

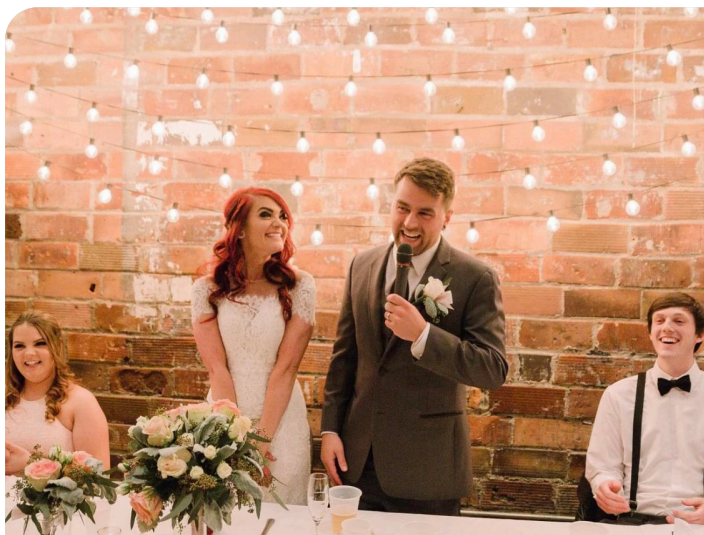


Hello We Are...



Adam & Amanda

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Our Hopes & Dreams

We are an adventurous couple who both grew up in loving and supportive families, and we cannot wait to share these same experiences with a child. When Amanda was young, she had always hoped to adopt one day. When considering our future, together we decided adoption is how we want to grow our family.

We hope to raise a well-adjusted, independent child into a successful adult. We will provide a child a home full of love, an incredible support system, and an environment that encourages open mindedness and individuality. We look forward to watching them develop their passions, helping them explore their interests, being there to support them during hard times, and helping them overcome any challenge they are presented with. We look forward to all the silly and fun adventures we will have. From big things like a family vacation or amusement park visit, to little things like building a fort in the living room or a water balloon fight in the yard. We can't wait to both teach and learn from them and grow together as a family.

For all birth parents reading this, we are sure this cannot be easy and that you are doing this out of love for your child. We don't know what situation you are currently in but we want you to know that we support you. We have so much respect and empathy for the path you are taking. If you select us as the parents to raise your child, as you get to know us, we hope that you will have peace of mind that your child is going to a loving and supportive household. We hope that you will flourish in your life, and we hope you have confidence and reassurance that you made the right decision.

We look forward to an open relationship and keeping in touch with you so that you have an open and loving relationship with your child. We would also honor your wishes if you preferred less contact. We hope to meet you and show you how treasured a child would be in our family.

Sincerely,

Adam & Amanda

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

LOVE AND SUPPORT - We believe it is important to know we always have the unconditional love and support of family. In easy and hard times, in good times and bad. We show our love and support both verbally and physically, in the small ways like asking how work was, helping each other complete a task, and cooking each other's favorite meal. We think it's important to show someone every day that we are thinking of them, and they are loved. We will do everything in our power to encourage our child to feel empowered to explore all their hobbies, their personality, and to live life to the fullest. We will spend quality time together, even when they think they are too old, to remain close, and to remind them that they can always count on us.

INDIVIDUALITY - We believe everyone is unique and that one's individuality should be developed and celebrated. We display our personality in just about everything we do. We like to put our own spin on things - from dyed hair and tattoos to our home decorations, to our different hobbies, we are always true to ourselves. We will encourage the child's interests and hobbies, let them pick out their own clothes and decorate their room. We will support them in the person they become and will help them chase their passions.

WORK ETHIC - We believe hard work and dedication gets us to where we need to be. If we work for everything in life and give it our all, we will meet our goals. We both work hard in our jobs, at home, in our relationship, and in our friendships. We have a clear vision of what we want these relationships to be, and we put as much effort as it takes to ensure they are all successful. Regardless of their interests, whether they want to play sports, be in a band, paint or sculpt, we will encourage our child to give it their all. We will help the child set obtainable goals and be their biggest cheerleaders every step of the way. We hope they will embrace becoming better every single day.

CURIOSITY AND LEARNING - We have a passion for learning and exploring. We believe it is important to not take things at face value, instead looking deeper into the world and people around us. We believe this leads to an interesting and fulfilled life. For example, we always try new dishes, we go to different cultural grocery stores, and explore and attend local events happening around the city. Being curious and learning about things big and small, make everyday life more interesting and exciting. We will read every night to our child, we will help them learn about the topics they are interested in, and we will strive to have every day feel like a new adventure.

OPEN MINDEDNESS - We believe it is important to always keep an open mind and be willing to change our opinions. By keeping an open mind, it allows us to better solve problems, be more accepting of new experiences, and adopt new traditions. We are always willing to get out of our comfort zone and never write-off any experience or opinion until we have tried it a few times. It's a big world and we want to show our child as much of it as we can by exposing them to new ideas, topics, foods, people, and experiences. We cannot wait to cook new recipes with them, adapt new traditions, and explore new experiences with them.



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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Baking, interior design, home improvement, movies, spending time with friends and family, hiking, playing with our dog, arts and crafts.

Adoptive Father: Dungeons & Dragons, movies, music, comic books, gaming, cooking, reading and learning, home improvement, spending time with friends and family, playing with our dog, exercising.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Regional Supervisor

Adoptive Father: Project Manager - IT

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: High School Diploma

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

Our Home

Our neighborhood is a thriving and vibrant community to be a part of, with people from all walks of life. We have kind neighbors who we spend time with and can rely upon. Many of our neighbors have large yards where the children play. There is a lake for hiking and canoeing nearby, as well as many local parks and swimming pools. We are also about 20 minutes away from a large amusement park that we spent many summers at growing up.

We have a large fenced-in yard that will provide plenty of space for outdoor games and activities. We spend a considerable amount of time outside, enjoying nature, and watching our dog play in our yard. We have a large patio area in the backyard where we spend time grilling and having campfires.

Our house is cozy and retro, with a mid-century modern and homey feel. Many people remark that our house really feels like a home and that it is always inviting and bright. The furniture in the house is a mix of oranges and grays, and Amanda enjoys painting so the wall colors often change. Friends and family always love spending time in our home, and we are typically the host for any event.

When we get visitors, we often spend our time in the dining room playing games and catching up. Cooking is a big part of our life, and we love to spend time in our kitchen as we prepare meals as a group. We always end up spending time in the dining or living room together discussing life and personal progression.

When it's just the two of us, we make a point to have quality time together cooking meals and enjoying each other's company. We love to spend the evening playing games and watching movies together. There are a ton of sidewalks in our neighborhood, and we love exploring with our dog out on walks. We also love to just sit and talk, making it a point to learn more about each other every day.

Our motto is any time we have together is quality time. Saturday mornings are our favorite time. We wake up together and have coffee to start our day discussing our plans for the weekend. We love the feeling of having so many options available to us and preparing to do something exciting. We look forward to a child joining this special time.

The child's room is not decorated yet, but we do have the items picked out. The walls are currently a pastel green, and it will be a jungle theme. We will have fun decorations for the child to look at such as a mobile with several jungle animals, blankets and sheets with leaf patterns, and a black colored crib with a matching changing table. The toy chest will have an elephant on it and a laundry hamper will have a monkey.

We feel fortunate to have made our home our own. We have a lot of our personality expressed here. We try to keep it welcoming and cozy and look forward to expanding to include our child.



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Our Family

We have been together for 11 years and married for three. We met in high school when we were 16 and 17 years old, through a mutual friend. We formed a friendship that turned into a relationship. Throughout all this time, we have grown together, learned about how each of us works together, and have become better people together. We always encourage each other to be the best version of ourselves and are consistently growing together to make the best possible environment for a child.

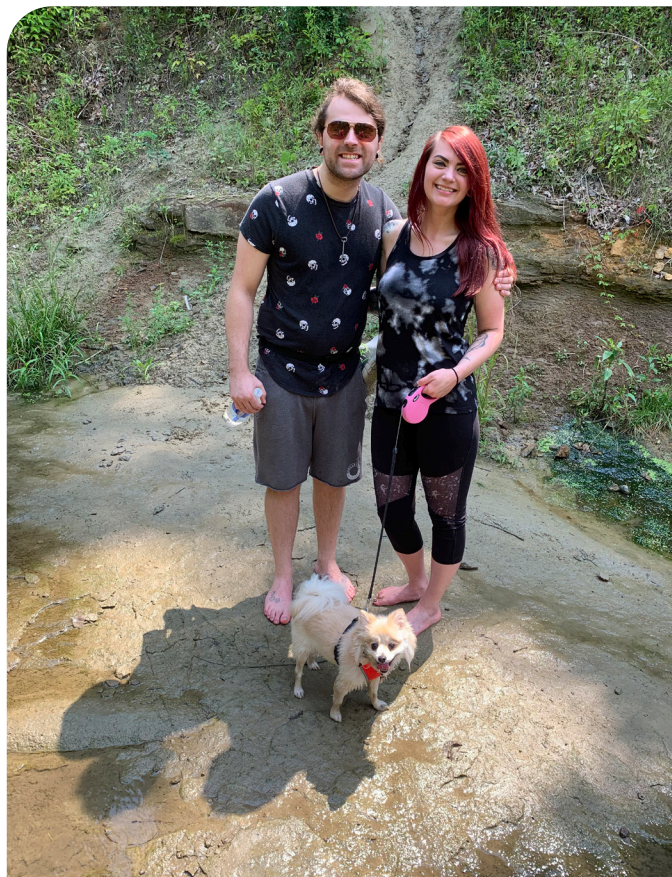
As individuals we are very independent, yet supportive to each other's interests. We are often each other's opposite, as Amanda is very organized, and Adam is more free form. Adam is very spontaneous and keeps things exciting while Amanda is more structured and organized ensuring everyone is getting the most out of every moment. We both excel in each other's weaknesses and often help one another fill any gaps.

We enjoy doing household activities together and split the household duties. We deep clean every weekend together while listening to music. We also love watching shows and movies together and push each other to find new hobbies and interests.

We see our extended family throughout the year, as well as at every major holiday and birthday. Adam's parents moved to Florida 4 years ago, which has made an exciting new destination for get togethers and holidays. We also keep in close contact through social media groups and group texts as well. We usually gather around a large meal and dessert and always have some sort of activity to enjoy together. Every winter we make Christmas cookies from a recipe handed down from Adam's family since the 1800's. On Christmas Eve, we always open one gift that we cannot wait until Christmas day to open. It's always a special time and a treat to really get into the holiday season just a little bit early. We also sing Christmas carols, and everyone present participates. We also have a "White Elephant" gift. Everyone brings a fun or silly gift, and everyone takes a turn unwrapping them and laughing at what they received.

Holidays are just the beginning. Birthdays are always a big to-do too. Whoever is having a birthday gets to pick their favorite restaurant or home cooked meal, and the cake and decorations. The whole family gets together to celebrate their special day. We also enjoy weekend reunions. Our family gathers in southern Missouri two times a year for a long weekend when we spend four full days together, camping and exploring the area. These traditions have been in our families for generations, and we look forward to passing them down to our child as well. We also are very excited to go on a new adventure every year to a new state or country to explore different environments and cultures.

Our family and friends are very excited and supportive of our journey to add a child to our family. They can't wait to meet and spend time with the child and have already purchased toys and other fun items to welcome our child.



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