

Individual Project

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This is Who I Am
Krysti Libby

When I Arrived



My name is Krysti Ann Libby. I came into this world on a frigid winter day in January 1980.

I was born to wonderful parents who taught me wonderful lessons in my life. I learned generosity and compassion from my Dad, and I learned about sympathy and steadfastness from my Mom.

They have always been there for me, and have given me support through everything that I have had to encounter , whether good or bad.

My Family Growing Up

I am the second child out of four. I have one older sister, and two younger brothers.

Our ages were always easy to keep track of because we were all two years apart. I always remember my calling out “two, four, six, eight, who do we appreciate!” or “five, seven, nine, eleven, guess we’re all going to heaven!” It was fun, because no matter how old we turned, she always came up with something that rhymed with our ages.



GROWING UP



I remember spending a lot of time with my Grandparents. After my Grandpa passed away, my Mom did everything she could to help my Grandma.

I developed a very keen sense of what it felt like, and what it meant to take care of others before myself at a very early age.

Growing Up

I grew up in a loving home.

Sure, we had our disagreements, and a lot of fighting between siblings, but that was fine. At the end of the day, we still loved each other.

We had fun going on outings as a family, doing tricks on the lawn on warm summer nights, playing night games, swimming and riding our bikes until we would pass out from pure exhaustion.



Vacations



I love to vacation. This was a love I developed as a very young child. My parents wanted to give me an opportunity to travel and see other places. We did yearly vacations together as a family. It was something I very much looked forward to, and always enjoyed.

Traveling

I traveled a number of times with my High School Choir as well.

We went to Washington D.C.,
and San Francisco.

This was a key point in my life
where I realized that traveling
was something I would continue.



More Traveling



As soon as I graduated from High School, I went on a new adventure to Taiwan. I was an English teacher to 46 very small students. I had two classes, 23 children in each class, all between the ages of 4-6.

It was amazing and very challenging. I developed a very secure sense of who I was when I was on the other side of the world away from my family and friends.

You Gussed it... more Travel



I became intrigued with other cultures, and other ways of life, and other religions when I was traveling. I had the opportunity to go to Hong Kong, Thailand, Ko Samui, and Macau China.

Cultures and religions around the world are so diverse and different. I couldn't help but be amazed by everything I saw, heard and tasted.

Education



I was taught to do well in school,
and to continue learning.

I was taught, not only by my parents
and Grandparents, but my religion
as well, to make my life one of
gaining knowledge. Learning never
stops.

It's not just about book smarts
either. Music, and dance have
always been something I have
enjoyed learning.

What I Believe

I was raised as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Everything that I am today, the way I treat others, and the choices that I have made to bring me to who I am today, were founded on my faith. I have never been afraid to walk the different paths in my life because I have been taught that everything happens for a reason, and that my Heavenly Father will not give me any challenges that I can't handle. I believe that God loves me and wants me to be happy.

Religion is very much the foundation of who I am.



My very Best Friend... My Husband



My life went from great to very great, better and fantastic when a handsome and charming young man walked into my life. I was smitten. We dated for about 14 months, which were the best months of my life! We were married when I was almost nineteen, and enjoyed our time together very much. We loved being together so much that we both put off our college educations and steady careers.

He is the absolute best and means so much to me.

It Just Gets Better!



We were blessed with our first child three years after we were married, and they just kept coming. First a boy, another boy, our only girl, and then three more boys. Six in all!! They are amazing young people, all with their own personalities, abilities, and struggles. They teach me so much every day and I couldn't be happier. Being a mom is everything to me.

Traditions



My life has been shaped by wonderful traditions. I have such magical memories of Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, Independence Day, etc. Every holiday was a big deal, and we have traditions that I grew up with, that have carried on into my own family.

Everything is magic through the eyes of a child. I am so grateful to experience it all with the most awesome kids ever!

Being Involved... Being Heard

I have been a State delegate for the state of Utah, and a county delegate for Salt Lake County for the past 5 years. I had a wonderful, early examples of taking advantage of my rights as a citizen of this great country. My Grandparents were WWII veterans, my Grandparents were state and county delegates for many years, my Grandfather was a prosecuting attorney, and my parents taught me how to vote as soon as I was of age. They always encouraged me to let my voice be heard.



ME... In a Nutshell



I know I have so much ahead of me in this life. I have a family, I have a home, a dog, a yard, six kids, an huge car (for the kids), great neighbors, life-long friends, my education, etc. The list could go on and on. I am living the dream.

I am me. I have had hurt, grief and trials, but it is my choice if I will become a product of those situations. I have had eye opening moments, and moments where I had so much joy there was no way to express it. I own everything, and all my experiences, and I give credit to so many who have been by my side and helped shape who I am.