

# Elizabeth and Peter





Dressed up for date night

# HELLO & welcome!

WE ARE

## Peter and Elizabeth

**W**e appreciate you taking the time to get

to know a little bit about us. Though we have not met you yet, we have such admiration and respect for your courage and love for your baby in considering adoption.

We promise to unconditionally love and cherish your baby with all of our hearts.



Hugs at the corn maze

### our STORY

**W**e met at a mutual friend's birthday party. Soon after meeting, Peter asked Elizabeth out to dinner. During our dinner date, we realized how much we had in common and how much we really enjoyed each other's company. We have been inseparable ever since. We got married 18 months later at our church with all our family and friends. **Our relationship and love for one another have grown stronger over time.** We are best friends who balance each other out well. We have been blessed with 3 wonderful children: Julia, Justin, and Emily.

**We spend a lot of time outdoors with the children.** We enjoy taking them hiking, swimming, biking, skiing and sledding in the winter. Traveling to Vermont to visit Peter's parents is a family favorite. We love taking them to fun places like Disneyland, zoos, and amusement parks. Our kids enjoy participating in sports and we love being on the sidelines for every game! Our most favorite thing to do is just stay home and be together. We frequently play the card game Go Fish or the board game Trouble.

We always wanted to add to our family through adoption. The kids are excited as well to have a younger sibling. We have been touched by adoption in our lives and look forward to this amazing adventure. **They are already making plans to teach their new sibling how to play soccer and basketball and how to make sandcastles at the beach.**



Soaking up the sun while on vacation

## Traditions that we LOVE

**W**e have many family traditions. In the fall we enjoy apple picking, and a trip to the pumpkin patch is a must. In winter we make homemade cookies for Santa and reindeer food at Christmas. For Easter, of course, there's Easter egg decorating and a big egg hunt. We set leprechaun traps every night before Saint Patrick's Day, hoping to someday catch one. The kids make our family homemade cards for holidays, birthdays, and to say thank you. **Gratitude is one of the most important things we teach our children.**

We look forward to meeting you and would embrace an open relationship with you and your family if that is your preference.



Family hayride

Our hearts, home, and extended families are waiting with open arms for a little one to arrive into this world and into our lives.



Exploring in Hawaii

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We love basketball

# ABOUT Peter

BY ELIZABETH

**P**eter graduated college with a degree in Accounting. He worked as a tax accountant, but had always dreamed of becoming a Marine. After a few years, he decided to pursue his dream. Peter joined the U.S. Marines and spent one year on active duty. He then returned to his accounting career and spent 5 years in the Marine reserves where he worked as an airplane mechanic.

Peter pursued another dream of his—woodworking. He went back to school to obtain a degree in studio art and learned to make furniture. Peter is very artistic. He paints and plays piano. He also loves gardening and keeping our yard beautiful, doing most of our home repairs himself, and **coaching our children's soccer teams!**

Peter loves his garden



**He is a wonderful husband and father.** He thinks more about his family than himself and always makes us laugh. He always sings when he first gets up in the morning. He is a very caring person who always looks after his parents, as well. **One of the things that attracted me to Peter was how well he always treated his mother.** I am proud to be his wife. He makes me a better person as his strengths complement my weaknesses.

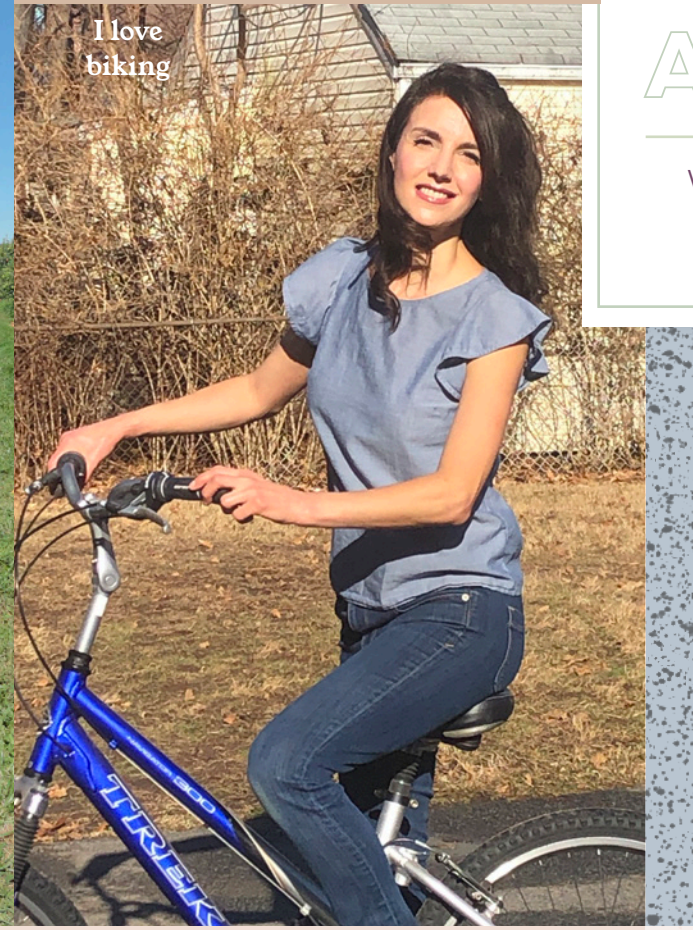


Peter at the apple orchard



Being silly with our dog, Daisy

**P**eter started out in the accounting field and has transitioned into the field of compliance. He is currently a compliance consultant for medical device companies. He has to make sure that all of the employees are following government and corporate rules and regulations. He likes this field very much. He is always learning new things, travels to different places, and meets all kinds of people.

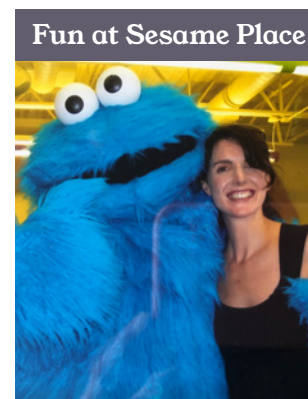


I love biking

**W**hen Elizabeth had our first child, she then decided to be a stay-at-home mom. She loves spending time with our kids and feels it is the most important job she could do. She volunteers at the kids' school where she is a class mom, helps out with fundraisers, and helps out in the lunchroom. Whether it is helping with homework or going to sports games or violin lessons, she always has fun. Elizabeth had started pursuing her masters degree in health education before having children. **She hopes to someday complete her degree after the kids are older.**



Elizabeth dresses up, too!



Fun at Sesame Place

# ABOUT Elizabeth

WRITTEN BY PETER



Kayaking

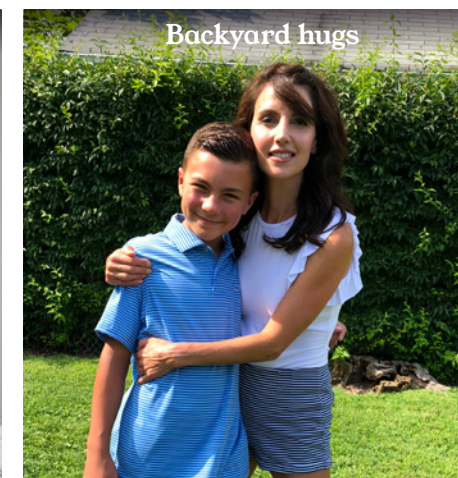
**E**lizabeth graduated college with a degree in economics. She worked as an account manager for several years before having children. She enjoyed the time she spent working, especially learning new things and meeting interesting people.

**Elizabeth loves to travel and explore new places.** She enjoys playing sports and learning new things. She is currently trying to learn to speak Spanish! Her love for the beach began when she was a child. She often visited her grandparents in Florida and went to the beach with them. She loves walking on the beach and collecting seashells.

**Elizabeth always looks on the bright side of things and tries to be enthusiastic, even when things don't work out as planned.** If something is important to her, she never gives up. She is a patient and understanding person. She tries to keep us all eating healthy in spite of my love for junk food. She is an excellent role model for our children and a wonderful partner for me. She complements my weaknesses as she says I do hers.



Celebrations with Julia



Backyard hugs



## Introducing OUR KIDS

THEY ARE ALL  
EXCITED ABOUT  
OUR DECISION  
TO ADOPT!



**JULIA** • Julia loves art, baking, and playing frisbee. She hopes to become a physical therapist one day. She is our sunshine. She is very enthusiastic about whatever she does and makes everything fun and joyful. She is an incredible big sister. She enjoys making artwork and looks forward to teaching another sister or brother to draw and create.

**JUSTIN** • Justin loves sports. He is on the soccer, basketball, and lacrosse teams. He also loves the beach, skiing, riding his bike, and spending time with his dog. He is easy-going, makes friends wherever he goes, and is a very caring boy. He wants to go to the Naval Academy someday. He can't wait to teach another sibling how to play all the sports he loves.

**EMILY** • Emily loves sports, her dolls, and animals. She is on the soccer, lacrosse, and basketball teams. She loves to play outside, roller skate and take care of animals. She also plays the violin. She is very sweet and kind and would love to have a younger sibling to teach all the things she likes to do.



Fun in the leaves



Being silly at the zoo!



**W**e live in a small town in New Jersey. We live in a two-story colonial home on a quiet street. Plenty of kids live on our street and are usually riding bikes and scooters and playing games. Our daughter loves to make lemonade and set up a stand in front of our house and sell it to the neighbors. We have a spacious backyard with a comfortable hammock. You will frequently find us outside playing sports or Peter taking care of the yard.

**Our neighborhood is very family oriented. There are good schools, parks, playgrounds, and a town pool.** The town always has fun things going on, like the 4th of July Parade, a Halloween Parade, an Easter egg hunt, and movie nights in the park during summer, to name a few. We have made good friends with families in town that we enjoy spending time with. The beaches in New Jersey are only an hour away from us and we frequently visit the beach in the summer.

## LOVE makes a FAMILY

Elizabeth's mother and brother live about 20 minutes away and we see them frequently. Peter's sisters also live nearby and we visit with them often. Peter's parents live in Florida half the year and Vermont the other half. We see them many times a year as they come to visit us, and we travel to see them. Our kids love visiting Vermont and Florida. **We have 2 nephews and 5 nieces between our siblings, whom our kids enjoy spending time with.** We spend all of the holidays with our families. Fortunately for us, Peter's family celebrates Christmas Eve and Elizabeth's family celebrates Christmas Day, so the kids have a double Christmas celebration! We also like to go on vacation with our families. We have gone to Hawaii twice and Germany one time with Peter's family. We like to go to the beach in New Jersey with Elizabeth's family.

**Birthday parties are a big celebration for us.** We have 2 birthday parties for each of our kids every year. We have one party with all of our family and then another party with our kid's friends. We have had a big bouncy house in our backyard, went to an indoor rock-climbing party place, and had a party at a gymnastics school with their friends.



Family in Hawaii



Fun with cousins

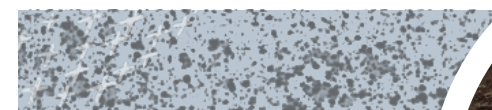
We frequently see both sides of our extended families. Both of our families are excited about our plans to adopt and can't wait to have another baby in the family to love.



The kids with our foster puppies



Daisy loves being the center of attention!



## meet our FURRY FRIENDS



Our rabbit, Barnaby, goes for a ride!

**Our pets add more love and joy to our lives.** We have a dog named Daisy who loves kids and being outside. We have a rabbit named Barnaby that loves to be held and we have a fish named Ocean.

**We also enjoy fostering homeless puppies and dogs that have been rescued.** We take care of them until a permanent home is found. The kids really enjoy caring for these dogs.

OUR  
PROMISE  
To You

**W**e have so much more love in our hearts to give another child. We have hearts full of love to offer your baby—our hearts and the hearts of older siblings waiting to share their love with them. We will devote our lives to loving your baby and giving them a life filled with happiness and opportunities to learn and explore what interests them.



One Last  
THANK  
YOU

**W**e hope that we have given you a little picture of what your baby's life would be like and how deeply he or she would be loved and cherished. We would embrace an open relationship with you and your family if that is your preference. We are open to any level of contact that you choose. **Thank you for considering us. We wish you God's peace in making your decision.**