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## It's the gift they wanted: a family

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**Thanks to adoption, new parents celebrate their first Christmas with the child they dreamed of having**

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ROYAL OAK - Audrey Kalasky will not have to put on her game face this Christmas morning.

It will be a glorious celebration for the 36-year-old nurse as she and her husband, Chris, share it at multiple family gatherings.

With them this year is Trevor, their baby boy who was born during halftime of the Super Bowl as the Rolling Stones tore through a set of their hits at Ford Field.

He is almost 11 months old, able to stand and just about to turn stumbles into a full-blown walk. Brighteyed and willing to smile for a photograph, he is able to sign "more" and "all done" and doesn't mind sharing his toys.

Trevor celebrates his first Christmas today, though for his parents, he is the gift.

"For all the ones I didn't want to celebrate, this one I cannot wait for," Audrey Kalasky said of the holiday. "I'm going to be the first one at the party and the last one to leave."



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After years of failed fertility treatments and a lost chance at an earlier adoption, the miracle of parenthood finally arrived in February for the couple.

They married 5 1/2 years ago, though their paths must have crossed at some point before meeting.

"We led parallel lives," said Chris Kalasky, 36. "We both grew up in Troy and went to Michigan State (University). But we met on a blind date."

Once married, the couple wanted to have children, and when that did not occur, they started the various treatments, experiencing regular disappointments over a couple of years. They were always open to adoption.

"That seemed to be the answer that we wanted, because we both wanted a family," Audrey said.

The stress of waiting was difficult, though.

As news of others' good fortune came regularly, they were happy for family and friends who were expecting. But it stung also, reminding them what they were missing and might never get.

"Every time you turned around, one of our friends was pregnant," Chris said.

Or there was a baby in their church receiving ooohs and ahhs from fellow parishioners.

And then there was Audrey's job as a nurse at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where she works in the pediatric intensive care unit and the neonatal unit.

Everywhere they looked were reminders of what they were missing.

"It's either going to pull you apart or push you together," Audrey said. "There were a lot of tears. We leaned upon each other a lot. No one really knows what to say or how to help."

In November 2004, while still undergoing attempts at in vitro fertilization, they checked into adoption.

Chris, an engineer with an Auburn Hills-based auto supplier, said the logical side of his engineer-wired brain liked dealing with the adoption process.

While treatments were a sort of roll of the dice with either success or failure awaiting, he said, adoption provided hope, no matter how long they waited.

"With adoption, we thought it might take six months, a year or longer," he said. "But at least there's a light at the end of the tunnel."

Though a delay in the plans - when a birth mother backed out 10 days before the due date - was like a "kick in the gut," they had another expectant mother step up weeks later.

With the successful birth and finalized adoption, the agony of waiting and the pain of not knowing if the dream would ever be fulfilled have vanished, replaced by a realization that "it was meant to be," both said.

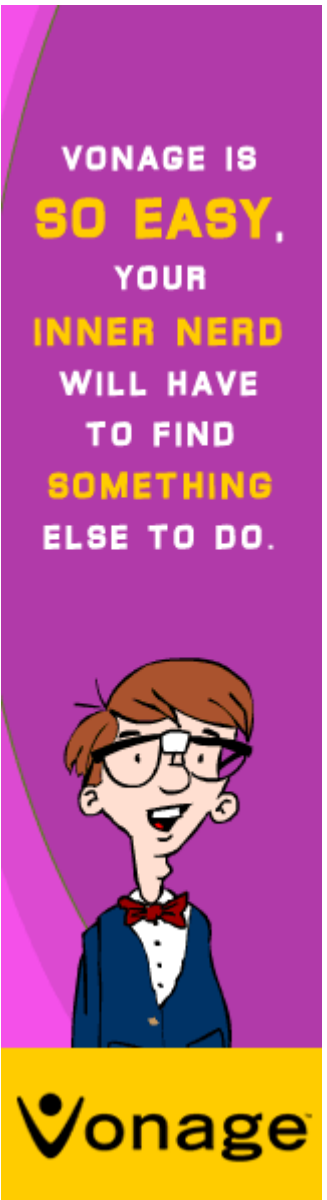
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feeling encouraged, even though it took time. Audrey said the professionalism of the agency gave them stability because they knew exactly what to expect.

"After being with needles, pain and disappointment, this was actually a very sympathetic and nurturing process," she said.

The first issue to decide was whether to consider domestic or international adoptions. Each has pros and cons. International adoptions may have more bureaucratic red tape and domestic adoptions may take longer to find a match between parent and child.

Because they wanted an infant, they went with a domestic adoption.

"We were actually in the delivery room," Audrey said. They also picked the name.

And the following day, they took their new baby home with them, finally able to use one of their spare bedrooms in their Royal Oak home. After regular visits from the adoption agency, the adoption was finalized Nov. 21.

Audrey Kalasky said they are ready to embark on the journey again, as both agree they would like three children.

"We're just filling out the paperwork," Chris said.

Whatever happens with their next attempt, they are thankful for their son's arrival that turned the couple into a family.

Now, holidays and special family occasions are nothing to dread.

And as for Trevor's future birthdays, Chris said they will celebrated on the Super Bowl Sundays.

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