

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter. We are excited to share our story!

On October 14, 1988, a woman gave birth to a little girl. Margo had a huge decision; that she did not take lightly. Margo considered her options and chose adoption. Margo is Kelly's birthmother, and this is where our story begins.

When Margo chose life through adoption, she blessed Kelly's parents with an unimaginable gift, the joy of becoming mom and dad, after years of infertility. We are privileged to have a relationship with Kelly's birthmother, and to have her perspective. Kelly was blessed by an incredible birth mother and was raised by two amazing parents.

Fast forwarding, we (Kent and KellyAnne) met at Iowa State University, both studying sports medicine. After five years of dating we chose each other on February 14, 2015. Being married on Valentine's Day, we think of ourselves as hopeless romantics. All joking aside, we choose each other every day as life partners. In three years of marriage, we have become stronger in our faith by overcoming life's hurdles. After years of infertility, we had a huge decision in front of us; that we did not take lightly. We considered our options and chose adoption.

After working in various states, following school, we moved to Colorado, Summer of 2016. Kent remains in sports medicine, supporting wellness and health of fire fighters at an area fire department. Kelly works as an athletic trainer, with the trauma department, at a local hospital. Kelly currently works four, ten hour shifts, and has three day weekends. Kent's average day is 6:00am-3:00pm, Monday - Friday. Kelly can adjust work to part time, transitioning to a fulltime mom following adoption. We chose our current roles specifically to focus on being future parents and moved to Colorado specifically to grow our family.

Both sets of our parents have been married 36 years. We are so fortunate to have them as role models. Though they live in Indiana and Iowa; they make several trips a year to Colorado. Kent is one of three brothers and Kelly has recently met her three biological siblings. We have extended family in Denver. Each of us have cousins who are adopted, and our extended families are thrilled with our choice.

This child would be our first! We currently have two fur babies, Drew (6) and Harry (4). The boys are great with our friend's children and other pups. We love exploring Colorado with our dogs. Hiking, walking, and running are three activities we enjoy with our pack. We cannot wait to add a jogging stroller in the mix.

Kent enjoys weight lifting and building wood projects with old barn wood from our family's farm. Kelly enjoys running and DIY projects around the house. Just as Kelly's story began, ours is just beginning. Just as Kelly's parents prayed for Margo, we pray for you!

Just as Margo chose adoption, she blessed Kelly's parents with an unimaginable gift. We now sit in Kelly's parents' shoes, praying for that gift. Thank you again for your consideration. Please see our adoption book for a greater look, into our lives. No matter what you choose, know we are praying for you and your choice!

God Bless,

Kent and KellyAnne

*For this child, I prayed. May the Lord grant the desires of our hearts.*

Samuel 1:27