



Hello We Are...



Tessa & Chris



## Our Hopes & Dreams

We are best friends, teammates, and soulmates. The bond we share is rooted in deep trust, love, and mutual respect. We support one another in all things, celebrate each other's individuality, and find joy in the life we've built together. From the beginning, we knew we were meant to be, and over time our families have become one; vacationing together and supporting our shared vision for the future. The only thing missing is a child to bring even more joy, purpose, and love into our lives.

Becoming parents has always been part of our dreams since we were younger. When our paths finally crossed—later in life—we knew adoption would be the path to help complete our family. We are ready to open our hearts and home to a child who will be loved beyond measure and raised with every opportunity to thrive.

Our dream isn't just to become parents—it's to provide a life filled with warmth, security, and unwavering love. We hope to adopt two children to complete our family, creating a home full of laughter, adventure, and the comfort of knowing you are always supported and never alone. We want our children to grow up surrounded by extended family, holiday traditions, vacations, and the kind of closeness we were lucky enough to experience growing up.

Whether our child loves sports, music, art, or science—we will be there cheering them on, just like our parents were for us. We will raise them with love, guidance, and opportunities to explore the world around them. From backyard games to hiking trails, from quiet family dinners to new travel experiences, we want them to feel both grounded and free to grow into whoever they are meant to be.

We also want you to know how deeply we admire your strength. Your decision to consider adoption is rooted in love, and we recognize the profound sacrifice and courage that takes. If you choose us, we will honor that trust for a lifetime. We will love your child as our own—and we will respect and support whatever relationship you hope to have in the future. Your story, your love, and your presence will always be a cherished part of their life.

This isn't an ending, it's a new beginning for all of us. And we would be honored to walk this journey with you.

Blessings,

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**FAMILY** - We both grew up in large families where our extended relatives played an active role in our upbringing. From a young age, we experienced unconditional love through everyday moments, life lessons, and shared traditions. Our parents and grandparents were constant sources of love, support, and guidance, teaching us the values and beliefs we still hold dear. Family, to us, means offering strength during challenges and joy during celebrations. Though we don't live in the same town as our families, we remain closely connected. We visit both sides regularly and stay in contact through video calls, texts, and family group chats. Our child will grow up deeply connected to this loving circle. They will visit family, take part in family vacations, and enjoy visits from grandparents who are eager to share in their lives. They'll learn that we show up for each other and we will always make sure our child feels loved.



**FAITH** - We were both raised in the Christian faith, and it continues to guide us with a strong sense of purpose, direction, and peace. Our faith shapes the way we see the world, treat others, and make decisions, helping us live with compassion, hope, and resilience. We live out our faith through attending church, daily prayer, and a commitment to growing spiritually both as individuals and as a couple. Our church is more than a place of worship; it's an extended family. We will raise our child with these same foundations. They will attend church with us each week and be part of a vibrant Sunday School community where they can learn, ask questions, and grow in their faith. They will be baptized and surrounded by a church family that will nurture their spiritual development. At home, we'll pray together at meals and bedtime and teach them that they are never alone—God is always with them.



**KINDNESS & COMPASSION** - We believe that kindness and compassion are essential to building meaningful relationships and creating a more loving world. We were taught to care deeply for others and to live with empathy, even when it's not easy. Kindness is more than just a value—it's a daily choice and a powerful way to connect with others, especially during life's difficult moments. In our everyday lives, we interact with hundreds of people through our work, and not everyone approaches us with kindness. But we've learned to respond with grace, understanding that people often carry unseen burdens. We will raise our child to understand that kindness matters. Through both words and actions, they will learn to treat others with respect, empathy, and generosity. We'll model this by volunteering together, staying active in our community, and making small acts of kindness part of everyday life—like opening doors for others, saying "please" and "thank you," listening with empathy, and standing up for those who need a friend.



**HONESTY** - We believe honesty is the foundation of trusting relationships. When we are truthful, others learn they can rely on our words, our promises, and our intentions. Honesty promotes open communication, clarity, and mutual respect—both in everyday life and in life's most important moments. In our relationship, we practice honesty even when conversations are difficult, because we know it builds deeper connection and lasting trust. We want our child to grow up in a home where truth is valued and encouraged. Our child will learn that they can come to us with anything, without fear or shame. We'll teach them that being honest helps build self-respect and guides them in making thoughtful, ethical choices. With honesty as a core value, our child will feel safe, respected, and deeply loved.

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### HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Volleyball, Swimming, Traveling, Cooking and Baking, Hiking, Tennis, Candle Making, Trying new restaurants

**Adoptive Father:** Hockey, Lacrosse, Working Out, Studying to be a Personal Trainer/Nutritionist, Reading, Tennis, Hiking, Tubing, Gardening

### PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** District Manager

**Adoptive Father:** Claims Adjuster

### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelor's Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelor's Degree

### PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

# Our Home

We absolutely love our home and the community we've built around it. We moved into our neighborhood when it was newly developed, right alongside many other families eager to put down roots. That shared experience helped create a welcoming, connected community that continues to grow. Our neighborhood is filled with young families, and it's common to see kids riding bikes, playing ball, or gathering at the nearby playground. Within just a couple miles, we have access to additional parks, playgrounds, hiking trails, rivers, farms, and even cultural and historical sites—there's always something new to explore.

Our home is warm, inviting, and built for connection. The open-concept layout allows for easy conversation and togetherness, whether we're cooking in the kitchen, relaxing by the fireplace surrounded by family photos, or sharing a meal. The décor is cozy and personal—neutral walls decorated with seasonal touches and shelving that holds treasures from our families, including bookshelves passed down from our grandparents. Our furniture is a calming mix of blues, and we grow fresh herbs and flowers in the window.

Outside, we spend most of our evenings on the patio—grilling, listening to music, or just unwinding by the fire pit under string lights. We love sharing this space with friends and neighbors. Our home includes a side yard for games and bubbles, a patio perfect for a child's swing and toys, and a close-knit group of neighbors whose children play together often.

Our weekly routine includes volleyball, lacrosse, shared dinners, and quiet nights at home. We love weekends filled with walks, exploring local trails and museums, trying new restaurants, or hosting family and friends. Whether it's homemade pizza in our outdoor oven, cheering on a college football game, or enjoying slow mornings with coffee and conversation, our home is full of life and laughter.

We're so excited to share our life with a child. Chris works from home and will be there each morning to care for our child and get them ready for the day. Tessa will work from home a few days a week, and on other days, our child will either be with an in-home nanny or attend a nearby daycare. Regardless of the plan, we both look forward to being active, hands-on parents—sharing meals, playing games, reading books, singing, and dancing together every day.

We're in the process of finishing the nursery, which will be right across the hall from our bedroom. The walls are a calming sage green, and the room will have a white crib with built-in drawers, a changing table, and a soft recliner for late-night cuddles. An animal theme will tie it all together, creating a peaceful and whimsical space where our child can feel safe and cherished.

Our home is more than a place to live, it's a place to grow, laugh, rest, and create lifelong memories. We can't wait to share it with a child.



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# Our Family

We met more than seven years ago and instantly felt at ease with each other. On our second date, we spent hours talking and listening to music—and from that point on, we were inseparable. Just six weeks later, we attended a wedding together, met each other's families, and soon after began traveling as a couple. Tessa was drawn to Chris's loyalty, kindness, and deep love for family. Chris fell in love with Tessa's passion for life, her sense of humor, and her shared desire to build a family. After dating for four years, we got engaged and were married six months later.

Our relationship is grounded in faith, love, and open communication. We support each other unconditionally and share the same core values and vision for the future. We understand and encourage one another, laugh often, and are always cheering each other on. We value compromise, mutual respect, and finding common ground, especially during life's challenges.

We treasure both the big adventures and the quiet, everyday moments. We love playing tennis on Saturday mornings, watching sports, and traveling—especially exploring the Caribbean and discovering new islands. We can't wait to bring our child with us to explore new places.

Family is incredibly important to both of us. Tessa's family has a long-standing tradition of summer beach vacations, where parents, siblings, nieces, and nephews gather for a week of fun, just as her extended family did for decades. On Chris's side, we also spend a week at the beach with his parents, siblings, nephews, and extended family—grilling, playing games, and soaking up time together. Thanksgiving and Christmas are cherished seasons in both families, filled with church, meals together, and laughter. Christmas Eve includes a big family celebration, followed by Christmas morning where all the young children line up to see what Santa brought. Each summer, Chris plays in a lacrosse tournament, where everyone gathers for a week to watch, and enjoy being together.

We will include our child in all of these cherished times together, building strong relationships with cousins, celebrating holidays, and creating lifelong memories. As they grow, we'll celebrate Christmas morning in our own home, starting our own traditions while still rotating holidays with extended family. We also look forward to taking family vacations, exploring new places, and opening the world up to our child.

Our families couldn't be more excited to welcome a child. Our parents can't wait to have another grandchild to love, our siblings are eager to embrace a new niece or nephew, and the cousins are already looking forward to family vacations and holidays with their newest playmate.

This child will be deeply loved by a big, joyful, and supportive family.



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