



Hello We Are...



Peter & Laura



## Our Hopes & Dreams

We have been together for more than 12 years, married for seven and have built a wonderful, joyful life. As a couple, we have many hopes and dreams for our lives together. Expanding our family has been at the very top of these dreams for many years. We've had a long and winding fertility journey for more than six years and we are so excited and thankful to finally get closer to that dream through adoption. The prospect of adopting has given us so much hope. We know that our child is out there, and we are determined with full hearts to find him or her. We know that God has a plan, and we know we have lots of love and support to give a child.

We don't know what brought you here or how difficult this might be, but we understand that you are brave and strong. We are sure that you only want what is best for your child, and if you select us as the adoptive parents, we will devote our lives to taking care of your child. We will support him or her emotionally, spiritually, financially, and every other way possible to ensure that he or she has a wonderful life.

We are eager and excited to stay connected with you as much as you are willing. Sometimes, life doesn't go the way we plan it, but the path we're led down leads to something more beautiful than we could have ever imagined. We want your child to know you, your love, and the steps you took to ensure he or she had an amazing life. Through our connection, we want you to live in peace with your decision.

Warmly and respectfully,

*Peter & Laura*

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS** - Our relationships with our family and our close friends have meant everything to us. We are very close with both sets of our parents, with Laura's brother and his wife, and Peter's twin. We make plans to see our family for dinner and visits nearly every week, and we stay connected with our extended family and close friends across the country with regular phone calls and visits. We prioritize being with our family and friends for important life moments like weddings, holidays, anniversaries, and birthdays. We want our child to grow up with a secure sense of family, knowing that he or she has a strong support network and is loved by so many people. This is also why we are interested in an open adoption, to ensure that your child will maintain connection and communication with you as part of his or her broader family.



**KINDNESS AND COMPASSION** - We care deeply about our loved ones, our friends, our teammates, and treat those around us with the utmost respect. Laura's work with her company and non-profits is focused on equity and inclusion, particularly for people with disabilities. We always make a point to be there for our friends and loved ones, especially when they are going through hard times. For example, sending flowers or care packages, and staying in close communication. We will provide our child opportunities to volunteer with us in our community, and to be exposed to a wide range of cultures and identities to increase understanding and empathy. We will also encourage and celebrate his or her care for others.



**HONEST COMMUNICATION** - We believe that honest and open communication is key to healthy relationships. Our ability to communicate respectfully, proactively, calmly, and empathetically reinforces the strength of our marriage. We don't raise our voices and are able to openly talk about anything that is on our minds. Honesty and integrity are values we hope to instill in our child, ensuring that he or she feels safe telling us anything, while building a strong character. We will create space for meaningful conversations during meals, walks around the neighborhood, and more.

**EDUCATION** - We are strong believers in education and want to support our child in a quest to explore and learn about the world. We both attended and enjoyed our time in public schools and college and are so grateful for those experiences. Laura also completed a graduate program later in her career. We want to support our child in getting a quality education and exploring his or her many interests. Our education played a big factor in us finding careers that we love and feel genuinely excited about, and we want the same for our child. We want education to feel fun and empowering for our child, helping to unlock his or her greatest potential.



**CURIOSITY AND CREATIVITY** - We were both raised in families that encouraged and nourished our creativity and curiosity. Peter is great at drawing and has made beautiful artwork that hangs in our home. Laura loves to make jewelry and is a musician. She has even written and recorded a set of lullabies for our future child. We want our child to feel comfortable and empowered to explore their creativity no matter their preferred outlet. We are excited to create artwork and music with our child. Our home will be filled with creative spaces and the encouragement to explore, crafts, music, and joy. We will spend time creating fun art projects, like painting, making clay figures, or beaded bracelets, and building Legos together. We will support our child in any activity they want to try.

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# Our Home

We feel fortunate to have a home with plenty of space, a great yard, good schools, walking trails, and a park nearby. Most of all, we are so grateful to have so much family close by, as we want our families to be very involved in our child's life. The child's aunts, uncles, and grandparents are so excited to build a close relationship with our child. They can't wait to make joint trips to the playground with us, have pool parties in their yards, and more.

There is a friendly and welcoming dynamic in the neighborhood. We have kind neighbors who we've grown close with, all of whom have children between 1-12 years old. They have been so supportive of our adoption journey and are eager to welcome another child to our tight community. The children play in each other's backyards, and at the nearby park that has a great jungle gym, swing set, basketball court, tennis court, walking trails, lots of grass, and more.

Our house is neat and clean yet has a lot of personality and color in every room. We've had a lot of fun decorating and expressing our creative style. It's a warm and loving space, filled with framed pictures of our memories together over the years. Peter loves building Legos so we already have lots of Legos around the house that he can't wait to build with our child. We will also add to our collection of children's books and turn our upstairs loft into a play area with toys and crafts. We are excited to turn our backyard into an area for our child to actively play, with a swing set and other outdoor games and activities.

We love mornings and starting our days with dog walks and having coffee together. We both are fortunate to work from home. After work, we cook dinner together and always spend a little time playing games like Wordle or a Mini Crossword. On weekends, we often see family and friends, explore the local area, get some exercise, and have fun. We can't wait to take our child on walks to explore and find new things that he or she will enjoy.

We love hosting family and friends. We have hosted wonderful holidays like Christmas Eve, when we all enjoyed cooking together, sitting by the fireplace, and listening to joyful holiday music, as well as build-your-own pizza nights. We can't wait to add a child to our home and adjust our daily lives to put our child at the center.

We have a fully fenced-in yard and look forward to spending lots of time outdoors together. We also are excited to cook meals that our child will enjoy, and to have a little helper in the kitchen as we try new recipes and bake delicious treats. But mostly, it's the idea of being able to focus our love and energy on our child, creating a warm, safe, and fun environment, learning, reading, playing together, and exploring the world through our child's eyes and sense of wonder.

We already have a nursery set up, with lovely warm light that spills in most of the day. We have decorated the room in soft yet playful colors, with a mix of yellow, teal, gold, gray, and white. There is a large colorful elephant on the wall, a crib, a cozy glider chair where we will hold and read to our child, a changing table, and some adorable stuffed animals we've been collecting throughout our journey. We simply can't wait to have a child join us and see what we've been building for him or her over these years, as we've patiently waited with open arms.

## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Spending time with family and close friends, long walks, writing music, playing the piano, making jewelry, volunteering centered around disability advocacy and inclusion, exercising, traveling

**Adoptive Father:** Spending time with family and close friends, long walks, building things and doing projects around the house, traveling to new places, reading and staying up to date on news and current events, exercising

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Head of Strategy & Programs, Accessibility & Disability Inclusion

**Adoptive Father:** Senior Director, Sales Strategy & Operations

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelor's Degree & Graduate Certificate

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelor's Degree

## PLUS:

- Family dogs
- Both non-smokers

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# Our Family

We met each other in our early twenties, when we both moved to California to work for Google. We began as work colleagues, then became dear friends, and after working together for months and truly getting to know one another on a deeper level, we realized that our bond was much stronger than just friendship. We went on our first date and never looked back. We dated for 5 years before we got married and are so grateful that we have a strong marriage, built on a solid foundation of trust and respect.

We've always operated as a team, supporting and encouraging one another, and creating space for each other to shine. Peter is grounded, intelligent, logical, and calm-natured; Laura is passionate, driven, kind, and leads with her heart. Together, we create a special balance, with a truly loving dynamic. We face the world hand in hand.

In addition to the day-to-day fun things like going on long walks, spending time together, and seeing friends and family, we also enjoy traveling and exploring new places. We both enjoy spending time outdoors and love the ocean. We are both animal lovers and have found ourselves on a number of fun adventures with animals, like feeding alpacas at a local farm, swimming with dolphins in the Bahamas, and meeting giraffes on a safari.

We are extremely close with our immediate families and stay connected with our extended families. We recently visited Peter's aunt and uncle to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary together with many cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. Laura grew up in a big Italian family where they enjoyed the Italian Feast of the Seven Fishes on Christmas Eve. We also sing the 12 Days of Christmas as a big group, with each person in the family singing one of the 12 days. This tradition has continued and is always a special day. Every New Year's Eve, we reflect as a couple and write out all of our highlights from the past year, and our wishes for the year ahead. We also like to end many days by each writing down something that we are grateful for from the day and putting it into a gratitude jar that sits near our bed. We hope to do all of these things and more with our child.

Our family is thrilled for us to bring home a child. They have been supporting us on our fertility journey for so many years and have been with us each step of the way. Laura's brother and his wife recently welcomed their first child into the world and are so thrilled for him to grow up with a close cousin. Both sets of Laura and Peter's parents are so excited to spend time with our child on a regular basis and be a big part of the child's life.



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