



Hello We Are...



Molly & Tyler

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Our Hopes & Dreams

Early in our relationship we both knew we'd like to be adoptive parents. Tyler has two adopted cousins that he grew up with, and Molly has always been excited about the prospect of adopting.

Spending time with our nieces and nephews after moving closer to family made us feel ready to raise kids. After two years of trying to start a family, we revisited the conversation about how we both felt a call to adopt. That's when we knew we'd found our path forward.

If you select us to parent your child, we will offer your child a safe and comfortable home, a tight-knit extended family with no shortage of support and resources, and encouragement to chase their dreams. Both of us grew up doing every school activity under the sun - choir, band, baseball, softball, basketball, football, track, volleyball, dance classes, soccer, mock trial, Lego robotics, and more. Your child will have the opportunity to try everything and discover what they are passionate about. We also had opportunities to travel around the country and internationally. It's something we intend to continue doing in the future, and we are excited to bring a child with us to expose them to many cultures, languages, cuisines, and experiences. We can't wait to get to know your child as they grow and discover their passions.

We know that for us to become parents, a mother will experience a loss that we will never fully understand. We hope you know we think you are incredibly brave to be facing this decision. We intend to listen to you and try to be what you need and want throughout this process. To us, adoption is not only about adding a child to our family, it's growing our family to include you too. If you choose us to be the parents to your child, we are committed to building a relationship together. We want you to feel confident in your decision and hope we will earn your trust. We want you to feel free to ask us any questions and feel free to share with us as much as you are comfortable about your hopes and dreams for your child. We hope to welcome you as a member of our family for the rest of our lives.

Warmest Wishes,

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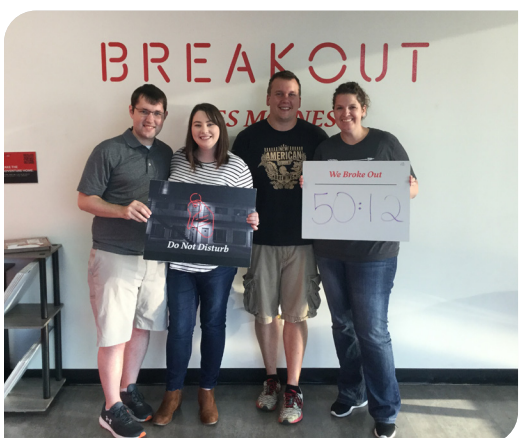


Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

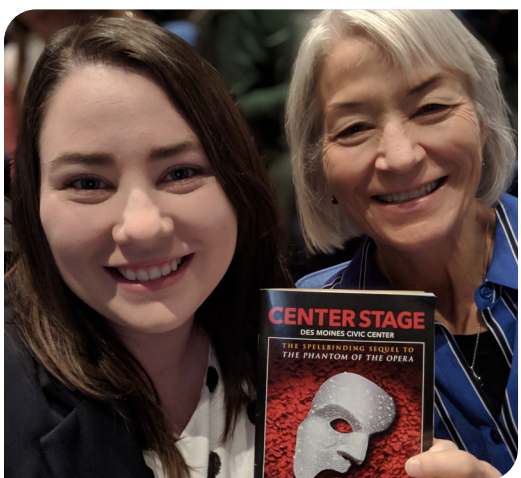
OPEN COMMUNICATION - We communicate constantly to stay on the same page as we plan our future and what kind of parents we want to be. We know that communicating with your child will be just as important. We want to create an open environment so that your child will feel comfortable talking to us about anything. We will model that behavior by being honest about our own feelings and showing him or her that it is ok to be vulnerable.



LIFELONG LEARNING - Good test scores and report cards can be important tools to open doors for a child, but what's even more important to us is to raise a life-long learner by encouraging their curiosity from a young age. Even as adults, we learn something new every day. Sometimes it's a fun fact - sometimes it's a new skill. The key to being a lifelong learner is being curious and keeping a sense of wonder. We love doing educational crafts and experiments with our nieces and nephews, and we can't wait to do them with your child too. Our favorite thing is when they ask us a "why" question - because it means we get to teach them something new! Sometimes we don't know the answer and we get to learn alongside them.



FAITH - We are so lucky to be a part of our church family and proud to be a part of a community that fully welcomes members from all walks of life. Our church actively participates in multiple mission projects and charities every year and Tyler is a member of the choir. Through our faith we have been welcomed by an incredible group of people, and we are so thankful. Our church has a great religious education program for kids, and groups for parents to support each other. We look forward to your child developing their own faith and participating with others at the fun children's events.



MUSIC - Musical activities are how we met some of our closest friends and opened up travel opportunities to us at a young age. We were both heavily involved in choir all through our schooling years and we went on a choir trip together to Brazil. Your child will grow up surrounded by music. From nap-time lullabies to Disney sing-a-longs to the dreaded elementary school recorder stage, we will encourage your children to pursue choir and band throughout their lives.

TRYING NEW THINGS - We believe in trying everything at least once. Whether it's a new activity, a new food, or a new place, we want your child to experience it all. We both grew up trying every sport and activity until we found what we were passionate about, and we want the same for your child. We don't want them to be limited in any way. We believe that travel is a life-changing experience, and we want to take every opportunity we can to take your child with us on national and international trips. Both of us spent a semester studying elsewhere - Tyler spent four months in Washington D.C. and Molly spent four months in London. We love traveling and want to provide similar experiences to a child.

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Our Home

Our family-focused neighborhood is full of wonderful people and lots to do. There are many young families, and the children ride bikes and scooters down the sidewalks, jump on trampolines in each other's backyards, and play basketball in driveways together. We live a short walk to the elementary school where there is a playground, basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, and soccer fields. The local library has a great play area and children's story-time events, and there are many family-owned restaurants in the area - one is an ice cream shop!

Our house is bright and welcoming, with plenty of seating for everyone to get comfortable. We love hosting family and friends and can usually be found on the deck grilling or in the lower level watching movies or college sports together. The popcorn machine is always a hit, and the floor-to-ceiling bookshelf holds the toys we keep for our nieces and nephews so they don't get bored. Playing fetch with our dog, Oscar, is always fun. Our family is full of great cooks, so we like to have potlucks where everyone brings something to enjoy. We break out our s'mores cooker on the back deck and enjoy the sun setting while everyone's hands get sticky from melted marshmallows.

We have created so many happy times here, but one of our favorite memories is the first Labor Day weekend after we moved into this home. We invited both sides of our family over for a cookout. All the cousins ran around outside playing in the yard with Oscar, Tyler manned the grill, and our family had fun touring the new house and visiting. It was everything we wanted when we moved here - lots of space to grow into, with all of our family living nearby and able to come spend time together. It was perfect!

Our favorite time of the day is right after we both get home from work. We enjoy sitting down to eat together and talk about how the day went, and what we have planned for the evening/weekend. It feels great to put on some comfy sweats and just relax together. Plus - there's lots of puppy snuggles to be had.

We know that our routines will change significantly when we bring a child home. Our morning routine may start a bit earlier but be filled with so much joy. In the evenings, we will start with dinner, take Oscar for a walk, then have play time in the playroom or play in the backyard. Quiet time before sleep will include a bedtime snack, story time, and snuggles. On the weekends, we will explore parks, the zoo, the science center, and have frequent visits with friends and family.

The nursery will have a crib, dresser, changing station, and rocking chair in the nursery, and a collection of stuffed animals. While we haven't decided on exactly what the nursery will look like, we look forward to painting and decorating it once we get to know your child. We do know the nursery will be full of books! We will have kids books in every room of the house to encourage reading and fantasy play, and of course, we'll need them for bedtime stories!

We have a lot of love and time to give. We are excited about being there as a child discovers the world and who they are. We can't wait to answer questions, practice spelling, try at-home science experiments, and watch as this tiny child grows their knowledge. We are ready for a new member of the family to keep us on our toes!

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Mock trial, Disney Movies, DIY projects, antique shopping, photography, singing, travel, Shakespeare, spending time with family and friends.

Adoptive Father: Mock trial, antique shopping, singing, collecting baseball cards, watching sports, travel, reading baseball history.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Marketing Coordinator

Adoptive Father: Attorney

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers



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Our Family

We met more than ten years ago in college at Mock Trial. Molly fell in love with Tyler's smile and started making excuses to spend more time with him. Tyler fell in love with Molly's humor, he thought she was the smartest person in the room. We knew each other for more than five years before we got married and have been married for more than four years now.

Tyler is very detail-oriented, he keeps our household running. He loves to make plans for our big goals in life. He has a strong work ethic and likes to get his to-do list done before he sits down to relax at the end of the day. When facing hard times, Tyler keeps a level head and takes things one step at a time. Molly is very friendly and loves to chat. She keeps our life interesting, always thinking of the next project or event she wants to plan. She isn't afraid to step out of her comfort zone to try something new. As a couple, we stay in sync with each other by communicating often. Looking toward the future, we've become excellent planners. We might disagree, but we never fight. We take time to think about how we can compromise, or what solution will make us both happiest. In our day-to-day life, there's a lot of gratitude, even for the smallest things we do for each other.



For fun we like to try new restaurants, go to baseball games, watch college football, and we both enjoy reading. Tyler prefers to read about baseball history and Molly prefers fiction novels. Our favorite thing to do together is coach the Mock Trial team at our college. It's something we both love doing and it's how we met!

When we celebrate Christmas, we start at least a month early by breaking out all the Christmas decorations. We like to take a weekend to play Christmas music and decorate the tree with ornaments gifted to us by family over the years. In the month leading up to Christmas we watch all of our Christmas movies, from old classics like "Rudolph" to newer favorites like "Elf". We spend the weekends with hot chocolate and a movie. Ever since we moved in Molly dreamed of lighting a huge evergreen tree in the backyard. Last year was the first year we were able to put lights on it. Our family came over for cookies and hot chocolate, and it was a good time. We look forward to a new tradition: the annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

Our extended family is incredibly close-knit. Our family are our closest friends, and we spend lots of time together. We know that not every family is like that, but we feel so lucky that ours is. During football season, we all get together at someone's house to watch the games. We all bring food - chips, little smokies, desserts - and make an afternoon of it. Every fall we take a family trip to an orchard to pick pumpkins at their Fall Festival. The orchard hosts kid-friendly activities including a giant trampoline, a craft station, a pumpkin cannon, an apple slingshot, a giant slide, an obstacle course, hayrides, and a haunted house. With live music and delicious apple pastries it's fun for the grownups too!

There's nothing our family gets more excited about than a new family member! Our nieces and nephews are thrilled to welcome a new addition to the cousin crew and our friends are also excited for us. Our parents will also be showing their support financially by contributing to a college savings account, as they do for all their grandchildren. Your child will be welcomed, celebrated, and loved!



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