

Kristin & Truman



FAVORITE QUOTE

”

Do unto others as you would
have them do unto you.

“

The Golden Rule





Hey there!

We want to thank you in advance for considering us as you make an adoption plan for your baby. It's hard to put into words what it is we want you to know about us; what we want you to understand; and what we want you to be able to envision for your child.

Sentiments such as gratitude, appreciation, and admiration seem to be insufficient, even though they are at the forefront, heartfelt, for the gift you are giving. Conveying on paper how much love and support your child would have amongst our family is next to impossible, but it is a sincere promise that we willingly make.

Both of us are excited and hopeful that we can help another child grow to be an outstanding young adult. Growing our family through adoption is something that we know will take ongoing openness and gratitude. We also know we are prepared. We don't claim to be perfect people, perfect parents, or perfect community members, but we do know how important it is to help our children be better than us, and acknowledge that they also make us better!

We want you to understand that we are not just the teach and preach family, but the live and learn family. We believe that children learn from experience; whether it's figuring out how objects in the world work, growing up with responsibilities and logical consequences, or being raised to understand what it is to be a good person and to be accountable to others.

We don't pretend to know your thoughts, hopes, worries, or fears. What we want you to know, however, is that if there is a way we can try to support any of your feelings, we would try to do that for you. **And what we hope you to believe is that we will always hold in high regard your role as a mother to your child, and express this to you and your child for the rest of our lives.**

*kristin
& truman*



Our story

We've known each other for 15 years, and have been close the whole time. Kristin was a Director at the child care center Gage (Truman's son) went to as an infant. Truman would come in to spend time with Gage on the days Gage wasn't with him. We saw each other regularly and got to know each other well. We added our dog Hagan to our family five years ago.

Over the last 15 years we've grown each as individuals, and together as a family. Our commitment to each other and our family never faded, and we celebrated our love and commitment to each other this year with our wedding in Branson, Missouri surrounded by our friends and family.

Our first date was ...

A boat ride through a swamp... complete with alligators!



AS TOLD BY TRUMAN



Meet Kristin!

Kristin is the most selfless person I've ever met. She puts everyone else first...my son and I know firsthand! She treats every child like her own...I couldn't think of a better person to have kids around besides me.

Kristin's favorite quote to live by is, "Children are great imitators, so give them something great to imitate," and everyday she does. Her favorite holiday is Christmas, because it's a time to remember what's important and she loves love - she's even an ordained minister and loves to officiate weddings! When she isn't taking care of others, you can find her crafting, camping, reading, or listening to music.

Kristin's family is an extremely close, cheesy, corny bunch who actually want more than a week together in the same vacation house! Kristin's parent's and favorite aunt live in Missouri, along with one of her sisters and her family. Her other sisters and their families call Iowa and North Carolina home. Despite the distance, we can't get enough of each other!



Favorite Restaurant

*Chuck-A-Burger
(they still deliver your food on skates!)*

Favorite Movie

You've Got Mail or Twister

Favorite Song

*'Bring it on Home to Me' by Sam Cooke
'Don't Follow' by Alice in Chains*

Favorite Book

*The Little House on the Prairie
series, by Laura Ingalls Wilder*

KRISTIN'S
favorites

AS TOLD BY KRISTIN



Meet Truman!

Truman is the strongest person I have ever met. He perseveres through whatever life gives him, and is a model for me to do the same. Truman is a fierce protector of his son, other children, and of what is right! He is a natural helper, and has been known to save a life or two in his time (for real!). Truman is also the unexpected goofball, which is good for all of us and makes kids drawn to him!

Truman is passionate about...

health and fitness - he loves to work out!

His favorite hobbies are...

photography...Truman is a great photographer and has even dabbled in ghost hunting!

Truman comes from a caring family that bands together to make sure that everyone is taken care of! His Mom lives in Kentucky, and his brother and family live in Alabama...we love to get together as often as we can! They talk all the time and are always there to support each other.



TRUMAN'S
favorites

Favorite Restaurant

Anywhere with good sushi!

Favorite Movie

The Outsiders

Favorite Song

*No specific one, but I love rock
and classic rock*

Favorite Book

*Encyclopedia of Bodybuilding
By Arnold Schwarzenegger*







Why adoption?

We are both gifted with the ability to connect to children in a special way.

Kristin has spent her entire adult life helping to care for other people's children, and has chosen a career in Early Childhood Education because she believes it takes a village to support children and they deserve the very best. Truman is magnetic and has the ability to draw kids in for fun and silliness.

When we discovered our fertility issues, it made sense to turn to adoption. We both know that love makes a family, regardless of biology.

We are genuine people humbly asking for this greatest gift. We aren't perfect people, people aren't perfect. We know that it truly takes a village to support everyone through this walk of life. We have love to give a child, and know that we can help offer your child a meaningful life.

What adoption means to us...



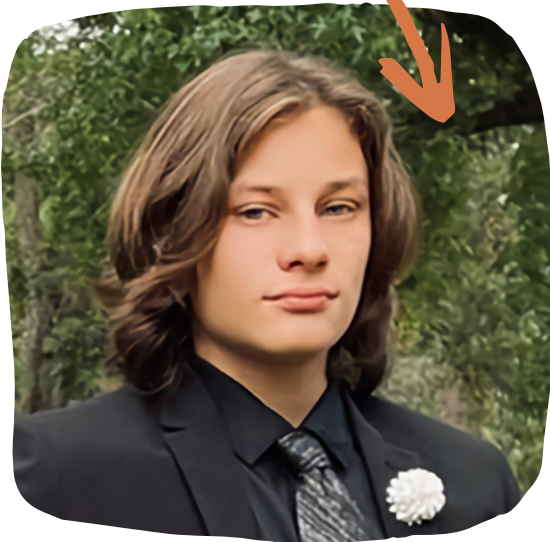
- A** Above all love!
Love for child & love for mother.
- D** Donation of the greatest gift.
- O** Openness...
so our child will know their story.
- P** Possibilities...
New possibilities for everyone involved.
- T** Traveling the greatest journey of life...
parenthood!
- I** Inspiring...
A mother's love for her child.
- O** Ongoing gift.
- N** Nature AND Nurture...
both are supported in our home.



We love...
CAMPING, HIKING,
TRIPS TO THE BEACH
and
ROAD TRIPS TO
ASHEVILLE.



Gage all dressed up for the Homecoming dance

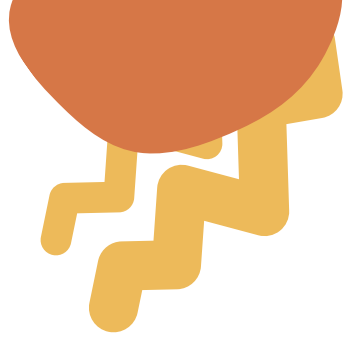


Meet Gage!

Gage is Truman's 16-year-old son, and Kristin's bonus son.

Gage is kind and thoughtful, and he will be a wonderful role model and big brother. He loves to work out - usually joining Truman at the gym. He shares our love of music...he even plays the drums! You can almost always find Gage outside with a surfboard or skateboard in hand.





This is Us

We are a real-world family built on friendship & respect.

We are passionate about our interests and hobbies, but support and respect our differences. We all love thrillers, but that means movies for two, ghost-hunting for one, and books and podcasts for another. We all value health and exercise, but two people are gym rats, and the tree-hugger can't get enough walks or hikes in the daylight hours. Traveling brings great adventure for all of us, but depending on who you ask, you may learn that a hotel bed, or a camp cot is the perfect place to be.

What's amazingly important in all of our differences is the support that everyone has to be themselves, to pursue their own interests, and to know that we get to decide for ourselves who we want to be and what we like. **It's honestly one of the most exciting things I think we want to tell you- that your child will get to have so many experiences because of our supportive differences-that your child will get to try many things, follow their own interests, and then decide who it is they want to be.**





You can usually find Kristin and Hagan relaxing in the hammock with a good book!

Our home

Sweet home

We have a comfortable home with a large, fenced yard in a small, safe, diverse neighborhood on an island just east of Savannah, GA. Our neighborhood is perfect to walk around or bike and the neighborhood across the street has a beautiful park. We are just a few minutes away from the beach and downtown!

Our Sunday's are usually spent relaxing as a family, resetting and getting ready for the upcoming week. Occasionally we'll take a trip to the skate park, local animal center, the beach, or find a good hiking spot! We just love spending time together - whether we're just relaxing at home or on an adventure.

Our island has everything we need!





caregiver

KRISTIN IS A

Caregiver

The Caregiver oozes compassion, generosity, and a desire to help. Protects and cares for others, with unparalleled selflessness. Caregivers exhibit exponential concern and attention, willing to help the people they come in contact with, be it friends, family, strangers, or even foes. Their generosity inspires everyone around them and fills receivers with an immense amount of gratitude.

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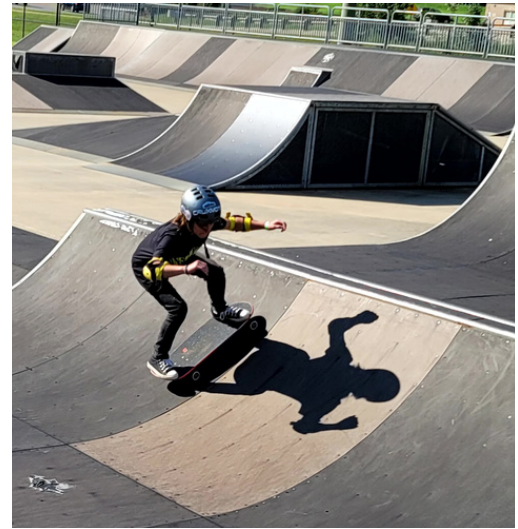
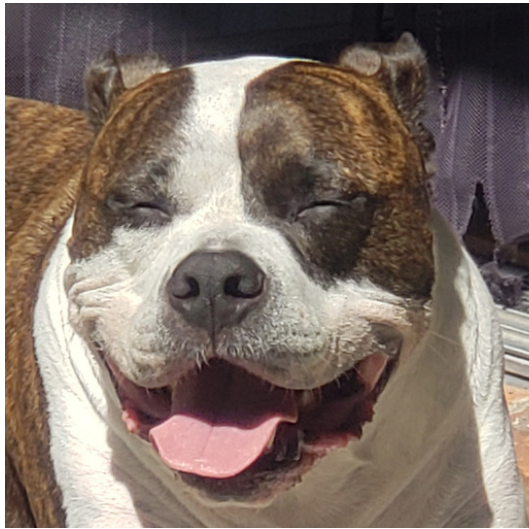
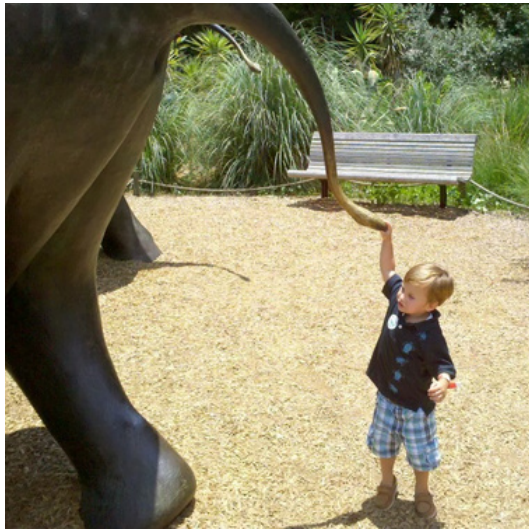
Hero

Possesses courage, ambition, competence – with strong moral character. These people triumph over tragedy, and major challenges – often inspiring us all. On a mission to make the world a better place, the Hero is courageous and bold. They thrive on bravado and seek every opportunity to display their formidable sense of courage.

HERO



This is
Who we are





BEFORE YOU GO,

We promise...



To respect your role as a mother and will honor that throughout your child's life. We support each other no matter what!



We prioritize the truly important things - being kind, being a good person, working hard, having fun, helping others, and doing the right thing.

*Kristin &
Truman*



We believe in people being who they are. Your child will always be supported to become the best version of who they want to be.



You will, and already do, have a place in our hearts and prayers.



We don't just talk and tell, we talk and experience in order to teach.



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