



Hello We Are...



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## Our Hopes & Dreams

"And so together, they built a life they loved". We see this saying everywhere, but for us, it's true and personal.

We both come from humble beginnings with love, family, and connection as core values growing up. We have been blessed beyond measure, not in material things but in what makes life rich: love and connections. Family to us is not about blood, but about sweat, giving our time and unconditional love. We have deep connections with those that we love including; in-laws, step-parents, and friends.

We have a wonderful life together. After years of infertility, we celebrated the birth of our son who brings great joy to our lives. However, a piece feels missing from our family. We still have so much love to give and want to add another child to our family. Our greatest hope is to leave a legacy beyond ourselves in this world, in our children. We dream that one day our family will welcome another child to share in our beautiful lives.

We want to offer this child the world - both literally and figuratively. We want to offer this child a loving family and all the things they need to thrive like emotional support, opportunities for social interactions, creativity to explore and learn, and strong values for them to one day share with their own children. We want to give this child a loving brother to share their childhoods and to grow old together. With Graham being a pilot, we are in a unique position to travel the globe and we want our children to travel and discover right alongside us.

We wish you love and peace with your decision and this process. We know no parent makes these decisions lightly or with any intention other than love. We view adoption as not just of the child, but of the child's birth family as well. If you select us to parent your child and are open, we would like to involve you in the child's life and in our family and be completely supportive and respectful of you during this time and for years to come.

We know this is only a brief snapshot of our lives and who we are. We hope you will feel comfortable asking us any questions you have. We are an open book to you.

Respectfully,

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents



**EMPATHY** - We like to support charitable causes that focus on helping people with their struggles. We have supported many causes and organizations, including working in soup kitchens supplying food as well as serving and helping to clean up. With our children, we believe it is important for them to learn “to whom much is given, much is expected” and to always be kind to others. As our children get older, they too will volunteer to support others, including age-appropriate activities like mulching parks, playing Bingo at the senior center, and collecting donations for unhoused individuals.



**ACCEPTANCE** - We believe the best way to learn acceptance is to spend time in diverse situations and to see as much of the world as possible. We believe it is important to expose our children to different sports, churches, after school programs and the like. Our church believes Black Lives Matter, Women’s Rights are Human Rights, and supports the LGBTQ community. This is what we want our children to learn, to accept everyone! We want our children to remember that people are people, regardless of their differences.

**HONESTY** - Honesty is something that will build someone’s reputation over a long time, but dishonesty is something that can destroy it in an instant. We will teach this to our children by being as specific as possible when explaining things in an age-appropriate manner and rewarding the children with treats and trips to Chuck E. Cheese for telling the truth. We want our children to know that they can always be honest with us, that they do not need to hide anything from us, and that we will always be there even when they make mistakes.



**EDUCATION** - We believe in continually learning, and that school education is incredibly important and takes a certain discipline that will help a child throughout the rest of their adult life. However, we also believe that education is a lifelong process and cannot be quantified simply by test scores at a school. Our goal is to actively educate our children and to strike a good balance between school skills and life skills. We try to achieve this with travel, volunteer work, sports, social activities, and a life-long love for reading.

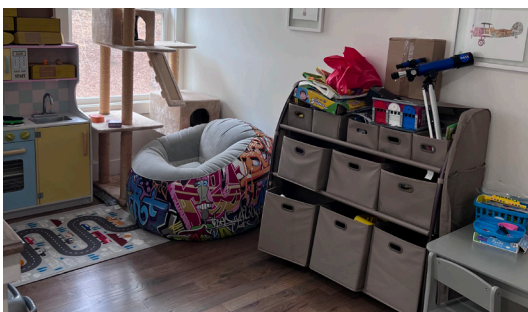
**RESPECT** - We feel that respect is a prerequisite for taking a view on life that is empathetic and accepting. To demonstrate respect, we think it’s important to listen without interruption, and to keep an even tone without raising our voices. We teach this in our family by making sure we give everyone the time to speak and to not let our voices get loud. We use our words and talk about how we are feeling to help regulate our emotions when we are sad, mad, disappointed, or frustrated. This may include blowing out candles, box breathing, or even hitting a pillow.

**LOVE** - We believe that a family is the one place in this world where a person must be loved and accepted for who they are without fear of rejection, judgment, or negative consequences. We are here for each other no matter what. Love and family is above and beyond any other relationships in the world. There is nothing our children can do to cause us to reject them or not have them in our lives. Nothing.



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# Our Home

We love our home and neighborhood! It's a great community with many gathering places for families. There are three swimming pools, basketball and tennis courts, walking and hiking trails, and a playground. There are also two lakes for boating and fishing and a lake with pavilions and beach volleyball. The lake has a neighborhood beach with sand and a swimming area. Across from the beach there is an island, only accessible by boat, with a swimming beach and outdoor grills. The 4th of July is a very big holiday in our neighborhood. The neighborhood throws a week-long celebration, much like a small-town festival. There are concerts, waterskiing shows, games, parades both on land and on the lake, as well as fireworks. There is no shortage of fun activities for the children!

When possible, we spend much of the day outside. We will often spend a large portion of the day on the lake. If we have a large group, we will often take out the boat and the jet ski so everyone can have a turn on the jet ski. When we are not on the lake, we have a large deck with several rocking chairs and a table which overlooks the lake. We have a fire pit in the back yard with several outdoor chairs which makes a great area in the evenings for conversation. Our basement is arranged as a family room, game room with a pool table, and TV area. In the colder months or in bad weather we will spend a lot of time down there. Even though we have only been here a few years, we already have created many wonderful memories. Our fondest so far is probably last Memorial Day weekend when some of our dearest friends and their two young children visited and we spent several days boating, swimming, jet skiing, grilling, and talking by the fire pit.

For us, our week days are focused on our work and our family. That includes taking Wyatt to school and his after-school activities, and then spending the evening together. On days where there are after-school activities, we often meet other family members in town for dinner. After dinner there is a little time before bed to play and then it is bath and bedtime. After bedtime there is usually a couple hours left for the adults. In the summer months, the extra evening light after the sun goes behind the trees makes sitting on the deck very pleasant. On clear nights there is a good open space of sky to see many stars.

We cannot wait to have another child to care for and to love. We really look forward to the joy of having new ideas, new sounds, a new personality, and a new sibling in our home. Each person in a family brings their own gifts and perspective and we cannot wait to see how this child adds to our love and joy. Wyatt is very excited to be the big brother and is excited to play together every day.

Your child's room will be right across from Wyatt's room, and they will share a full bathroom. Outside of their rooms is a landing that we have converted into a play area, so they have their own play space. The child's room currently has a neutral tone with a beautiful dark blue accent wall and the room is on the side of the house that receives the most natural light. We envision eventually having a bed that runs parallel to the wall that will have a view of the water and lovely light at twilight.

## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Yoga, exercising, traveling, reading, listening to music, spending time on the lake, playing in the snow in winter, and investing time with many close friendships

**Adoptive Father:** Music, especially drumming, the outdoors, snow skiing, gardening and outdoor projects, boating, jet skiing, fishing, and occasionally hunting, traveling, and reading

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Account Executive & Sales

**Adoptive Father:** Airline Pilot

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelor's Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelor's Degree

## PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

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# Our Family

Sarah always says, 'everything great in my life came about through volunteering.' Meeting Graham more than 11 years ago was no different. Graham was out for a Saturday night with friends and Sarah met up with a few friends that she has known through volunteering at Hands On Atlanta at the same club where Graham was enjoying his evening. We started dating after a few weeks and married three years later.

Graham fell in love with Sarah's genuine and kind nature and her family values. Sarah was always there, usually in person to do anything she could to help his family. Graham is loyal and supportive. His family values, intelligence, humor, and sweet nature are a rare combination that make him easy to love. Our biggest strengths as a couple are communication and empathy. We can talk endlessly about anything in life. Our ability to listen and our differing backgrounds and life experiences offer us a lot to fall back on and helps us navigate life.

We have one child: Wyatt, who is five years old. Wyatt is energetic and social; he is not afraid to make conversation with anyone. He is incredibly inquisitive and is usually asking questions from the moment he is awake. He has a very vivid imagination and can spend hours playing by himself. He loves music, and he can't wait to build things with his new sibling.

We are lucky to have such great examples of long-term marriages and know that mutual love, respect, and working together as a team are all very important in a marriage. We strive to model this behavior to our children, by showing them a couple who love each other deeply and are genuine friends.

Our families come from very different backgrounds which has provided many unique opportunities for us all. Graham's family comes from a very long Southern lineage on both sides. Graham's living grandfather served in WW2 and Korea as a pilot and worked as an airline pilot until the mid-1980's. Because of these ties Graham has grown up around aviation his whole life. His hope is to pass on this unique gift to the next generation of children in the family.

Sarah's family comes from a Mexican migrant worker background who eventually settled in Michigan. Sarah's step-father (Dad) has grown up living a very outdoors life and is an avid hunter, fisherman, and craftsman in Montana. With our diverse backgrounds and our adventurous lifestyle, we have a lot to offer our children.

We love pumpkin patches and Christmas tree farms and go every year. We always decorate the house for Christmas, Halloween, and Valentine's Day as a family. Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are all big holidays for both of our families. Birthdays are always a big deal and we love to celebrate each yearly milestone with our family and loved ones. We generally have a gathering of all of Graham's family for these events at rotating households. Sarah's mother often attends these gatherings when she travels from Michigan and stays with us during extended periods of time. We are in the process of trying to find housing for Sarah's mom nearby and making plans for Graham's parents to move closer as well. The kids will grow up with both sets of grandparents involved in their everyday lives.



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