play with our Wii!

Kilian gets a hug from a "dolphin", while Kimberly gets a kiss from the real thing!



About Kimberly (by Kilian)



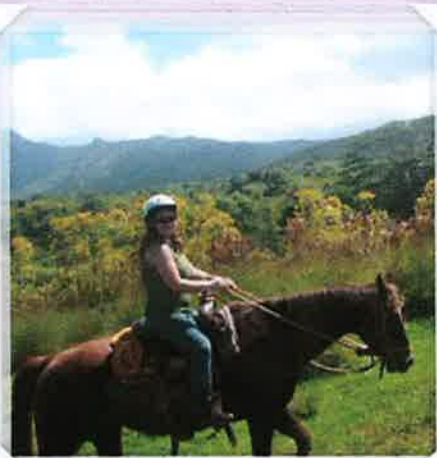
Hanging in Hawaii

Kimberly is the most amazing person I've ever met. I fell in love with her because of her kindness and her desire to make others happy. She is the most loving, selfless, genuine, and caring person I know. It also doesn't hurt that she is a fantastic cook! She makes me laugh everyday.

Kimberly comes from a large Italian family, and family has always been the most important thing in her life. She makes our family her priority and is always helping her grandparents, arranging big family dinners, and hosting game nights for our family and friends. Her focus on family is why she chose her undergraduate major to be Human Development & Family Studies with a focus on Child Development.



Feeding the animals at a luau



She loves horseback riding!

I think her favorite things to do are laugh, have fun, spend time with family, and play with our little beagle, Erin. Kimberly has been amazing with Erin, especially since Erin became paralyzed in her lower body six years ago. She gives Erin the best possible care every day. Until recently, Kimberly worked as an administrative assistant at a large pharmaceutical company. Her focus now is becoming a stay at home mother so she can provide our child with all the love and attention they need growing up. She is fantastic with all of our young cousins and they all love playing with her. Her dream has always been to be a great mother.

Kimberly also loves to draw and paint, and she likes to go to art museums. She's a huge sports fan and loves football and hockey most. She watches the Food Network and loves to make new dishes, and she bakes and recently started cake decorating. I think she's really talented!



Getting a kick out of towel animals



Dancing at our wedding with our cousin



She loves to cook & is fantastic at it!



Hiking up a waterfall



Grrr! Playing around in Alaska

About Kilian (by Kimberly)

I feel truly blessed to have Kilian in my life. He makes every day an exciting one! He makes me smile and laugh all the time. I fell in love with his caring personality. He's always making sure that I am comfortable and happy, and I know he will do the same and more for our children.

Kilian is an engineer and is working on his second masters degree in Engineering Management. His undergraduate degree is in Aerospace Engineering and his first masters degree is in Systems Engineering. He was inspired by his uncle who is also an engineer, and I believe that Kilian will be an example to our own children that if you work hard, you can achieve your dreams and be anything you want to.

Kilian loves sports! He has played ice hockey since high school, and is a big fan of the Philadelphia Flyers. He also enjoys watching football, especially the Philadelphia Eagles and Penn State.

Kilian has a passion for music! He has more music on his ipod than anyone I know! He really enjoys finding new bands to follow and sharing them with me.

Kilian is also very passionate about the environment. He is always watching the Planet Green channel and applying the skills and knowledge he learned at school to create ways of living more "green" and conserving our resources.

He thinks outside of the box, and I think he's the smartest man I know :) Kilian loves to play with our dog, Erin, and takes great care of her. He also enjoys reading and spending time with his family. Our little cousins love to play with him! He is incredibly patient and kind, and will make the best father! I know he can't wait to be a dad and be very involved in our kids' lives.



Enjoying lunch at the Vatican



At a luau in Hawaii



Hiking up a waterfall in Hawaii



Fishing with the Family



Loving the food in Italy!



Sharing a kiss for Erin



Playing "Tea Party" with our little cousins



Meeting the Flyer's goalie!



Kimberly's Dad & Stepmom



Kimberly's Mom & Stepdad



Kilian's Mom & Dad



Kilian's Sister & Her Fiance'

Our Family



Kimberly's Sister, her boyfriend, & niece



Here are some of our very favorite people!
This is just the beginning, we have dozens of cousins, aunts, uncles, and lots of friends, too! There are a lot of kids in our family, and of course, our dog Erin!



Kimberly teaching Kilian's cousins to bake!



Kilian with Kimberly's step-brothers



Kimberly with her godson & cousin



With Kimberly's sister & cousins



Dancing with grandparents at wedding

Our Goals as Parents

We have dreamed about becoming parents for a long time, and these are our most important goals:

1. To be an unconditional source of love and support to our child. We want our child to feel comfortable talking to us about anything knowing we will listen and help in any way we can. We plan to be an example of love through our marriage, faith in each other, and faith in God. We are practicing Catholics and plan to raise our children Catholic.

2. To provide a safe & happy home environment. We live in a diverse community full of families, parks, and trails. Kimberly plans to be a stay-at-home mom and really looks forward to our child's school field trips and assisting in the classroom. Kilian has a flexible work schedule and is able to go in late or leave early, allowing him to attend recitals, school plays, etc. We look forward to dinner as a family every night where we can talk about our days, baking cookies together, having family movie nights (complete with popcorn fights!), and reading bedtime stories. We can't wait to take family vacations together, and we especially look forward to celebrating holidays.

3. To provide excellent education and opportunities to our child so that they may be equipped with the skills they need to achieve any and all dreams they have. Education is very important to us and we want our child to have great schools to attend and extracurricular activities to choose from.

We will support their goals and encourage them to dream, reaching for the stars!

4. To instill volunteerism and a sense of giving back to our community in our child. We feel it is important to do good deeds for others and to help each other. Ways we plan to encourage our child to do this include: drawing pictures and making cards for family as well as for our troops overseas, participating in our annual relay event raising money for the American Cancer Society (pictures on the next page), and helping to fundraise and make care packages for a community of orphans in Tanzania that we have been working with for many years (pictures at left). So far we have helped them to get a well with healthy drinking water, a playground and electricity. Our child will grow up helping other children.



Kilian's mom with our friends in Africa



Kilian's mom & close family friend with some of the kids on their new playground



Our Goals As Parents, Continued

5. To celebrate our child's unique culture and heritage. We celebrate our nationalities in many ways. We recently visited Kimberly's family in her mother's hometown in Italy, and we're planning a huge family trip to Ireland next year for Kilian's side of the family. Our family and friends are very excited to learn about and celebrate any and all cultural traditions our child may have. Growing up in a very diverse community and having friends and family made up of all different races, it was only natural that we join a program open to all races. Our family and friends see race and culture as something to be proud of and to celebrate together. We plan to visit local museums and events, and we have already reached out to other families who adopted transracially so that our child will have friends who are also adopted and of all races, including their own. We hope this child is the first of several children, and we plan to adopt again from this program or an international program so that none of our children feels different from the rest of the family.

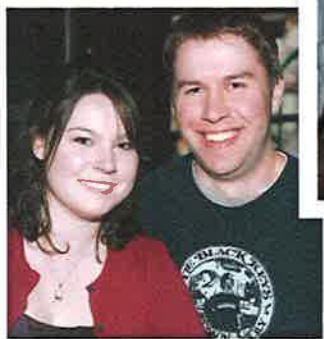
6. To ensure our child grows up with a positive adoption journey. As adoptive parents, it is our responsibility to ensure our child always sees their adoption plan as a positive one. We promise they will know they were loved very much from the beginning, and that it all started with you. You will be spoken about and thought of with the utmost respect in our household. **They will know just how much you love them, and how very brave and selfless you are.**

We have always had a positive view of adoption. We have a close friend who made an adoption plan for her daughter, but it was a closed adoption. Many years later, our friend learned that she had breast cancer and that her female children should be tested. It was very difficult for her to find her daughter to inform her of this. It was also very painful for our friend to go year after year not knowing if her daughter was growing up healthy and happy. We see open adoption as the healthiest experience for all, especially the child. We want our child to know who they came from, to know that they were always loved right from the start, and we look forward to taking MANY pictures to send so that our child's parents can rest assured that their child they trusted us to raise is happy, healthy, and enjoying life.



Kimberly has led our relay team of family & friends for the Cancer Society as captain for 8 years!





Thank You

We thank you again for taking the time to consider us as adoptive parents for your child.

We hope this profile has given you a glimpse into the life we plan to share with the child we are chosen to raise

We know your decision is very difficult, and we also know you are making it with a lot of love, courage, and selflessness.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, and we wish you the very best.

- Kimberly & Kilian



Our Church Marriage Blessing



Kilian & his cousin



Christmas Morning!

