



David & Kecia

Adoption Profile Book

Dear Expectant Parents,

Thank you for considering us as potential parents for your child. We hope this book gives you a glimpse into who we are as individuals and what our life as a family looks like.

We feel very fortunate to have found one another, and we cherish every day that we share together. It would be a joy and an honor to welcome a child into our lives, to surround them with love, laughter, and encouragement, and to share our enthusiasm for life with them.

As you make your decision, we wish you peace and comfort, knowing how much thought and care you are putting into your child's future.

With gratitude,

David & Kecia



Our Journey Together



We were introduced
by mutual friends in
June 2017



About Us

Where we live:

We live in a single-family home in a mid-sized city in ND. Our home was built in 1915, and we love the character of the hardwood floors and leaded windows in our home. We are walking distance from a large park and green space in our city, and we frequently take walks there throughout the year.

Our Faith:

We both grew up attending small, rural ELCA Lutheran churches. These congregations hold such special places in our hearts, and the members there are like extended families to us. We were both baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. As a family, we intend to raise a child in the Christian faith and have them attend Sunday School as we both did.

Our daily lives:

Not to sound like a cliché, but we'd describe ourselves as very "typical Midwesterners". We both came from traditional, farming families and grew up in small communities. We value relationships, hard work, and treating others kindly and with hospitality. We prioritize quality time with each other and with our friends and family. We both work 9-to-5 type jobs, and in the evenings we often like to cook dinner together. (Dave is an amazing chef, and Kecia is a pretty fine sous chef but would rather be baking dessert.) We are both practical and down-to-earth people and enjoy activities like making rhubarb jam, taking care of the yard, or tackling a new jigsaw puzzle. But we also enjoy getting dressed up and attending special events in the community or traveling to new places and having new experiences.



About David

Background:

David grew up on a farm and attended a small public school before attending UND. While at UND he studied Accounting & Finance. Although he fell short of his goal of knowing everyone on campus by name, he still had a great college experience. After college he moved to downtown Minneapolis to work as a Tax Accountant for a large accounting firm. After six years in Minneapolis he moved back to his hometown area and was lucky enough to live across the street from his sister and her family for a few years. Since meeting Kecia, he has become a resident in their current community.



Hobbies & Interests:

David's main hobby, or maybe more of a passion, is golf. He plays at least once a week (even in the winter) and tries to take at least one golf trip a year with friends (including The Masters in 2022). The exercise and the sport are good but more than anything, he enjoys the time spent with good friends. In addition to golf, he loves college basketball and has been known to take the first two days of March Madness off work to binge watch. He was even able to attend the Final Four in Minneapolis in 2019. College football is a fairly close second. He also has collections of things like PEZ Dispensers, Wheaties boxes, and sports memorabilia.



Personality:

David strives to do well at all he does. Whether that be at work, on the golf course, being a friend or being a husband. He has the ability to be fun at times (like at UND football games – see below) but also knows when it is time to be serious. He is a very responsible person who can be counted on to do the right thing. David loves trying new things, going new places, and meeting new people. However, he also holds dear to the experiences and the relationships with people who have shaped who he is.



Education & Career:

David has always taken his education and career seriously. He has always loved numbers, so accounting was a natural fit. His accounting career has been successful and has included working at accounting firms, being a Controller for a university, a Business Manager for a construction company and now an Accounting Manager for a construction company. He has even been profiled in the UND Accounting Alumni and ND CPA magazines.

How would Kecia describe David?

Dave has a big heart and is the most loyal, trusting friend you could ask for. He is very friendly and outgoing. He enjoys good conversation, whether that's with family and friends, or a new random person in the grocery store. He is kind and loves to be helpful. He is 100% his authentic self all the time, and I adore that about him.



About Kecia

Background:

Just like David, Kecia also grew up on farm and attended a (very) small public school. She had seven students in her graduating class. She majored in music at UND where she was a percussionist and vocalist. She studied music therapy at UW-Eau Claire for a year before deciding to attend graduate school for School Psychology. She started her career in the Minneapolis area, but decided to move back to ND when a position became available closer to family. She loves living close enough to her sisters to support her second career of “super aunt”.



Hobbies & Interests:

One of Kecia's main passions is music, whether that's as a performer or a music appreciator. She has participated in a variety of choral and instrumental ensembles and enjoys cantoring at church. Kecia has been involved in a local children's choir organization for many years, where she directed choirs for 4-6th grade students and then served in an administrative role. The picture above is from one of their concerts. She enjoys reading, playing card games and board games, any type of brain/word puzzle, crafting and quilting, a good sci-fi movie, or taking care of their flower beds. Kecia also loves listening to podcasts and was able to attend a live performance of her favorite podcast, Stuff You Should Know, in Minneapolis last year.



Personality:

Whereas David is extroverted, Kecia is introverted. Or maybe you could say, she is an introvert who can do a pretty good impression of an extrovert. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, but truly recharges at home. She loves being creative, whether that is doing an art project or planning a special event. A close friend once told Kecia that she was the “most thoughtful friend” she had, and Kecia tries to live up to that every day. She loves making other people feel special and valued. Kecia can be reserved and professional when she needs to be, but most of the time, she is a child at heart. She has so many songs in her head, she can turn most phrases into a silly song lyric of some kind. She’s had multiple people send her the meme on the right. But despite Kecia’s brain being 80% song lyrics, she still can’t get any of the lyrics correct when she’s singing along with the radio!



MY BRAIN
IS 80%
SONG LYRICS

Education & Career:

Kecia has worked as a school psychologist in K-12 public education for many years. Recently, she spent time working for a university and provided supervision for graduate students working in schools. Kecia is passionate about working with individuals with disabilities and meeting the mental health and learning needs of children. She is a volunteer leader at the state and national level where sometimes she travels to events and trainings (such as in Washington D.C.)

How would Dave describe Kecia?

Kecia is one of the most caring people you will ever meet. She is always there for me and will do what she can to make me happy. She makes me feel at ease with who I am. She is very smart and not just book smart. She has a great understanding of how people and the world work. Kecia is simply a really “good person”.



David's Family



David's parents



David & his dad



David, Rachael, & mom

This is a very special photo above of David & his dad. It was the last photo taken of them together before his dad passed away in September 2022. We miss you, Dad.



David grew up on a farm in rural North Dakota. He and his sister, Rachael, have many fond memories of growing up there. They were blessed with great neighbors, a great church, and wonderful parents. His dad was a farmer and his mom was a nurse. They have always been a very close family and spent a lot of time together. That time was spent doing things on the farm, making trips to larger nearby cities for errands, visiting friends and neighbors, and just having fun. They also took many fun trips to places like Hawaii, the Caribbean, Mexico, Florida or other cool places! To this day they remain close; even though his sister, her husband, and their two kids live almost 10 hours away, they still see each other quite often.



Rachael's family



Family gathering in 2018



Still a farm boy!!



David's family in Medora



Kids loved rides with Grandpa

Family Traditions

David's family loves the Christmas holiday season, especially Christmas Eve! We start out the day with having fancy hors d'oeuvres at noon followed by a huge feast for dinner when we get home from Christmas Eve church service. After dinner, we share a "Word of the Year" to help shape the goals you have for the year. We share an apple (when you think of it, it will keep you from getting lost), a nut (to crack and wish for good health for the next year), and a quarter under our plate (to ensure you won't go broke). That all is followed by a couple of hours of presents, to which we always say "Next year we need to do fewer presents" but never do because it is so much fun to give and receive thoughtful presents!



Kecia's Family



Kecia + her mom



Kecia + her dad



sisters Kara, Kecia + Kirstin

Kecia is the middle of three sisters. We grew up on a small-grain farm in North Dakota, which is now farmed by Kecia's younger sister and her husband. We are a close family and feel fortunate to live within a few hours' drive of each other so we can celebrate holidays together and attend the children's sports, music, and church events. Kecia's older sister is married with two children. Her younger sister is married with four children. This photo was taken at Kecia's parents' 50th wedding anniversary celebration in 2021.



Kara's family



Kirstin's family



Sometimes, we're a very silly family!



Kecia's family takes a lake vacation together every summer over the 4th of July. We love to gather and play yard games, board games, go tubing & water skiing, fishing, and have campfires.

Family Traditions



Playing "Pig" at Christmas



Thanksgiving at our home



Hometown all-school reunion



Kecia comes from a very musical family, and we grew up playing piano and singing together and performing at church. We tend to be a silly and outgoing family, and we like any opportunity to dress up or do something to make one another laugh. For Christmas 2024, our family had a "Feliz Navidad" themed gathering, and Kecia made Christmas tree piñatas for the kids to break open. We like to play a lot of board games and card games such as cribbage, pinochle, Tripoley, or Bananagrams. Our love for games may have originated from when we three sisters came up with the game "I'm thinking of an animal", our version of 20 Questions that we'd play when painting the farm house or working in the garden.

We love supporting all of



our nieces & nephews!



Our Lifestyle



We would both love to have a vegetable garden, but have limited space. So we make do by growing lettuce in the clawfoot tub left over from our bathroom remodel. We also love cooking special things. Above is Dave making lefse and a picture of us with matching aprons from when we took a French cooking class on Valentine's Day.



In addition to matching aprons, we also like matching Halloween costumes. We made a pretty good Velma & Shaggy duo and Limu Emu & Doug from the Progressive Commercials.



In our daily lives, we enjoy attending a variety of college sporting events. Dave even got to ride the Zamboni on his birthday one year!

Below, Kecia's favorite part about Christmas is putting up Christmas lights. Dave's favorite part of decorating is bundling up his wife in garland when the decorations need to come down!





First Pearl Jam concert together - 2018
Celebrating our "Future Days"

We love to plan our travels around one of Dave's long-time favorite bands, Pearl Jam. This was taken at Kecia's first Pearl Jam concert during their Home Shows in Seattle in 2018. Our first dance at our wedding was "Future Days" by Pearl Jam, which was probably only known to the two of us at our wedding. Now it's super popular because of HBO's The Last of Us! And to balance things out, Kecia shares her love of Broadway musicals with Dave when we travel.



Safeco Field - Seattle



Madison Square Garden - NYC



Xcel Energy Center - St. Paul



Wrigley Field - Chicago



Phantom of the Opera - London



Hamilton - NYC

Our Adventures



Honeymoon in
Jackson Hole WY,
Grand Tetons, and
Yellowstone



Road tripping
to SD, Devils
Tower, Rocky
Mt Natl Park, &
Sante Fe





Spring break trip to Las Vegas (where we watched the NCAA Pac 12 College Basketball Tournament) to Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon.



NYC trip to see Pearl Jam on 9/11/22. We loved these hot dogs outside of The Met, but not as much as the bodega meatball sub on our first night there!





Pike Place Market & view from
the Space Needle in Seattle

Navy Pier, The Bean, &
Art Institute of Chicago

We like to visit The Twin Cities and Winnipeg
often for special events and visiting friends.





British Isles adventure! St. Andrews Golf Club (Scotland), Giant's Causeway (N. Ireland), Cabra Castle (Ireland), St. Patrick's Cathedral (Dublin), + Tower Bridge (London)



Summer 2025, we took our two oldest nieces on a graduation trip to Lake Tahoe where we had lots of outdoor adventures!



David's Favorites

FAVORITE DRINK:

MILK

FAVORITE FOOD:

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

FAVORITE MOVIE:

LORD OF THE RINGS

FAVORITE TV SHOW:

SEINFELD

FAVORITE MUSICAL GROUP:

PEARL JAM

FAVORITE SPORT:

GOLF

FAVORITE GAME:

WHIST, BUT ALSO GOLF

FAVORITE HOBBY:

GOLF

FAVORITE SALAD DRESSING:

DOROTHY LYNCH

FAVORITE HOLIDAY:

CHRISTMAS

DREAM VACATION:

GOLFING IN SCOTLAND



Dave was excited to visit the restaurant that inspired Monk's from Seinfeld when we visited NYC!



Kecia loves
LEGO's!



Lord of the Rings sets...



and
The Hobbit!

Kecia's Favorites

FAVORITE DRINK:

COFFEE

FAVORITE FOOD:

PIZZA

FAVORITE MOVIE:

LORD OF THE RINGS

FAVORITE TV SHOW:

GREAT BRITISH BAKING SHOW

FAVORITE MUSICAL GROUP:

NICKEL CREEK

FAVORITE SPORT:

BASKETBALL

FAVORITE GAME:

CRIBBAGE

FAVORITE HOBBY:

CROSSWORD PUZZLES

FAVORITE MUSICAL:

INTO THE WOODS

FAVORITE HOLIDAY:

4TH OF JULY

DREAM VACATION:

NEW ZEALAND



And smiling. Smiling is our favorite.

Our Promise To a Future Child



We promise to celebrate your adoption story and honor your birth family.

We promise to embrace and celebrate your culture and heritage, even if it is different from our own.

We promise to play with you, make you laugh, and take you on adventures both big and small.

We promise to read your favorite book 1,000 times, even if we're tired of it.

We promise to always be your advocates, cheerleaders, and a safe place to land.

We will let you make mistakes, and we promise to be there to help you learn and try again.

We promise that you will be surrounded by friends, family, and meaningful traditions that make you feel at home.

We promise to honor who you are and to encourage you to be the best version of yourself.

You will be loved.

David & Kecia



Thank you for spending time with our story and considering us as part of your journey. We wish you peace and hope as you make the best decision for you and your child.

