



**J A I M E , K R I S T I N A ,
& O L I V I A**



Our Wedding Day

Hello! We are Jaime, Kristina, and Olivia. We are so excited for you to learn about our family!

We are ready to embark on the adoption journey together with you, with our faith, our family, and our friends' support behind us. We know, without a doubt, that we are on the right path to expanding our family for a second time. We have faith and trust in you that you will make the right decision for your child. Know that we will love and treasure her always. We send you a big hug and we know that you will make the best decision for your daughter.

We cannot wait to add another child to our family through adoption. Adoption has been a wonderful gift to us by making us parents to our daughter Olivia.

ABOUT US

We met in May 2001 at a mutual friend's graduation. We hit it off right away and had a lot to talk about, especially comparing stories and adventures from our hometown. Believe it or not, we are from the same Texas town, but met 600 miles away from home!

We were married 14 years ago. **Our love and commitment to one another remains stronger than ever**, especially after the loss of our baby boy, Santiago in 2012. We were devastated when we were given the news that our son had a rare condition, and passed away in the womb. We were on an amazing emotional journey with our little angel, but through it all we have always remained at each other's side.

We went through genetic tests and we yearned to become parents. After months of testing we were absolutely done waiting and pursued adoption. We were matched with an amazing birth mom who made us parents in 2013.



Jaime, Kristina, and Olivia - 2020

OLIVIA

Our sweet, Olivia is seven years old. She is in the first grade at our neighborhood Spanish Immersion elementary school.

She has a witty sense of humor, an imagination that is hands down awesome, and a self confidence that is truly admirable and genuine. She loves to play with other children; so it is very common to schedule play dates, walking around the neighborhood or knocking on neighbors' doors to see if anyone wants to play.

At two and half years old, we noticed Olivia's natural talent and passion for gymnastics. She has progressed from Daddy & Me classes to a competition level team. It is a **true joy** to watch her in her element at competitions or in the gym perfecting her skills.

Olivia is **beyond excited to be a Big Sister** and has already given her little sister her nickname, Sissy. She talks about Sissy as if she's already here. She says things like, "When Sissy comes, I'm going to have to..." or "When Sissy gets bigger, she and I will get to..." **Her heart is gigantic, and she can't wait to shower her Sissy with affection. As parents, we cannot wait for them to create a sister bond of constant companionship to explore life together, to share secrets, and do all the things sisters do together.**

We are forever grateful to get to know and bond with Olivia's birth mother. She is an incredibly special woman. It is a relationship we will always hold dear to our heart and look forward to the day we share it with Olivia.



Kinder Graduation



Olivia at her favorite place, the butterfly house



Grandma & Olivia date: Trolls in NYC



Gymnastics Competition

ABOUT JAIME

Since Olivia's arrival, Jaime has become a **stay at home Daddy**. They have fun playing at home, going to kid friendly attractions, or attending Daddy & Me classes. The bond between Olivia and Jamie is special. He is a volunteer at her school and in February of 2020, he was recognized as volunteer of the month.

When our new baby girl joins our family, Jaime will remain at home and will have the special time with her Daddy just like Olivia.

Jaime has become an amazing photographer. He always has his camera to capture moments with Kristina as his trusty assistant. His dream is to open his own photography business in the future.



Decorating Easter cookies

Jaime's Favorites

Favorite Color: Navy and Maroon
Movie: Good Will Hunting and anything Marvel Universe
Show: Heroes and New Girl
Music: U2

Kristina's Favorites

Favorite Color: pink and purple
Movie: Any Disney Princess movie
Show: Most family series on TLC and love TLC's Long Lost Family

Our Relationship

Is built on...

- Faith
- Love
- Communication
- Trust
- Teamwork
- Support
- Good times/memories
- We have our own strengths and weakness but together we compliment each other

ABOUT KRISTINA

Since COVID, **Kristina** has been **working** from home **as an IT Project Manager**. Her job offers opportunities to work from home and honor family commitments. Although, **Kristina** works full-time, she still remains a **hands-on Mom**. During the week, **Kristina** is up in the morning to **fix Olivia's hair for school and send her out the door to school**. In the evening, Kristina makes it a point to be **home for dinner, homework, bath time, and cuddles before bed**. **In between**, Kristina tries her best to stay connected with texting and having quick phone calls to catch in.

With support from Jaime and family, Kristina chose to finish her Masters Degree in 2011 and enjoyed every minute of it (Jaime earned his by all the studying he helped Kristina with!)

Kristina loves family cuddle time, hugs and kisses. She's a positive thinker and is always willing to help others. She's the family planner; with activities planned well in advance, but also plans time just to stay home to hang out. Her knowledge of Christmas songs is endless, so you can guarantee Christmas songs are playing in her car during the holiday season.

On the weekends, Kristina enjoys being out and about with Jaime and Olivia, family and friends. And she treasures her Mommy & Olivia dates; you can find them at the nail salon, shopping, or grabbing a special treat just the two of them



Kristina's Graduation

TOGETHER...

We love to learn from one another. We enjoy books and exploring our surrounds. We enjoy staying active and traveling with our friends and our extended family, or just the three of us.

When we travel we try to go to new destinations to create new memories together. We will continue our adventures when our newest family member joins us. **We can't wait to share these experiences with our girls.**

The trip we are most excited to share with our daughters will be annual trips to Disney. We LOVE Disney.

FAITH

We are a family of faith. It is what **sustained us with strength and comfort** through the loss of our son, and our other **joyous and sorrowful life events**. As children, we were raised Catholic and will continue to share our Catholic faith with Olivia and Sissy. We look forward to the day when Sissy gets to be baptized and can wear the baptismal gown Olivia wore. –A family heirloom for our girls to share and maybe their children as well.



OUR

FAMILIES

We are close to both sides of our family.

Jaime's parents are retired, and his Dad remains in our hometown and his Mom lives twenty minutes from us. Jaime's older brother and his family live in Texas and a day's drive away. We see them often, and Olivia especially loves her "Cousin Time" with our two nephews (a Senior in High School & 9th grader) and niece (a 5th grader).

Kristina is the only girl in her family and the middle child. Kristina's parents have been married for 45 years and remain in the same home she grew up in. Kristina's younger brother moved back to our hometown with his wife to join a medical practice. Kristina's older brother and his family live about 5 minutes from Kristina's parents. They have three kids, our two nephews (9th grader & 7th grader) and our niece (3rd grader).

Kristina's parents travel to visit Olivia frequently to spend quality time with her. We also travel to our hometown on a very regular basis and enjoy reconnecting with our family, but we especially love giving Olivia "Cousin and Family Time". Holidays are our favorite time of the year because we are all together in our hometown, and we share in a lot of family traditions.

Both our families are very thrilled and beyond supportive of our decision to adopt for a second time, and they are just as anxious as we are to add a grandchild, a niece, and cousin to our growing family.



Berry picking with Jaime's family



Christmas morning with Kristina's family

OUR HOME AND COMMUNITY

HOME AND THE PLAYROOM:

We live in a two-story home at the end of a cul-da-sac. Our home has plenty of room for our family of four to eat, play, relax, read, and make a mess.

We have a long driveway to hang out with friends and neighbors, draw with chalk and play basketball on. Olivia loves to ride her bike and play with the neighborhood kids in the front yard.

We have a great backyard that is made for children to play in with a wooden play set where Olivia and her sister can explore, swing, and slide!

Olivia's favorite room in the house is her playroom. Jaime loves to say, "Olivia can make as big of a mess as she wants because at the end of the night, all we have to do is close the door!" Olivia can spend hours in the room letting her imagination run wild playing with her grocery store and kitchen, her nursery set-up for her dolls to "play family", and so much more. Olivia cannot wait to share her toys, have a full-time play mate and create memories with her Sissy in their playroom.

COMMUNITY:

We live in an area with lots of opportunities to work, play, explore, and learn. As a family, enjoy exploring the city, community attractions, and new opportunities together. A few of our favorites are the museums, arboretums, butterfly houses, local farms, amusement parks and zoos. We like to have fun, and we look forward to sharing these experiences with our new addition.



Our Home



Backyard



Olivia's Playroom

ARE WE READY?

JAIME AND KRISTINA

Heck yes! We have prayed and dreamed of the moment to hold and kiss her in our own arms. We have always wanted to have another daughter; and now is the time for us to complete our family!

On a personal note, we want our daughters to know that their Mommy and Daddy love them, believe in them, will be their loudest cheerleader, and will support them in whatever idea they might have (crazy or not). We will be there to listen, cuddle, provide guidance, wipe tears, kiss boobos, hold their hands, and share secrets. We hope to raise both our daughters to be women of strong values, faith, confidence, humility, love for herself and others, and know their parents and extended family are always they're for them.

OLIVIA

Without a doubt...YES. She has wanted to be a big sister for close to two years now. We strongly believe that she's at the right age to assert herself as a big sister and be a good example, helper, and best friend to her little sister.

Olivia's heart is so big. She thinks about her Sissy often. In December 2020, Olivia passed a children's section of a store and saw a little pink lovey piggy hanging on a rack. She insisted that we buy it. She said this would be a Christmas gift for Baby Sissy. I tried to explain to her that we do not have Baby Sissy yet, but she wouldn't let that be an excuse. She said, "It's ok, Mommy. We will save it until she comes. She gets a Christmas present too."

Your Big Sister has a present waiting for you. We will hold onto it until the day we welcome you into our family!

