

Hello we are...

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## Our Hopes and Dreams...

Our hope is to adopt a child. Our dream is to give this child a chance at a life they may not otherwise have, and to give his or her mother the opportunity to be the best she can be.

We met when we were teens and have been happily married for more than 18 years. We live a life of love, compassion and faith which has filled our hearts more than we could ever hope. We've freely and generously given love and resources to those who need a good role model or a safe place to land.

We are leaders of the student ministry at our church, a group of approximately 15 teens and young adults. We spend a great deal of time with them and many have become an extension of ourselves. We are godparents to one of our previous student's two children, building a life-long unbreakable bond. To many of these students, we are their family. Likewise, our niece moved in with us when she was 18 years old, now 23 we still consider her our "family." We've helped supply resources she's needed throughout her college years, including cars, groceries, spending money as well as love and support. Even though she has her own place with roommates, she will always have a home here.

Don't get the wrong impression, we are not perfect and we do not claim, or ever pretend to be. But we love life and we try to have fun whenever we can. We are crazy about all things Disney - we collect and trade Disney pins, we visit Disney World every other year, and I (Amanda) even have two Disney tattoos, including the key to Cinderella's castle and the Genie from Aladdin. My home office clearly displays my fondness for Disney. We love all types of movies and often use movie lines in our casual conversations. If Cameron asks me to do something and I don't have time right away, I may respond, "negative Ghost Rider, the pattern is full" from his favorite movie Top Gun. We are silly, yet know and fulfill our responsibilities as adults, homeowners, and leaders in our church community.

We have been so blessed in life to share time with so many children who have grown into beautiful adults. We are thankful for those experiences, yet we dream of our own family. It's our desire to have a child to nurture, love, share experiences with and support while they become the best version of themselves. We dream of watching our families come together to encourage this little one and loving him or her more than can be imagined.

For you, we wish you peace with this decision. If you select us as your child's adoptive parents, we will want to lift every worry you have and find comfort with us. We want you to know that we will provide every resource to help your child be the best they can be!

Warmest Wishes,

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# GREEN LIGHT ESCAPE



## Our values and beliefs as parents...



**Christ** - We believe in God and believe our relationship with Christ has led us through life's hills and valleys. We demonstrate our faith in our words, actions and deeds, but mostly through the care and compassion we share with others. We attend church regularly and lead a growing student ministry. Our child will learn about Jesus' unconditional love through our daily activities we do together, at home as we share our life with others, and through church activities such as Sunday school.



**Family** - Family are those that we hold most dear and closest to our hearts. For us, this includes our immediate and extended family, as well as our close friends and the student ministry group we lead. We love to spend time with all of them and when we are together, fun and laughter comes easily. Game nights include card games like Skip-Bo or board games such as Trivial Pursuit. We share meals, jokes, recipes and even vegetables from our garden. Our "family" is the foundation on which we build and lean on and learn from. Our child will have that same support system to help guide and comfort him or her as they zigzag their way through life. There will be dozens of people holding the net to make sure that if/when they fall, they will have a safe landing.



**Love and Kindness** - We believe that we become the best version of ourselves when we share our love, kindness and compassion. It gives us hope in this ever-changing world, strength to overcome obstacles, and courage to try again when we stumble. No act of love or kindness is too small or too big - all are to be shared. When we moved, our family and friends helped pack up our house, moved every box and piece of furniture to our new home, and then helped us unpack. Something that could have been an overwhelming and daunting "task" became manageable and even fun with the love of others. We spread love as well. When our goddaughter's and godson's babysitter can't take care of the kids, we often take off work to support their mother so she can go to work. We look forward to always showing love and support to our child with the hope they will grow to love others so they may have healthy and loving relationships.



**Integrity** - We value honesty and trustworthiness and keeping our word. Promises are held to a very high regard and are not freely handed out. We believe in working hard and being the best person we can be - not only for ourselves, but for those who look up to us. We want our child to know that when we make a promise to him or her, it means something. Above all, we want him or her to be someone others can count on as they grow up. We learn by example and we want to be that example to them.

**Live Life** - We are naturally happy people who easily balance the need for stability with living life and having fun. We love all things Disney - watching their movies, going to Disney World, and collecting Disney items. We love that Disney is "a happy place" full of wonder and imagination. We surround ourselves with books that help us explore our imagination such as Harry Potter. We also love to solve puzzles, so escape rooms are a newfound love - we find them mentally exhilarating! We enjoy amusement parks like Carowinds, Busch Gardens and Universal Studios in addition to Disneyworld. We love new adventures and look forward to living life to the fullest with our little one.

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# Our home...

We love our home. When we looked at it during an open house, we immediately knew that this was the home where we wanted to raise our family. It was perfect. It was everything we didn't know we wanted and we knew God led us to this place. We are at the end of a street with a lot of foot traffic and few cars. Neighborhood children play together, walk their dogs and ride bicycles. There is a park just down the street with a beautiful play area, tennis courts and basketball courts, and just a bit further is a park with a carousel, small children's rides and play areas. There's even a children's museum just down the road that we can't wait to take our child to visit.



Just as we share our lives with those we love, we have an open-door policy at home too. We've created a place that is whimsical, playful and relaxing. It's a place where family and friends are welcome, regularly gather and feel comfortable putting their feet up. No invitation is needed or necessary, and the kids from our student ministry group stop by unannounced to hang out with us, crash in the living room or head upstairs to the bonus room to play video games or watch TV. We often gather around the fireplace on cooler nights and there is a piano for anyone who wants to play or sing along! It's a safe haven and everyone is at home here.

We have a basketball hoop in the driveway and a large fenced-in backyard with room to run and play. Our backyard also has a deck and covered patio with a grill where we often enjoy dinner. Outside, we like playing with our dog, playing Frisbee, and playing corn hole. We have gardens with fruit, flowers, and vegetables and enjoy the benefits of each. We even make homemade blueberry muffins from the blueberries, and the various vegetables are enjoyed by all.

- Both non-smokers

### Hobbies:

#### Adoptive Mother:

Photography, crafting, shopping, student ministry with our church, games with family and friends, the mountains, reading, singing

#### Adoptive Father:

Golf, photography, writing, games with family and friends, the beach, tennis, painting, making people laugh, watching sports

### Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Network Engineering

Adoptive Father: Associate Editor

### Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Associate's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

We look forward to a child in our life, sharing our days and nights, laughter and fun. Of course, the child will be our priority. We look forward to watching them grow and experience life knowing they are loved beyond measure. We look forward to sharing our love for all things Disney and watching stories come alive through the books we read and the movies we see. We will surround our child with learning opportunities, adventures, and when the time comes, attend all school functions - even when they get to that stage when they are embarrassed by our presence!

There will be so many people surrounding this child with love and adventure. The teens and young adults in our student ministry are even building a playhouse for this child! This won't be just any playhouse - they have planned a mini-house, including a front porch, windows, shingles and siding. The child will have their very own space specially made for them that will be their fort, clubhouse, or playhouse for years to come.

The child's room is ready, decorated with the theme to the Pixar movie "Up!". Cameron and I relate so well to the movie since Carl and his wife met at such a young age. We love that Carl and his wife make each other better and that Carl becomes an "adoptive" grandparent to Russell at the end of the movie. The entire story is about following your dreams, and that's what childhood should be about.



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# Our family...

We met when we were 16 and 17 years old while we were working at a local grocery store. Cameron flirted with me by joking that I didn't know the names of the fruits and vegetables. He made me laugh, and still does! We dated for three years before we got engaged. Cameron proposed on New Year's Eve just before the ball dropped in New York City while we were spending the evening with his parents at home. When I looked up, he was on his knee with a big grin on his face and flowers in his hands. We've grown up together and experienced the majority of our lives together. We've now been married for more than 18 years.

We create a beautiful balance in each other. I am more outgoing and vocal in social situations, while Cameron is more to himself and quiet. Cameron is the cautious one - the one that makes solid decisions and encourages patience in me. I push Cameron to try new activities that get him out of his comfort zone. Although we are both solid and driven people, we are also fun and don't shy away from being goofy.

We enjoy competing, while having old-fashioned fun like bowling and playing miniature golf. Don't get us wrong, we are certainly not the best bowlers and usually embarrass ourselves. Given that Cameron plays golf, he should be good at miniature golf, but banking it off the sides still seems to be a challenge! We have a fondness for quoting movie lines and seeing if the other person can remember what movie it's from. Our favorites to quote from include Harry Potter, Top Gun, anything Disney and Mrs. Doubtfire. It's actually pretty funny and helps keep a light spirit in our house. Playing card games and board games help, too. We attend several Broadway plays a year as well. Most recently we saw "Hamilton" and loved it. We've also seen "The Lion King", "Wicked" and "Mary Poppins". Later this year, we're planning to see "Aladdin."

Just as we open our home and hearts to so many, we have done the same with our family. We have been blessed to have our niece and nephew in our lives, taking them on vacations to Disney World with us since they were 9 and 10 years old, and truly being part of our family. Kelsi, our niece, has lived with us since she was 18 years old. Now 23, she recently graduated from college and although she has her own place, she comes home off and on throughout the year. She's a bright, intelligent and fun young woman. We're so thankful that she and our nephew will be a part of our family, helping this little one grow into the best they can be. They look forward to reading to their cousin, and Kelsi has already purchased some of her own favorite childhood books to share.

We have some great family traditions that we are also excited to share. Years ago, Cameron's dad started an annual beach trip. It's a big family trip that includes grandparents, parents, aunts, cousins, friends and whoever else can come during the week. We play games, cook together, swim, read and spend a lot of time just relaxing and talking. We've made some special memories that we'll forever be grateful for. Of course, we also celebrate holidays and birthdays together, and have lunch with Cameron's parents every Sunday after church.

We look forward to making a lifetime of memories with our child and hope our child does the same with all those we hold most dear.



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