



GARRETT *and* CHRISTINE

Our Story

We first met in high school in 2003 and quickly became friends. After high school, we both left for colleges that were close by each other. We found ourselves visiting each other, driving home from break together, and enjoying conversations that felt like home away from home. Over time, we became each other's person. When we both returned back to Columbus, we spent many years dating and enjoying each other's company. We made sure to always prioritize each other, family, and friends.

Eventually, we moved in together and enjoyed every minute of it. We spent time decorating our home, hosting friends and family, and cooking many meals together. In 2020, we decided that we loved where we lived, but needed to renovate our house to make it a space we could grow into with a family. Garrett's dad is an architect and he was able to design a home that would provide us with everything we could imagine and more. Before we moved out of our house temporarily for construction, Garrett proposed on the 4th of July, Christine's favorite holiday. He surprised her by inviting mutual friends and family over for an amazing night of fireworks and celebration. One of our favorite things about our home is we can see the local fireworks from our front lawn, making our home a place many people come to during the holidays.

We got married in January of 2023 surrounded by friends and family who have been by our side for many years. We are both grateful to have so many loved ones who have been by our side throughout our entire story.

We want to thank you for considering us as adoptive parents. We know how incredibly hard decision this must be and we are eternally grateful. We are immensely honored to be considered for this enormous decision.



About Us

We love spending time in our home, decorating for the holidays, hosting gatherings, trying new recipes and cooking together. We can often times be found in our kitchen and family room, which are connected.

Christine will spend lots of time baking and Garrett will spend lots of time being patient with a well-loved kitchen. In addition to Christine working as an Assistant Director at a school, she runs a small business out of the house, decorating sugar cookies.

Christine will often play music around the house and sing in a very tone-deaf manner while Garrett plays his own tune on a guitar and cuddles up with the cats.

We enjoy cozying up on the couch and enjoying an evening together. We enjoy doing puzzles, playing games and trying new restaurants.

We both love to travel and we really enjoy getting to experience a new destination together. We love getting to experience a new culture, different customs, and exploring new foods!

We also enjoy traveling with our family! We have both loved our family vacations and love when our niece and nephew are able to be there! We are so excited to grow our family and add more kids to the fun! Our niece is very excited to have another child in the family and to have her first cousin!

We are lucky enough to live within 5 miles of both of our parents and siblings. This allows us to have dinners together often, stop by each other's homes frequently and always have someone to spend time with! We are so lucky to have our families as they are all incredibly supportive, including Garrett's grandma who may be most excited of all.

We also love that our house is located in a neighborhood with incredible schools, a community center, local pool, 3 playgrounds, farmers markets and the library all within walking distance.



Special Note...

Thank you so much for reading our profile and learning more about us. We know that we cannot possibly understand all of the emotions and questions you have had during this decision making process but we want to make sure you do know this: We appreciate you, we honor your decision, and we will love any baby that comes into our home. And if you are open, we would love to continue sharing this journey with you.

What I love about...

CHRISTINE



Christine has been my greatest supporter and friend for well over a decade. I love her willingness to step out of her comfort zone, and to seek out new experiences, she has been a driving force helping me grow as an individual and become a better person every day. Christine has been an incredible educator and now is emerging as a great administrator at her school. I take great pride in seeing her success, and her ability to be such a great communicator and advocate for so many amazing children and their families. My world has opened up so much with Christine, we have traveled so much and shared so many new experiences together. I am so honored and happy to have such a caring, enthusiastic, and wonderful partner. I see so many amazing characteristics presented by her, she is an amazing aunt and has always had a spectacular way of interacting with children. Family has always been the center of Christine's world, this is made obvious whenever our niece and nephew are around, her face lights up with so much pride and joy! I know that she will take the role of motherhood in stride and be someone who can selflessly love and care for any child that joins our family.

What I love about...

GARRETT



Garrett is one of the most kind, selfless and intentional people you will ever meet. He listens well, never forgetting details, and is respectful to all. He is a friend to many, constantly considerate and beyond loyal. He is someone you can depend on. Garrett is constantly thinking of others. He will always prioritize his family and will go out of his ways to make sure others are being well taken care of. Garrett loves when we can host family and friends at our house. He makes each event feel special and makes people feel taken care of. He is the one that thinks of every detail that would otherwise go overlooked. He makes our house feel like a home.

He is quiet, thoughtful and always curious. He is a lifelong learner and always impresses me with his never-ending knowledge of information. Garrett is most happy when he is listening to live music, playing the guitar or spending time outside.

He makes me feel so loved and appreciated every day, making him my biggest cheerleader. He truly believes I can do anything I set my mind on, and I know he will give this love even more to our family when he becomes a dad.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONNECTING WITH YOU

If you have any questions for us or would like to speak with us about adopting your child, please contact your case worker at Open Arms Adoptions by calling 330-697-4751 or 614-349-1510.