

JEFF + CHRISTINE





HELLO!

WE'RE JEFF AND CHRISTINE.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We are a couple from Wisconsin and are very excited to become parents. We can only imagine that this is an incredibly difficult and emotional time for you as you carefully consider the best choice for both yourself and your baby. We admire your courage and strength. We want you to know how much we respect your decision and the courage it takes to consider adoption.

For a long time, we've held the dream of having children and eagerly embrace the journey that adoption offers. We are honored to welcome a child into our family through adoption, and look forward to possibly walking that path with you.

We are very appreciative that you will take time to look at our profile to get to know us. As you look through our profile, you will see that love and support would not only come from us, but also from our family and friends.

With warm hearts,

Jeff & Christine



VISITING FAMILY
IN CALIFORNIA



FAMILY TRIP
TO MICHIGAN



VISITING FAMILY
IN MINNESOTA

THIS IS OUR STORY

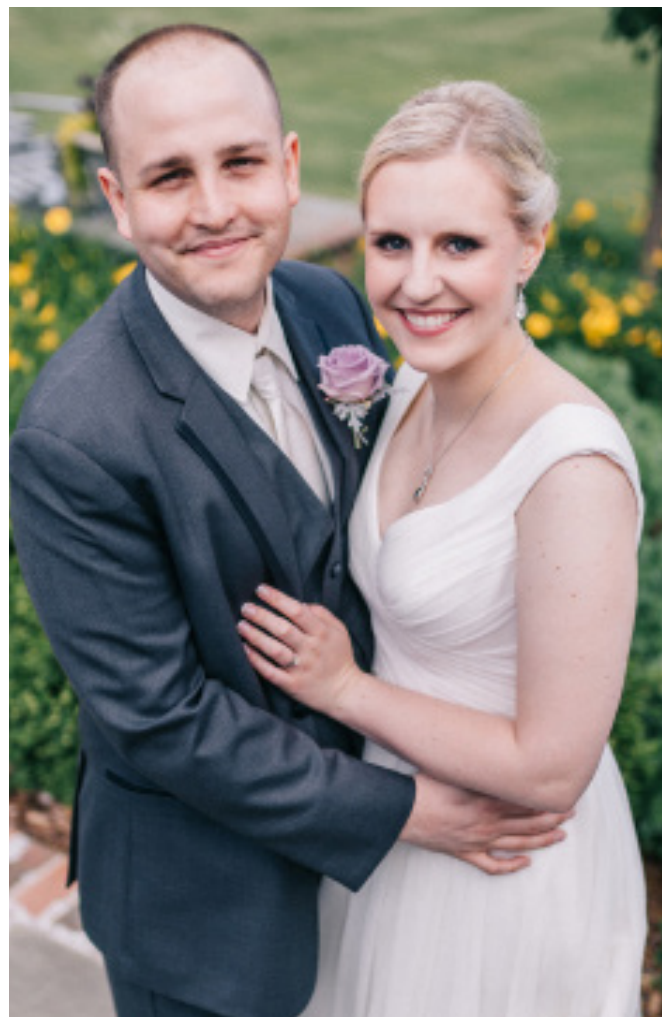
We met in 2011, in an early education class at the University of Wisconsin LaCrosse. We quickly became friends and bonded while playing Cribbage and hiking through the bluffs.

We were good friends for two years and began dating right before graduation in 2013. Christine got a job outside of Milwaukee, which happens to be Jeff's hometown. Knowing that we didn't want to spend any time apart, we both moved to the Milwaukee area to start our lives together.

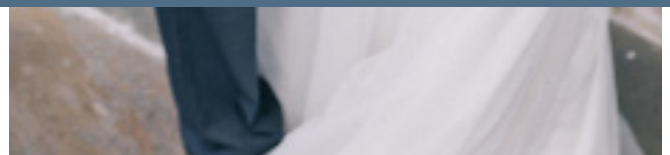
During a visit to La Crosse to see friends for the holidays in December 2015, Jeff proposed while we were out looking at Christmas lights. It was so special! During the summer of 2017, we got married surrounded by our friends and family. It was one of the best days of our lives! We love our life together.

We have a house in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and have the cutest dog, Ruby. We spend lots of time playing card games, going to parks, cooking up new recipes together in the kitchen, and exploring our awesome city.

We are each other's support system, best friend, and endless source of laughter. Through this, we have created a comfortable and loving life with one another.



We are excited to share our lives with a child through adoption, and are looking forward to the wonderfully exciting changes that this brings as our family expands!





WHY WE ARE ADOPTING

We have always known that we wanted to have a family together.

We both were raised in close knit families that had fun going to youth sports games, extended family parties, and game nights. So as we planned our future together, we both knew that having children was the path for us.

When we began our marriage and tried to start a family, we were unsuccessful for many years. This compelled us to seek help and after undergoing numerous fertility treatments, we decided that we were not meant to grow our family in that way. We knew that families can be created in many ways, and we are excited and committed to growing our family through adoption.

Throughout our adoption journey, we recognize the significance of an open adoption and are committed to doing everything we can to ensure our child has the best life possible. **We hope to maintain some contact with you so that our child can fully grasp their story, in which you play an important role.**



MEET

CHRISTINE

I grew up in Minnesota with my parents and younger brother in a suburb of the Twin Cities. Growing up, our household valued hard work, dedication, and honesty. Throughout school, I was involved in many sports and activities, volleyball and volunteering being my favorites. After graduating high school, I went to University of Wisconsin La Crosse and earned a degree in Elementary Education. After graduating, I got a job in a suburb of Milwaukee. I've taught third grade in two different districts in Wisconsin.

Outside of work, I love to read and enjoy trips to the library. I also enjoy spending time outside taking walks and hikes, doing yard work, and visiting local lakes. Trying new recipes is also a hobby of mine. I enjoy cooking and baking for friends and family.

I have always known I wanted to be a mom and when I met Jeff, I knew I wanted to build my family with him. I'm so excited to build a family and share so much love with a child. I can't wait to experience how this child grows in so many ways, and to love and support them.



MY JOB

Third Grade Teacher

I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT...

family, books, and coffee!

THINGS THAT MAKE ME HAPPY:

DIY projects, reading, and fun family road trips.

YOU CAN USUALLY FIND ME...

cuddled up on the couch reading a good book.



CHRISTINES IN JEFF'S WORDS

Christine is **creative**, **compassionate**, and **determined**. These qualities already make her a terrific teacher, and I know will make her a fantastic mother.

Christine has a presence about her that brings calm to those around her. I always know that when I am with her, everything will be alright. Christine makes the people in her life better. She adds to peoples lives because **she will do anything to help those she loves**. I know she will bring this same demeanor into a child's life because she already does it with the students in her classroom every year. I smile just thinking about the **joy**, **love**, and **comfort** she will bring to our future child.

"Christine is the most dependable person I know. She always has a plan and three other ideas to fall back on."





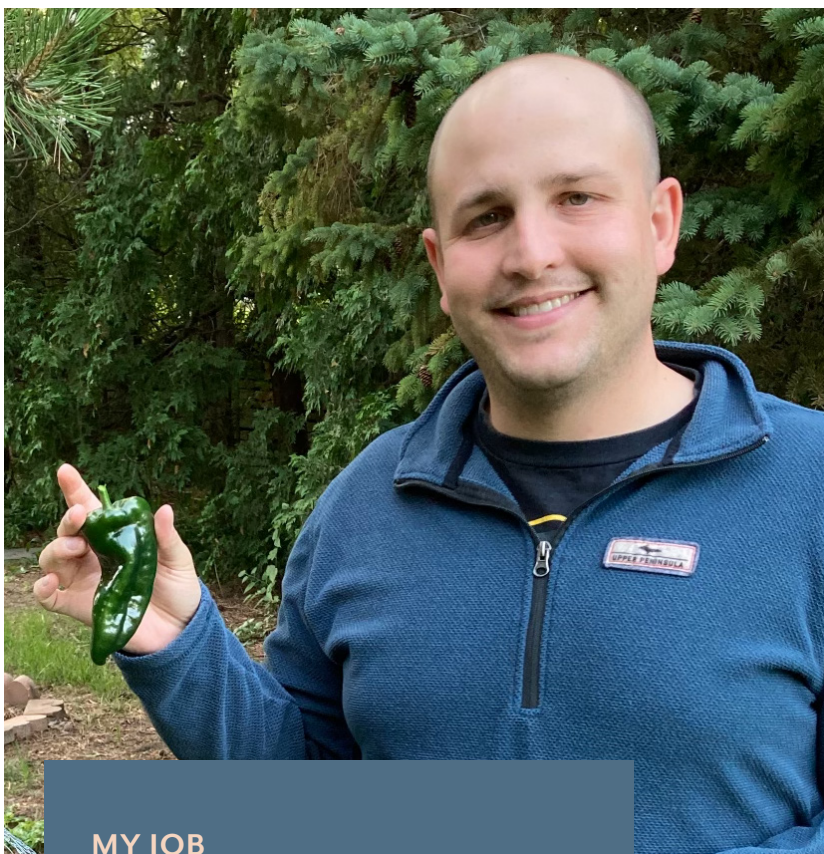
MEET JEFF

I grew up in Milwaukee with my parents and my younger sister. We are a close knit family and our household valued kindness, education, and learning.

I went to University of Wisconsin La Crosse and earned a degree in Elementary Education. I am now a 7th and 8th grade math teacher and am the middle school basketball coach.

Growing up, I played football and basketball. I don't play these sports anymore, but I now enjoy rooting for Wisconsin sports teams - Go Packers, Bucks, and Brewers! I also enjoy watching soccer, especially my favorite team, Real Madrid. Another pastime I have is playing strategy games and any type of word or number puzzle. I'm very inquisitive and I'm always working to grow and learn new things.

I always knew I wanted to have a family. I am excited for the little things like reading a story at bedtime, playing games, and learning right alongside them. I'm ready to help a child develop into the person they are meant to be through love, acceptance, and openness.



MY JOB

Middle School Teacher

I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT...

family, sports, and pizza!

THINGS THAT MAKE ME HAPPY:

watching the Packer's game and game nights with friends.

YOU CAN USUALLY FIND ME...

playing fetch with our dog, Ruby, in the backyard or at the park.



JEFF IN CHRISTINE'S WORDS

Jeff is **loyal**, **patient**, and **giving**. When a friend or family member is in need of help, he is the first one to ask what he can do. This ranges from helping family cut down trees to driving hours to help a friend in need. His generosity expands from his personal to professional life. Jeff is **naturally spontaneous and easy-going**, and he helps me get out of my comfort zone and enjoy all things in life.

Jeff is very social and builds friendships wherever he goes. **People gravitate towards his positive attitude and outlook.** He always has a great book or show recommendation for anyone! I'm so excited to see Jeff become a father and see the bond he creates.

"Jeff creates a full life for us filled with fun, adventures, and laughs."





MEET

RUBY

Ruby is our fun-loving pup that never runs out of energy! She makes us laugh all the time with her crazy energy and the way she falls asleep on the recliner. She loves going to the dog park, going to doggie daycare, and chasing squirrels around the backyard.

TEACHING IS OUR PASSION

Christine and Jeff LOVE their jobs! We are both teachers and love every second!

Christine has been teaching **third grade** for 11 years. She enjoys working with kids and building relationships with her students and their families.

Jeff has taught a variety of grade levels at the elementary and middle school levels, and is now at a middle school teaching **7th and 8th grade math**. He enjoys teaching, coaching basketball, and leading a game club at his school. As educators, we have had the privilege of working with many adopted students and their families.



SUMMER FUN

As we both teach during the school year, we have summers off to enjoy together. We spend summer playing with our pup, taking road trips, and spending quality time with our extended family and friends.

We soak up every second of summer and can't wait to add a little one to the mix!

MEET

CHRISTINE'S FAMILY

Christine's parents live in Minnesota. Her younger brother and sister-in-law live in Idaho and have a baby on the way. Her parents still live in the house where she grew up. This means our future child will enjoy lots of road trips to Minnesota, visits to Idaho, and will have visitors often. Christine is very close to her family and talks on the phone with them daily.

We value our summer road trips to Minnesota and our spring break trips to California with Christine's parents and brother. Her extended family members also live in Minnesota and are very excited to welcome a little one into the family!



OUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO WITH CHRISTINE'S FAMILY:

Christmas morning celebrations

Meeting "in the middle" in La Crosse for long weekends

Sharing recipes

Big breakfasts

Walking around the lakes

Watching family dogs play together



MEET

JEFF'S FAMILY

OUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO WITH JEFF'S FAMILY:

Family dinners at Jeff's parents house

Playing card games

Watching family dogs play together

Going out for brunch

Brewery tours around Milwaukee

Fishing and hiking at the cabin

Jeff's parents and his younger sister are just a short drive from our home and they visit often. They will be a major support system as we grow our family.

We spend lots of time at Jeff's parents' house enjoying weekend dinners and watching all the pups play outside. We enjoy vacationing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula together each summer. The entire family and all three dogs head up to cabins right on the lake for fishing, hiking, and relaxing together!



OUR HOME

We live in a quiet neighborhood in a **suburb of Milwaukee**. We have lived in the Milwaukee area for more than 10 years, but we moved to our current home in 2017. We love our **diverse neighborhood** and **welcoming community**. Our home is near lots of parks, the local elementary school, the community pool, and only 5 minutes from the Milwaukee Zoo. The zoo is one of our favorite places, and we can't wait to take our family to the zoo on many beautiful summer days!



We have many friends in our neighborhood and there will be many opportunities to play in the neighborhood with other kids and join **sports and activities** through the local park system. Our area consists of families of all stages. There are many families with young children and we spend lots of time with our neighbors who have young children of their own. Another unique aspect of our location is the cultural festivals that happen throughout the year that celebrate Milwaukee's diversity. We attend many of these celebrations!

AT HOME YOU MIGHT FIND US...

- ▶ In the yard with our pup, Ruby
- ▶ Grilling with family and friends
- ▶ Reading on the couch
- ▶ Testing out a new recipe in the kitchen
- ▶ Tackling a DIY project
- ▶ Playing a card or board game
- ▶ Streaming our favorite shows





RUBY

Our pup makes us laugh all the time with her crazy jumps and chasing squirrels in the backyard.



TIME WITH OUR FRIENDS

THINGS THAT MAKE US HAPPY

There are so many things in our lives that bring us joy. We can't wait to share all of these things with our child and to discover new and exciting things as a family.

SUMMER TIME

We love our summer road trips and spending quality time with our extended family and friends.

TEACHING

We are both teachers and LOVE our jobs. We really enjoy working with kids and find it so rewarding.



FAMILY TRADITIONS

From cooking traditional Italian dishes with Jeff's family to spring break trips to Palm Springs with Christine's, we cherish our family traditions!



PLAYING WITH OUR FRIEND'S KIDS

EACH OTHER

We enjoy spending time together whether its going on a trip, playing cards, or simply reading on the couch together.





THIS IS OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We promise to **love this child with all our hearts** and celebrate their story. We promise to **support, encourage,** and **lift up** this little one throughout their entire life.

We will **teach this child strong values and beliefs,** like **kindness, honesty,** and **love.** We will foster an environment where our child feels **comfortable and safe.**

Above all else, we will provide this child with a **home and life filled with love, laughter, and opportunity.**

Jeff & Christine



Thank you
FOR CONSIDERING US!