



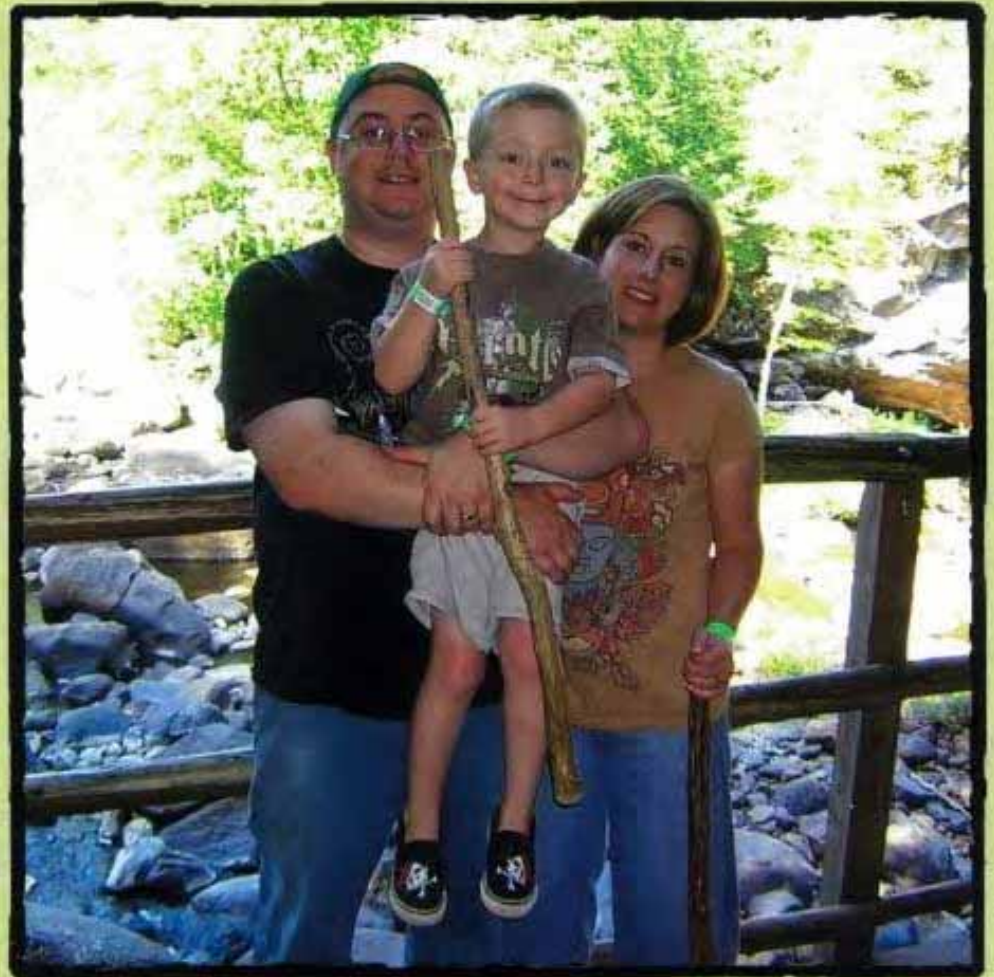
John, Kelly and Jordan

We witness a miracle every time a child
enters into life. But those who make their
journey home across time & miles,
growing within the hearts of those who
wait to love them, are carried on the wings
of destiny and placed among us by God's
very own hands.

--- Kristi Larson

John, Kelly and Jordan hiking near
Lake George

Hello! We are John, Kelly
and Jordan. We'd like to
thank you for taking the time
to read about our family. We
are so excited at the thought
of becoming adoptive parents!
We hope that after reading
this, you will have an idea of
what our family and home are
like and the kind of life and
love that we have to offer.
We'd also like to thank you
for choosing to make this
brave decision for you and
your baby.

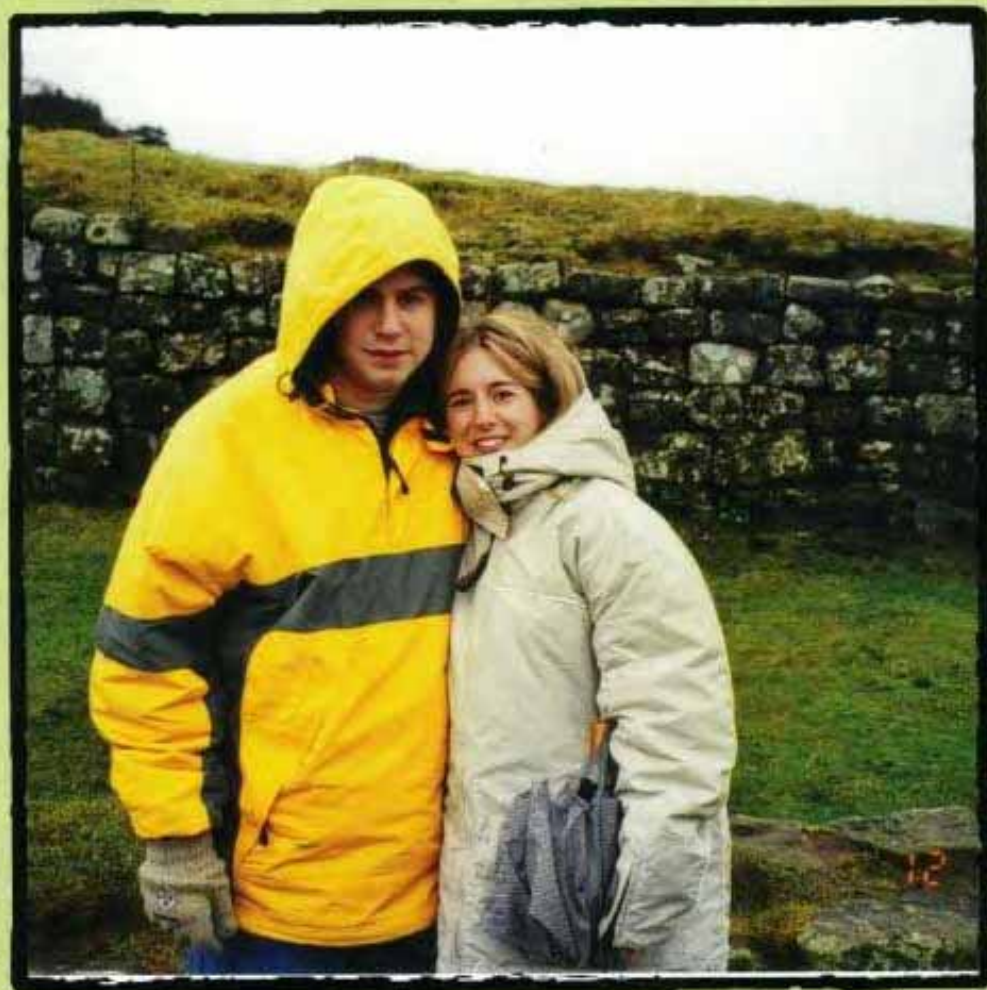


In the Beginning...

It was our freshman year at SUNY Cobleskill and we were both in the same psychology class, seated right next to each other. I noticed John immediately and even though at first we had only spoken a few words, I knew there was something about him that I really liked.

Everyday in class I would find myself looking at him and thinking about him. Well, one day a friend from high school who also attended the same college, was coming over to my dorm room to watch a movie and asked if he could bring a friend. Imagine my surprise when he showed up with John! The rest was history.

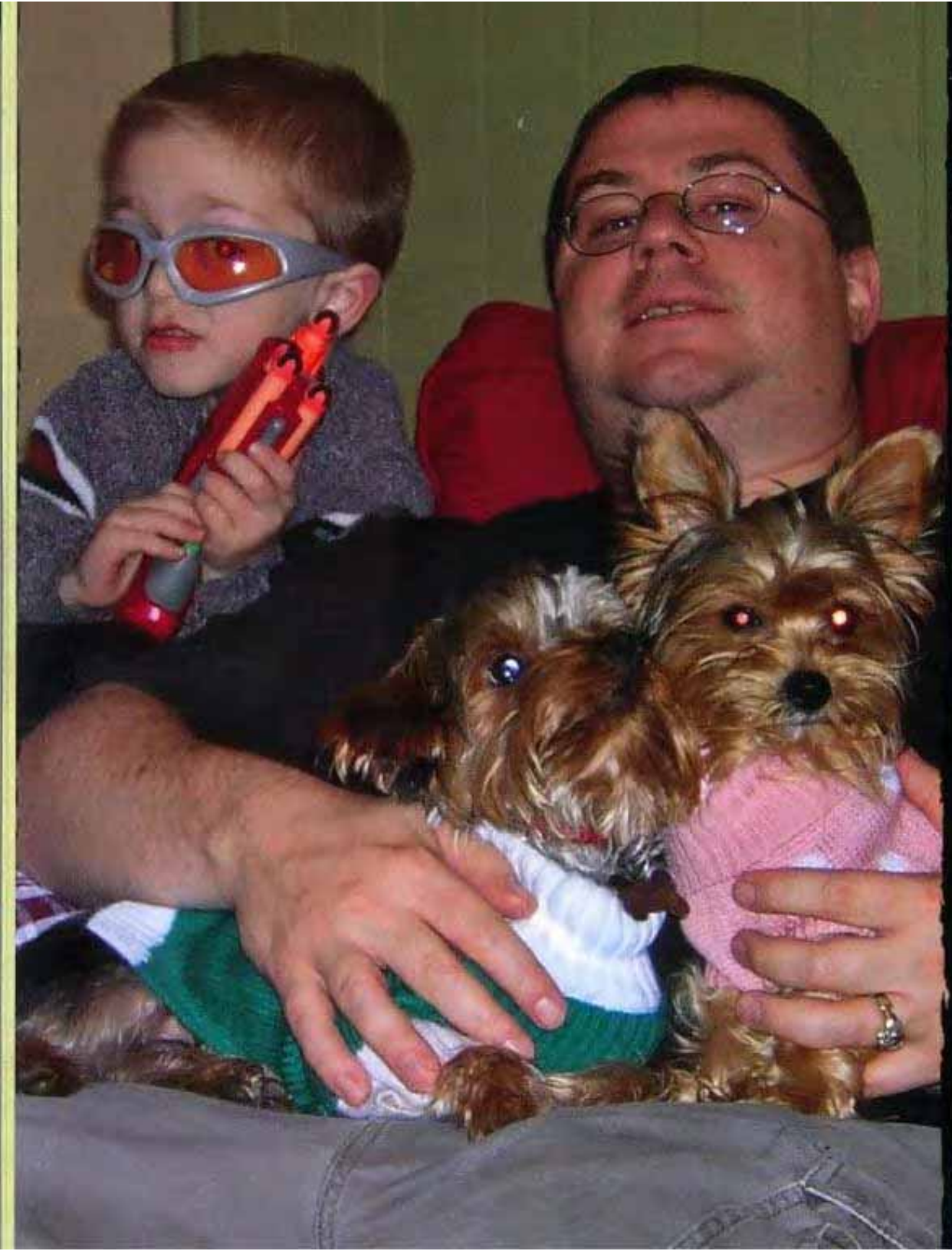
John and Kelly on their honeymoon in Scotland



John and Kelly now



I had remembered saying to my roommate how I had hoped to one day find my soul mate. Little did I know I had already met him! After I graduated from Cobleskill, I had planned to come home to finish my Bachelor's degree at a local college. John had one more semester to finish up at Cobleskill. We drove four hours just about every weekend during that semester to see each other. Since John's family lived two hours from mine, when he graduated from Cobleskill, he moved near me so that we could again attend the same college and not be too far apart. We went on to finish our degrees and shortly after we were married. We have been happily married for nine years.



John

Favorite Movie:

Wedding Crashers

Favorite Band: Kiss

Favorite TV Shows:

How I Met Your

Mother

and

Chuck

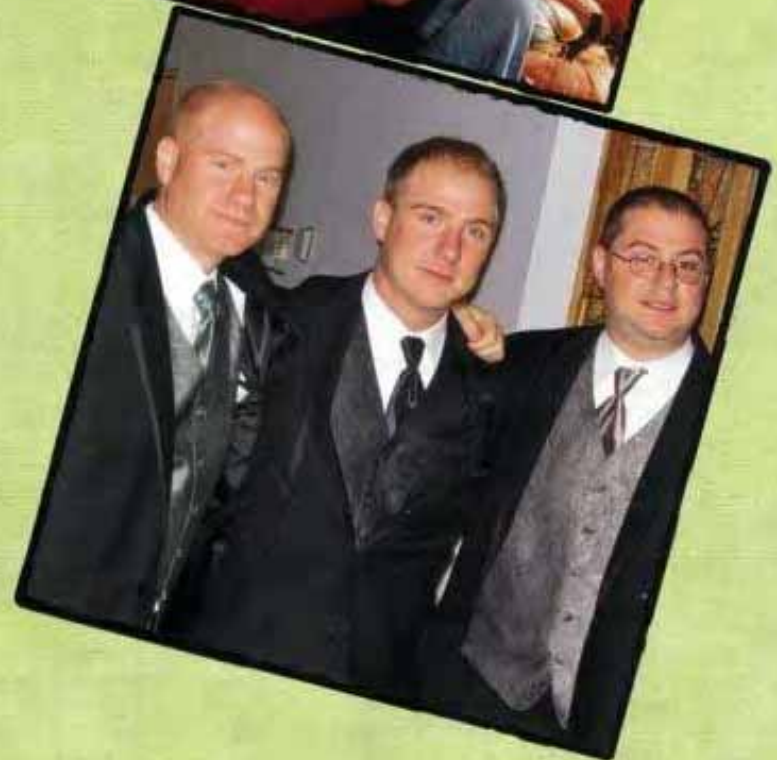
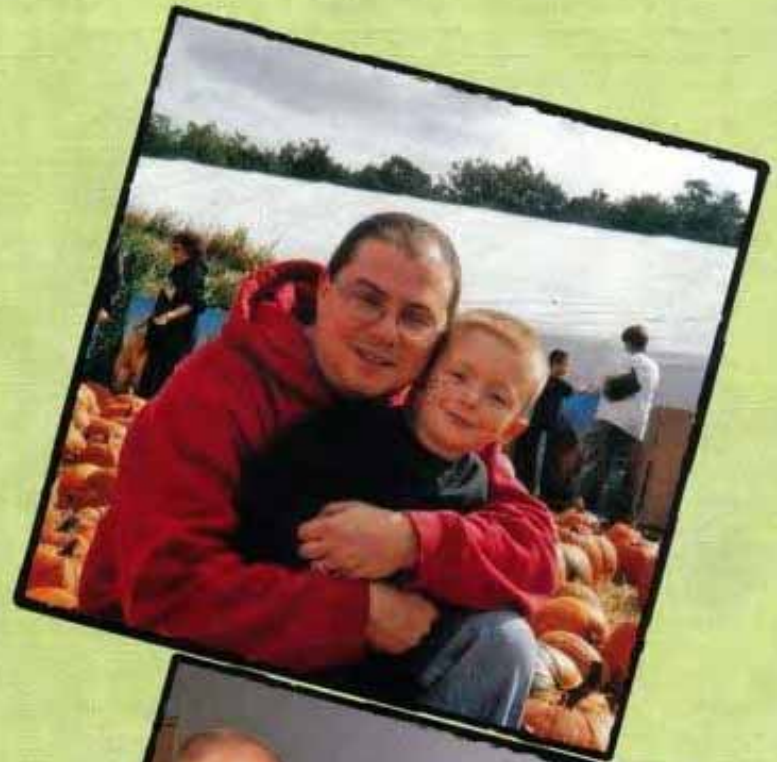
Top: Me and Jordan picking pumpkins
Bottom: Me and my brothers, Don and Tom

I was born on Long Island, NY, but when I was young my family moved to a more rural area two hours north. I am the middle of three boys. My older brother is married with two children and my younger brother is married with a baby on the way. All of my family lives close by, except for my father who recently moved to Michigan with his wife. Although I don't get to see him as often as I would like, we talk on the phone just about every day. I come from a very close knit family.

Every Wednesday night I bowl in a league with my brothers and several of my cousins and every Thursday night my whole family gets together for dinner at my mom's house. After Cobleskill, I received my Bachelor's degree in accounting. I now work as a controller for three privately owned country clubs. I have been with the same company for almost ten years.

I have many interests, but music is number one. I never go anywhere without my I-pod. Rock music is my favorite, but recently I have started to listen to country music. In my free time I like to play my guitars, read magazines such as *Guitar World*, and go to concerts.

Jordan and I have our own band called "Chocolate Rabbit." I am the guitarist and Jordan is the drummer. We practice upstairs in a room that we have just for my music memorabilia. On several occasions, I have taken Jordan to meet some well-known musicians at local music shops. We've met Zakk Wylde, Joe Satriani, and Dee Snider. Music is not the only thing I enjoy. I also like watching sports such as baseball, hockey and football. I am also a big NASCAR fan.





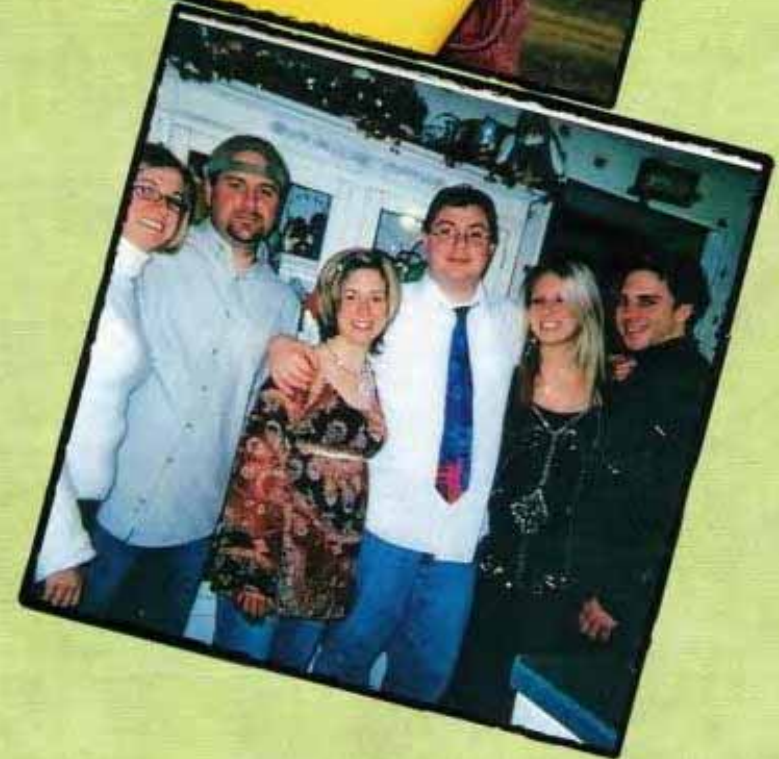
Kelly

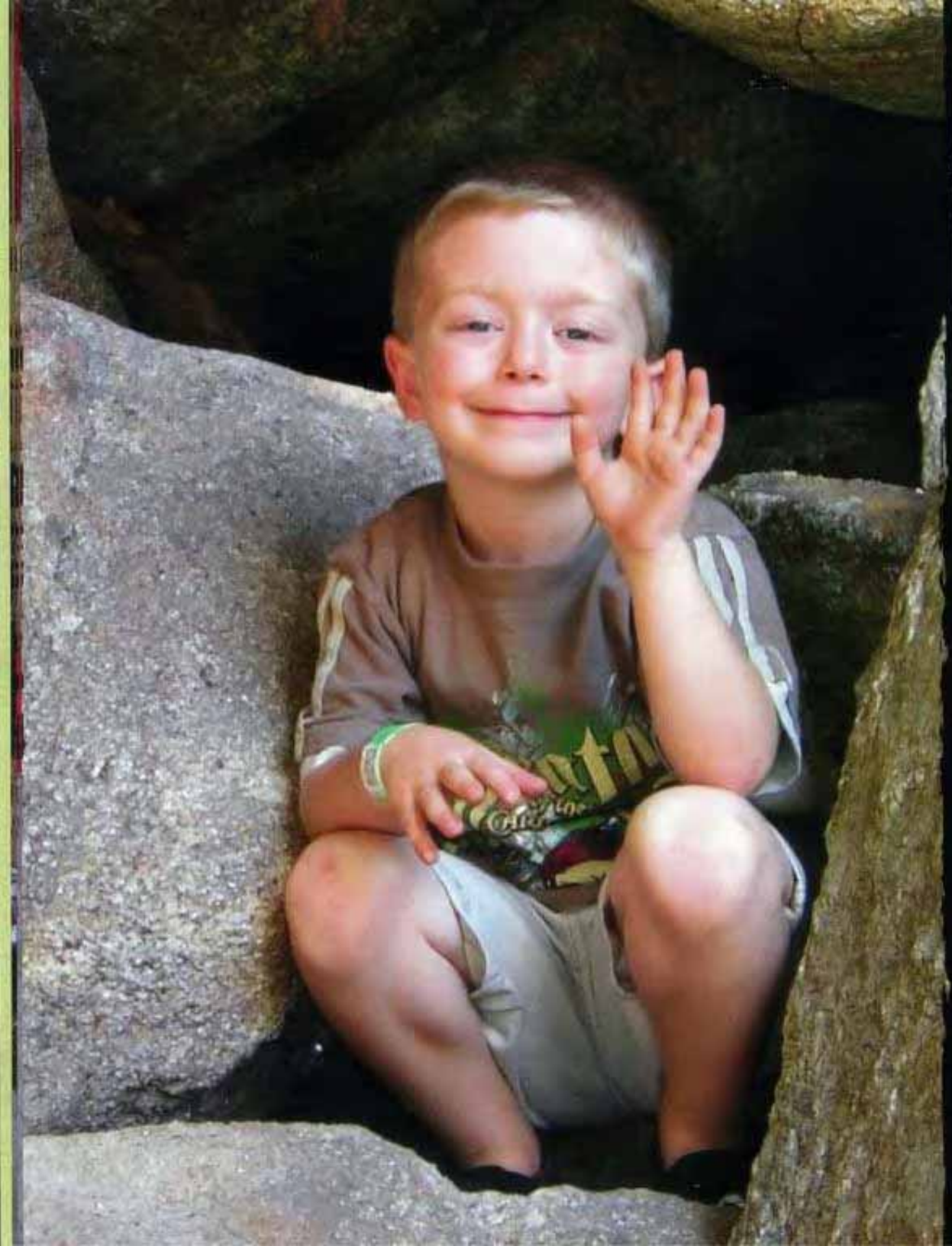
Favorite Movies:
Marley and Me
and
Twilight

Favorite TV Shows:
American Idol
and
The Office

Favorite Drink:
Dunkin' Donuts Iced-Coffee
(even in the winter!)

I grew up on Long Island all of my life. I am the oldest of three children. I have a younger brother who just recently got married and younger sister. All of my family lives close by. As a matter of a fact my parents live across the street! I have a Master's Degree in Library Science, which I earned from Long Island University. I work part-time as a children's librarian at the local library where I have worked for the last nine years. My job consists of conducting storytimes, playgroups and other classes for preschool children as well as assisting parents in finding books and resources on virtually every aspect of parenting. Just recently one of my co-workers, who is an adoptive parent, asked me if I'd be interested in planning an adoption information program for parents who are interested in learning more about adoption. For the program, we had to compile an informational booklet which included a list of books, websites and magazines to assist adoptive parents who have either adopted a child or plan to adopt. The booklet wound up being distributed to almost a hundred libraries throughout two counties. I love my job and I have and can't imagine doing anything else. I have a very flexible work schedule which allows me to be home for Jordan and will also allow me to have plenty of time for a new baby! When I do have to work, there is always a grandparent that is available and willing to babysit. All of them can't wait to have more grandchildren. During my free time, I love to go to the gym, yoga classes, craft fairs, attend my bookclub and shop for clothes as well as country decorations for our home. I love to decorate our house, especially for the holidays.





Jordan

Favorite TV Shows:
Spongebob
and
iCarly

Favorite NASCAR Driver:
Kyle Bush

Favorite Toys:
Bakugans
and
Wii

Top: Jordan with cousins Trevor and Megan at Pocono Raceway
Bottom: Jordan, Trevor and Megan at one on their sleepovers

I just turned seven years old and I am in first grade. I really enjoy school and get pretty good grades. I love to be the class clown. I love to act funny and make people laugh. I used to play soccer but I didn't really like it so now I am playing baseball. I am halfway through my first season. The name of my team is the Grasshoppers and my dad is the assistant coach. In the summer, I will be signing up for my third year of swimming lessons and in the fall I am going to be a Cub Scout. I am a big NASCAR fan just like my dad. My mom and dad just redecorated my room with NASCAR pictures, cars, and a comforter. One of my most favorite things to do is visit and have sleepovers with my cousins, Trevor and Megan. I also like when my mom takes me to the library where she works. My favorite thing to do there is a program called "Book Time With a Dog." I get to practice reading by reading aloud to real dogs. I have waited a really long time and cannot wait to be a big brother!





Squeaker

We have two Yorkies that we've had for about two years now. Squeaker is such a sweet and gentle dog but he is also very unique and quirky. When we bought him, he was on sale AND we were allowed to use a coupon! We've often thought he'd make a great character for a children's book. He's so smart that sometimes you actually have to spell things out around him!

Emmy

Emmy is a real sweetheart. Every time we come home, she runs up to each one of us and kisses us before she goes outside to do her business. We love our dogs very much and they are a big part of our lives. We also have a hamster named Richard and a fish named Chip Skylark.



Our Home



We bought our house seven years ago. It was a fixer upper. Over the last seven years, we have pretty much torn down the house room by room, wall by wall, and rebuilt it. Our house is located on Long Island, NY which is about 60 miles from New York City. We are very close to several beaches both big and small. One of our favorite things about where we live is that we get to enjoy the changing of the seasons. We have hot summers, cold and sometimes snowy winters, a colorful fall and a wet and green spring. We live in a safe neighborhood with local parks, an ecology center with a petting zoo, and public pools. There are many activities available in our area for children of all ages. For example, when Jordan was a baby, we attended a play group at the church, a music class for babies and toddlers, a Pee Wee Gardening class at the ecology center, and playgroups at the local Mother's Center. Not to mention all the wonderful programs at our library. We had a great time attending these classes and making new friends. I am looking very forward to doing it all again! Many children of all ages live in our development. We live in a six bedroom house so there is plenty of room for a new baby.



Our backyard



Living room



Kitchen

Values, Goals and Education

We are Catholic and attend a Roman Catholic Church where Jordan just finished up his first year of religion classes. Next year he will receive his communion.

Education is very important to us. We feel learning begins early on and not only with formal education such as preschool but also by exposing children to fun experiences such as trips to the zoo, aquarium, library, and museums. We both have college educations and plan to offer our children the opportunity to attend college as well. We would like our son and any future children to pursue their own dreams and we would like to help them in any way we can turn those dreams into a reality for them.

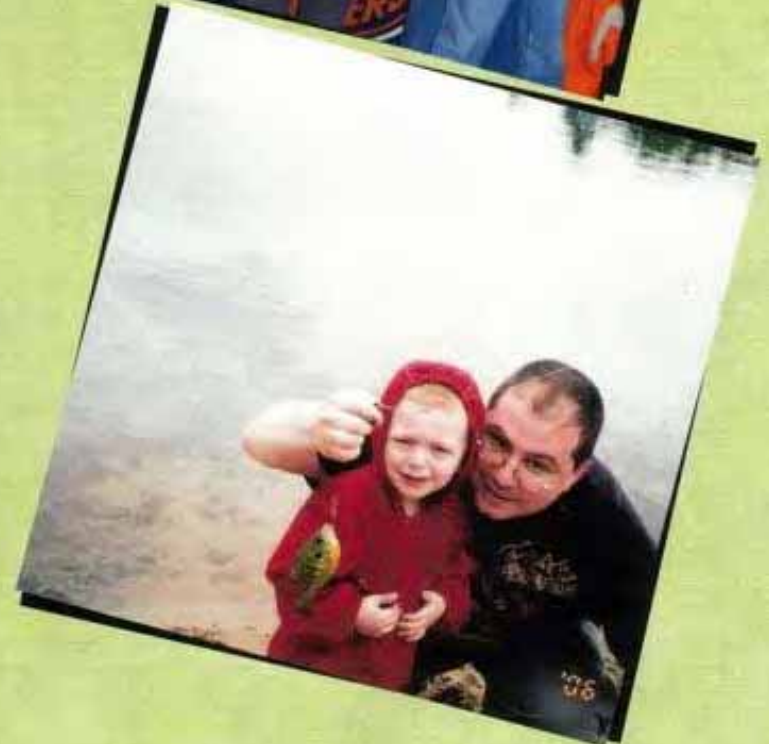
(Top: Kelly with her sister, sister-in-law and mother shopping in NYC, Left: John and Jordan in Rockefeller Center, NYC, Right: Family reunion)



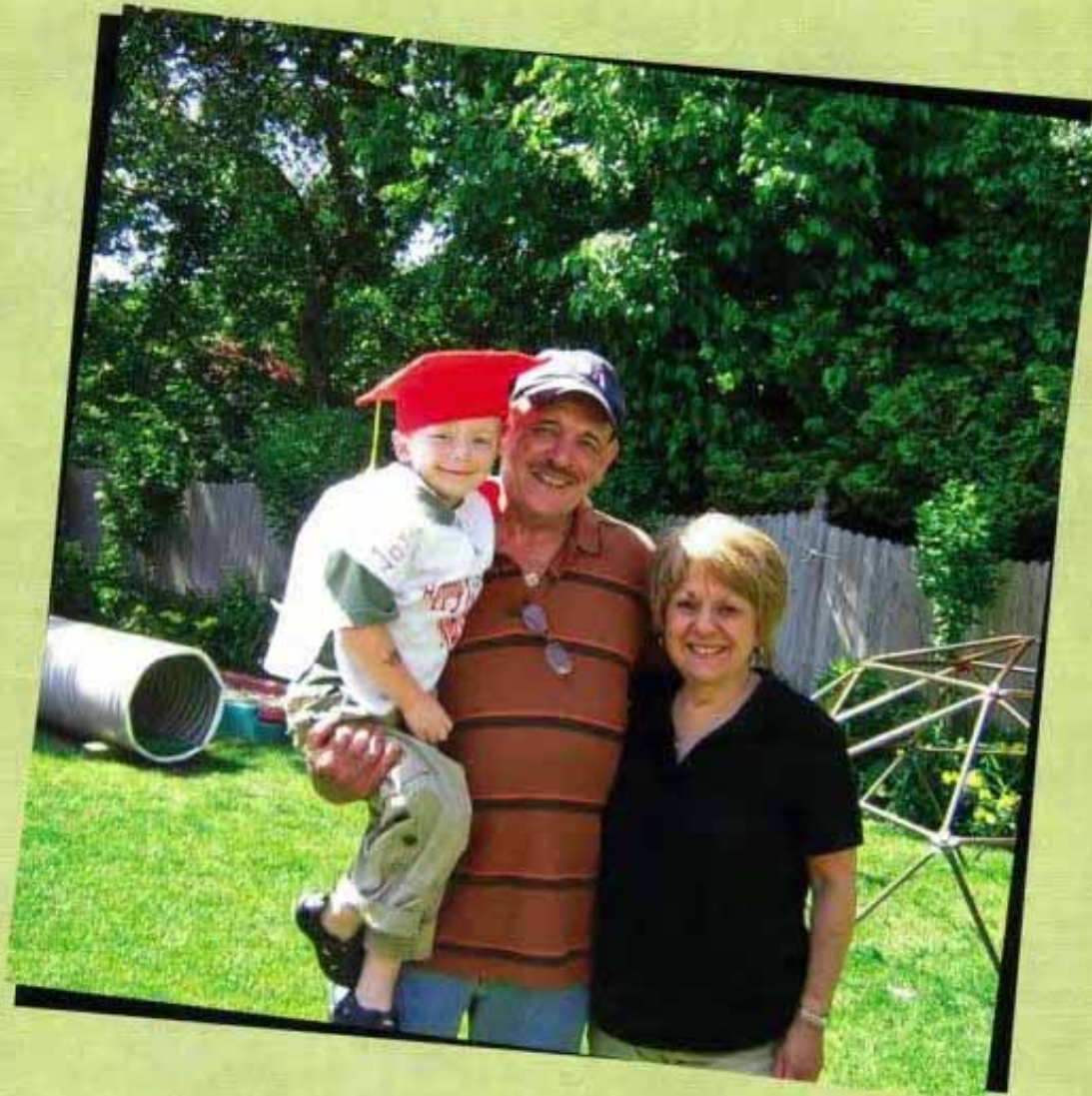
Fun

Top: John, Trevor, Kelly and Jordan waiting to high five the NY Islanders
Bottom: Jordan and John fishing in Michigan

Kelly's parents have a vacation home in Pennsylvania where she spent many summers as a child and where we enjoy spending many weekends during the summer months. While there, we like to swim in the pool or lake, fish, go to amusement parks and just spend quality time together. John's parents have a lake house located right outside of Lake George, NY. In the summer we like to spend time at the lake fishing and swimming and visiting the tourist attractions. In the winter, we like to go snow tubing. John's brother and some of his cousins own campers and often spend many weekends camping. We usually will spend one or two weekends in the summer and fall camping with them at local camp grounds. Every fall, John's side of the family has a family reunion camping trip where every year over 100 people spend the weekend camping together. Every family makes a dish and on Saturday night everyone meets under the pavillion with the food they prepared. It is a lot of fun and every one looks forward to it all year. John's father and his wife live in Michigan. They visit us several times a year and we usually visit them once a year. On a normal weekend, we like to get together with family and friends, see a movie or go to a sporting event. And pretty much every single weekend, no matter how busy we are, we go out to eat as a family - just the three of us. We don't go anywhere fancy, but we really cherish our family time and this is a way that we make sure we spend some time together.

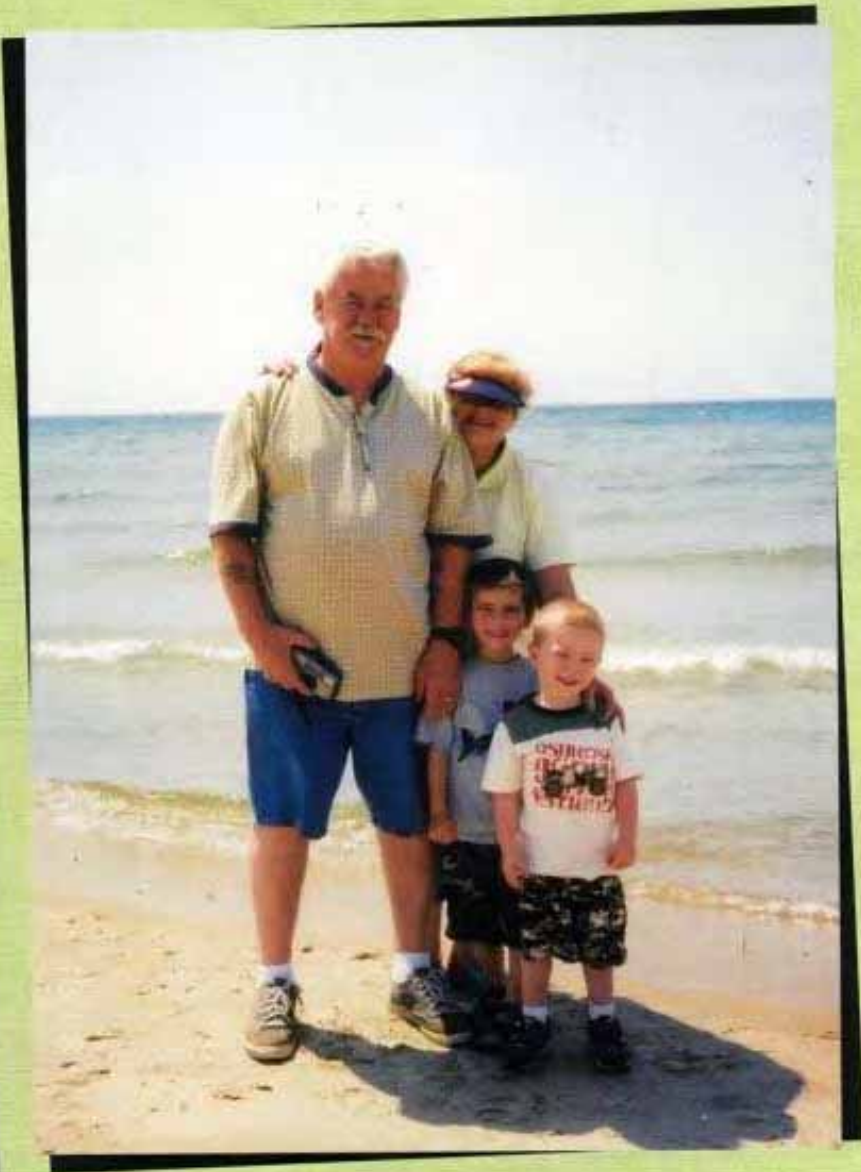


Grandparents



Jordan with Papa and Grandma from across the street.

Papa Richie and Nini



Papa Gray Hair and Grandma from Michigan with Jordan and cousin Dennis



Thank you for reading our letter and for considering us as a family for your baby. We hope you are able to tell how extremely excited we are at the thought of adding another child to our family. We believe we, as well as our extended family, have a lot to offer a child. Although we are not able to add another child to our family biologically, we know, and even knew prior to the hardships in trying that adoption was always an option we would love to pursue. If you should chooses us to be the adoptive family for your child, please be assured that he or she will know how special you are, the sacrifice you have made, and the wonderful gift you have given us. We would be more than happy to share pictures and letters with you if you wish. It would be the least we could do for giving us a gift for which there could never be a suitable thank you. If there is anything you would like to know about us that we have not included, please feel free to just ask us. We realize there are many decisions you have to do deal with. Please know that whatever your decision may be, we wish nothing but the best for you and your baby.

Thank you,
John, Kelly and Jordan