



*Chris & Erieva*

# Nice to Meet You

We are Chris and Erica, and we appreciate you taking the time to review our adoption profile. We look forward to meeting you someday, when we can show you our respect for your courage to bear a child. While you consider your options for your child, we hope you feel our support as prospective adoptive parents.

We found out that Erica is infertile two years after our wedding. While the news discouraged us for a time, we immediately pursued adoption. We knew that if a child in the world needed a home, we could provide a fun, loving, safe home.



I love how magical the Minnesota Renaissance Festival is, so Chris takes me every year. I love world-building and storytelling.



Animals, especially dogs and horses, are uniquely special to me. When I took riding lessons last year, I discovered how important it is to try new things and enjoy what I am passionate about.

## Meet Erica

Dancing, specifically social ballroom dancing, gives me courage to meet people I don't know and learn new techniques.



I love new experiences, supporting community theater, and caring for people through my family and career. I will be a mom who listens, guides, and encourages to seek new perspectives daily.

I practice music on electric guitar, acoustic guitar, violin, and saxophone. I enjoyed teaching music lessons, passing on the joy and discipline of musicianship. Even on vacation, I'll bring an instrument to practice musicianship.

My brothers and I grew up hunting deer and pheasants with Dad. I still hunt and lead a competitive shooting league to teach responsible sportsmanship and serve as a teacher. It's all about being outside for me.

## Meet Chris

My favorite place is my parents' cabin on the lake. I love waterskiing, jet skiing, canoeing, and trail biking. I love spending family time in the bright sunshine and fresh air.



# Meet Hurricane

Hurricane "Cane" is our beautiful Irish Setter hunting dog, and he loves his life as a pampered, cuddly house dog. We chose Cane for his sweet nature and setter hunting style.



Cane is incredibly gentle with people and loves to show off his toys to guests in the house. He also loves running around the yard. He runs so often that he has a permanent running track for his zoomies.



When we take him to the cabin on the lake, Hurricane loves to explore near the water, go on boat rides, and cuddle in front of the fire.



# Desire to Have a Family

We fell in love on our first date, each of us revealing the same dream: to be married with a child someday. Our relationship flourished and now thrives with hope in expanding our family.

Supported by our families, friends, parish, and community, we look forward to getting to know you and your support networks.

**We will be amazing, playful, and responsible parents who will love their child fiercely and give them a life full of connection and belonging.**

# Work Life Balance

## Erica's Work

I am a Store Leader at a local coffee shop. My work allows me to utilize my skills in personal interaction and creating connections. This employment supports our family with flexibility.



## Chris's Work

I am a Scientist in the biopharmaceutical industry. My work is often flexible, though the job does require me to be in the office. My employment supports the family with stability.



# Family Income



We take pride in our careers as they support what is most important to us: being available to our family and enriching our life with meaningful experiences. We can afford such experiences as living debt-free, taking days off to go fishing with family, traveling to other States once a year, and putting our future child in private education.



# Life at Home

As much as we love to explore our community, we prioritize rest and fun at home. We invest in the beauty and condition of our single-family house, which is big enough to raise a family in comfort. Hurricane is ready to share the fenced backyard with his future playmate, sitting in the shade together. We will give our child their own room and play with them in the music room. We will snuggle together with the child in front of the fireplace while watching a cheerful movie.

We love walking with Hurricane in the quiet neighborhood. The neighbors are friendly, with several young families that we visit over a board game.

# Parenting Philosophy

We love being with children, especially our nieces and nephew.



A child entrusted to us will thrive within our protection and care. It is an adoptive parent's role to nurture the child through education, relationships, and their own fantastic talents. We plan to support our child's identity, talents, and interests. It is important to us to give our child the chance to nurture their potential.

It is important to us to develop our child's connection and trust towards God. We will nurture the child's sense of responsibility to ensure that they become a trustworthy and charitable adult someday.



# Desire for Openness

We are interested in Open Adoption. We feel prepared to meet expectant parents who wish to be involved in their child's life after placement. We plan to support our child's biological family with updates, photos, and visits.

We would welcome the opportunity to become a multicultural family. We are committed to surrounding the child with the cultural resources they need to become confident in their racial identity.



# Festive Holidays

We have a few traditions for our household. We decorate the house for each season with a Christmas tree, and we look forward to entertaining friends at our house for Halloween / Chris's birthday party.



The time we spend with friends and family means so much to us, and we have renovated our home as the space where we host our support network and build our family with a child.

# Witness in Community



Our church community knows us by name and recognize us as cheerful, helpful, and spiritually devoted members of the parish. We volunteer at events, including the Fall Festival fundraiser, where we greet and connect with new and current friends of the parish.



## Diverse Community

This Roman Catholic parish is rich in cultural diversity, featuring communities from Latin, African, and various Southeast Asian backgrounds. We are excited to share this community with our future child.

# Explore Our Faith



We were chosen to be the godparents of two nieces, one from each of our families.



## Inspired to Trust

The relationship that we have with God is evident in our volunteering, prayer, and devotion to the Sacraments. We look forward to sharing the peace we experience in life with our child.



I am close with my two younger sisters, parents, brother-in-law, a future brother-in-law, and my goddaughter from my side of our family.



We see my extended family for in-person visits 1-2 times a month, attending a play, having dinner, or taking annual trips to the lake.



# Erica's Family



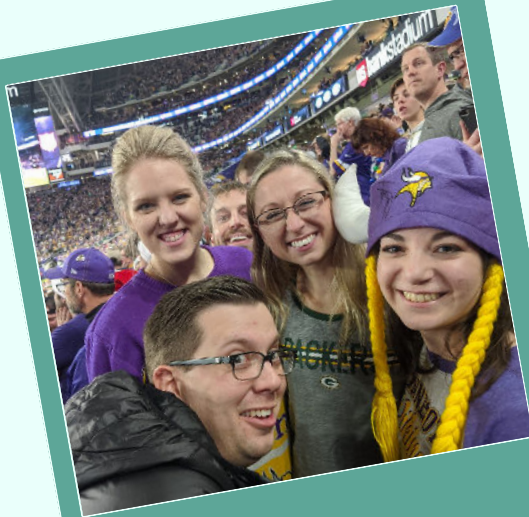
My family have close relationships, too. My two younger brothers and their families live near my parents. We get together as a group once a month for dinner or an event.

I stay in touch with my older sister who lives in Denver, Colorado, with her husband and their baby girl.

A cabin in northern Minnesota is the shared happy place for my immediate family and extended relations, where we enjoy sporting with four-wheelers, a canoe, trail bikes, a deck boat, and a fishing boat.



# Chris' Family



# We look forward to hearing from you.



Please reach out to Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota when you need to learn more about us at 507-287-7807 ext 2.

We are excited to meet you soon and learn your wishes. We hope you'll consider us as a resource for you as you decide what you want for your child. We recognize the strength you are demonstrating for your child and the courage to make decisions of incredible love for them. We would be honored to become part of an adoption plan for your child.