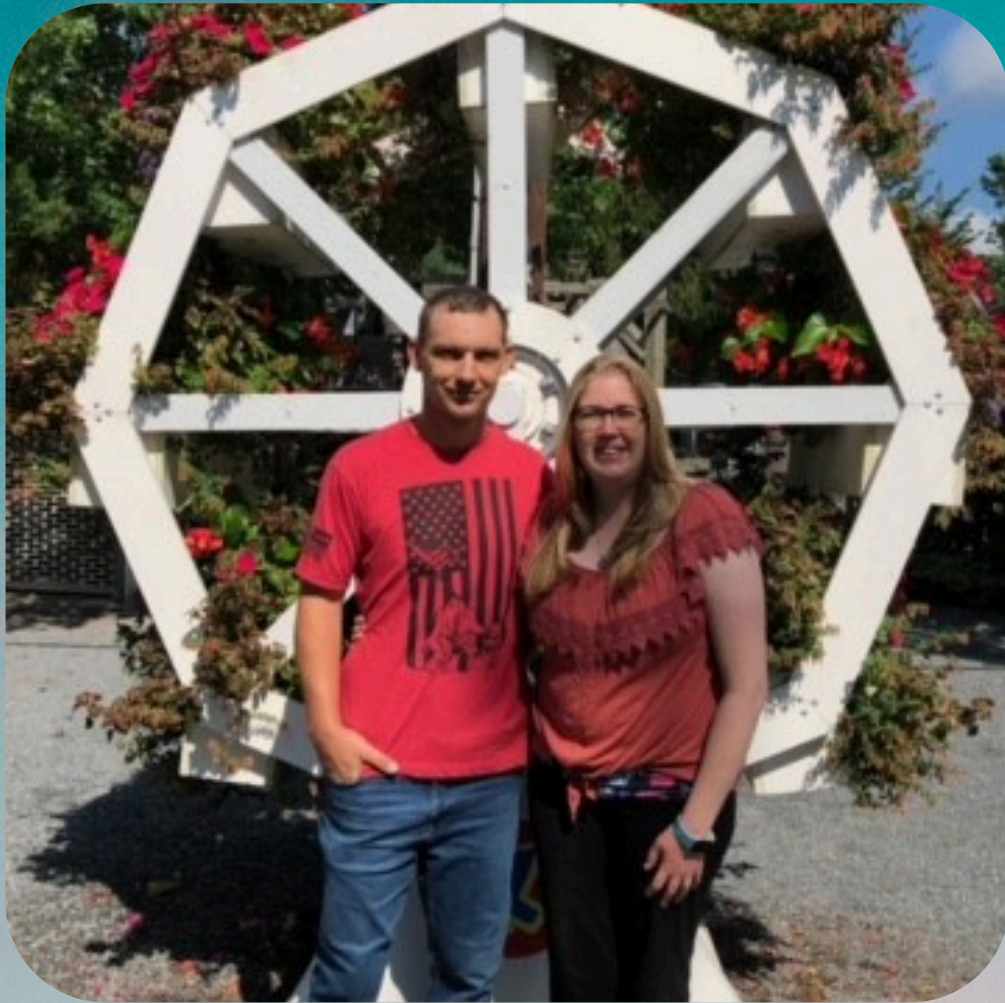


TIM & TABATHA



with
HARLEY & KONA





THANK YOU



More than anything we want you to know that if chosen as your child's adoptive parents, we will love your child unconditionally and will devote our lives to providing him or her with all the love, security, and joy we can offer. We cannot imagine what this journey is like for you, but please know our hearts are with you and you are in our prayers. We are humbled by what we feel is your incredible strength, fierce courage, and deep love for your child. We are honored that you are learning about us and considering us as adoptive parents for your child.



ABOUT US

We are foster parents. We began this journey in the beginning of April to a newborn baby girl that we love and cherish deeply. We always knew we wanted to be parents however we did not realize all the emotions you feel with being foster parents. She just recently learned to roll over. Tabatha was practicing tummy time with her and when she rolled, Tabatha was in awe of how quickly she did it. Your child's milestones and accomplishments will always be celebrated.



We enjoy exploring historical sites and museums. We have visited multiple battleship museums and historical sites. One of them we visited was the USS New Jersey battleship a few years ago and we got to explore every floor on the battleship. While exploring we were able to explore the top deck, and we got to operate an enclosed turret machine gun. It was interesting to learn about how everything on the ship operates.

We love music of many genres. We both enjoy going to concerts and festivals, singing and dancing together (not that we are great at either). We recently went to a fair to see Pentatonix in concert. They played our favorite song *Hallelujah* that we used to sing together. It brought back happy memories of us singing along with Tabatha's father which was extra special to us as he is no longer with us.



ABOUT TABATHA BY TIM



Tabatha **enjoys cooking and baking** and developed this love from cooking with her grandfather. A fond memory of Tabatha making dinner was the time I got home, and it looked like something exploded in the kitchen. She was trying to make rolls when she accidentally dropped the flour bag Poof! It was everywhere, including all over her. I looked at her and we both busted out laughing. Surprisingly, the rolls and dinner both turned out delicious despite the mess.

Tabatha enjoys doing **needle crafts and latch hook crafts** in her spare time. A latch hock is done by pulling pieces of yarn through a canvas using a special tool called a latch hook. A fond memory Tabatha has is learning to do a latch hook the first time with her grandmother. Even after Tabatha's grandmother passed, her father continued to do them with her. Tabatha is currently working on a pillowcase latch hook. It has a butterfly design, which is one of her favorite creatures. Your child will be encouraged to express their creative side.



Tabatha enjoys **gardening**, an interest she developed at a young age when she would help her grandfather pick vegetables. One time while digging potatoes by hand, it started to pour and as Tabatha was getting out of the garden she fell in the mud. She still remembers her father's face when he came out to get her and she was covered in mud. It was quite amusing.



ABOUT TIM BY TABATHA



Tim **enjoys home improvement projects.** The kitchen has been Tim's most challenging project so far. I helped Tim put the tile backsplash up. We worked out the pattern we wanted, and then started placing the tiles on the wall. I had no idea how to place them on the wall, but Tim patiently showed me. It was a messy job and at one point we noticed some mortar on Harleys noise from being so nosey. Your child will learn patience when learning something new.

Tim has **a passion for restoring vintage motorcycles.** He has restored a handful of vintage Indian motorcycles with his father through the years but Tim's favorite motorcycle he restored is a 1937 Indian that was the bike of the year for Sturgis Bike Rally of 2018. A well-known Harley Davidson artist that paints an official painting every year for Sturgis contacted Tim asking if he could use his Indian for the painting. Tim was honored he picked his bike. It then was turned into a tin sign and sold all over the country.



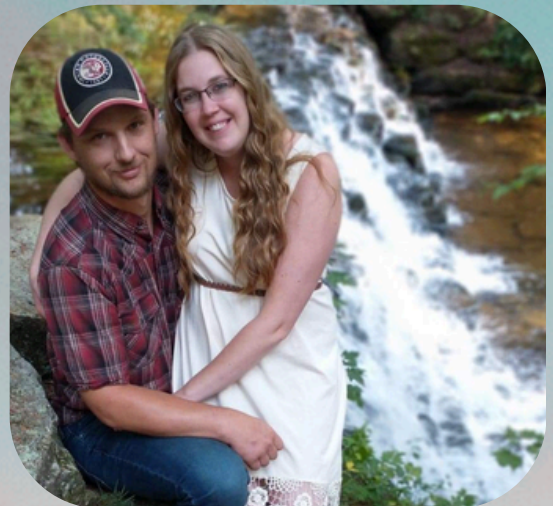
Tim has **a love for history and WWII reenactments.** Tim started doing WWII reenactments with his uncles. His favorite reenactment is the D-Day landing invasion in Ohio off Lake Erie. He always enjoys meeting WWII veterans and hearing their stories. One time a vet from the 101st airborne was there and he received the French medal of honor for his heroism during WWII while sitting in our camp. This man was Jim "PEEWEE" Martin and we learned the movie *The Band of Brothers* was based on him and his unit in WWII. Tim was honored to have witnessed and been a part of this event.

OUR STORY



We met online and were drawn to each other because of our common interests. It was funny because we both had a picture of our snowmobiles on our profiles, and they were similar in color and design. We talked for a few weeks before Tim asked Tabatha out on a date. We went out for lunch then we went to a festival in a nearby town to see someone doing a cover of Dolly Parton. When she sang the song *9 to 5* we both started to sing along. At that moment we both realized we had even more in common than we originally thought. We then planned a 2nd date for the next weekend to go miniature golfing.

After 2 years of dating, we went to Bushkill Falls in the Pocono Mountains of PA. As we were hiking the trails to the different waterfalls, we reached the largest of the waterfalls, and Tim proposed to Tabatha at the base of the waterfall. Tabatha was surprised because Tim chose to do it on her birthday. Ever since then **we make going to see waterfalls a top priority in our hiking adventures** since it was such a special moment in our lives. Our favorite waterfall is one within hiking distance of our home. We enjoyed taking Lilly there for the first time this summer. She was all smiles seeing the falling water.



We have **always wanted to be parents** but discovered our infertility early in our marriage. Although it was a difficult time, we are happy it brought us to the place we are today. Being foster parents brings joy to our hearts. We hope to adopt our foster daughter in the future, but we do not know if that will happen. If we were able to adopt, we would be excited for your child to have a sister to grow up with and consider our family complete. If we are unable to adopt our foster daughter Lilly, we still hope to adopt another in the future so your child can have a sibling. We are grateful our path has led us to you, and we are hopeful to join you in your journey.



MEET HARLEY & KONA



We both had dogs growing up. Once we moved into our house five years ago, we both wanted to get a dog. One day Tabatha's sister called us to come see the puppies her dogs' had. We drove to her house and fell in love with Harley. He resembled a chubby little groundhog with a big belly and short legs. A couple years later, Tabatha got a phone call from a girl she worked with, who said she found a dog outside of their work. We found out later in the day that someone had just thrown her out on the street. Tabatha sent Tim a picture of Kona, and when he asked whose dog it was, Tabatha replied "Hopefully ours."

Harley is a very quirky boy. Since the day we brought him home, **we believe part of him thinks he is a cat.** He loves chasing a laser pointer, and if he sees a shadow or reflection from the sun hitting it, he tries to catch it. It is so sweet and funny to watch. Kona on the other hand loves running around outside. Every time we let her outside, she feels she must make sure the yard is clear of rabbits and other animals. Then she watches to make sure they do not sneak back in.



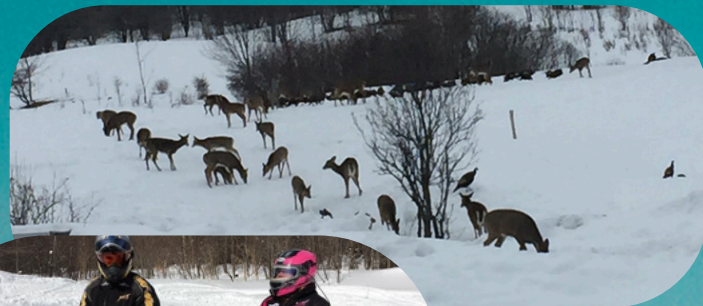
Harley and Kona are both gentle giants and great with kids. When we brought Lilly home from the hospital, they were overly excited to have a child living in our home with them. One time Tabatha was doing the dishes, and Lilly was asleep in her bassinet in the next room. Harley came to the sink and tried to squeeze in front of Tabatha before walking towards the next room. It seemed like Harley wanted her to follow him, so she did. Harley was looking in the bassinet at Lilly and Tabatha noticed that Harley was trying to tell her that Lilly was awake and fussing.



FAVORITE THINGS TO DO



We both love the snow and grew up riding snowmobiles as kids. One winter we went out to the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon to ride the trails of the canyon. On one trail **we saw close to 20 different deer** just walking around. They were so beautiful with their long winter fur. We have never seen so many deer before.



We enjoy riding motorcycles. Tim rode motorcycles since he was a kid on his family's farm but Tabatha never rode on a motorcycle until she met Tim. We love to go on Sunday bike rides with Tim's family. Last Father's Day we went for a family bike ride and stopped at a restaurant that was farm to table. While we were there, we found that they had an ice cream shop inside a little store that was part of the restaurant. **Of course we had to get some ice cream!**

In the spring and fall we enjoy going for hikes and exploring nature. We take Harley and Kona on walks through the woods down to the creek and water falls near our home. One time we took a walk down to the creek to see what Harley and Kona would do in the water. As Harley got close to the water, **he decided he was going to jump in and got us both all wet!** He really enjoyed his first time in the creek! Your child will explore nature.



In the colder months during the winter, we both enjoy putting puzzles together and playing board games. We bought our first puzzle for .50 cents at a yard sale. Tim enjoyed putting it together so much that Tabatha bought him a Harley Davidson puzzle. From there, we bought a 2,000 piece *Little Mermaid* puzzle only to find out that **when we got to the end it was missing a piece**. Tim got a little frustrated because it took 2 weeks to put together and our plan was to frame it and put it in the nursery. Your child will have a family who enjoys playing.



Cooking outside on the pellet smoker is a favorite for us as we enjoy having cookouts on the weekends with family and friends. The first time we used the pellet smoker we made a beef roast. It took about 4 hours to cook but while making it we ran it out of pellets. We filled it back up and it continued to cook but once it reached temperature, **it was like trying to cut leather**. Unfortunately, we had to throw it out and make hotdogs on the grill for dinner.

We enjoy going bowling with friends. There is a bowling alley about 10 minutes away from our house. Once a month we have a friend's night, we all get together and go bowling. One of the first times we went bowling together, Tabatha was up to bowl and when she threw **the ball it bounced and went down the wrong lane!** As soon as Tabatha saw the ball bounce into the next lane she instantly started laughing with our friends.



MEET THE FAMILY

If you choose us, your child will have 3 grandparents, 7 aunts and uncles, and **7 cousins**.

Our family is **close by**. Being so close together is so nice because we can have get togethers often. We recently planned a last-minute cookout on Memorial Day. With everyone living so close to each other that all our family was able to make it. we got a baby pool and filled it so we could get Lilly in for her first dip in the pool. We know she really liked it because she had a big smile on her face the whole time. Your child will always experience fun quality time with family.



We look forward to going to **Knobels amusement park with family every summer**. We both grew up going to the park when we were kids with family. When we went last year our nieces and nephews were at the perfect age to finally start going on the rides. We went on the teacups together and boy did we forget how dizzy you get from spinning around so much. The Kids enjoyed it so much they wanted to go on a 2nd time but we were dizzy after only one ride so we decided once was enough.

Tim's family owns a vegetable farm and **loves working together** to plant, grow and harvest home grown produce. Our nieces and nephews really enjoy interacting with all the farm animals and getting tractor rides . They really enjoy learning how to plant and raise produce. They also love to take care of the animals. At one get together, our niece and nephew enjoyed playing with the goats and chasing them around the pen. They enjoyed it so much that now its all they want to do every get together on the farm now.



TRADITIONS



A tradition we have every year is baking **Christmas cookies with Tabatha's sisters**. We hold this tradition very dear to our hearts because it was one thing Tabatha did every year with her dad. Sadly, Tabatha's father passed away 2 years ago but she can still feel him with her when she bakes cookies. Last Christmas we made his favorite; Sugar Cookies. Then we got to enjoy eating them the way he always ate them by dipping them in cup of hot coffee. We all got a little teary eyed.

Every Halloween our immediate family gets together at **Tim's family's farm to pick a pumpkin** and enjoy an evening of pumpkin carving. The kids were very intrigued to carve the pumpkins this year. Their favorite part was cleaning out the seeds. They went around to everyone to ask if they could clean their pumpkins because they wanted to save the seeds to bake. Tim took the insides of our pumpkin and laid them near the pumpkin to make it look like the pumpkin was throwing up the seeds. We look forward to learning so of your traditions as we would be honored to continue them in your childs life.



Every year we take a trip together. One fall we went to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Tim surprised Tabatha with tickets to Dolly Parton's Stampede show which is a Dinner and Rodeo Show. We have never experienced anything like it before. They brought out a **five course meal** as we were seated in a stadium **watching the rodeo**. Our favorite part of the show was watching the cowgirls doing acrobatic tricks while riding a horse around the arena.

OUR HOME , NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY

Our favorite part of our rural home in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania is the large backyard surrounded by woods. It is our safe and quiet place where **we enjoy peaceful nights by the fire** while listening to nature's sounds. At the beginning of the summer, we had a few friends over one evening. We sat around the fire cooking s'mores, and our friendly deer came out to visit us like they always do. Our friends were surprised how tame they were and fed them pretzels right out of their hands. The yard is large enough to add a swing set and even build a treehouse someday for your child. Your child will enjoy playing in a large safe backyard.



We really enjoy that our home is surrounded by a state park that offers many natural attractions. One of our favorite parts is the **lake with a beach** that we visit regularly. We go there multiple times to cool off during the sizzling summer days. Last summer we went there with our nieces and nephews, and we built our first sandcastle. The kids were more excited to destroy it than build it.

There is a river about a mile down the street from our home where we go white water rafting and fishing in. We take part in the annual catfish derby that our community hosts. Two years ago, **Tabatha won the derby with a 24" catfish**. It was the largest catfish Tabatha ever caught. Tabatha was so excited that she got it mounted on a piece of driftwood and calls it Wiskers. Now we have it hanging on the wall with some of her other mounted trophies. Your child will get to enjoy the river.



OUR WEEKDAYS

Tabatha worked in the dental field as a receptionist for the past 6 years but currently, Tabatha is a **stay-at-home parent** to our foster daughter (Lilly). Tabatha plans to go back into the dental field when your child is older.



Tim is a heating and air conditioning service technician. He starts early in the morning and is **home early in the day**. Because of his **flexible** work schedule your child will get to spend a lot of one-on-one time with Tim at home.

Eating dinner together every night is special to us. Recently Tim made BBQ chicken and family farm grown sweet corn on the smoker. It was the 1st time Tim tried cooking corn in the smoker. It turned out delicious and it had the BBQ smoked chicken flavor from the chicken we had also BBQed. Then the rest of our evening was spent relaxing in the living room watching the live action *The Little Mermaid* movie. We love getting some much-needed cuddle time with the pups. Harley and Kona are usually on our laps while Lilly snuggles between the two of us. Your child will always have quality family time each day.



UNTIL WE MEET...

We want to thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We have both wanted to be parents for a long time. Then we got our foster daughter and that really made our dreams come true. However, it is uncertain if we will be able to adopt her. We would be honored to be entrusted with the gift of your child and would love them unconditionally.

We want your child to always know where he or she came from. If chosen, you will always be an integral part of his or her life, and we plan to raise your child with an understanding and appreciation for you and the sacrifice you are making for him or her. **We would love to stay in touch and maintain a level of openness** that is comfortable for you. We wish for nothing but the best for you and your baby. Thank you again for considering us.

Tim & Tabatha

