

Hello we are...

Beau & Maggie



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Our Hopes and Dreams...

Adopting is something Maggie has wanted to do for as long as she can remember. Probably since the time she understood what adoption meant. Maggie and Beau met while working with children at a summer day camp. Maggie shared her dream with Beau early-on. Soon adoption became Beau's dream as well.

We have been together for 10 years and married for six years. We have gotten pregnant two times; however, both were ectopic pregnancies and unfortunately we lost the child both times. We decided to forgo any testing or procedures to investigate the cause. Having a biological child and being pregnant wasn't our goal, we wanted to be parents. For us it simply confirmed our dream. We would grow our family through the miracle of adoption.

We can't wait to be parents. Maggie will be staying at home with our child so we can make sure our child will always receive the best care possible. We have a great relationship and are truly each other's best friend. We are both very goofy and spend our days laughing. We are also financially stable. We have a beautiful home as well as the means and desire to provide everything our child needs to prosper and to pursue their dreams. However, we understand that for a child to feel safe and secure they need more than laughs and a beautiful home. They need unconditional love, strong values, and parents always available to them for support. We can't wait to be those parents!

It is not lost on us that for us to become parents, a mother must make the loving and selfless decision to make an adoption plan. We cannot imagine the pain and sorrow associated with such a choice. If she selects us as the parents for her child, he or she will always be loved and well cared for. Her child will always know her and honor her. We hope she will have a relationship with us and her child so that she will always know that her child is happy and healthy. While we may not be able to take away her grief, we hope to provide her some peace.

Warmest Wishes,

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Our values and beliefs as parents...

Family - We believe family is the foundation for all the relationships we have. Our parents were the foundation for our childhoods, and we want to be the foundation as parents for our child. To ensure our child feels the support of family, Maggie will stay home with our child while Beau continues to work to provide for our family. In addition, we will continue to spend time with our extended families so our child understands “family” includes grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Our child will enjoy outings to the zoo and sporting events with grandparents and their cousins. Our child will know they are supported when they see their family cheering them on from the sidelines at all their extracurricular activities.

Education - We view education as a life-long experience through school, sports, lessons, traveling and experiencing activities around us, such as zoos and museums. We continue to learn even as adults. Maggie is always trying to teach herself a new skill, such as learning how to sew or build things. Beau is continually expanding his knowledge and skills for his job. We will encourage our child to do their best and see every experience as a chance to learn. However, we want learning to be fun, like getting muddy while planting and watering the garden or by counting sticks during a walk, or playing I Spy to find colors during a visit to the park.

Being open-minded - We know that everyone’s experiences in life are different and believe growth and acceptance comes when we are open-minded to new people, places and things. We find the good in everyone. We have no idea what someone else has been through and won’t know unless we have walked in their shoes. We also aren’t afraid of going to new places or trying new things. We feel like you can’t know if you like something until you try it. This is especially important when we travel. We know that our customs are not the customs of other countries, yet we are respectful and learn about their way of life. We will encourage our child to feel inspired outside their comfort zone. Early on this may be climbing a ladder to a slide, hopefully later in life they will explore their boundaries for further growth and acceptance.

Integrity - We want our child to grow up to be a person of good morals and values. As parents, we understand it’s our responsibility and our obligation to lead by example. We will continue to be honest with each other and hold ourselves accountable for the things we say and do by keeping our word and the commitments we make to each other and to our child. If we say we will do something, we will follow-through. If it’s going for a walk or taking a vacation, we will show our child he or she is valued by demonstrating honesty, follow-through and commitment.

Happiness - We believe “happiness” is a state of mind, thus we don’t tend to sweat “the small stuff.” We believe striving for perfection is over-rated and squashes creativity and real satisfaction. We believe rolling with the hills and valleys of life takes a skill that one learns during childhood and we believe our laid back nature facilitates our attitude and approach to life. We will encourage our child to have fun in everything they do, knowing that they don’t need, and aren’t expected, to be perfect. Our child will be encouraged to do activities that make them happy. They may dream of climbing the tower at the park or imagine building sand castles in the sandbox or participating in an activity. We want our child to have a happy balanced life like the one we enjoy now.



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Our home...

Our home is our favorite place to be. It is the one place we are absolutely comfortable and can be ourselves. The day we moved in was amazing. We had been living in the city where Beau attended school and had worked hard to save money to purchase our home. We were so proud of what we had achieved and for finding the perfect home to raise a family.

Our neighborhood is quiet and the perfect balance between a small town and all the activities of a larger city. There are always people walking their dogs or playing with their children outside. The neighborhood hosts movie nights and block parties that most of the families attend.



We live about 10 minutes from downtown where both the Cincinnati Red and Bengals play. The aquarium, zoo and children’s museum are all within minutes from our house. We intend to get an annual pass to several of these places and visit frequently. There are several libraries and parks nearby where we will spend time attending story time and zooming down slides and reaching for the sky as we swing.

Our front yard has a large sloping hill perfect for rolling down and a large front porch where we gather with neighbors. The backyard has a patio with a fire pit and grill. Maggie actually built the patio sofa and the coffee table, and even sewed the cushions for the sofa. The backyard has plenty of space for our child to run and play, as well as a vegetable garden where we can’t wait for our child to dig holes and help us water using their own watering can.

Our friends and family are always welcome in our home. When they come to visit we hang out, talk and occasionally we host game nights. If the weather is nice we spend time together in the backyard. We have hosted Christmas Day brunch for the past two years, as well as several large parties with friends and family.

Our favorite time of day is the evening when we get to relax and spend time together. Maggie is a great cook and makes wonderful home cooked meals and it gives us a chance to talk about our days, share experiences and funny stories. We enjoy many different types of food including American, Italian, Mexican, Indian, and Thai.

We can’t wait to be parents! We look forward to seeing his or her develop their own personality. Maggie will be stay-at-home mom and Beau will join our fun in the evenings and weekends. Our child will have plenty of toys to play with and of course our dog Scruffy will be their best buddy. The nursery is ready with a white crib, changing station and a rocker to snuggle up while we are reading to our child and rocking them to sleep. The walls are painted steel grey and decorated with quotes from some of our favorite songs as well as an alphabet made out of Disney characters. Once we meet our child we will personalized their room to fit their personality. We can’t wait to fill their room with toys to play with and books to read to our child. Maggie can’t wait to make our child a baby quilt.

Our memory of moving into our house was great, but it’s nothing compared to the lasting memories we will create with our child!



- Both non-smokers

Hobbies:

Adoptive Mother:
Movies, crafting, sewing, learning home repair skills, learning to build furniture, reading, cooking, spending time with friends and family

Adoptive Father:
Movies, distance running, baseball, soccer, travel, trying new things, spending time with friends and family

Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Radiographer
Adoptive Father: Podiatrist

Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor’s Degree
Adoptive Father: Postdoctoral Degree

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Our family...

We've been together for 10 years. We met in 2006 during the summer between our sophomore and junior years of college. We both wanted to work with children and had landed jobs at the same summer day camp working with 10-12 year olds. We started out as co-workers and quickly became friends as we discovered we both loved children and shared so many other interests as well. After five weeks of canoeing, hiking, playing dodgeball, going to movies and other fun activities with the children we supervised, we started dating. We have been together ever since.

We dated for four years before we were married. Taking it all back to where it started, Beau proposed on the lake at the camp where we met. We fit perfectly together. Maggie is creative, handy, organized, loving, and fun. Beau is smart, hardworking, dependable, and a doting husband. We know how to have fun together and aren't afraid to act silly. We love hanging out together and both really love movies. In fact, the local theater has two days each year where you can watch the Oscar nominated movies and always take advantage of the opportunity. We love going to sporting events with family and friends. We have at least a few large gatherings at our house each year which Maggie loves hosting.

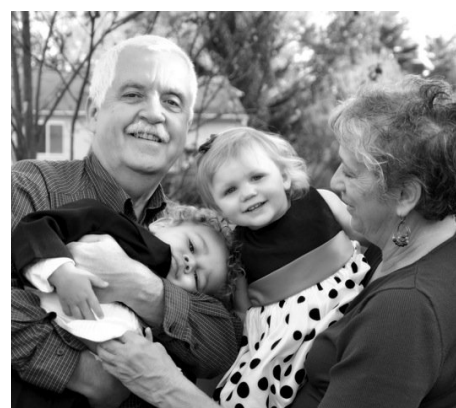


We truly enjoy spending time with our families and look forward to sharing many family traditions. Each year we go to the same Christmas tree farm with Beau's mom, Maggie's parents, siblings and nieces and nephews. The kids love running around the farm, playing hide-and-seek among the trees and the petting zoo. Having a real Christmas tree really helps make our home festive for the holidays and getting it is always so much fun to get. We can't wait for our child to play along with their cousins. We also have a tradition at Christmas that we have a special day we call "fake Christmas". On fake Christmas we plan a day to stay home, make special food and cookies, and watch Christmas movies just the two of us. It allows us to have time to enjoy the holiday together without having to run around to other places. We began this tradition when we first got married and can't wait to incorporate a child into it.

We look forward to taking our child on annual vacations with family...everywhere. We can't wait to take them to Disney World to experience the magic, and of course to Universal Studios to see all the Harry Potter attractions and rides. We can't wait to build sand castles on the beach and splash together in the ocean waves. We look forward to hiking in the Grand Canyon and watching the deer run about in the National Forests. Honestly, we can't wait to take them anywhere and everywhere to help them learn and grow.

Our parents love being grandparents and truly enjoy spending quality time with their grandchildren. In fact, Maggie's mom's motto has always been "the more the merrier". They enjoy trips to the zoo, playing games, reading, and even making pancakes together. The kids love to add the ingredients and stir the mix. Once they are complete they top their stack with warm syrup and gobble them up.

Everyone cannot wait to add another child to our family.



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