



Dear Birthparents,

We are excited about the opportunity to build our family through adoption and are glad you have chosen to read our letter. Please, sit back and enjoy!

– Scott, Kathy and Corinne

Our Story Begins We married in 2001 after meeting while in college. Friendship came first at Bowling Green State University, but Kathy was oblivious to Scott's flirting. Scott could not get her attention quick enough and soon she graduated and moved north. Not to be defeated, Scott continued to pester her and even joined her and another friend on a trip to Japan where Scott's sister and brother-in-law were living. Finally, Kathy saw the light and we started dating. After a year of a long-distance relationship, Kathy moved back and in November of 2001 we married.

We knew we wanted children when we married. In 2008 we were able to adopt our daughter, Corinne, through Adoption Circle after struggling with infertility for 3 years. We are excited to bring another child into our family through adoption.

We like the idea of openness in an adoption and will work with you to find a comfortable level. Sharing pictures and letters we believe will help everyone feel comfortable with the adoption. Beginning at an early age, adoption will be discussed and books about adoption will be part of story time. We want our children to be comfortable asking and talking about adoption and their birthparents.



Cousin Catie and Corinne Kathy's Family

Kathy's Story (from Scott's perspective) Kathy was born in Ohio and graduated from Bishop Hartley High School. She pursued her education and met her dream man at BGSU. She fought her true feelings on the second goal and graduated with a teaching degree. With her sense of adventure, Kathy moved up to Michigan (where much of her extended family lives). After 3 years, she returned to the Ohio and teaches 6th grade at a Catholic elementary school.

Kathy is the second of 5 siblings. All of her siblings, except for Aaron, live in the area. Aaron lives in Manhattan which makes for cheap lodging when visiting New York City. One of her two sisters had a baby in February of 2010. Her parents are fabulous grandparents to Corinne and Grace. Grandma babysits Corinne once a week and usually cousin Grace comes to play, too!

Kathy's Creative Side In her free time, Kathy likes to be creative. She makes all of the cards we send to people,

including our Christmas cards. Kathy often comes across new recipes to try out on her guinea pigs (that would be me and Corinne). She makes the most amazing blueberry muffins. Did I mention Kathy was crafty? She loves to sew and also makes a lot of gifts for our nieces, our cousins' children, and Corinne – including Raggedy Ann dolls. Corinne had some special booties when she came home that Kathy made.

Scott's Story (as told by Kathy) Scott's story begins in Ohio where he was born and became Kristin's little brother. He is from a small family that is very close to their extended family. He spent a lot of time with his cousins and grandparents when he was growing up, and now we visit with those same cousins and their children. Scott has wonderful memories visiting the family cabin in Amish country and we hope our children will too. Cate loves being the 'big' cousin to Corinne and is excited to have another baby cousin to help with.

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Scott's Family

Scott plays many instruments and loves to serenade me whenever the mood strikes. While in high school he was in the marching band and orchestra.

When he headed off to college, he chose to become a teacher to share another love – math. He took advantage of a unique opportunity that BGSU offered – student teaching in Rio de Janeiro. He learned about the culture and the people of Brazil as he taught their children. Scott teaches math in high school and can get his students excited about algebra and trigonometry (not a small feat!)

Scott's Affliction...Triathlon What started as a way to get in better shape to run the Race for the Cure has turned into quite the hobby. Scott has participated in numerous triathlons and running races for many years. (A triathlon is a race that includes swimming, biking, and running.) His biggest accomplishment was competing in the 2006 Ironman Lake Placid Triathlon.

I was there every step of the way cheering, holding gear, and encouraging in any way I could.

The triathlon community is very much family oriented. Our children will experience the fun of the kids' races and crossing the finish line with Daddy. These triathlons and running events are a great excuse to travel all over. Hopefully this healthy lifestyle will set a good example for our children.

Corinne's Story Corinne came into our lives as a gift from wonderful birthparents in 2008. She has developed a wonderful personality and is very active. She loves babies, so she is excited to be a big sister and help Mommy and Daddy with a new addition to the family. Corinne enjoys swings and slides and just being outside. She really wishes she was big enough to play basketball with the boys next door. Daddy is worried about Corinne's budding shoe obsession, although Mommy doesn't see the issue.



Our Home As if getting married wasn't stressful enough, in 2001 we also built a house near our families. In the end, it was worth the headaches. We've added a deck and enjoy our backyard and the nearby parks. Each year we add more trees, flowers, and plants to our yard. Of course for Corinne, we added a play house and a swing set is not far away. One of Kathy's favorite summer activities is a bike ride that includes a stop at the local ice cream store.

Fun and Traditions Whether it is just us or it is with friends and family, we find time for fun. We enjoy bike rides through local parks and exploring the trails by foot. (We have a very cool back pack for the little one to ride in!) Building camp fires and hiking are the highlights of our camping trips to the state parks. We both camped as children and hope to continue this tradition.

We like to discover the offerings of our town. Sometimes we explore the art festival and other times it's a jazz concert. We spend time at COSI in Kid Space and at the YMCA swimming. Local sporting events like hockey, soccer, and football are also fun. Although we enjoy a nice night at home, we also treat ourselves to dinner out and a movie every now and again – of course, the grandparents are excited to babysit.

Just like any other family we have many traditions. Summer begins with the Memorial Day parade and picnic with Scott's family. There are birthday dinners just about every other month with Kathy's family. St. Nick fills the stockings in December, and then at Easter we search for hidden eggs.

Well, We Do Have Our Summers Off It makes sense that since we met on a trip to Japan that traveling would be something we enjoy. We love to see new places and experience new cultures. For us, getting off the beaten path is essential and seeing what the locals do is more fun than all of the "touristy" things. Traveling with children allows us to be kids again and be silly.



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Thank you so much for taking time to read about us. We are excited about fulfilling our dream and are thrilled and grateful that you would consider allowing us to welcome your baby into our lives. We love each other very much and plan to show that same love to our children. We admire your strength and courage to make an adoption plan. Hopefully we will get a chance to meet and talk more.

With love,
Scott, Kathy and Corinne