



Hello We Are...



Vincent & Ashley

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Our Hopes & Dreams

We are two people who refuse to give up on our journey to be parents. We have infertility issues that make it impossible to get pregnant and carry a child to term. We have so much love to give a child and relish the opportunity to become adoptive parents.

We dream of growing our family and maintaining a close bond. We look forward to playing outside and giving our child every opportunity to find out who they are and what they enjoy. We hope to help our children have adventures and goals to work towards so they can do anything they put their minds to. Our child will participate in after school activities of the child's choosing to allow their passions to grow. We will love, protect, and make sure our child has everything they ever need.

Our families are very close. We see our parents, siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins regularly and they are a big part of our lives. Our friends and family have had a big impact on who we are as people and the opportunities we have been given. We spend time together at each other's homes, children's activities, and even vacation together. We have an "it takes a village" mindset and everyone would do anything for another in need.

We will always consider you as family and want you to be happy in life. We want your adoption process to be as easy as it can be for you, knowing we will always respect you and are grateful for you. We will always be transparent with your child regarding how our family came to be, and hope you remain in your child's life.

Warmest Wishes,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

LOVE FOR FAMILY - We both grew up and maintain very close relationships with our families and spend time together as often as possible. In fact, the main reason we built our home where we did is because all of our immediate family is nearby, providing us the opportunity to visit and hang out with them frequently. Family comes first and we have a lot of people waiting to welcome our child into our family. We will model a loving marriage for our child and give our child attention, time, and support every day. We will hold our child, give lots of hugs and communicate how much they mean to us. We will spend quality time together, so they know they are our number one priority.



COMPASSION FOR OTHERS - We were both raised in Christian homes and taught to have grace and compassion for others. We try to see life from others' perspectives and give back where we can. We donate to St. Jude's every year, donate clothing we no longer wear, donate new toys to Toys for Tots for children during the holidays, and help family and friends when they are in need. We had experiences volunteering in our childhood such as serving at a soup kitchen and that is an experience that we would like to do with our child as well.

SELF- LOVE - We will strive to help our child become a strong independent person who loves themselves and others. Self-love has helped us be more confident people who can build others up and not give up when things get hard. We will encourage our child to do things that they might be timid about that we know they can do. We would also praise the small things. If their shoes are on but backwards, we would congratulate them by saying "Great job! You put your shoes on all by yourself!"



RESPECT - For us, respect means to try to have compassion and understanding towards others even if we do not agree with them. We will model honesty and integrity in our relationships. We will demonstrate this to our child by always saying "please and thank you" and treating the child with respect from a very young age. We will teach our child to think about how their actions impact others. We know children often imitate what they see and hear.

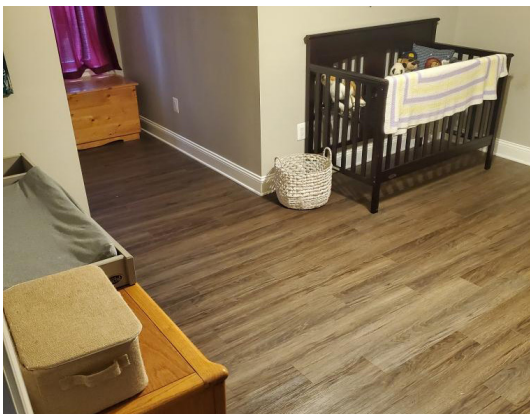
KINDNESS - We were taught and believe in the Golden Rule, "treat others as you would want to be treated." We try to always be kind to others even when they are not kind to us. We will show this by saying kind things, trying to help others, and encouraging others. One thing we often say when the other leaves as a random act of kindness is "Be safe" or "Have a good time." Having a positive mindset and attitude is a way we try to live our lives.

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY - We were both raised to be honest and try to do the right thing even when it isn't easy. We believe karma is a real thing and if we do good for others, good things will come back to us in return. Growing up playing sports we learned a lot of valuable lessons about working together toward goals and making good choices. We hope our children will also try out activities and be on teams that they can practice these values. We will talk to our child about the importance of honesty and hope that our communications will create the habit of thinking about their own moral compass.



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Our Home

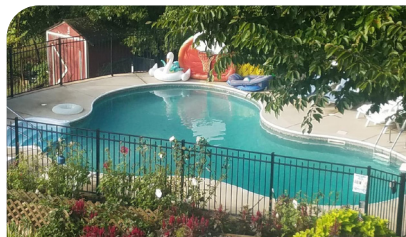
We built and moved into our dream home two years ago with the thoughts of growing our family and making it a home a child would love to be in. There is lots of room to play. There will be a swing set to play on and a basketball hoop in the driveway if so desired by the child. It is a beautiful cape cod home with an open concept floor plan and full basement that is great for entertaining and get-togethers. It sits on a quiet street on seven wooded acres with room to run and play. We love how warm our house is and are lucky to have built it so close to family and friends, most live within five minutes from our home.

We love where we live! Ashley's parents live on the same road, and we spend a lot of time at their house in the summer swimming in their pool. We have a park nearby that has all the equipment a child will love. We also live very close to a river where we go boating and enjoy days on its beaches, and we live close to an amusement park with fun rides for children and adults.

Our favorite time of day is usually the evening time because we are usually relaxing and enjoying each other's company. We enjoy hanging out at home with friends and family, always surrounded by good food and good people. We watch football, play cornhole or relax by the bonfire in the backyard, or play games in the basement such as board games, cards, Shuffle Board, Foosball, and darts. On weekends we also enjoy four-wheel riding, swimming, boating, relaxing while watching a favorite show and making dinner together.

We look forward to adding a child to our daily lives and creating meaningful memories. Vincent started helping making pancakes at a very young age which fueled his passion for breakfast food. Vincent is hopeful to have our little one create meals with him in our kitchen. We have a large area outside to run and play in and can't wait to go on walks and play with our child outdoors. We enjoy going to NFL games and look forward to taking our children to those games and explore new places. We look forward to learning new things with our child and going to events our child chooses. We both enjoy playing with cars and dolls with our nieces and nephews and will always be there to interact and play with the little ones. Outside we will teach them how to ride a bike and an ATV when they get older. We will enjoy the many trails in our yard, hiking, playing games, or just playing catch. Quite time will be playing a card game, reading a book, or teaching the little one how to play chess. We might watch the newest Disney movie or anything they're interested in. We look forward to watching T-ball practice or dance recitals. We look forward to watching them grow and learning to be the best person they can be. We look forward to showing them the same unconditional love and compassion our parents instilled in us.

The child's room is big with a crib, dressers, and a changing station. The room is connected to its own full bathroom so they will have privacy as they get older. The room has a nook in the back next to a window that is perfect for reading or doing homework at a desk. Across the hall from the bedroom is a playroom that will be filled with all the toys and activities our child could want or need.



HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Swimming, boating, cooking, spending time with family and friends, playing cornhole, riding four wheelers (ATV), playing with our dogs

Adoptive Father: Spending time with family, playing cornhole, outdoor sports, going boating and to the pool, watching NFL in person and at home

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Nurse

Adoptive Father: St. Marys County Sherriff's Correctional Officer

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: High School Diploma/GED

PLUS:

- Family dogs
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We met our freshman year of high school where we had a class together. Vincent says he immediately noticed me and thought I had the prettiest eyes he'd ever seen. I thought Vincent was cute, funny, and goofy, but I was too shy to date anyone in high school. A year after graduation we reconnected at a mutual friend's party and haven't left each other's side since. We have the same interests and are both "outdoorsy" people. We both love being on the water and boating on the weekends whenever possible. Vincent proposed to me when we were boating, surrounded by our family and close friends.

Ashley is organized, a list maker, a planner and patient, but a little introverted. Vincent is very go with the flow, the life of a party and does not sweat the small stuff. Our strengths as a couple provide balance to each other. Our love for each other and willingness to do anything for the other person helps us thrive. We are best friends and soulmates and communicate about everything. If issues arise, we talk it out early so small issues do not become bigger ones. We love each other with all our hearts, we are each other's first and only love. We've been married for more than five years and still give each other butterflies like it is our first date.

We are very close to our immediate and extended families, and they play a big role in our lives. We see most of our them a regular basis. Not only do we get together with our families on every major holiday, but we also take multiple vacations with family and one or two times a year we have a family reunion to see our 3rd and 4th cousins and great aunts and uncles. The closest family we have are Vincent's cousin Josh and his girlfriend Leann. He is the little brother Vincent never had and we hang out most weekends. We are grateful for the love and support we have and know our child will be surrounded by love as well.

We look forward to our yearly vacation to the Outer Banks. Every summer the entire family goes on a beach vacation to the Outer Banks and we rent a giant house that fits the whole family. Each couple has a dinner to cook and theme nights for pictures after. We love watching or going to football games together, we even have a family fantasy football league. We often attend our niece's T-ball games and dance recitals.

Ashley's mom's side of the family is rather large, her mom is one of fourteen children and Ashley is one of 28 grandchildren on her mom's side. It's a packed house on holidays, but we would not have it any other way. Holidays rotate between our families; we love having so many people to surround ourselves with to celebrate. Some of our traditions have been around for more than 30 years, even before we were born. Each year most of the grandkids get matching pajamas and take pictures in a human pyramid, this one tradition has been around for about 20 years.

We have spoken to all of our family about our hopes for adoption, and they are proud and ready to help in any way they can. Our parents already have a room in their house set aside for sleepovers with the grandkids. They have been there for us through the process and have already brought over toys for our playroom. They say they know we will be great parents and they are looking forward to spending time with and creating special memories with our child.



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