



Pat & Christine




HELLO!

We imagine you are going through a period of reflection and want to start by thanking you for considering an adoption plan. We recognize that pregnancy sometimes comes at a time when one may not feel prepared to parent a child. We want to express that we wish to offer love and support to both you and your child in order that you both may thrive.

While we can not predict the future, we promise to do everything in our power to make a happy journey for everyone.

When we got married, we prayed that God would bless us with children to grow our family. We knew it could be difficult to have biological children. We always viewed adoption as a possibility for our family. Five+ years later we feel even more committed to welcoming a child into our home through adoption.

Thank you for learning more about us and considering us within your adoption plan.



Warmly,
Pat & Christine






OUR LOVE STORY...

New Year's resolutions often fade fast, but going into the start of 2017, Pat decided to give online dating a serious try. When Christine got the message from Pat on New Year's Eve, she had an instant feeling that he could be "the one." However, her subscription was running out, so they had to exchange phone numbers within a week of messaging. Christine still owes Pat for the other 5.5 months left on eHarmony!

We married in May of 2018, honeymooned in Italy, and made Pat's small rowhouse into a home. Within a year, Christine took a new job 35 miles away. We intended to move out closer to Christine's job after about 6 months of saving, but the home of our dreams popped onto the market six weeks into her new job.

Over the past five years, we have grown from the joys and challenges we experienced together. We have enjoyed our travels to Texas, South Carolina, Pittsburgh, as well as our annual retreat to the Outer Banks with Christine's family. We have overcome work challenges, fertility struggles, and pandemic anxieties with support and clear communication.

We never expected to wait this long to have children, though we are more firmly rooted after five years of marriage. Together, along with our large extended family, we feel ready to provide love and care for any child (or children!) entering our home.








MEET CHRISTINE!

My hobbies include cooking, sewing, journaling and enjoying a cup of coffee early in the morning. I also enjoy making music. We recently obtained an old piano that I would love to learn to play. Watching the Phillies is one of my favorite ways to relax and unwind.

My Catholic faith is very important to me. Also, I love being a Godmother to my friends' children. As an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher I value meeting people from different cultures and backgrounds. It's fun helping kids to learn English while also maintaining their home language.

I have enjoyed a 14+ year career in public education, both as a teacher and an instructional coach. In addition to working with a group of incredible kids, I love the ability to recharge in the Summers and grow through travel. My favorite summer was the month I spent in Italy studying Italian and visiting my relatives. Quality time is most important to me. My personality is warm and friendly.

I believe that family is key! In addition to my parents and siblings, I have many cousins and aunts and uncles with whom I am close. Growing up I enjoyed many big family parties. Pat's family is also big and I hope to give that gift to any child we welcome into our home.





WHAT PAT SAYS ABOUT CHRISTINE



When I first met Christine, I could tell how passionate she was about her family her students, and her faith. It did not take long to realize that I found someone that would make me happy for years to come!

We shared a lot of interests (education, travel, and more), but also complemented each other in other regards. While I come from more of a sports background she is a wonderful musician and singer.

Christine is a thoughtful caring woman and I know she is going to be a great mother. Our conversations about her students show her strong emotional intelligence. She can demonstrate persistence while still showing compassion.

I am really looking forward to growing our family with Christine!





MEET PAT!

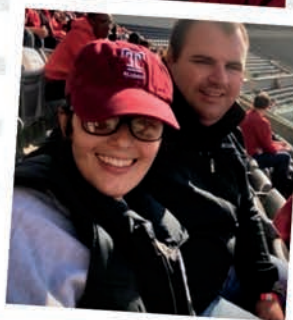


I grew up as the second of nine children, and I've worked in public education for fifteen years. I love to travel and had a lot of summer adventures in the early part of my career, capped with a hike on the Camino de Santiago across Spain.

I'm always curious and love to learn. I recently completed a Doctorate in Education Leadership from Temple, and I love learning through YouTube videos as well. I shifted roles at work to free up more nights and weekends to spend time with family and get back into some of my hobbies (photography & woodworking)

I have been extremely fortunate, and can never thank my family enough for all they have offered me over the years!





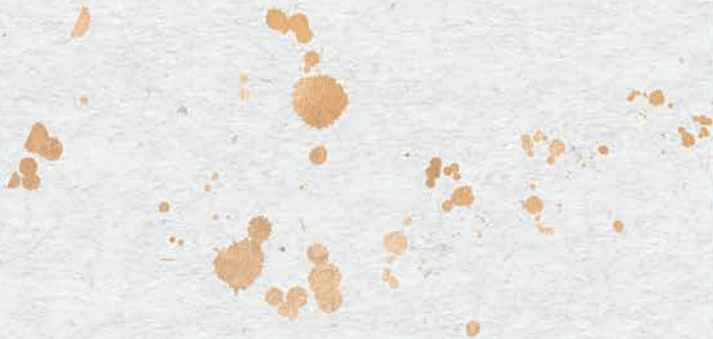
WHAT CHRISTINE SAYS ABOUT PAT

Pat is the answer to my prayers. When I met him, we clicked right away. It was easy and natural. He's the kindest and most genuine person I've ever met.

Pat will be an amazing dad because he comes from an amazing family. I've seen the way he interacts with his younger brothers, serves as a role model and gives them advice. I've also seen the way he oversees students at the high school where he teaches. The students both like and respect him.

Pat is very patient, kind, and a consistent presence in my life. He is smart and well-read. Pat is always up on current events. He finished his doctoral degree while working long hours at his day job. I'm so proud of him!





LIFE IN OUR FAMILY...

We both grew up in supportive families with two loving parents. While we both grew up in the suburbs, we were raised on opposite sides of our city. We both enjoyed a range of activities (sports and music) and spending free time at parks and the swimming pool with friends. Our parents and siblings are ready to welcome a child or children.

We are scouting out local childcare options and Christine is also open to stepping away from teaching during the younger childhood years.

We are very interested in our school district's new dual language program at the elementary level, offering classes in English and Spanish simultaneously.

We believe our children are going to enjoy Sunday dinners with Pat's family and summer trips to the Outer Banks with Christine's family. We look forward to spending quality time with our children and going on adventures together. We are excited for fun at the library and YMCA as well as bedtime stories, arts and crafts, playdates, and more!





FAVORITE THINGS

Christine'

Pat

Hobbies: Sewing, singing,
Grocery shopping at Aldi

Dessert:
Vanilla cake w/ vanilla icing

Ice Cream:
Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

Children's Book:
The Giving Tree

Author:
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Seasonal Activities:
Baking holiday cookies and
baseball (Phillies) games

Musical Artist:
Brandi Carlile

Family Outing:
Grandparents' house

Quote: "Do not be conformed
to this world, but be
transformed by the renewing
of your mind" (Romans 12:2)

Hobbies: Reading the
news, DIY projects,

Dessert:
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ice Cream:
Chocolate Peanut Butter

Children's Book:
To Kill a Mockingbird

Author:
Buzz Bissinger

Seasonal Activities:
Attending football and
baseball games

Musical Artists:
U2, The Who, The Killers

Family Outing:
Hershey Park

Quote:
Theodore Roosevelt's
"Man in the Arena"





HOME SWEET HOME


We live in a large, stone home crafted by Italian masons in a small borough. The same family owned the house for over 100 years, and we are very fortunate to have purchased it in 2019.

Our home has a large front porch where we like to eat dinner and check in with neighbors. Our living area has classic architectural features, and we picked up a used piano from our parish.

We have three full sized bedrooms and a fourth smaller bedroom. We use our finished basement as an office, laundry, and pantry area. Our sun-room is our TV area, and our backyard is quaint and private.

Our neighborhood has a countryside feel, and we get the benefits of fresh, local agriculture. However, we are still in a major metro area, remaining near our extended family.

Our neighborhood is ethnically, culturally, and economically diverse. We have several parks nearby with playgrounds and trails, and we live three blocks away from our local library.







MORE ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER...

We enjoy working in a field that provides value to students. We believe that a strong education can provide opportunities for students later in life.

As teachers, we both value formal education. However, we also believe that it is critical to be a lifelong learner in any field, and we will convey that to our children. We look forward to taking our children on interesting trips in the Summer when we are both home and off from work. As a coach and athletic director, Pat believes that sports play a vital role in development and allow students to develop important skills that can not be taught in a traditional classroom. Christine's music background provides a different lens on play, and has found that creative outlets have an important part in growing intellectually. Additionally, Christine wishes to inspire her children to see the importance of learning about other languages and cultures.

We love spending birthdays and holidays surrounded by family!

We value our Catholic faith, we feel fortunate to live in our country, and **we believe in treating all people with respect!**



OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Your child will be welcomed into
a large and loving family,

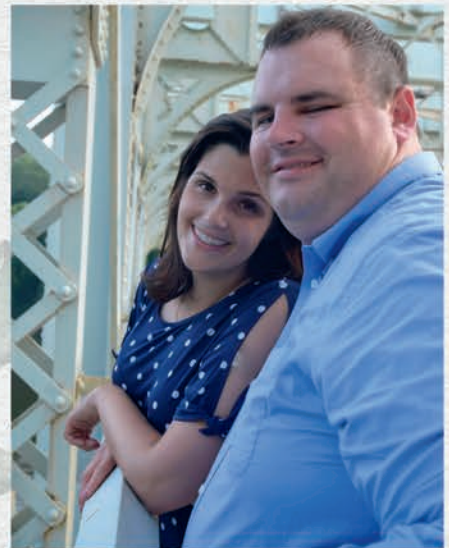
Your child will have structure and
support within their environment,

Your child will be supported with
access to positive education,

Your child will be raised within a
faith-filled home,

Your child will be provided with
information about their personal
story in age appropriate ways
throughout their life,

**And we promise to love and
cherish your child as long as we
live.**





CHRISTINE
& PAT