



Hello We Are...



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Our Hopes & Dreams

Our desire is to welcome another child into our family wholeheartedly, and our hope is to expand our family through adoption.

For Casey, I have always had an idea that adoption would be part of my story. My mother worked at an adoption agency, and we hosted pregnant women in our home during my childhood. I saw first-hand adoption up close from the birth mother's perspective and continue to admire the strength and beauty of birth parents today. This led me in college to volunteer at a pregnancy center so I could help college and encourage students make decisions for themselves and their child.

We want to offer a child a place in our family and heart. We want to offer them a home where they can grow up with experiences and opportunities that will help shape them into a kind, productive, and confident person. We grew up in families where we had the practical, emotional, financial, and spiritual support we needed to succeed, and this is what we want to provide to your child. We want them to know stability and unwavering support through anything and everything that comes along their journey.

We believe adoption is a lifelong commitment to love, treat, and respect a child as our very own. Whatever the future holds, we will be there to support, encourage, and love you and your child. We desire for your child to know you, to know stories, and to know where they come from. You are cared for and prayed for by our family. This decision does not define a weakness but highlights your strength. You always will be valued in your child's life.

We look forward to our paths joining on this life-long journey.

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAITH - Our Christian faith defines who we are as individuals and as a family. It is our compass in how we treat each other and those in our life, how we engage with the world around us, and how we think about who we are. We believe that God called us to join with others, so we meet on Sunday mornings with our church as well as host a life group in our home on Sunday evenings. At home we pray together and spend time reading bible stories. We pursue and prioritize opportunities to serve others, and our children will get the opportunity to do fun things during Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.



FAMILY - We are a unit that loves and takes care of each other. As a family we value spending time together by sharing meals together and supporting each other in our hobbies and interests. For example, Philip and our daughter play disc golf together and we encourage and attend our daughter's extracurricular activities. The family unit goes beyond our family of three and includes our extended family as well. Our daughter spends a week in the summer with her grandparents enjoying each other's company. We will bring your child into the rhythms of our family and create new ones together.



EDUCATION - We both have educators in our family and Casey is a former high school teacher herself. We believe that education is important to help provide skills and training to be a productive citizen. Casey's teaching experience taught her that schooling is not a one size fits all journey. We will make the best decisions for the child to best suit their strengths from childhood to college, trade school, or any other avenue that fits their aspirations. We will also provide monetary resources towards higher education or training as well.



GENEROSITY - We want to be a family that is generous with what we have, including our time, money, talents, and possessions. We believe that we have been blessed in order to be a blessing to other people. This is something that we talk about and model. We open our home every week for our church life group, give to causes that are important to us, and help people that we know have specific needs. Casey gives her time and talent volunteering for the school PTA. We've encouraged our daughter's creative abilities and entrepreneurial spirit towards raising money for others, such as making bracelets to raise money for Ukraine or donating her hair to Locks of Love. We will share this same drive towards generosity with your child.

CURIOSITY - We believe that being a lifelong learner is important. Asking questions about the world around us fosters learning and can happen anywhere. Our daughter is intrigued by Harry Potter, to foster this interest we enrolled her in a Wizarding and Potions class at the local Natural Science Museum which she really enjoyed. Recently she wondered if she could make a Skee Ball machine at home. Philip spent four hours with her that afternoon creating a working Skee Ball machine that we all then played. We believe we can help your child ask questions about the world around them and then help them as they seek to find answers too.

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Our Home

While we live in a populated part of Houston, our little area is its own "Mayberry." Our house is just down the road from a local, top rated elementary school. The school playground is open during non-school hours, so we have a big playground to spend time on. The neighborhood is a great place to ride bikes. We are close to a large park and shopping. Everything we could want to do is within 15 minutes of us. We love going to Chinatown for dinner and having a Taiwanese shaved ice treat. Having museums and the theater in our city is icing on the cake for us. From local to Broadway shows, we love to experience new shows each season. We also love that Houston is so diverse and we can be part of events and restaurants outside of our culture.

In our backyard we have a nice green space and a playhouse with a slide that Philip built. We have lots of young children on our street, so we are excited for our children to have some playmates. We are still new to the area and are meeting new friends. Playdates are mainly in someone's house, backyard, or at a park. During the summer, our neighborhood pool is a great place to meet up with friends and to meet neighbors.

Our living space is cozy with comfortable furniture to relax on and white oak hardwoods and white walls. The room looks out to the backyard so we can see the outdoor space easily, and it is open to the kitchen so we can all be together. We are thankful that when friends walk into our home, they feel peaceful and at ease. While we have worked hard to make our home a beautiful space, we don't prioritize that over making our home warm and inviting for all who enter. We try to be prepared hosts to make our guests feel welcome.

During the week, our daughter goes to school, Philip goes to work which is five minutes away, and Casey manages the house as well as works her flexible part-time job from home. We have playtime and activities in the evening that keep us connected as a family. In the evenings we eat dinner as a family then spend time together before our bedtime. On the weekends we try to balance going out with friends, experiencing what Houston has to offer, and being together doing fun things as a family. We love Friday evenings when we are all home to hang out, play with one of our many games or toys, or watch a movie together. We look forward to your child joining in and creating new family rhythms together.

The child's bedroom is waiting to be filled. Right now, it is a blank canvas with a white dresser, picture ledges filled with picture books, and a twin bed. With a background in education and interior design, Casey is looking forward to getting to know the child and then creating an educational and beautiful space that is filled with love and warmth just for them.



HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Hosting and hospitality, interior design, reading, serving on the school PTA, hanging out with friends and family, traveling.

Adoptive Father: Disc golf, coffee, reading books about history and theology, traveling.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Stay at Home Mom

Adoptive Father: Software Developer

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Master's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We first met at church in a Sunday School class for single adults where we both had leadership roles. We didn't date then, and both ended up moving on from that Sunday School class, but this was the beginning of our friendship. As a part of a close-knit group of friends, we continued to spend time together socially, off-and-on, over the next five years before we started dating.

Philip fell in love with Casey's warmth, kindness, and personality. He loved seeing the ways that she pursued friendships and togetherness while we were single, whether that was planning big group vacations, fun holiday parties, or just getting everyone together for dinner when an old friend was in town. Casey was drawn to Philip's steadiness. He does not act on whims but is thoughtful about all he does and says. He has a heart for integrity and a love for others that drives all he does. As a couple, we are steady in our relationship and who we are as individuals and together. We seek to work together and have good communication skills. We never raise our voice but always try to talk in a respectful manner.

We have one daughter, Leighton, and she is nine years old. We love Friday evenings when we are all home to hang out, play a game, or watch a movie together. During the summer, we spend lots of time at the neighborhood pool. Philip and Leighton like to visit local coffee shops and play disc golf together. Casey and Leighton like to meet up with friends to hang out and craft together. We recently surprised our daughter with a trip to Universal Studios Florida to experience Harry Potter World after she finished reading the entire series by herself. We enjoyed being able to experience Diagon Alley and Hogsmeade and make amazing memories together that we won't forget. We look forward to coordinating these types of surprises for your child as well.

We love to have friends and family together to celebrate life. Grandparents live nearby so we see them often and they are involved in our day-to-day activities. Your child will spend a week with each set of grandparents in the summer, just as our daughter does, spending quality time together having special experiences. We also spend weekends and take vacations with our parents whether it be to Colorado, the beach, or Casey's parents vacation home in Texas. Casey's dad is always up for planning the next adventure whether to Alaska, Europe, or back to the beach.

The holidays are spent with friends and family as well. On Easter, we have a big dinner, go to church, and have an Easter egg hunt. On Christmas Eve, we host a big Christmas Eve tamale dinner for anyone and everyone who can make it. On Christmas morning when everyone wakes up, we open stockings, have brunch, open presents from us and Santa, and then play with our presents all afternoon. We also love to spend time during the holidays doing puzzles, watching holiday movies, and making Chex mix together.

Everyone in our family is very excited about our adoption process and are waiting patiently for the new grandchild, cousin, niece/nephew.



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