



Hello We Are...



Gabe & Mackenzie

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Our Hopes & Dreams

We want our child to grow up feeling the security of being able to trust us with anything. To grow up making the important mistakes with us there to guide him/her along the way. Our child will grow up to be a caring, hardworking and adventurous adult. No matter who our child chooses to be we want to be there to support him/her every step of the way.

We always knew adoption was how we wanted to welcome a child into our loving home. A home where we can spend time together, enjoying life together. Gabe's family is very close. They live about ten minutes from our home so we are able to enjoy dinner with them on a weekly basis. We were both very close with our grandparents growing up and hope for our child to have these relationships with our parents. Mackenzie's family is very funny and always laughs. We joke a lot when we are all together. They are all so excited to have a grandchild.

Mackenzie is generous with her talents and time always looking for ways she can help others. She likes to make decisions fast and get straight to work. Gabe is the more cautious of the two. He likes to take his time researching when making decisions. He is very wise and is great at approaching a problem or situation with logic and reasoning. Together we help balance each other out making us a great team.

We both like exploring different cities and other cultures. We really enjoy going on coffee dates or grabbing churros from a local Hispanic coffee shop. We look forward to the days when we can bring our child on these family strolls into town. We can't wait to take our child on our first vacation, exploring new food and cultures together. We want to be there for our child to explain how amazing this world is. Full of love, adventure and discovery.

We will do everything in our power to give this child the best life possible. We will love this child unconditionally and support all of their endeavors in life. We will surround them with a loving and supportive family. With friends who are anxiously waiting to love this child.

We want the birth mother to know that she is so dearly loved and prayed for every day. We want to honor her in any way we can. We want to offer as much support for her as we can during this time as well as in the future. If she is open to it, we would love for us and our child to have an ongoing relationship with her. We would love for her to be a part of this amazing child's life. To watch him/her grow. To be there for the good times and especially during the hard times.

Warmest Wishes,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAMILY - We believe that family is all of those who you love and are close to. This includes our closest friends and their future children. We will teach our child to love those around him/her in the community that they build around themselves as they grow up. Our child will have Aunties and Uncles that are not related to Gabe or Mack by blood but are a large part of who we are. We will teach our child to value family through taking care of those in our community when they are sick or in need. As well as spending quality time with family and traveling together. We are constantly with family. Sharing meals together or enjoying a game night. We eat dinner with different members of our larger family at least three times a week and spend those evenings watching movies, playing games, cooking, and chatting over coffee.



LOVE - Love is very important in our faith. Most importantly the love we feel for our family. We believe that Love is a choice. Not just said but shown in our words and actions. Not the basic love. The generic love you hear in an almost redundant ending to each conversation with a family member. We want to teach our child a deeper love. The love we hold for those that frustrate us. For those that hurt us or make us feel sad. We will teach our child about the kind of love you show to your fellow man by doing kind things. We will teach our child to speak with respect for all beings. We believe that, of course, it is important for our child to feel loved by us and by the rest of his/her family. We will always show our child how much we love them. We also want to take that love a step forward. To redefine the word we have heard in our Grandparent's houses for generations. We want to teach our child to hold love for a stranger on the street in need. To hold love for those beyond the nuclear family.



RESPECT - Respect is a huge part of being in a family, a community, a workplace, or any social group. We believe that respect for others ideas, beliefs, thoughts, and efforts is important. We will teach our child to respect others as well as themselves by doing the same in our everyday living. We will teach our child this by asking them to speak and act with respect towards us and others. As well as showing them the same respect.



GENEROSITY - This goes hand in hand with loving others. We believe it is better to give than to receive. Everyone needs a little bit of help now and then. It's important for us to show our child how being generous can change someone's day or even life. From a task as large as helping people move to something as small as making a meal for our friends. Showing your love and appreciation for your fellow being is what is truly most important in this world. We both know what it's like to be down in the dumps. We have faced our share of pains, struggles, as well as triumphs. There were times we needed the generosity and compassion of others. We want to teach our child that even though they too will struggle in life. They are never alone. We volunteer very frequently with our church and jobs. We will do all this as a family. Showing our child how important generosity can be.

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Our Home

We have a two storied home with four bedrooms. An upstairs loft is used as a family room. Our home colors are mostly grays and blues giving our home an almost beach house feel. Our two dogs run around the house playing together full of energy. We imagine our child playing on the floor with them while we clean the house or cook dinner. Our favorite part of the house is our big kitchen where multiple people can cook and be together with ease.

We are planning to do a stars and moon theme nursery with grey and white colors. We have a changing table that has been in Gabe's family for five generations. Pop is building a wooden cradle just for our child. We imagine the late nights rocking our child back to sleep in our arms.

The kids all play in the front yard. We imagine our child running to ride bikes or play basketball with his/her friends in our cul de sac after dinner. We have so much diversity among us that it is really beautiful to watch all of the children play together. Our neighbors across the street have two adopted children and on the other side of our house our other neighbor has five biological children. There is a large park with a playground in the neighborhood that we can walk to from our house. There is a pool where all of us can go during the summer and swim. In the future, Gabe and Pop will build a swing set in our backyard for all of the kids to come over and play on with our child.

We always try and keep our house warm and inviting. In the winter we look forward to cozying up as a family next to the warm bright fireplace. In the summer we love opening the windows letting the cool breeze and the smell of freshly cut grass drift through. We want anyone who comes into our house to feel welcomed and at home.

When we have family and friends visit it is almost always to share a meal together. We greatly enjoy sitting around the table and having time to talk and catch up with each other. After dinner, we'll usually have coffee and break out a board game. It fills our hearts every time we get to spend the night enjoying each other's company. We love to spend as much time outside as we can. Our child will love spending time in the yard playing with friends while Gabe cooks on the grill. Our friends and family surrounding us.

A typical day in our house is always busy. We wake up early to get ready for work. We trade off on who makes breakfast that morning. Whoever is home first will prep for dinner. We spend our nights cooking together, listening to music or a podcast, and enjoying each other's company sharing about our day. One of our favorite things to do is find a fun looking dish from YouTube and trying our hand at it. It's been really fun and we are getting better at cooking and trying new things. Recently we have started to hand make our own pasta and have greatly enjoyed the journey of getting better at it.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Spending time with family and friends, traveling, cooking and baking, camping, hiking

Adoptive Father: Reading, video games, board games, trading cards, camping, hiking, spending time with family and friends

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Senior Systems Analyst

Adoptive Father: Gene Therapy Operations Specialist

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Master's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

PLUS:

- 2 family dogs
- Both non-smokers



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Our Family

Gabe met Mackenzie at NC State where they were both in the same small group at Grace Church. After years of being friends and hanging out around campus. At the end of Mackenzie's undergrad Gabe asked Mackenzie on an actual date. They went to Mellow Mushroom and met up with friends to go shag dancing. We have been together ever since then, almost six years now.

After two and a half years of dating and lots of adventures. Gabe took Mackenzie on a spontaneous adventure to see her favorite musician in concert, Ben Rector. He had planned to ask her to marry him right after the concert. He had people waiting in place to take pictures. However, after walking back to the car Mackenzie didn't want to go to the restaurant Gabe had picked. After a few attempts he was able to avoid disaster. He convinced her to walk to where he planned to ask.

We like camping and hiking. We spend a lot of weekends outside as a couple. We can't wait for the day our child can join us on our outside adventures. We love to try new foods and Raleigh/Durham has a ton of different cultures and restaurants. We've tried all kinds of things and can't wait to bring our children along with us.

Every year in the Spring we camp for several days with Gabe's family. It is a special trip in memory of his Uncle Marc who passed away two years ago. We spend several days cooking over campfire, hiking, and laughing together. It is so nice to disconnect from the stressors of life and get away for a few days with family. It's a special time with family that we look forward to each year.

We trade with Gabe's cousin Katie on who gets to host Thanksgiving and Christmas. We each get one each year and it is so fun to have the whole family here. This year Pop spent most of the day smoking a turkey and he was so proud of how well it turned out. We go to Mack's family's house in the morning of Thanksgiving for breakfast and lunch and then we have dinner with Gabe's family.

It is our belief in God that drives us to live a diligent Christian lifestyle daily. We attend church together, as a family. We will teach our child our faith as well as talk to them about why we believe in Jesus. We will pray together as a family every night before bed and read the Bible together as a family. We want to guide our child as he/she walk this path. To teach him/ her the unconditional love and hope that comes with our faith. As parents we will instill this in our children by being examples of faithful followers of Jesus.



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