



Hello We Are...



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## Our Hopes & Dreams

Our deepest wish is to welcome a child into our lives with boundless love, joy, and gratitude. We believe that love is the foundation of the beautiful life we've built together, and we hope to nurture that same belief as our family grows. Our hopes and dreams for our child include a life filled with play, fun, purpose, kindness, compassion, learning, and a deep sense of helping others, all while knowing the unconditional love and unwavering support of their village.

Parenthood has always been a dream of ours, a natural next step in our journey together. However, our path to parenthood has been shaped by challenges with infertility. After numerous procedures and consultations, we realized it was time to explore other avenues to grow our family. Through close friends who have adopted, we've been inspired and encouraged by their experiences, leading us to this exciting and meaningful journey.

We look forward with great anticipation to nurturing and supporting our child's unique interests and passions. We'll provide opportunities to be part of a vibrant community, explore the wonders of nature, and embrace diverse experiences. Together, we'll share our passions—attending sporting events, enjoying the arts through theater and music, and singing our hearts out during family Broadway musical sing-a-longs. Our love of travel will continue, both within the U.S. and internationally, to help our family learn about and appreciate the rich diversity of cultures and people around the world.

We hope you find peace in your decision and confidence in your choice. If you select us to parent your child, please know that we will provide them with unconditional love, care, and support throughout their life. We will always hold you in our hearts with gratitude for giving us the opportunity to fulfill our dream of becoming parents.

With love and appreciation,

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**GRATITUDE** - We believe life is richer when we appreciate both the big and small things, like a stunning sunrise or quiet moments together. Gratitude is part of our daily lives—thanking each other for small acts of kindness, sending notes of appreciation, or pausing during yoga to reflect. Admiring a sunset or sharing a thoughtful word keeps us grounded. We will teach our child gratitude through words and actions, encouraging them to express appreciation by creating crafts, writing notes, or giving small tokens of thanks. As a family, we'll reflect each night during our bedtime routine on what we are grateful for, fostering a habit of appreciation and mindfulness.

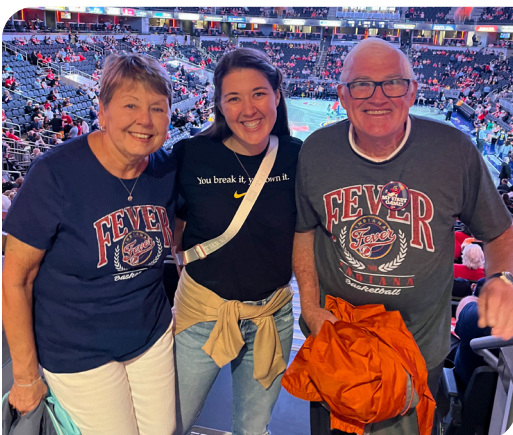


**LOVE** - Love is the foundation of our relationship and how we connect with others and our community. We express love through affection, kind words, and thoughtful actions, always seeking to understand others' experiences and approach them with kindness and support. Laura demonstrates this daily in her work at the children's hospital, serving patients and families with compassion and care. Nathan loves a challenge and shows his love for others while helping them find solutions to problems and overcoming obstacles. We will model and teach our child the importance of spreading love to all through verbal affirmations, quality time, and warm embraces. As they grow, we will involve them in our acts of service and volunteer work, fostering a spirit of love and empathy in their daily life.



**HUMILITY** - Humility is recognizing and embracing one's limitations, being open to feedback, and valuing others with kindness and respect, free from arrogance or entitlement. By acknowledging our shortcomings and learning from mistakes, we cultivate a growth mindset and create a space for understanding and connection. In a family, humility means putting the well-being of others above individual pride to strengthen the family unit. We will teach our child humility by openly admitting our mistakes, offering sincere apologies, and modeling how to stand up for those whose voices may go unheard, fostering empathy and compassion in their daily life.

**CURIOSITY** - The quote, "Be curious, not judgmental," holds a special place in our hearts. For us, curiosity means asking questions, seeking to understand, and taking a moment to pause and consider. It's about exploring the world with an open mind and a sense of wonder, constantly learning and growing through every experience. As a family, we cherish this spirit of curiosity. We love to read, engage in meaningful conversations, travel to new places, meet people from different backgrounds, and immerse ourselves in art, theater, and cultural events. We are excited to pass on this love of learning and exploration to our child. From reading together daily to sharing the beauty of art, music, and theater, and embarking on adventures near and far, we look forward to nurturing their sense of wonder and curiosity for the world around them.



**GENEROSITY** - We believe that generosity is one of life's greatest blessings—not only for those who receive but also for those who give. Having been fortunate in many ways, we are passionate about making a difference in the lives of others. Our generosity is expressed through volunteering, financial contributions, and actively supporting organizations that share our values. These acts of service bring us joy and purpose, and we look forward to sharing this spirit of generosity with our child. We will teach them the importance of giving by involving them in activities like the giving tree and by modeling compassion and kindness. We hope to inspire our child to see the profound impact they can have in their community and beyond.

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# Our Home

Our home is special because it's filled with acceptance, laughter, and a deep appreciation for the beauty that surrounds us. Nestled at the foothills of the Colorado mountains, we wake up each day to breathtaking views and endless opportunities for adventure.

Our neighborhood is a vibrant, family-friendly community where young children and families thrive. Sidewalks come alive with colorful chalk art, and kids ride bikes, play football and soccer, and create lifelong friendships. Families gather at the bus stop each morning, creating a warm sense of camaraderie. Nearby, we have access to wonderful amenities: a library, pools, bike trails, and chances to explore the mountains, raft Clear Creek, and even learn about the dinosaurs that once roamed our area. A neighboring hobby farm with horses and cattle is a favorite spot for all the children.

We love spending time outdoors, taking full advantage of everything the mountains offer. Whether it's hiking, riding a chair lift to ski, or simply floating down the creek, nature is central to our lives. Our spacious deck, with its cozy furniture and fire pit, is a favorite place to unwind on warm evenings from late spring through mid-fall. Vibrant sunsets give way to starlit skies, creating magical moments we cherish. Some of our favorite day trips include hiking North Table Mountain and strolling into our city's downtown to explore unique shops, enjoy delicious meals, and indulge in treats from the ice cream shop.

Inside, our home exudes warmth and personality. It's airy, bright, and just the right size for a growing family. Tall windows and ceilings flood the space with natural light, while every detail tells a story. The artwork on our walls is a collection from our travels, while cherished photos and beloved books are proudly displayed. One of our most treasured items is a world map we used as our wedding guest book, filled with messages from friends and family across the globe—it's a daily reminder of the love that surrounds us.

We are thrilled to welcome a child into this space, incorporating them fully into our home and routines. The nursery will feature a white crib, a cozy rocker, a changing table, and mountain-inspired bedding and decor. Filled with natural light, photos of loved ones, and meaningful art, it will also have age-appropriate toys and a growing collection of books. Our goal is to create a safe and nurturing space filled with endless opportunities for play and joy.

We are excited for the new rhythms and experiences parenthood will bring, from youth sports and community events to fostering our child's passions and interests. We look forward to guiding and supporting them as they grow, discover, and engage with the world around them. Parenthood will also be a journey of learning and growth for us—we know our child will teach us to laugh more, embrace life's little wonders, and see the world through fresh eyes.

Our home and neighborhood are the perfect place to nurture a child and create memories that will last a lifetime, and we can't wait to share it all with them!

## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Hiking with friends, learning to mountain bike, practicing yoga, downhill skiing, reading and listening to audiobooks, planning local adventures, and watching movies

**Adoptive Father:** Running, practicing yoga, downhill skiing, trying and perfecting recipes on our pellet smoker, studying personal finance, listening to podcasts, and weekly Sunday calls with Grandma

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Pediatric Speech Language Pathologist

**Adoptive Father:** Executive Director

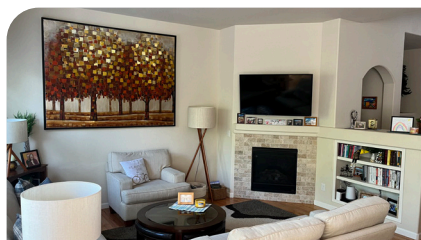
## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Master's Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelor's Degree

## PLUS:

- Both non-smokers



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# Our Family

Our story began over 15 years ago at a charity event when we met volunteering for an organization that provides trained mentors to at-risk children in need of positive adult role models. Over time, we continued crossing paths through local organizations until Nathan worked up the courage to ask Laura out on a date more than a year later. Sharing common passions for being active, travel and community engagement, we began dating and were married in 2017.

We complement each other beautifully, bringing different strengths to our relationship and family. Laura is a deeply empathetic and caring person with a gift for observing and listening. She excels at planning—whether it's organizing weekly family meals, crafting memorable vacations, or making life's milestones extra special with thoughtful cards and gestures.

Nathan is a people person who thrives in social settings and is passionate about community involvement. When we moved to Colorado, he made it a priority to connect with local organizations, fostering long-lasting relationships and building a strong network. He also has a knack for personal finance and investing, ensuring our family's financial well-being.

Together, we love to travel and immerse ourselves in the cultures, foods, and traditions of new places. Over the years, we've explored Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Denmark, Cuba, Mexico, Canada, and countless destinations across the U.S. Staying active is important to us, and we enjoy hiking, yoga, biking, skiing, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Our families are central to who we are. We both have strong, close-knit relationships with our parents, siblings, and extended families, which have only grown deeper with the addition of spouses, partners, nieces, and nephews. Our family traditions and adventures are an integral part of our lives, and we are so excited to share these with our future child.

One of our favorite traditions takes place the day after Thanksgiving when we purchase a permit to cut down a Christmas tree in one of Colorado's national forests. Searching for the perfect tree often involves hiking through the woods or snowshoeing in winter's beauty. Once the tree is strapped to the top of our Jeep and brought home, we decorate it with ornaments full of sentimental value, adding at least one new ornament each year. During Christmas, we also cherish making homemade ice cream with Nathan's extended family, with everyone taking turns on the hand-crank machine.

Easter is another cherished time for us. In 2019, we began a tradition of hiking up a mountain for an Easter sunrise service—a truly awe-inspiring and peaceful way to celebrate.

Our families are overjoyed about the prospect of us becoming parents and are ready to play an active role in this journey. They've already volunteered to support us during the transition home, ensuring that we have the help we need in those early days and weeks as we grow into parenthood. We are so excited about the opportunity to welcome a child into our family, where they will be surrounded by love, traditions, and a supportive village eager to watch them thrive.



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