



*Keith, Alexa & Keon*



*our note to you*

*so nice to "meet" you*



Hello! We are Keith and Alexa. We cannot begin to understand the emotions you are juggling in your mind and heart. Please know of our thoughts, prayers, love, and support for you during this time. We believe that you will make the decision that is right for you and your child.

**We are college sweethearts who have been married for over eleven years and are parents to an adorable son, Keon. We are beyond excited to add another member to our team!** After years of infertility, we took time in prayer and conversation to determine the right path for us. We look forward to growing our family through another adoption. Family is extremely important to both of us and we enjoy sharing our traditions (and starting new ones) with our own little family. We are Wisconsin transplants and diehard Packer fans. We look forward to sharing our love of Wisconsin sports and all things Harry Potter with our kids. We also enjoy attending live music, camping, biking, and exploring new breweries and wineries.

Please know that we are praying for you as you navigate your own journey. We truly appreciate you taking a look inside our life together and we hope to have an opportunity to meet you!

*With love,*

*keith, alexa & keon*



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# *this is our story*

We met our sophomore year at St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI (just outside of Green Bay). Keith had several classes with Lex's roommate and we ended up spending a lot of time around each other. We established a close friendship before realizing it was more than that later in the year. Keith took Lex to Taco Bell for their first date and the rest is history! Keith was drawn to her smile and Lex was a sucker for his goofy personality. Lex left for Ireland shortly after we started dating. The distance was tough, but it gave us the opportunity to connect through email and Skype (so old school!). This experience made us value the importance of communication and we continue to make this a priority in our marriage. We adopted Keon in 2021 and we have loved learning and growing together as a family over these last few years.

We balance each other's personalities well: Keith is outgoing and analytical while Lex is on the quieter side and is a bit more decisive. **We are fiercely loyal to each other, our family, and our friends. We have been through a lot in our 15 years together. Through the highs and lows, we have remained committed to one another and we always put our marriage first.**

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# *our adoption path*

We hope that an open adoption will give your child a sense of where they come from and the certainty that they were loved from the earliest moment of their life. We look forward to sharing moments with you and working with you to develop open communication to the level you are most comfortable with.

**As we anticipate sharing our faith and adventures with a child, we also value the importance of embracing their cultural heritage and their individual experience with adoption.** We have been blessed with a child from a different racial background than our own and we make a point to incorporate his culture in our daily life. We prioritize this by learning about Black culture and making sure Keon sees himself represented in the movies, music, and books we enjoy. We attend local festivals and participate in events such as the Juneteenth Walk in our community. We strive to surround him with doctors, teachers, and mentors of his race and will make a point to do this with any other child that joins our family as well.

We always knew we wanted to be parents and although we tried to create a family on our own, our Catholic faith led us to adoption. This path was reaffirmed with our move to Illinois and our first adopted blessing, Keon.

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## meet alexa

I grew up in La Crosse, WI with my parents, older brother, and older sister. **My childhood was spent playing outside, creating musicals with my sister, watching my brother's baseball games, and reading: lots of reading.** I especially loved Baby-Sitters Club and Harry Potter. I attended St. Norbert College and majored in English. I loved my

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**SOME OF MY FAVORITE HOBBIES:** *Reading, hiking, biking, camping, cooking, traveling, wine tasting, attending theater performances, organizing, playing board games, chatting with close friends, and cheering for Wisconsin sports teams.*

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experience in college and not only met Keith, but also my three closest friends there. I am currently a Librarian at a local public library. I develop our physical, ebook, and audiobook collections for adults in addition to planning programs and assisting at the reference desk.

Being Keon’s mom has been the greatest joy of my life. Nurturing him while watching him grow into his own little personality makes me so happy. After my three months of maternity leave, we plan to enroll the baby in daycare. **I hope to continue to share my love of reading, traveling, and exploring with future children as well.**





# meet keith

I grew up in Green Bay, WI with my parents and two brothers. **My childhood largely consisted of family, friends, school, and sports. When I wasn't focused on school, much of my time was spent with friends running through the neighborhood or all-day street hockey tournaments.** I also played basketball and soccer through high school. Each provided me with unique opportunities. In soccer, I traveled to Denmark and Sweden to play in international tournaments, and my senior basketball team was undefeated until a loss deep into the state tournament. I am a huge Green Bay Packers fan! I worked at the Pro Shop and have attended many games with season tickets in the family. Go Pack Go!



**SOME OF MY FAVORITE HOBBIES:** *Biking, hiking, traveling, camping, attending Packer games, hockey trips, family pizza nights, concerts, breweries, new experiences, and spontaneous trips to Chicago.*



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I remain close with my childhood friends and enjoy camping with them and our families every summer. I graduated from St. Norbert College with a business degree and made additional lifelong friends. Professionally, I am an E-commerce Sales Manager. I am fortunate to have growth opportunities while maintaining flexibility in my career, which allows me to be home as needed with the child.

**Being a dad has been great and I love sharing in our passions - both mine and his!**



## alexandra in keith's words

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Lex has the most beautiful smile and the biggest heart. She continues to amaze me with her dedication to pursue a career, while always supporting me throughout our relationship in many facets. **She is an adoring and caring mother and always enjoys a good laugh with Keon!** She is selfless and any child will be in great hands with her.”

# keith in alexa's words

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Keith is a softy at heart. He watches professional sports drafts because he loves seeing kids' dreams come true. When he smiles, lines form around his eyes and you can't help but smile back. **Keith is a loyal family man who researches thoroughly before making decisions.** He challenges and encourages me to pursue my goals. **Keith is an amazing father. He is patient, playful, supportive, and absolutely adores Keon.** Any future children we add to our family will be so loved by him.”





## *hi! i'm keon*

We lovingly call Keon our little “mayor” because he is extremely outgoing and shares his infectious laugh and smile with everyone. We somehow make friends everywhere we go. **At two and a half, he loves dancing to live music and could spend all day watching and/ or playing drums, guitar, and trombone.** He will also pick up a book and cuddle in our laps to read together. Keon loves to visit the park, play soccer, and swim. He has pushed us out of our comfort zone in so many beautiful ways.



MY PARENTS SAY I'M CHARMING, OUTGOING, AND LOVING. I CAN'T WAIT TO TEACH MY NEW BABY SISTER OR BROTHER ALL ABOUT DRUMMING AND TRAINS!

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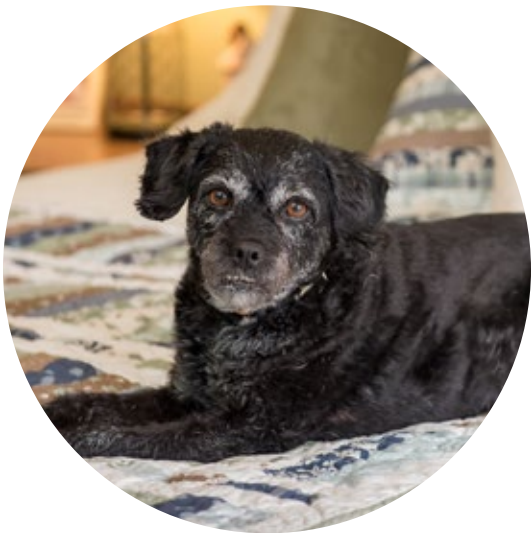






## our home

We live in a northwest suburb of Chicago in a two-story home. **Our neighborhood is diverse with lots of kids and three parks within walking distance. We live close to the elementary school and enjoy biking to the library.** We walk with Keon and Leinie through the neighborhood and the nature trails nearby. **We enjoy reading by the fireplace in the winter and on our patio in the summer.** On the weekends, you can find us checking out local live music, going for walks to the park, binge-watching Parks & Rec or Friends, or simply visiting with friends or family. We also love being near the train station so we can visit Chicago's theaters, restaurants, festivals, and museums.



### *Meet Leinie*

Leinie is a 12-year-old poodle-schnauzer mix. We rescued her when she was 6-months-old and she's been a part of our family ever since. She loves playing fetch with Keon, cuddling, and popcorn!

# meet our families



## *Alexa's Family*

My parents, my brother, his wife, and their boys live in La Crosse, WI. My sister lives near St. Paul, MN with her husband and two daughters. **Although we don't live in the same state, we have several yearly traditions that bring us together often.** My parents plan a "family fun weekend" every winter where my siblings and our individual families stay at a water park resort in Wisconsin Dells. Every August, we go "Up North," a tradition started by my grandparents about 40 years ago. This year, 22 of us (including 9 kids) spent the week together playing games and enjoying the lake. **I love seeing these traditions continue through the next generation.**

## *Keith's Family*

**My parents have always been supportive of us and we continue to see them on holidays and frequent trips to Green Bay.** My brothers and I have become closer as we've grown older. As each of our families expand, we value the time spent together at these holidays or our children's birthday parties. Both have brought their families to visit us and see museums, The Shedd Aquarium, Navy Pier, and of course, the American Girl store for my niece.



We are extremely close with both of our families. Our parents became friends when we were dating and we enjoy having them both down for visits together. They often visit each other or attend baseball games together without us!

**Family is important to us and they absolutely share in the excitement and anticipation of this adoption journey!**



# before you go

*We always call ourselves a team and we are so looking forward to expanding our team through adoption. We believe we have a lot to offer as parents and will do everything in our power to provide a healthy and happy life for your child, just like our parents provided for us. Thank you for taking time to read a bit about us. We are honored that you are considering us and we are holding you in our hearts!*

## **IF YOU CHOOSE US WE COMMIT TO:**

- Offering a loving home full of laughter and faith.
- Ensuring your child knows where they come from and values their own story.
- Providing a quality education and lots of reading!
- Incorporating traditions that are important to you in the life of your child.
- Working with you to establish an open relationship we are both comfortable with.
- Teaching your child the value of family and friendship.
- Cheering for the Packers!

*Thank you for considering us!*

*keith + alexa*



# family information

## **KEITH**

**AGE:** 36

**RACE:** Caucasian

**ETHNICITIES:** German and Bohemian

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Finance

**RELIGION:** Catholic

**JOB:** E-commerce Sales Manager

**HAIR/ EYE COLOR:** Brown / Hazel

**HEIGHT/ WEIGHT:** 6'3" / 200 lbs.

**HEALTH:** Excellent

## **ALEXA**

**AGE:** 36

**RACE:** Caucasian

**ETHNICITIES:** Irish and German

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Master's in Library Sciences

**RELIGION:** Catholic

**JOB:** Adult Services Librarian

**HAIR/ EYE COLOR:** Blonde / Green

**HEIGHT/ WEIGHT:** 5'4" / 130 lbs.

**HEALTH:** Excellent

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**MARRIED:** 11 years

**SMOKING:** No

**ALCOHOL:** Yes

**PREVIOUS MARRIAGES:** No

**PETS:** 1 dog (Leinie)

**CHILDCARE PLAN:** After 3 months of maternity leave, we plan to enroll the child in daycare.