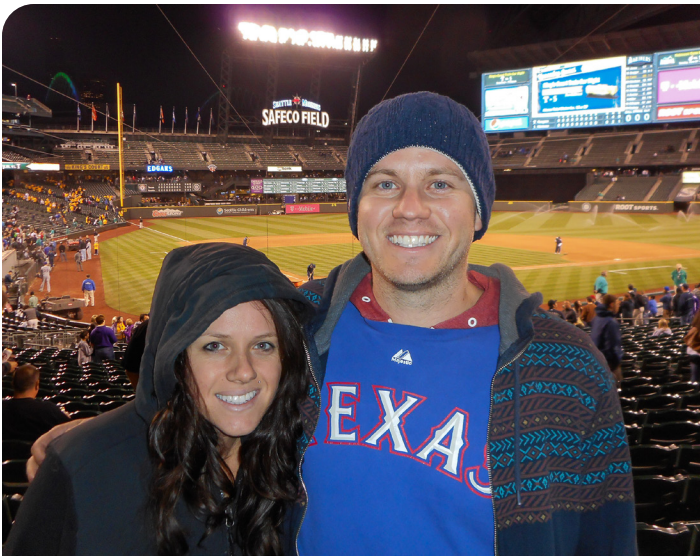




Hello We Are...



Tim & Ali



## Our Hopes & Dreams

The process to grow our family is something we have thought long and hard about. We believe in family in the broadest sense of the word and are excited to grow our family through adoption. We are going into this process with hearts full of gratitude, strength, courage, and love. We are honored to be a part of this process and see so much beauty and love in adoption. We are ready and happy to have space for and sit with the hard parts of this process as well.

We hope to have a peaceful, loving life a life full of adventure, new experiences, laughter, and kindness. We want our children to grow up in a happy home where they know they will have unconditional love and support from us and those who surround them. We want to support our children to pursue their hopes and dreams and offer them compassion, space to be themselves, opportunities to grow and thrive, and ongoing connection to their birth family.

We understand it can be a very hard decision to make an adoption plan. We want you to feel supported and loved and for you to be able to follow your own dreams and achieve your goals. We want you to feel heard and understood. We want you to be given space, compassion, and support to prioritize your well-being. We want to support the connection you want with our family.

We are excited to love you and your child. We will be overjoyed to open up our hearts and home to another child and maintain a relationship with the child's family. We want to work together to make this as smooth as possible for you.

With Love,

*Tim & Ali*

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**OPENNESS** - We believe in being open to different experiences, culture, ideas, people, and things. This enriches our lives and promotes empathy and respect for others. We strive for openness in our daily life with our work with clients who come from different backgrounds and experiences. By valuing their unique perspectives and experiences, we create a supportive environment where they feel heard and respected. We will share this value with our children by valuing their own choices, being open to who they grow up to be, and keeping a connection with their birth family. Encouraging our children to explore their interests and make their own choices nurtures their independence and self-confidence and allows them to flourish.



**LOVE** - We believe that having healthy human connection and all types of love are vital to a happy life journey. Nurturing love within our relationship lays a strong foundation for mutual support, understanding, and companionship, and fostering love with Reed, friends, and extended family strengthens bonds and creates a nurturing environment where everyone feels valued and supported. We will share this value by teaching our child the importance of love and connection and encouraging them to make meaningful friendships and family relationships. These relationships promote social skills, resilience, and a sense of community and contributes to their overall well-being and happiness.



**EMPATHY** - To create a compassionate world, empathy is important to both of us in our relationship with one another, our children, other family members, and in our work as counselors. Brene Brown states that "people are hard to hate close up." We find a lot of meaning in this quote because it helps us remember that we never know what hardships someone is going through. We will encourage our children to consider the perspectives and emotions of others before making judgments as we believe this cultivates empathy, kindness, and understanding. From a young age, our children will be equipped with essential skills to navigate the complexities of human relationships and contribute positively to their communities.

**ADVENTURE** - Traveling to different parts of the world, country, and our city offers opportunities to broaden perspectives, deepen cultural understanding, and marvel at the beauty of nature. We also find value in making an adventure out of mundane tasks as it injects joy and spontaneity into daily life. Finding excitement in the ordinary encourages creativity, resourcefulness, and a sense of wonder, transforming routine activities into memorable experiences. We think it is important to provide these opportunities to our children to encourage them to be playful and so they can discover their own passions and values in life.



**AUTHENTICITY** - We strive to be our authentic selves in work, family, and social environments. We feel this helps to build self-efficacy, self-compassion, and trust in relationships with others. As therapists, we also help our clients to discover their authentic selves and to not be afraid to show themselves to others. By creating a safe and supportive environment, we empower them to explore their values, beliefs, and identities without fear of judgment. We will share this value with our children by providing them with unconditional love for who they become. We will also encourage them to stand up for themselves and surround themselves with peers who accept them as they are.

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# Our Home

Our home is the place where we make and celebrate connections with family, friends, and neighbors.

We chose our home with that connection in mind. The kitchen, living room, and dining room are one big room so wherever we are in our main living space, we are able to be together. We love spending time in our backyard lounging on the comfortable outdoor sofa on our patio. When we have friends or family over, the kids play on the grass and use the water table, while the adults supervise roasting marshmallows in the firepit. We pick peaches from the tree, take care of our plants, listen to music and enjoy dinner or a board game.

There are also many amenities in our neighborhood that foster connections, which includes a pool, playground, parks, hiking trails, and various neighborhood markets and festivals. The community pool has a great baby pool, and the playground has lots of play equipment geared towards children of different ages.

Our home feels welcoming and cozy. We can be together while doing the necessary tasks of the day like cooking and easily connect with friends and family when they come visit. We enjoy playing board games inside or yard games in the backyard. We also enjoy watching the children playing together in the playroom or the backyard. On the weekends, we have an outing with our friends who have children Reed's age. We like going to a park or playing at someone's house. We also have a lot of family play time at home. Grandparents and uncles as babysitters allow for the occasional date night!

We look forward to getting to know and loving another child and celebrating them as an individual. We are excited to see how they understand and experience the world through their eyes. We will intentionally devote time to their passions and friends. We will make sure they have choices about what they eat, what we do for fun, what toys they prefer, and clothes they wear.

The child's room is ready for any age child! There is a crib or toddler bed, shelves, and a dresser. The shelves are decorated with plenty of books and toys. The room gets a lot of natural light and is a great size for a child. The bathroom is right across the hall, and Reed's room is right next door.

Reed is excited to have someone to play with. We have started reading books about adoption to help him understand. He is great with other kids, shows compassion and generosity, and will be a great big brother!



## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Reading, exercising, cooking, learning new things, traveling, spending time with family and friends, being a therapist, and supporting children and adolescents as they navigate life

**Adoptive Father:** Traveling, hiking, spending time in nature, riding my bike, spending time with family and friends, learning, being a therapist and owning my own business

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** School Based Therapist

**Adoptive Father:** Licensed Professional Counselor

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Masters Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Masters Degree

## PLUS:

- Both non-smokers



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# Our Family

From the beginning, we both knew the other had a passion for helping people with mental illness. We met while working at Austin Recovery in Austin, TX, which is a drug and alcohol treatment center. We were friends at work and after Tim left for a new job, we started dating. We have been together for 11 years and married since 2015. The foundation for our relationship is love, trust, openness, communication, and similar values. Our family is built around connection, acceptance and ensuring everyone has a voice.

We love to eat together, explore new restaurants, travel domestically and internationally, and play together. We like to go to sports games, comedy shows, movies, concerts, and friends' houses for barbecues, games, and spending quality time together.

We have one son who is three years old. Reed is fun, funny, sweet, loving, independent, curious, playful, athletic, verbal, and assertive. He loves to sing and dance and play sports. He is most interested in imaginative play and loves to bring us into the worlds that he creates.

We have a big family with lots of small children. They are always excited for a new member to join our family, through birth or new marriages. Our family will be part of the child's life, celebrating milestones and engaging in the childrens' activities and hobbies. Every event is an opportunity to find playfulness.

We like to celebrate family reunions, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and birthdays with family whenever possible. We love to have egg hunts, open stockings, decorate cookies, and watch holiday movies together. We also enjoy going to concerts and college football games and playing board games together. For holidays, we will spend some in Austin and others in Oregon so we can make sure to have holiday memories with both our immediate and extended families. One tradition we know we will continue is decorating the Christmas tree as a family while listening to Christmas music.

Our extended families also like to travel together, and we have gone to Greece, Washington, Hawaii, and Colorado with them. When Reed was one year old, we went on a road trip in the Northwest. We first went to Washington to see Tim's extended family, then stopped for a night with just our immediate family, and then onto Oregon to see Ali's extended family. That trip speaks to the balance we strive to achieve between spending time with our extended families as well as our immediate one. It also incorporates our love of travel and the beauty of nature. Every year since then, we take a family vacation together to explore more places.

Our parents, siblings, cousins, aunts, and uncles are willing to do pretty much anything to support us. Everyone is excited to embrace a new family member. We are very close to our cousins and look forward to our children having close relationships with their cousins too.



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