

# KATIE AND DAVID



# HELLO! WE ARE KATIE AND DAVID

FROM CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO

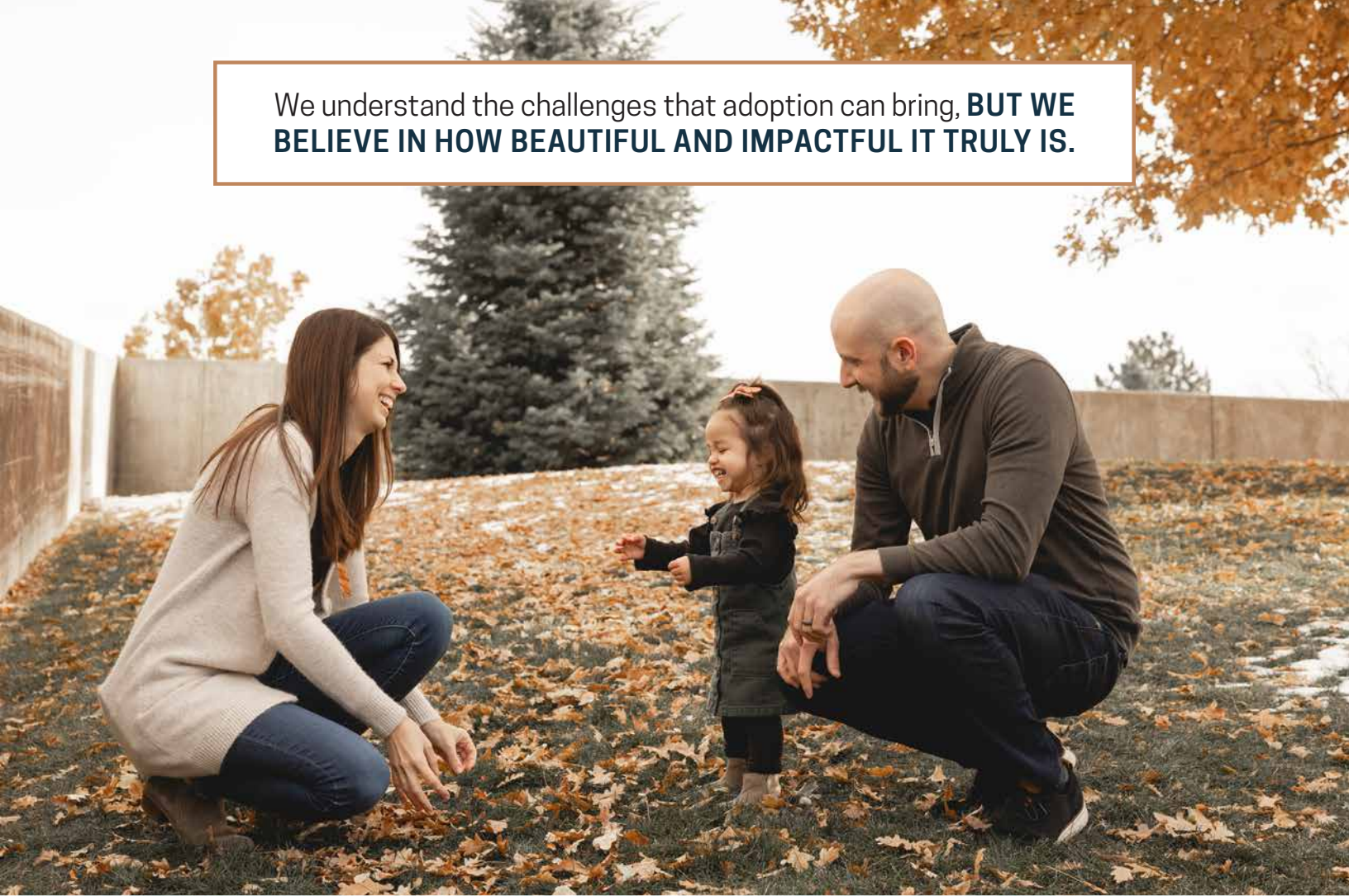


**W**e are profoundly grateful for the brave and selfless choice you are considering and deeply appreciate you taking the time to get to know us through our profile. While we cannot fully understand the emotions and challenges you may be facing right now, please know that we hold immense respect and admiration for your strength and the incredible impact you're making by choosing adoption.

**Welcoming our daughter, Jaylyn, into our lives through adoption has been the greatest blessing, and it has only strengthened our dream of growing our family further.**

We are committed to building a home filled with unconditional love, open communication, and trust. We are passionate about creating a nurturing environment where our children feel cherished and supported.

We understand the challenges that adoption can bring, **BUT WE BELIEVE IN HOW BEAUTIFUL AND IMPACTFUL IT TRULY IS.**

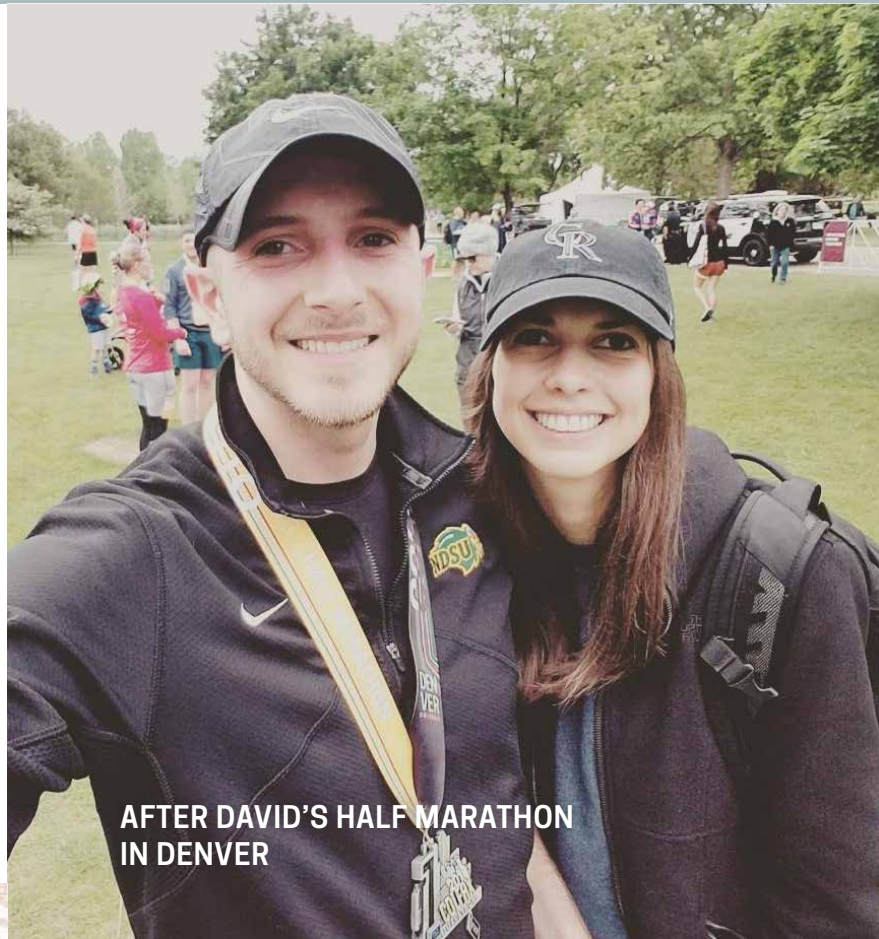


WE ARE  
GRATEFUL EVERYDAY  
FOR **THE GIFT** OF  
**PARENTHOOD**

AND **EXCITED** TO  
GROW OUR  
FAMILY THROUGH

ADOPTION

ONCE AGAIN.



AFTER DAVID'S HALF MARATHON  
IN DENVER



# ABOUT US

BY KATIE

**W**e met in 2009 during one of our initial college classes in Fargo, North Dakota. Both aspiring architects at the time, we quickly bonded while collaborating on a class project. From the start, there was an undeniable connection, and we soon became close friends. Throughout college, we shared countless memories, including our favorite pastime: exploring the city's best all-you-can-eat buffets.

Five years later, our friendship blossomed into something more. Having known each other so well, it was clear we had

found the person we were meant to marry. We exchanged sweet, heartfelt notes each month, while David lovingly saved every receipt, ticket stub, and fortune cookie fortune from our early dates. One July afternoon, during a picnic, David unveiled a book filled with these cherished mementos, each page telling the story of our relationship. As we relived those treasured moments, he proposed—and I said yes!

In 2016, we moved to Colorado and got married with a small mountain ceremony surrounded by family and friends.

# THINGS WE ENJOY DOING AS A FAMILY

- Saturday morning gymnastics
- Sunday morning swimming lessons
- Cuddle time on the couch
- Listening/Dancing to music
- Reading books
- Cooking meals together
- Playing in the backyard
- Visiting our neighborhood parks
- Spending time with friends & family
- Traveling to North Dakota and Minnesota to see family





LUNCH IN ALASKA

# MEET DAVID



DAVID AND JAYLYN

**I** grew up in Hugo, Minnesota, surrounded by the love and support of my close-knit family. I have one older sister and a large extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins, who continue to be an important part of my life today.

After high school, I ventured to Fargo, North Dakota, to attend college. My time there was transformative. I discovered a passion for building community and making a difference, which led me to actively participate in campus organizations like Student Government and Greek Life, as well as volunteer for local causes. These experiences deepened my appreciation for collaboration, service, and leadership and ultimately inspired me to pursue a degree in Political Science. Upon graduating, I

began my career with a small nonprofit in Fargo, where I could channel my passion into meaningful work.

When Katie and I got married, we embraced a new adventure, moving from small-town North Dakota to Denver, Colorado. This transition has been an exciting chapter, giving us opportunities to grow and establish a foundation for our family.

Today, I work in Human Resources for an electric utility company—a role that not only fulfills me professionally but also provides the flexibility to prioritize what matters most: my family. **Being present and available for my loved ones is incredibly important to me, and I'm GRATEFUL for a career that aligns with this value.**

**I'M PASSIONATE about being a father** and will be an actively involved and supportive role model for my children.

# DAVID'S FAVORITES

**Food:** Donuts

**Sports Team:** Minnesota Vikings

**TV Show:** *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*

**Hobby:** Running

**Holiday:** Christmas

**Toy as a Child:** Hot Wheels Car

**Accessory:** Hats

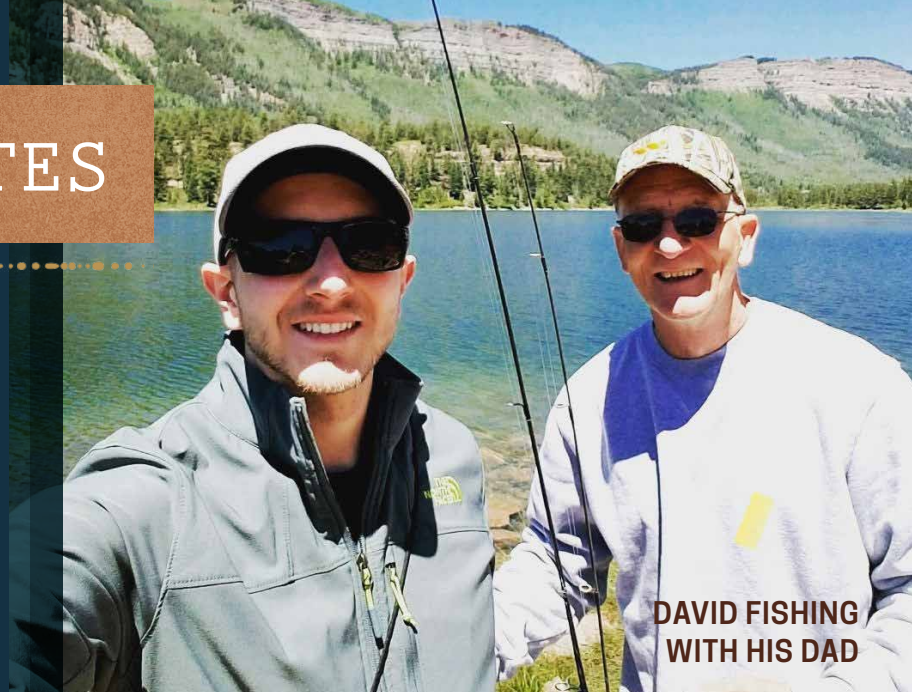
**Comfort Food:** Mac & Cheese

**Ice Cream Flavor:** Chocolate  
Chip Cookie Dough

**Season:** Fall

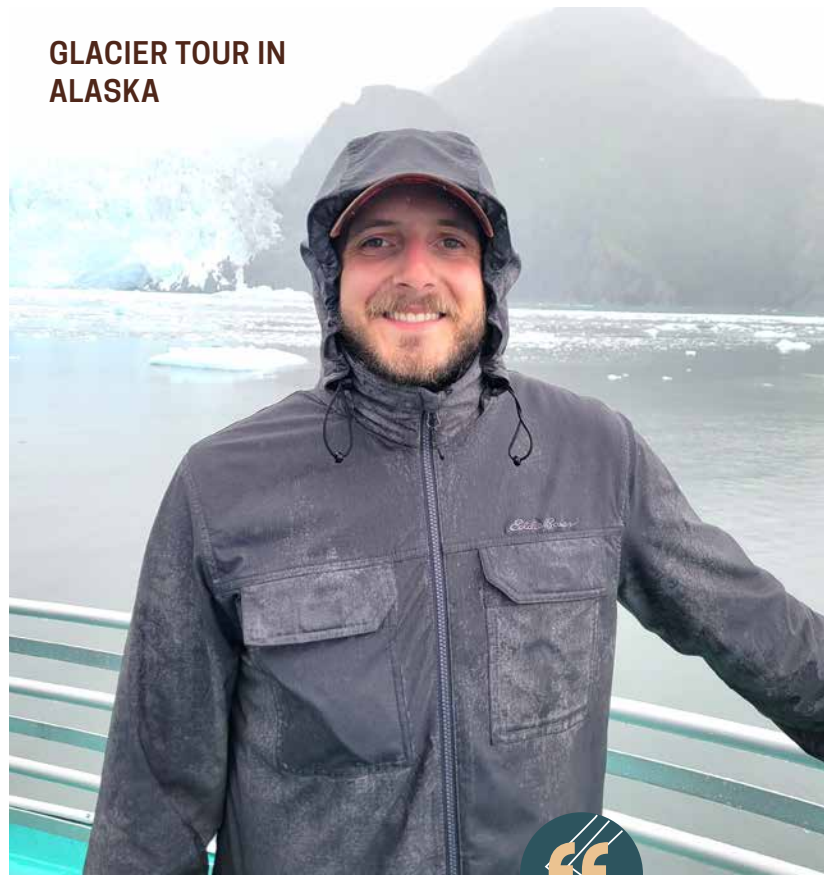
**Lunch Box Snack:** Chocolate  
Snack Pack

**Childhood Movie:** *Toy Story*



DAVID FISHING  
WITH HIS DAD

## GLACIER TOUR IN ALASKA



**MORE ABOUT DAVID, BY KATIE:** David has an amazing ability to bring balance and comfort to life's sometimes chaotic and stressful moments. He is thoughtful, hardworking, and level-headed. **From the moment I met him, he has consistently been someone I could truly be myself around, go to for advice, and celebrate with. He is sweet and sensitive, encouraging, and pushes me out of my comfort zone in order to grow.** He is a man of integrity and will always do the right thing even when it's not the easy thing.

Even though he has many ambitious goals for himself and his career, he always puts our family first and values quality time in our relationship.

# MEET KATIE



**I** grew up in a small community just outside of Fargo, North Dakota.

From Kindergarten through 12th grade, I attended the same school, graduating with a class of just 50 students. Staying close to home, I went to college at North Dakota State University, only 20 minutes away. Initially, I dreamed of becoming an architect because I love art and design. However, a summer job nannying a child with developmental delays opened my eyes to my true passion: working with kids. That experience inspired me to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in elementary education and child development, followed by a Master's Degree in special education.

**I've been a teacher for over 10 years.** I currently work at a charter school in our community where I am a special education teacher for upper elementary and middle school students. My favorite part of my job is the opportunity to build strong relationships with students and their parents. It's also extremely rewarding to see kids start to feel confident and enjoy something that initially is very difficult for them.

**AS A MOM, my career gives me the flexibility to enjoy quality time with my family during summers and school breaks.**

SOME OF MY FAVORITE MOMENTS WITH OUR DAUGHTER include **reading, visiting the park, exploring creative activities,** and **nurturing her unique interests.**



SIGHTSEEING IN LONDON

KATIE AND JAYLYN



# KATIE'S FAVORITES

**Food:** Pasta

**Sports Team:** Minnesota Vikings

**TV Show:** *New Girl*

**Hobby:** Art, especially painting and drawing

**Holiday:** Christmas

**Toy as a Child:** Stuffed animals

**Accessory:** Earrings

**Comfort Food:** Pizza

**Ice Cream Flavor:** Chocolate

**Season:** Summer

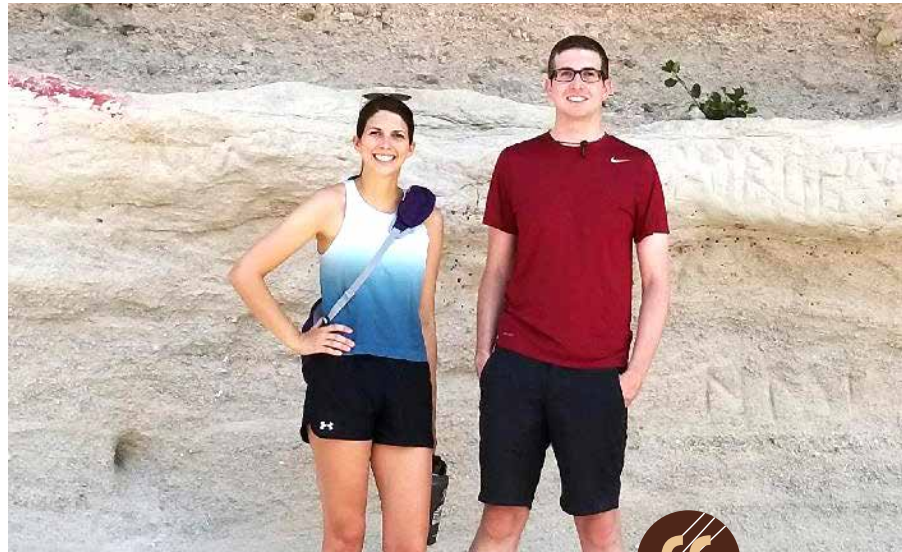
**Lunch Box Snack:** Oreos

**Childhood Movie:** *The Lion King*

VISITING A FRIEND AND HER SON



KATIE AND HER BROTHER



**MORE ABOUT KATIE, BY DAVID:** From the moment I met Katie, I knew she was someone special. I was 18 years old, and she instantly struck me as the prettiest, coolest, and funniest person I'd ever met. Katie has a way of making everyone around her feel welcome and valued—her warmth is undeniable. She has one of the biggest hearts, always putting others ahead of herself. **Katie has devoted her career and her life to ensuring that the children she works with feel supported and loved when they walk through the doors of her classroom.** Her dedication helps them realize their full potential. Watching her bring that same energy, compassion, and joy to raising our daughter has been one of the greatest privileges of my life.

After fifteen years, Katie's still as beautiful, fun, and amazing as the day I met her, and I couldn't feel luckier to get to spend my life with her.

# WE LOVE LIVING IN COLORADO!



HALF MARATHON IN THE MOUNTAINS

## HOME COMMUNITY

**W**e chose to settle in Castle Rock, Colorado, because of its welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere. Our neighborhood is filled with young families and children, creating a close-knit community. We're just a few blocks from a beautiful park and great trails, making it easy to enjoy the outdoors. The area offers excellent schools, fun parks, and fantastic family-oriented events and resources.

We love that we are only about 40 minutes from both Denver and Colorado Springs so we can take advantage of all that the bigger cities have to offer such as museums, sporting events, and zoos. Going to the mountains is also something we try to do whenever possible, sharing Colorado's natural beauty with our daughter through camping, hiking, and exploring. **These adventures are a *cherished part of our lives*, and we look forward to many more family trips in the years ahead.**



WE LOVE OUR HOME!



## MEET JAYLYN

IN 2023, WE HAD THE  
INCREDIBLE JOY OF ADOPTING  
OUR DAUGHTER, JAYLYN.

**F**rom the moment she joined our family, she filled our lives with love and happiness. Jaylyn has blossomed into a vibrant, joyful, and outgoing little girl. She loves swimming, gymnastics, bath time, and reading books. **With her warm heart and spirited personality, we know she will one day make an extraordinary big sister.**

# OUR FAMILY



## KATIE'S FAMILY:

Katie has an older brother, Kyle, who is a civil engineer in Fargo, North Dakota. Katie's parents amicably divorced while she was in college, and both are remarried. Her mom, Nora, lives in Castle Rock, Colorado with her husband Bob. Nora is retired and loves spending as much time as possible with her only granddaughter. She is looking forward to having another baby in the family. Her dad, Kevin, lives in Fargo, North Dakota with his wife, Lori. He is an architect but has a very flexible schedule so he can visit frequently. We get together with Katie's mom and stepdad every few weeks and visit Katie's dad and stepmom as much as possible.

**Katie loves that she can always count on a couple of weeks in North Dakota during the summer with her teaching schedule.**



**WITH KATIE'S DAD AND STEPMOM AT A WEDDING**



**SPENDING TIME WITH KATIE'S MOM AND STEPDAD**



## DAVID'S FAMILY:

David has an older sister, Kate, who lives near Minneapolis, Minnesota with her husband, Gregg. His parents, Jim and Gail, currently live in a small town north of Minneapolis. Jim recently retired from his job and loves woodworking. He made beautiful custom cabinets and built-ins for our home! Gail has been retired for a few years and loves spending as much time as possible with us in Colorado. **Both are looking forward to traveling more, with plenty of trips to Colorado as our family grows.** We also enjoy visiting Minnesota a couple of times each year.

Jaylyn is the only child on both sides of our families, so she receives lots of attention and love from her extended family. **The thought of welcoming another child to cherish and spoil fills them with excitement and joy.**

## ENJOYING DAVID'S COUSIN'S WEDDING IN NEBRASKA



# WE LOVE SPENDING TIME WITH OUR FRIENDS AS WELL!

We've stayed connected with close friends from high school and college, enjoying visits with them a few times each year. **Here in Colorado, we're fortunate to have an incredible group of friends, many of whom are also growing their families.** Sharing the journey of parenthood with them has been an amazing and rewarding experience.

## CAMPING WITH FRIENDS



# CLOSING THOUGHTS



**W**e are deeply grateful that you've taken the time to review our profile and get to know us. Building a beautiful family through adoption has always been our greatest dream. **If we are honored with the privilege of raising your child, we promise to provide them with unconditional love, unwavering support, and the encouragement to pursue their dreams and become whoever they aspire to be.** Thank you for choosing adoption and for making such a profound and positive impact on the world.



OUR HEARTFELT  
THANKS,  
DAVID AND KATIE

