



Hello We Are...



Dave & Mariah

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Our Hopes & Dreams

We've always dreamed of having a family. We've talked about adoption throughout our marriage, long before we knew pregnancy wouldn't happen for us. We're excited and dedicated to growing our family through adoption.

We have so much to share, lots of space in our house and in our hearts. We've been loved much, taught well, and truly enjoy each and every day. We want to share this with a child. We look forward to having a shared family life where we enjoy activities, playing, exploring, creating things, cooking, and traveling together. Our children will learn from us, and we will learn from them.

We've both been blessed with great childhoods with awesome parents and siblings. Dave comes from a family of four children and Mariah comes from a family of three. We have five nieces so our future child will have lots of built-in friends to play with from the start. Our relationships with our siblings and their families are dear to us, and we hope to give our child the blessing of a sibling someday too.

If you chose us to parent your child, we will consider it our highest lifework to offer him or her everything they need to thrive and experience joy in this world. They will be loved and cherished, days will be filled with laughter, learning, and yummy food. We'll take the time to learn about your child and offer him or her exactly what they need in each stage of their development, and there will be love and support from our extended families as well.

We understand life might not be how you expected it. We pray that you'll feel peace and know what is right for both you and your child, the way only you can. If we can be a part of that plan, know we will do our very best too. We hope you will have the relationship you desire to have with your child and hope to make your dreams for them come true.

We honor you.

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAITH - Faith has been a constant in both of our lives since childhood. Our faith isn't stuffy with lists of dos and don'ts, but a constant practice that colors and enhances our lives and hopefully those around us. We practice our faith by praying, forgiving, peacemaking, and seeking justice. Your child will attend church with us on Sundays and meet other kids in our community to form friendships. They'll learn songs at home and grow up learning the stories of Jesus. We will encourage your child to think for themselves, ask questions, and to one day choose how they would like to practice their faith.

FAMILY AND FRIENDSHIP - We're incredibly lucky to have the support of family and friends. We value these relationships and love to spend time with these people. Our child will have built-in friends through many cousins and our friends' children. We also will be eager to build relationships with other families as our child meets new friends in our neighborhood, at school, or through activities. We think it's important for your child to have other supportive relationships outside of us too.

FUN AND JOY - Mariah sometimes says, "If it's not fun, what's the point?". It's not a literal statement, but more of an ethos that life should be fun, and our days should be joyful. We don't take ourselves too seriously. Each day we laugh, sing, and dance all before breakfast. When we are around our family and friends, you can count on roaring laughter. Your child will be raised in an environment where we find joy and contentment in the small things like beautiful scenery, cute animals, and pancakes, as well as the larger fun times like celebrations with family and trips exploring new places.

LEARNING, CREATIVITY, AND EXPLORATION - Learning should be a creative process, exploration and problem-solving, always asking why and seeking answers. As parents, we will be your child's first teachers, and hope to model a life worth copying. As business owners, we've had to adapt and learn continuously from our parents, mentors, colleagues, and the all-helpful internet. We will pave the way for your child to have the education they need to achieve their unique goals and dreams. We are committed to providing your child the education they need to be successful whether they thrive in a home learning environment, school classroom, or a specialized school.

GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS - As humans it's important that we look out for each other and our environment. Generosity doesn't have to be financial; it can be with our time. Lending a helping hand when someone's car needs a jump-start, giving directions, shoveling out someone's car stuck in the snow, these are things we can do for one another. We try to leave a little extra time in our schedules so we can help our family, friends, and neighbors when something arises. This might be watching our friends' or families' children while they have a date night, helping someone move, or helping an older neighbor figure out complicated paperwork. We hope to teach your child to be a kind and loving person and to be good steward of the earth. We'll teach your child about composting and recycling and about leaving nature better than we found it.



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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Arts & crafts, puzzles, flower gardening, baking, photography, hiking, walking, musicals, camping, road trips, interior design, old home restoration, plants, visiting flea markets and antique malls.

Adoptive Father: Photography, fly-fishing, camping & outdoors, canoeing, coffee, vegetable gardening, breakfast, cold weather, crafting, vinyl records, mountain biking, roller hockey, yoyos.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Art Director; Photo Editor

Adoptive Father: Owner: Media Production

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Associates Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

Our Home

We live in the center of the city which provides endless opportunities. There are great restaurants in every direction, professional sports, museums, art, science center, and many parks. The closest park, just a block away, has a playground, community picnic shelter, a large splash pad, and basketball and tennis courts.

Built in the 1890's, we have been patiently restoring and updating our beautiful Victorian home over the last six years. The interior has original woodwork, hardwood floors, and a recently restored fireplace at the center. Beautiful daylight pours through the windows on each side of the house. Every morning, Mariah opens the curtains or blinds in each room to let all the light in. The house glows so softly in the mornings. We enjoy sipping coffee and starting the morning slowly. Every evening when the sun peeks through our front door window, we're met with "rainbow hour" where the light through the lead glass casts rainbows all around the living room. It feels magical. While the house has many beautiful and historic aspects, life has been lived here by us and the families before us. It's not a place that has to be treated like a museum. It's meant to be enjoyed.

We welcome our friends and family, it's a place for them to feel at home and free to be themselves. It's easy to lose track of time and talk for hours around our table, curled up on the couches, on the porch, or in the back yard when our friends and family come to visit. We enjoy sharing meals together, especially Saturday brunch when Dave makes crepes.

We own a business and work from our home offices, so we will be home with your child to enjoy time together. Mariah loves to bake and looks forward to baking together. We'll read books and play with toys on the floor of our living room. We will read together at night, hopefully enjoying longer chapter books as our child grows older. There will be no shortage of craft time. We love to tinker and make things, whether its wood working in the garage, leather crafts upstairs, or fiber art. We'll spend time around the dinner table each day enjoying our favorite meals that we prepared and cooked as a family.

We love to spend time outside on our porch or in our yard, but also going for walks in our neighborhood or on hiking trails. Dave looks forward to teaching our child how to fish and about plants and animals, if they are interested. We'll play with neighborhood children at the nearby park, we'll tend to our vegetable and flower gardens, or take a walk to get ice cream nearby. We'll draw with sidewalk chalk and play on scooters on our long driveway.

We're excited for the laughter, music, and playfulness a child will bring to our home. We look forward to sharing life with your child, teaching them, and watching them flourish over the years.



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Our Family

We met as teenagers through a mutual friend and became fast friends. We weren't originally thinking of dating, but our relationship grew naturally. Mariah was impressed by Dave's creativity and his ability to follow through to achieve his dreams. Dave loved Mariah's outgoing and silly nature and her kindness. Dave began attending a bible study in the coffee shop where Mariah worked, and we started spending more and more time talking. We fell in love and knew we would be happy joining our lives and passions.

Dave is innovative, strategic, patient, deep-thinking, outgoing, and kind. Mariah is empathetic, intuitive, encouraging, passionate, organized, and hardworking. We're both dependable, loyal, and creative. We are unwavering in our friendship and love for each other and have been happily together for more than 15 years. We enjoy going on walks together, biking, and hiking. In the winter, we often have a big jigsaw puzzle sprawled across our dining room table that we work on while listening to vinyl records or watching movies. We love road trips and the time to enjoy a book together or just spending hours talking and dreaming. We always try to carve out a little time each year to go camping and spending quieter time outdoors. We love to make things, whether small hand crafts for gifts or building things for our house.

We are lucky to have our families close and a big part of our lives. Our families live close by, so we spend time regularly with them, enjoying meals, playing yard games, going on walks, and water sports like paddleboarding, canoeing, and boating in the summer. We like any excuse to get together, and of course, we love watching our nieces grow. We always get together to celebrate holidays and birthdays. Mariah's birthday is in November, and this has become the start of our holiday season. We like to put up the Christmas tree that day so we can begin enjoying the lights as soon as possible. We share Christmas dinner, open gifts, and roast chestnuts as part of our holiday celebration.

Mariah's family took a road trip each summer and has visited most of the states in the U.S. As a couple, we also love to go on road-trips. We've been to both coasts and all sorts of places in between. We love that unique family time in the car playing games and talking endlessly. We look forward to continuing our love of travel with your child, showing them new places, trying new foods, and helping them see the beauty the world has to offer. Dave loves photography, so we are always seeking out places to enjoy a sunset. He also enjoys mountain biking with his brother and canoeing the wilderness with his Dad.

Dave's mom always makes a special baby bath towel for all the children in her life, and she's excited to do it again for our child. Dave's parents have a fun hidden fort built under the stairs in their home that they designed and built. Our older nieces have loved it over the years, and Dave's parents can't wait to share it with a new grandchild.

Our families are excited to welcome a new child to our family. As we shared the adoption news everyone was joyful and some even teary-eyed in hopes of adding a little one to our family.



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