



Hello We Are...



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Our Hopes & Dreams

When we think about the future, we imagine a life filled with love, laughter, and meaningful experiences shared together as a family. We have built a home in a peaceful setting that we truly cherish, and we look forward to filling it with even more joy as our family grows. We dream of continuing to travel, explore new places, and create lasting memories, both close to home and around the world, while exposing our children to different cultures, perspectives, and the beauty of life beyond their everyday surroundings.

We have always known that we wanted to grow our family. After years of hoping, waiting, and facing challenges, we feel deeply led to adoption. For us, adoption is not only a path to expanding our family, but also an opportunity to provide a loving, stable, and supportive home for a child. We are already parents to our son, Mason, and we dream of welcoming another child into our lives, to share in the love, adventure, and connection that mean so much to us.

Our hope is to provide a home where your child feels safe, supported, and encouraged to grow into who they are meant to be. We will give them every opportunity to explore their interests, discover their passions, and build confidence in themselves. We look forward to celebrating their milestones, guiding them through challenges, and being present in their everyday life, whether that's through coaching, volunteering, or simply cheering them on.

Our home is filled with the memories of time spent with the people we love and the activities we cherish as a family. It is a place of laughter, love, and connection. We have a strong sense of partnership, and we are excited to share that with another child. We also look forward to the special bond that will grow between siblings—watching them learn from one another, play together, and build a lifelong relationship.

Our greatest hope is that your child grows up feeling secure, valued, and free to become exactly who they are meant to be, and that you feel a sense of peace knowing your love and strength are part of their story forever. If you choose us, your child will be deeply loved, cared for, and supported in every way. We will honor their story, ensure they always know where they come from, and speak of you with gratitude, respect, and compassion. We are open to maintaining a connection in whatever way feels most comfortable to you, and we will always hold space for your role in their life.

Sincerely,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAMILY - We believe the more people we have to love and support us the better! To us, family is not only defined by biology, but by the relationships we nurture, the memories we create, and the way we show up for one another. We both grew up surrounded by family, spending time with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, and those experiences shaped who we are today. It is important to us that our children grow up with that same sense of belonging and connection. We cherish weekends, holidays, and vacations spent together, and look forward to including our children in our village, creating a family life where they always feel deeply loved and supported.



TRUST - Trust is the foundation of our relationship and one of the most important ways to create a sense of security. We built our marriage on open communication, honesty, and showing up for one another through the joyful and challenging moments. We rely on each other, make decisions together, and face life as a team, always knowing we have one another's steady support. We will show our children they can truly depend on us, that we will listen with care, support them wholeheartedly, and stand beside them through whatever they may face. Our hope is that they always feel safe coming to us with anything, knowing they will be met with understanding and consistency.



INTEGRITY - It is important to us to be seen as responsible, honest, and dependable in our personal and professional lives. We do our best to make choices that align with what we believe is right and are intentional about guiding our son to do the same. At the same time, we believe it's just as important to show that mistakes are a natural part of life. We emphasize that being honest about a mistake matters more than trying to hide it. We want our children to feel safe coming to us, knowing they will be supported and loved, even when they make the wrong choice. We will model integrity by openly admitting when we make mistakes ourselves and reminding our children that no one is perfect.



KINDNESS - Kindness is a value we strive to show in every interaction, no matter the situation or how others may respond. We believe that everyone is carrying their own experiences and challenges, and even the smallest act of kindness, a smile, a kind word, or simply acknowledging someone, can make a meaningful difference in their day. We will encourage our children to introduce themselves to new friends, include others in play, and engage respectfully with people in everyday situations, like at the store or a restaurant. Above all, we will teach them that while people may have different backgrounds, experiences, or perspectives, everyone deserves to be treated with compassion, respect, and kindness.

RESILIENCE - We believe it is important to teach our children the value of hard work, perseverance, and overcoming obstacles. Life is full of challenges and unexpected moments, and we want to prepare them to face those experiences with confidence. We intentionally push ourselves beyond our comfort zones, setting goals and working diligently to achieve them, whether in school, personal growth, or our professional careers. We will encourage our children to try new things and explore a wide range of interests, from sports and the arts to science, technology, and other hobbies. We want them to discover what comes naturally to them, as well as what challenges them.

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Our Home

Our home is nestled in a wooded area between two state parks, with beautiful forest and mountain views from every window. Mornings and evenings often bring visits from deer, wild turkeys, and other wildlife, adding to the peacefulness of our surroundings. In the summer, the sound of crickets fills the air, and on clear nights, the sky is bright with stars. We love using our telescope to look at the moon and planets whenever they are in view, creating quiet moments of wonder.

Designed to be lived in and enjoyed, our home allows us to stay connected—whether we're cooking in the kitchen or relaxing together in the living room, where we enjoy stunning sunsets each evening. Downstairs, we've created a family entertainment space our son lovingly calls "the arcade," filled with games, toys, shuffleboard, air hockey, video games, a tv and cozy seating where we spend time playing, watching movies, and making memories together.

Just outside our home, we're surrounded by opportunities for adventure and connection, including playgrounds, hiking and biking trails, and a nearby lake with a swimming area. We also love visiting the children's library, enjoying ice cream outings, and attending local festivals. Within a short drive, there are museums, zoos, aquariums, and even professional sports games, giving us so many ways to explore, learn, and have fun as a family.

We eat dinner together at the table each night, sharing about our day, the new things we've learned, and the moments that made us smile. After dinner, we spend more time playing, whether it's a board game or a fun activity together, before beginning our bedtime routine. We read three books together each night, creating a calm and cozy end to the day, and lights out is at the same time every night for consistency. We look forward to welcoming your child into this routine, listening to their stories, sharing their experiences, and making them feel truly included in the moments that matter most.

From a very young age, our son has talked about wanting a sibling, and when we shared our hope to grow our family through adoption, his excitement was immediate. We still remember sitting at the dining room table as he wondered why not all the chairs were filled, imagining the place where his sibling would sit. He even thoughtfully asked if we had enough toys that a sister might enjoy, wanting to make sure they had enough toys. His loving and caring nature gives us confidence that he will be a wonderful big brother, ready to welcome your child with open arms.

We look forward to creating a space for your child that feels uniquely theirs—a place where they feel comfortable, known, and truly at home. As they grow, we hope to involve them in choosing colors, décor, and special touches that reflect their personality and interests. We imagine a room filled with books, artwork, photos, and the things that make them happy.

We have wanted another child for some time now and see an additional child fitting into our lives pretty easily. We are ready to redecorate the bedroom, reorganize our schedules and take on the responsibility of raising and loving another child. We want that seat at our dining room table filled and another child to play with. We are ready and able to split our time to ensure that everyone gets a chance to participate in activities and try new things.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Camping, hiking, biking, kayaking, reading, playing board games, roasting smores, traveling, spending time with family

Adoptive Father: Playing and watching baseball and softball, watching football, camping, hiking, listening to music, traveling

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Sr. Director, Clinical Laboratory

Adoptive Father: Project Manager

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Master's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We went to high school together and were in the same circle of friends. We all hung out on the weekends, went to prom in the same limo, and graduated together. After high school, I went off to college and Tom joined the Air Force. When he returned home to go to school, we reconnected through mutual friends, and were inseparable once we started dating.

We dated for 10 years before getting engaged. We've walked through life side by side, and with each chapter, our relationship has only grown stronger. From our early days as carefree, goofy teenagers, to the excitement and challenges of our twenties, to building our careers, creating a home, and starting a family, we've experienced it all together. Each stage has deepened our connection and strengthened the foundation of the life we've built together.

We bring out the best in each other. Tom is smart, funny, caring, and considerate. He has a carefree sense of adventure yet has an intense work ethic and sense of responsibility. Stephanie has a great sense of humor and goofy nature, is kind, compassionate, and is supportive in the best and worst of times. We are genuinely best friends.

Our greatest strength is that we are true partners in every part of life—sharing responsibilities, supporting one another, and always putting our family first. We communicate openly, respect each other's perspectives, and step in for one another when needed, working through challenges together with care and understanding.

We have one biological child, Mason, who is six years old. He was born with a fiery personality and is curious, and very talkative. Mason naturally gravitates toward learning new things. He enjoys reading, educational shows, museums, and learning facts about space and cars.

Creating lifelong memories are the center of our family life. We have fun together doing almost anything or absolutely nothing. We spend many weekends camping. We love being outdoors hiking, biking, kayaking, playing sports, especially baseball and softball, playing board and card games, and Yahtzee.

We cherish the traditions that bring us together and look forward to continuing them as our family grows. Each year, we decorate "over the top" for Christmas the day after Thanksgiving, first taking time to reflect on what we are grateful for. We also have a simple but meaningful Valentine's Day tradition that began while we were dating, sharing burgers and fries at Five Guys. This is a reminder that celebrating our relationship is about being together and does not require fancy restaurants or expensive meals and gifts. We also love traveling as a family, especially our annual summer trips with extended family, where we explore new places and create lasting memories together.

As we look ahead, we are excited to continue these traditions while creating new ones, especially through meaningful time spent with our family and friends, people we know will embrace your child with unconditional love and support.



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