

keri & noah



our note to you



hello

SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU

We are Noah and Keri and we're truly humbled that you're taking the time to get to know us through these pages.

We think sometimes about the countless moments that comprise our lives - the twists of fate, the hardships and heartbreaks and joys, the choices – big and small.

Had there not been a line for the payphone in a hotel lobby almost 20 years ago and 6000 miles from home, we may never have met. We may never have known a love as boundless as the one we share. We may never have found a partner as committed to building a family through adoption as we each are.

But there was. And we did.

And here, our paths cross with yours.

We know you are faced with a difficult decision. Whatever you choose, we're so honored and extremely grateful to walk with you, even if only briefly, on your journey.

with love and respect,

Keri + Noah

**We're committed
to building a
family through
adoption**



OUR **story**

Our story began on the opposite side of the world! Though we both grew up in Toronto, Canada, it wasn't until we found ourselves on the same tour bus while traveling abroad that our paths finally crossed. We clicked instantly, and **from there began what has been an incredible life together.** We dated for 12 years before getting engaged. We hadn't really planned to have a wedding, but Keri's dad had been unwell and it became increasingly important to us to celebrate our love story with our families. We have now been together for almost 20 years and married for 7.



**We have an incredible
life together**



We renew our vows in an intimate ceremony every couple of years, and we look forward to renewing our commitment as a family when we are lucky enough to adopt.

OUR LIFE together

We just love being together. It doesn't really matter what we're doing! We both have unconventional careers that allow us time to travel and time to spend together at home with family and friends. We love going for breakfast, watching movies, and snuggling with our cats. **We goof around...a lot!** We dance and sing around the house, and learn to play ukulele (not very well!).





Food is a huge part of our lives. Noah eats for a living, after all! We've really learned to love to cook, whether an old family recipe or something fun and new.

Being in the kitchen with a great record on, catching up on our day and making a yummy dinner together is the best.



WHY WE ARE adopting

We have always just known that we wanted to build our family through adoption.

Even before we met, we each imagined that adoption was how we would create our families. We know we have the capacity to love any child wholly and unconditionally and that's why we feel that adoption is the right choice for us.

It's always been an easy decision in terms of what we would do. The hard part was deciding when was the right time to begin growing our family. Our careers and schooling have taken us on exciting paths. We have also enjoyed exploring the world. We have loved the many adventures we have had together, but over the last few years, we have felt like we are finally in the right place in our lives and in our careers, to bring a child into our family. We're ready for the next exciting adventure!



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MEET keri

Friends say I am:
thoughtful, caring, smart,
clever, sensitive, & silly

Favorite memory:
gorilla trekking in the Bwindi
Impenetrable Forest in Uganda

Inspired by:
when people take action to tackle
inequality and injustice

Favorite book:
that's an impossible question!
I love so many!



I am extremely passionate about learning. I'm a huge nerd who loves to read! I am currently a student completing a PhD in social work at the University of Toronto. I am also deeply passionate about social justice. I read at every opportunity, especially about African American and Canadian Indigenous history, environmental and climate science, and medicine. (Told you I'm a nerd!)

I'm at a point now where I feel like I want to give the benefits of everything I have learned and experienced to a child. **I have two nephews and seeing the world through their eyes - how they make sense of the world, how they learn and create - has made me want to be a parent.** I can't wait to encourage your child's sense of wonder and yearning to discover. Noah and I have such a loving relationship, and I know we will be able to give your child a nurturing, loving home.

5 things keri loves

Travelling

Photography

Watching movies

Singing and dancing

Animals





MEET noah

Friends say I am:

funny, goofy, outgoing,
a storyteller, empathetic

Favorite memory:

swimming through the
Waitomo glowworm caves
in New Zealand

Inspired by:

when people come together from
diverse walks of life and are able
to put their differences aside to
do great things

Favorite book:

Where the Wild Things Are

I am a television host and actor. I am so lucky to get to do what I love every day and provide a bit of an escape for people. What is most people's biggest fear - being on stage in front of thousands of people, being on camera - is my favourite place to be. The best part is getting to interact with my fans in person and online. I'm a homebody. When I'm not filming, you'll find me in sweatpants and enjoying time at home with family and friends. I love playing and watching sports (go Raptors!), and I am passionate about the environment and animals. I have been very fortunate, and it's important to me to always give back.

I've always had a connection with kids. I feel like I understand them and they bring out the best in me. I am one of 8 siblings and have been changing diapers since I was in them! I have everything I could possibly want - a career I love, a partner I adore, a beautiful home - but I have struggled with a feeling that something is missing. **I feel deeply I am supposed to be a dad and that what is missing from my life is a child. I cannot wait to bring a son or daughter into my life.**



5 things noah loves

- Learning about archaeology and space
- Travelling
- Eating - I'm a real foodie
- Basketball and hockey (watching and playing)
- Swimming in the lake and being in the woods



She has made
me a better
person

keri

IN NOAH'S EYES

I love Keri's unquenchable thirst for knowledge. She wants to learn and see and experience everything! She has made me a better person. I look at the world through a wider, brighter lens because of her. **Keri knows so much about what children need to flourish.** She also has this quirky personality. She's silly and playful. Your child will have the BEST Halloween costumes, and every birthday and holiday will be special because she puts so much thought into everything she does.

noah

IN KERI'S EYES

Noah has a gift for connecting with children. He speaks their “language”. He has an incredible imagination and is a great storyteller. He works very hard to provide for our family. Noah makes me laugh every day. He is thoughtful and romantic. He turns down my corner of the bed every night. He leaves love notes hidden around the house when he travels for work so I always know he’s thinking about me. Your child will always know how loved they are and how special they are in our family because Noah’s world revolves around his family.



**His world revolves
around his family**



OUR home

We recently completed a huge renovation, converting our house into our forever home! It has three spacious bedrooms and four bathrooms. The main floor consists of a dining room, kitchen and family room that all flow into each other. There is a big recreation room and a movie theatre in the basement. We love the openness of our home. We entertain a lot and it's perfect for gatherings with friends and family. **We talk all the time about how it will be an amazing home for our family to grow up in. We have a special room just for your child.** It has huge windows overlooking a park, and sunshine fills the room. We can't wait to decorate it!



We have a special room just for your child



OUR community

We live in a family-oriented neighborhood in the heart of Toronto, which is extremely diverse and multicultural. There are lots of kids on the street. We live directly across the street from a great preschool and primary/elementary school. There are lots of playgrounds and large open green spaces nearby. There are little shops and restaurants within walking distance. This is a great place with tons of wonderful opportunities to explore and learn.





OUR connection TO THE U.S.

The U.S. is really our second home. Noah's television show films across the country. Two of his siblings also live in Phoenix, Arizona and Los Angeles, California with their families. Keri has a large extended family in New York State, as well. In addition to Noah's frequent travels to the U.S. for work, we vacation and visit family there several times each year and will continue to do so if we are fortunate enough to adopt a child.

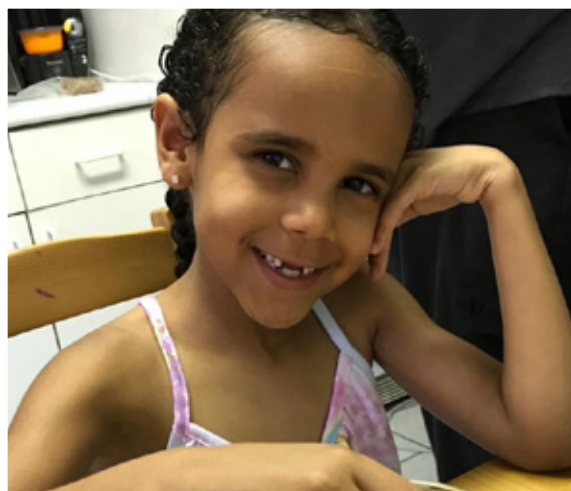


OUR friends

We are so lucky to have the most supportive group of friends. Noah has remained close with a large tight-knit group of childhood friends and has loved being a part of their children's lives. Keri has an incredible group of bright, strong women who play a huge role in her life. Our friends truly mean the world to us. Your child's life will surely be enriched by these important relationships.



Noah with Ben and Sarah's daughter, Olive. Seeing who can take more bites of their hotdog.



Eto's daughter, Hannah. We have coloring contests. She usually wins!



Corey is one of Noah's oldest friends. We grew up on the same street! Here he is with his wife, Carly, and their two boys, Ben and Drew.



Curtis, Katie, Felix and Magog the dog. Curtis was on Noah's film crew and now they're some of our best pals.



Michelle is one of Keri's closest friends. We met in grad school.



Hannah and Olivia. The sweetest!



Miriam, Sarah, Jaclyn and Keri are practically sisters. And the cutest member of our squad: Sarah's baby girl, Gloria!



Ben, Sarah, Olive, Alice, and Bexley. Keri and Ben have been friends since high school.



Nooreen and Kate, indulging my love of Halloween. We worked together years ago and have been close ever since.



Noah and the boys – Aubey, Corey, and Brad (behind the basketball). We've been friends since 3rd grade!



Noah's bestie, Eto. He and his wife, Heather, have two daughters, Hannah and Olivia.



Keri's PhD classmates. They have become like a second family to me.

OUR families

We have a very close relationship with my (Keri's) family. I talk to my mom and sister almost every day and visit once a week for brunch or dinner. They are so excited about a baby joining the family! **I have two amazing nephews, ages 13 and 8, who we love to spend time with. We have sleepovers, go apple-picking, see plays and have adventures around the city.**

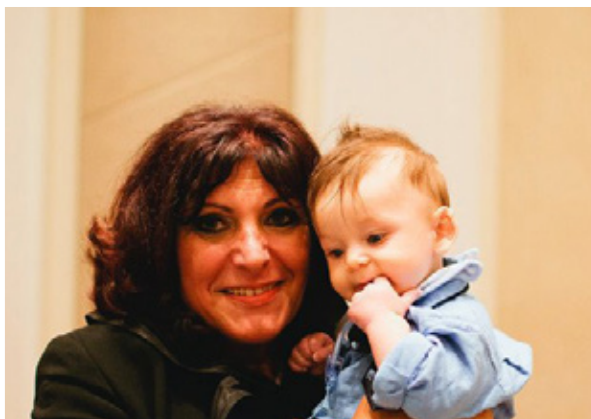
My step-mom lives about two hours away in a really fun, artsy ski town. We spend lots of time there as a family for big dinners and game nights. There are always lots of laughs. My step-sister lives with her partner in Toronto, just a few minutes from us. They also have an awesome cottage up north that we love to visit.



Keri's family at a Golden Girls themed birthday party we threw for my sister, Lindsay.



Noah with Keri's nephew, Aidan, playing Mr. (human) Potato Head.



Keri's mom, Esther, and nephew, Sam. My mom is the best grandmother!



Keri's dad, Warren, step-mom, Jill, and stepsister, Tamara, with us at our wedding.



Noah's mom, Vivien, and dad, Les. My folks can't wait to spoil another grandchild!



Noah's sister, Zoë, and her partner, Kaitlin. They are both doctors in Phoenix.



Get-togethers with Noah's family usually revolve around huge meals!



Just part of Noah's enormous family, celebrating his Dad's birthday.

I (Noah) come from a huge family! I am one of 8 siblings (4 brothers and 3 sisters). My eldest three siblings each have children. I have three nephews and two nieces, ranging in age from 14 to 20. My siblings are spread out - one in Los Angeles, California,, one in Victoria, British Columbia (the west coast of Canada), one in Phoenix, Arizona, and the others in Toronto.

We are very close-knit. My parents live nearby and regularly host get-togethers. Everyone piles around the island in their kitchen and eats my dad's famous french toast and breakfast sandwiches. We go to their house to swim and hang out. Every month, the siblings get together with all the kids at each other's houses.

OUR CATS

We have two amazing cats, Mr. Gary Wu and Clark. W. Griswold. They were both rescued. They are sweet, gentle, and loving. Mr. Wu is shy and affectionate, and Griswold is a mischievous, goofy little brother.





holidays IN OUR FAMILY

All the holidays are a big deal in our family! Christmas is huge. Decorating the tree, get-togethers, events, presents. We spend Christmas Eve with Noah's family, which usually involves a big dinner and lots of games! Then on Christmas day, we typically spend it with Keri's step-mom and step-sister. Keri's dad was famous for his cooking, and we have tried as a family to continue to prepare his favourite dishes on the holidays. We host a party for our family every year where we watch the movie Christmas Vacation and everyone dresses up as a character from the film.



Halloween is serious business for us. Noah's dad used to take the day off work to transform their house into a haunted house and people would come from all over the city to see it! We have followed in his footsteps. **We work on costumes for weeks, and always host a big bash at our house for our friends.**

OUR TRADITIONS

We were both raised in half Jewish, half Christian families. We had the privilege of being exposed to both religious and cultural traditions. It is important to us to preserve those traditions that help us to feel connected to our grandparents and relatives.

in our family...



We laugh a lot.

We say 'I love you' every day.

We prioritize kindness to others.

We work together as a team.

BEFORE YOU GO we want you to know

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us. We respect the difficult decision you are faced with, and wish you strength, courage and an open heart as you consider what is best for you and your child.

We have learned from the loving examples our parents set about the kind of parents we hope to be.

**From Keri's mom, we have learned to face challenges with humour and resolve.
From Noah's mom, we have learned to be fierce protectors of our family.
From Keri's dad, we have learned the absolute joy of finding things out.
From Noah's dad, we have learned to passionately pursue adventure.**

From each other, we have learned to love with our whole hearts.

If you choose adoption, and if you choose us, we can't promise that we'll be perfect parents, but our commitment to you is that we will love your child unconditionally, we will always work hard to be the parents your child deserves, and we will always honor you.

with love and respect,

Keri + Noah

Contact:

We welcome open communication with you, both before and after placement. It is important to us that your child knows where they came from and celebrates their history, heritage, identity, and all that makes them special.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us through **Forever Families Through Adoption** at (914) 939-1180 or by email at adopt@foreverfamiliesthroughadoption.org