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Kara

Justin

Job Description:

Librarian/Future Stay-at-home Mom

Engineer

Education:

B.A. Communications
Master of Library Science
J.D.

M.S. Space Science
B.S. Aerospace Engineering

Favorites:

Holiday Tradition
Christmas Stockings

Holiday Tradition
Pumpkin Carving

Hobby
Gardening

Hobby
Riding Motorcycles/ Dirt Bikes

Movie
Ever After

Movie
Die Hard

Memory with a Child
Making a Fairy Garden

Memory with a Child
Jumping on the Trampoline

Thing To Cook
Pasta

Thing To Cook
Omelets

Children:
None

What It Means To Be Parents

Becoming parents is very important to us. We knew when we got married that we wanted to have a family. After getting married we shared many fun years of our lives together; however, we learned that having children on our own would not be possible. Adoption quickly became the clear choice for building our future family. We feel that our many life experiences would benefit a child greatly and being given the opportunity to raise a child in our home would be the icing on the cake for us!

Justin would be a great father and role model. He will ensure your child learns all the things necessary to succeed in life. He can't wait to help your child with science and math homework, as well as teaching them to respect others, have confidence and follow their instincts.

Kara is sure to be a wonderful, caring mother. She will be an active mom who is always encouraging your child to try their best and discover new things. She looks forward to sharing her creativity and compassion with your child.

Our Lifestyle - A Typical Day

We enjoy our lives together. Justin is more of a morning person and likes to head off the gym before work. Kara prefers a much slower start to her day. She enjoys her morning tea and quiet time with the dogs before leaving for her workday. After work, we usually prepare our dinner together. Kara loves cooking new things, and Justin is responsible for plating the food and ensuring the dishes are cleaned. Later, we play along with the contestants on Jeopardy and see which of us can answer the most questions. On weekends, we usually do chores first. Then we often go hiking or to local independent movie theatre. For more adventurous outings we sometimes go zip lining or Justin races his motorcycles and dirt bikes while Kara works pit crew.



Our House & Neighborhood

Your child will be raised in a great home in Ohio! We have lots of room to run and play in the backyard. Our house is located in a quiet area only a few miles from a small town. While our neighborhood is quite rural, more metropolitan areas are easily accessible from our home.

Our house is an open concept ranch-style building. It is very cheerful and bright, and would be a wonderful place to grow up. Our wooded lot is secluded and great for exploring nature. In the summer, we can watch local wildlife such as deer, rabbits, hummingbirds and red-headed woodpeckers from our windows. During the winter, we enjoy evenings at home in front of the fireplace talking about our day and watching the snow fall.



Our Home

Our House & Neighborhood, continued

We are fortunate to have a great local school system. All of the schools are within a 10 minute drive of our home. We are also located within easy driving distance of other fun and educational activities such as libraries, petting zoos, art classes, museums and parks. Our favorite local place by far is the ice cream shop which offers sweet treats and lots of fun summer memories.

Each year, our nearby town holds a wonderful festival celebrating the fall season. We love seeing the attractions and enjoy watching the local children dance along as the musicians and artisans perform. Last year, our favorite part was sampling all the unique foods and looking at all the crafts that were on display.



Kara's Family

have 9 cousins ranging in age from just a few months old to elementary school age. Holidays are becoming a festive event with the kids playing together for hours.

Our family is very supportive of our decision to adopt. Our parents are excited to become grandparents again. Everyone has been very encouraging of our adoption plan and can't wait for our small family to grow again.

Our Pets Are Important To Us

Pets have always been an important part of our lives. We both had dogs and cats as pets as children. Currently we have two dogs and two cats.

Peanut and Hanna are our two long-haired dachshunds. They each have their own unique personality. Peanut is a social butterfly and runs the pack when we are not at home. Hanna is the youngest and most creative. She has yet to find a hole she didn't think she could fit through.

Two cats have also chosen to live with us. Parsley is our inside cat and has lived with us for 7 years. Her favorite spots are to curl up on the bed or to hide in the bathroom cabinet. Sparkles is our outside cat. She turned up as a stray two years ago and has taken over living in our barn where she has her very own couch and heated bed.

Vacations and Travel

We enjoy traveling together. Usually we try to take one long vacation and several smaller trips during the year. Our trips have included stays at local parks as well as more famous destinations such as Niagara Falls.

We are particularly fond of cruises. Together, we have been to the Caribbean and the Bahamas several times. On our honeymoon cruise we rented a motorbike, made friends with some fellow vacationers and spent the day touring Roatan, Honduras. Even though it rained off and on we had fun riding all day and sightseeing. Our favorite part of the trip was feeding the iguanas at the iguana farm.

On our last vacation we went to Disney World. Neither of us had been before and did not know what to expect. It was one of our favorite vacations. We stayed in the Animal Kingdom Lodge where giraffes and other animals of the savannah roamed outside our window. Our vacation ended with a Star Wars "May the Fourth be with You" day at the Hollywood Studios park! We are the ultimate nerds sometimes!

Our Extended Families

Justin and Kara both have small close-nit families. Justin has two brothers, a sister and two nieces who live a few hours away. He stays in touch with them regularly through Facebook where he recently watched his niece's first rock concert with her band.

Kara's parents, her brother and sister-in-law, and their two children live nearby. We regularly visit them for dinners, birthdays, holidays and other family events. Recently, we took our niece and nephew to Build-a-Bear where they both left with new best friends named Sparkles and Batman. Our sister-in law tells us their new stuffed animals go everywhere with them.

Our extended family is growing. In addition to our nieces and nephews, we currently



**Justin and His Mom
at the Races**



**Riding Motorcycles in Honduras
on Our Honeymoon**



Picnic at the Lake

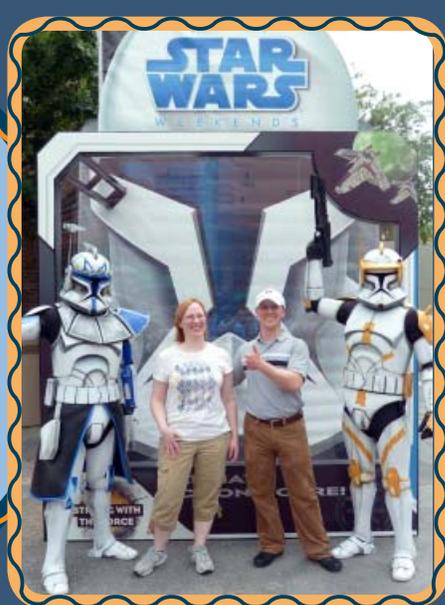


Date Night Painting Fun!



Hanging Around On Our Zip Line Adventure

Justin & Kara



"May the Fourth be With You" at Disney's Hollywood Studios



Relaxing with the Dogs in Our Backyard



Our Alaska Cruise

Dear Birthparent(s),

We are Kara and Justin. We met at the beach in 2005. Our first date couldn't have gone better! It was a beautiful August day that we spent walking along the boardwalk, eating ice cream and getting to know each other. Since that day, we have continued our walk through life's many challenges and joys together. We are constantly growing and becoming stronger as a couple. The adoption process has made us stop and take stock of our lives. Although it can be overwhelming at times, it has reminded us of what is important to us and brought us closer together as a couple.

We have no doubt that this process is overwhelming to you as well. Life gives us so many unexpected and difficult choices. As you read the rest of this letter, we want to help you understand who we are and how we hope we might fit into your adoption plan.

We both attribute our loving upbringing to the successes we've enjoyed in life. Kara excelled in her schoolwork and earned college degrees in law and library science. She worked hard to earn each of her merits and even received a scholarship for winning an essay contest. Justin also obtained multiple degrees in engineering and physics. We are proud of his many years of service in the Army, which has given him sound morals and devotion to our country. We hope to give your child the opportunity to explore his/her interests and earn a good education that will prepare them for a bright future, as well as instill a sense of love and respect for their family and friends.

Kara is a librarian. Books were an important part of her childhood and she loves sharing them with others. The part of her job she likes best helping kids and teens find their next favorite book. As much as she enjoys her job, she is ready for next career change to stay-at-home mom. She can't wait to share all her favorite books with your child.

Justin is an engineer and works with satellite systems. On any given day, you could find Justin working on things in the garage, cleaning up the house or watching a bit of auto racing on television. Last year, we ventured to Indianapolis for an international motorcycle race. Justin particularly enjoyed this because he was able to meet one of his favorite racers in person! He is looking forward to sharing this kind of unique experience with your child.

We both have a passion for learning new things, but are also passionate about inspiring others to learn as well. We believe in exploring every possibility and different ways of life. Imagination, creativity and education have always been a part of our lives. Your child will be encouraged to pursue their interests whatever they may be. We will rely on our love, strength and sense of humor to give your child the opportunity to learn and grow in warm and open environment. We want to provide a child with every chance to find their joy in life.

If chosen, we would forever be very thankful to you for the gift of a child. Without you, our family just couldn't get off the ground! It would be very important to us to ensure your child knows you are a strong, brave individual and choosing the path of adoption does not come easily. Your child's adoption story will be celebrated. Through regular photographs and letters, and occasional visits, you will be able to see your child grow into a respectful, loving, and kind-hearted young man or woman.

We admire your decision to consider adoption and we want you to know that no matter how afraid or uncertain you may feel, there are good people out there who want to help you during this time of need. Regardless of whether you decide we are the right choice for you and your child, please know that our hope is that you will choose the path that is best for both of you. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you.

Justin & Kara

