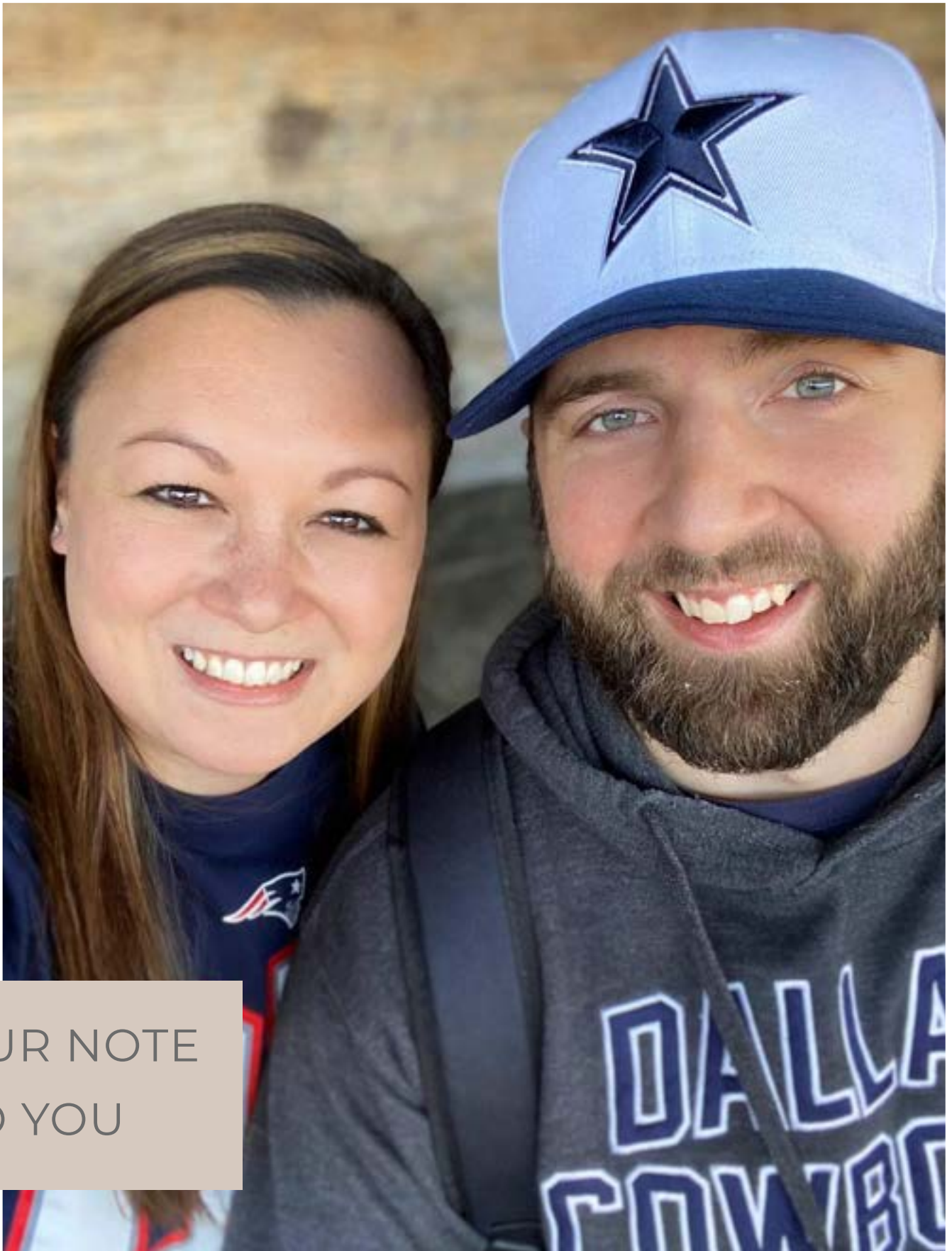




ALYSSA + ROSS



OUR NOTE
TO YOU



HELLO

so nice to “meet” you

We’ve tried many times to write this letter, but it’s difficult for us to put in words how deeply we admire you and also acknowledge all of the emotions that you may be experiencing as you decide what is best for you and your child. As parents, we can only begin to imagine the weight of the decision you are facing and we hope you know you’re not alone.

We are hopeful about the possibility of becoming parents again and opening our hearts and home to another child. We feel adoption can uniquely grow families and we have so much love to give. We know how strong we are as a family and our experiences have given us the confidence to handle anything together. We don’t take a single day for granted. We look forward to teaching our children this level of resilience and our appreciation for the little things.

Thank you for taking time to get to know us through our profile book and if you feel moved, we would love to get to know you more and show you what we are like outside of a few selected photos and written words. We hope to walk alongside you on your journey and provide support where we can.

We respect you no matter the decision you make and would be honored if chosen to be part of this child’s life.

with love,

ALYSSA + ROSS

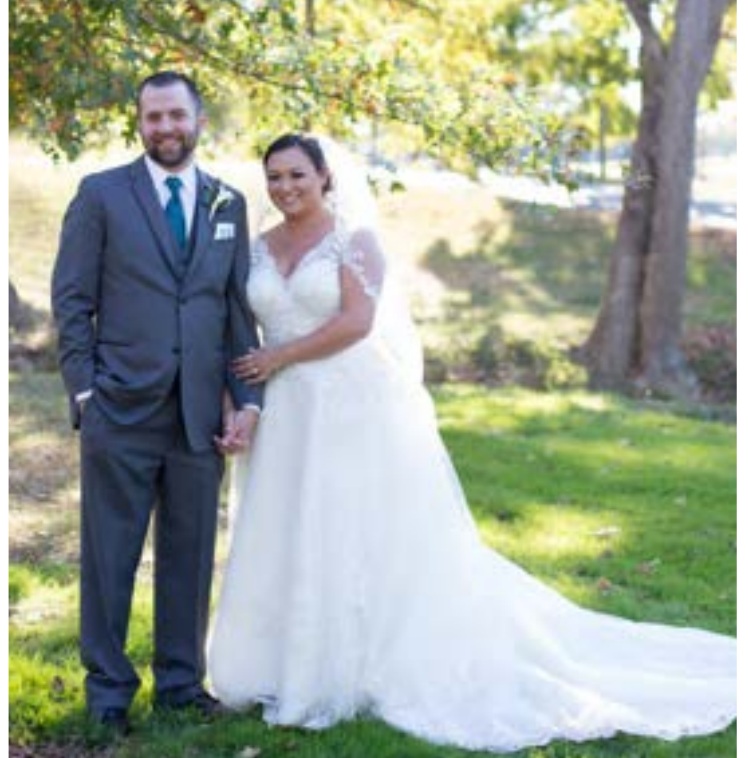


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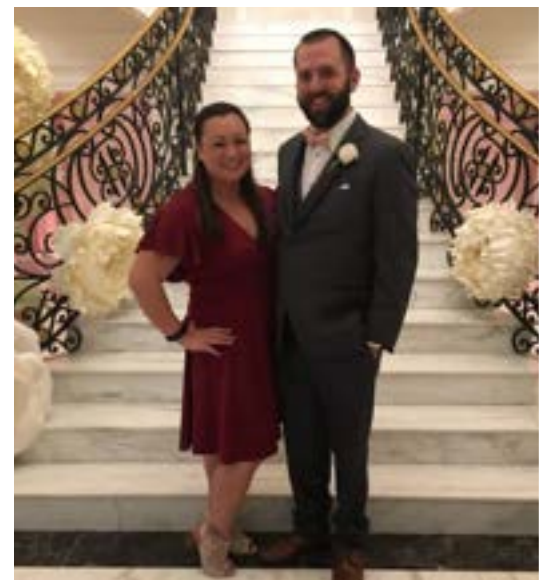
this is our STORY

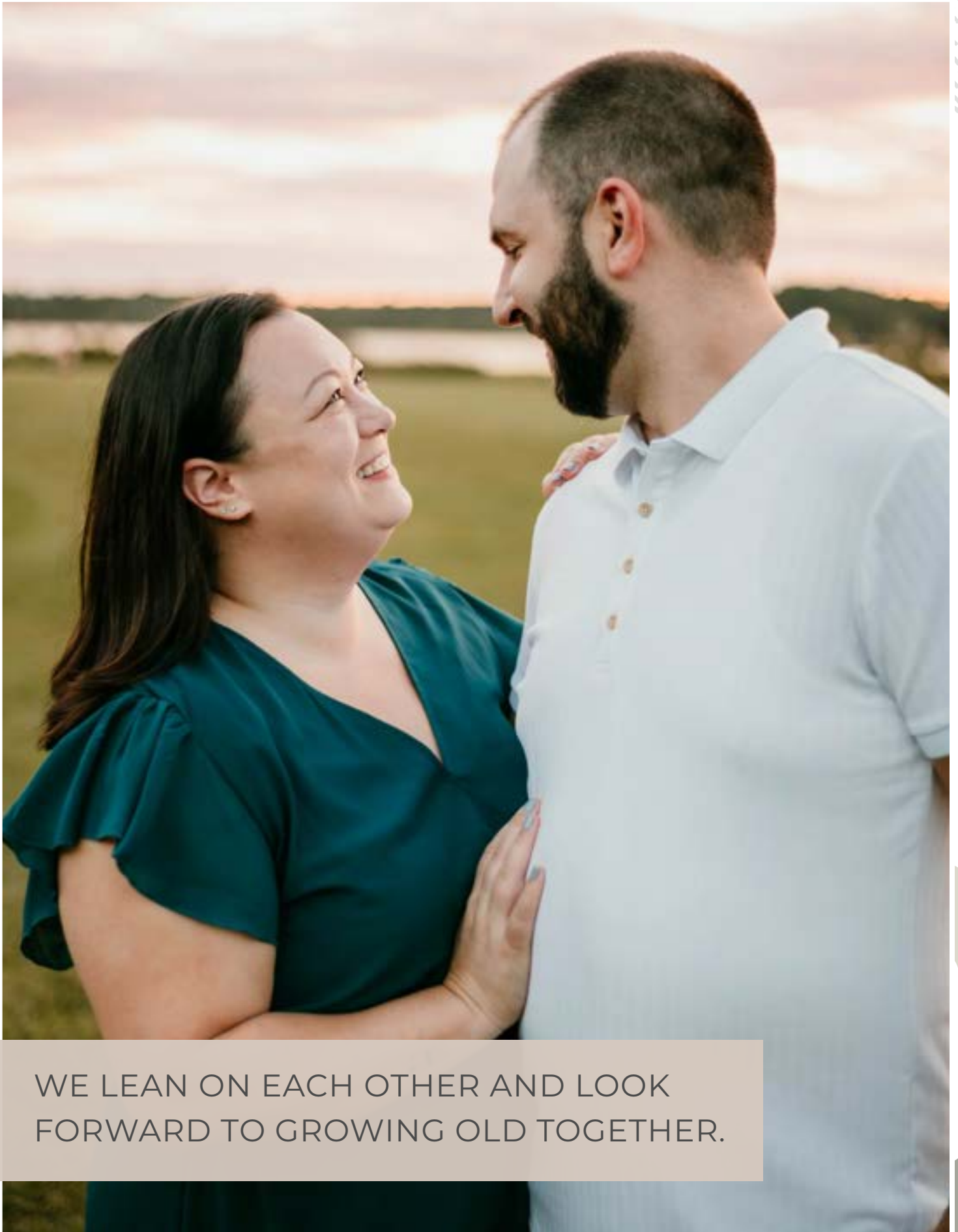
After college, we both moved to the same state and met through an online dating app. We quickly bonded over our love of rival sports teams and found that opposites really do attract. Our first date turned into weekends of dates visiting our favorite places in the area. We like to think that although we are married, we haven't stopped dating.



We've found that we balance one another to create a great team. Through ten years together and seven years of marriage, we bring out the best in one another. Ross helps Alyssa slow down and live in the moment. Alyssa helps Ross step outside his comfort zone and try new experiences. We value personal development and try each day to be a better version of ourselves for each other and our family.

Nothing could have prepared us for parenthood, but we've learned how to navigate sleepless nights, reading the same book for the hundredth time, and understanding just how fun a cardboard box can be. We lean on each other and look forward to growing old together.





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why we are

ADOPTING

Having children through adoption was something that was part of our discussion about having a family when we first started dating. **We feel that through birth, choice, or circumstance, family is about the love and connection people share and it can come in countless forms.**

While researching more about adoption throughout the years, we have built our forever home, are in a very stable place financially and career wise, and we had our amazing daughter, Bellamy. We are at a place in our lives now where we are ready and eager to grow our family through adoption. We've taken time to research and understand the adoption process and impact it can have on all the lives it touches. As parents, we will continue to put our current and future children and their needs at the forefront of our decisions.





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Friends Describe Me As: Empathetic, Thoughtful, Resilient

Favorite Poem:
[i carry your heart with me (i carry it in)]
by E.E.Cummings

meet **ALYSSA**

I grew up in Connecticut near the ocean with my mother and three siblings. You could always find us enjoying the beach year round. My mother and younger siblings were victims of homicide, so I went to New Hampshire to live with my aunt, uncle and four cousins who I now refer to as Mom, Dad and siblings. There, we grew up in the mountains and in nature. Being raised in a blended family, I realized at a young age that families don't have to be traditional.

Once I graduated college, I moved down south and joined Teach for America as a second grade teacher working in underprivileged schools. After teaching for a few years, I transitioned into the corporate world as a recruiter following my passion of helping others. I now work as a Director of Talent Acquisition, overseeing a global team that hires



for a clinical research company. With each new hire, we are able to change someone's life and as a company, we create products that save countless lives daily.

When I'm not working, you'll find me with my head in a book, baking, or spending time with our daughter. While being a mom can be tiring, I am energized each time I watch her learn something new and see the joy on her face. On the weekends, we spend time visiting parks, playing outside, or doing whatever it is Bellamy loves at that moment. I look forward to seeing her interests grow and to supporting the interests of our future children.

Some of my hobbies include:

Reading, Creating Art (painting, embroidery, crafting), Yoga,
Baking, Listening to Music



meet

ROSS



Friends Describe Me As:

Loyal, Reliable, Kind

Favorite Quote:

“It’s not about how hard you hit. It’s about how hard you get hit and keep moving forward.” - Rocky

I grew up in Pennsylvania with my parents and an older sister. My sister has always been a role model for me. While I didn’t have a lot of siblings, I had many cousins that lived nearby and were just as close. My family always did different activities together whether it was large family gatherings, making homemade pizza, or playing board games. These are moments that Alyssa and I look forward to enjoying with our family.

You can always catch me participating in something that involves sports whether it is actively playing or watching. I grew up playing baseball, water polo, and swimming. Baseball is my favorite sport and one that I went to college on a scholarship for. I now

play softball as a hobby and a way to stay in the game. I'm a Yankees, Cowboys, and Bruins fan. Outside of sports, I enjoy listening to music and playing guitar.

In my career, I work in project management in the clinical research field. I enjoy this industry because it helps me grow and gives me the opportunity to make a difference in helping clinical trials become successful.

One of the things I enjoy about being dad and will continue to cherish as we grow our family is watching our children grow up and discover new things while becoming unique in their own way. I would love the opportunity to support them as a little league coach or just being their biggest cheerleader. It is a privilege and honor to be able to experience this currently as a parent and I look forward to continue to be a part of these moments as we grow our family.



Some of my hobbies include: Playing softball, watching sports, playing guitar, listening to music, spending time with family



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ALYSSA in Ross's words



Alyssa is smart, loving, and caring. She's incredibly organized and is the reason we are always prepared no matter the situation. She's a quick learner and whether it's luck or skill, she almost always wins at everything — you'd be surprised how many radio contests she's won! **She brings out the best in me as a husband and father.** I admire how passionate she is as a mother, in her career, and how our family is her priority.”

ROSS in Alyssa's words

“**Ross is an incredible life partner and father. He is patient, understanding, and always puts everyone else first.** He isn't afraid to be silly to make Bellamy laugh, even if it means acting like zoo animals. Ross is a self taught musician and is always surprising us by playing our favorite songs. He is great at knowing exactly what we need and works so hard to meet those needs. **He's the best father for our children.**”



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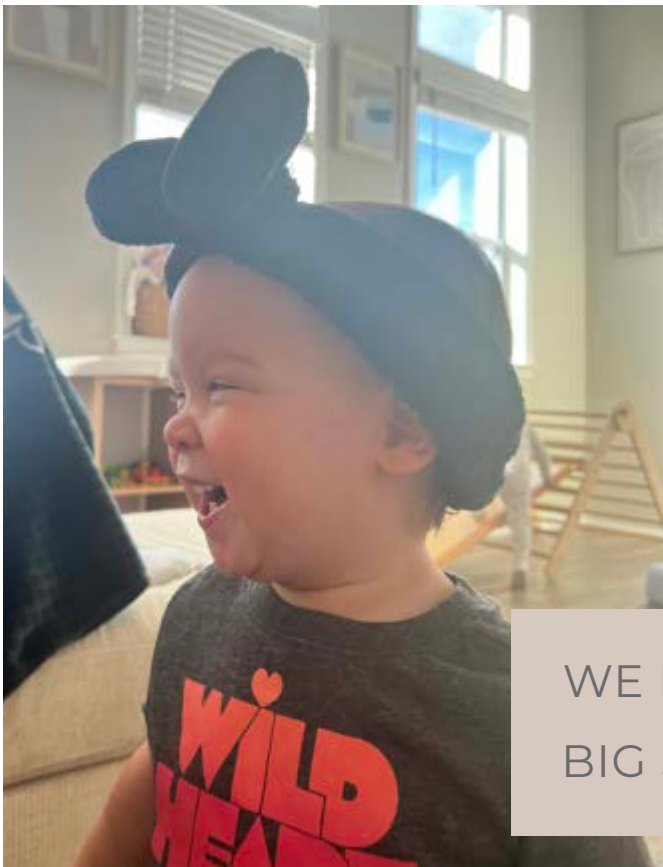


meet **BELLAMY**

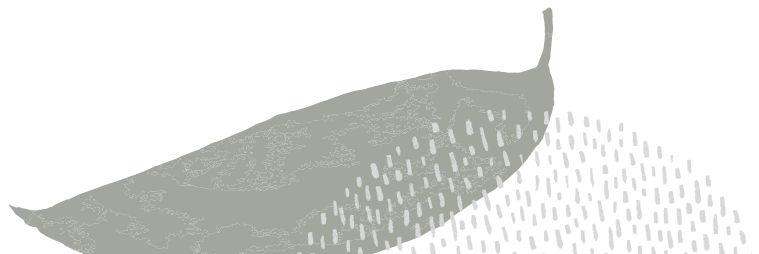
Bellamy is a curious, fearless girl, and will be two years old in the Spring. She was born 10 weeks premature due to pregnancy complications. From the day she was born, she defied all odds and has been so strong. **Bellamy always finds a reason to smile and thinks everything is silly. She is incredibly smart, loves to read, and will make music with whatever she can find. She likes to observe and discover how things work.** She is great at sharing and likes to make others feel included. At home, she frequently shares her food and toys with our dogs which always results in wagging tails and smiles.

We know she will be an amazing big sister, friend, and confidant as she has many friends in the neighborhood, at school, and at home with her fur siblings. We love being Bellamy's parents as she brings so much joy into our lives daily and helps us find a new appreciation for everything.





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our HOME

We live in North Carolina which is where built our dream home in an amazing family-friendly neighborhood. Parents watch as kids play in the streets and the neighborhood goes all out decorating for different seasons and holidays. The schools in our district are rated as some of the top schools in the entire state.

At home, we frequently spend time with neighbors, in our yard with the dogs, or during the warmer months are working on our gardens. This year we grew tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelons, herbs, and flowers!





Meet Duke and Daisy

We have two rescue dogs, Duke, who is a 9 year old lab mix and Daisy, who is a 7 year old mix. Duke is a sweet boy who loves treats and naps. Daisy is an energetic girl who loves to play and is super cuddly.

our FAMILIES

Alyssa's family lives along the east coast. Her parents have been married 33 years and all her siblings have significant others. Although we don't see her family in person often, we video chat with them regularly. One of Alyssa's sisters and her brother-in-law live 30 minutes away and we see them a few times a month. **A big family means it is never boring. There is always someone to talk to, something to celebrate, or a common interest to bond over. Alyssa's family is so excited to add another baby to the family.** Many of her siblings are growing their own families so the baby will have cousins around their age to grow up with.



Alyssa's family after the Walk Like MADD



Alyssa's sister and brother-in-law who live in NC



Alyssa's parents with our niece and Bellamy



Alyssa's parents, siblings, and nephews



Ross's parents, sister, brother-in-law,
and our niece and nephew



Ross's family lives about 30 minutes away from us. His parents have been married for 45 years. His older sister and brother-in-law have been married for 15 years and have two children, a ten-year-old son and a seven-year-old daughter. We see his family every month or so whether it is for a celebration, kids sporting event, or just to spend time together. **Ross's family is always willing to help us out whether it is dropping off a meal, fixing things up around the house, or helping with our daughter. His family adores Bellamy and is so excited to welcome a new baby to the family with open arms.**

BOTH OUR FAMILIES WILL WELCOME OUR NEW
SON OR DAUGHTER WITH OPEN ARMS.



BEFORE YOU GO

we want you to know

Thank you again for taking time to learn a bit about us. **If you choose to move forward with an adoption plan and choose us to raise your child, we commit to maintain a relationship that you are comfortable with, whether it's letters, pictures, or visits, and we will respect your wishes throughout this journey.**

FOR THIS CHILD, WE PROMISE:

- We will love them unconditionally. Not a day will go by without us telling them how much we love them and reminding them of all the things that make them so incredible.
- We want them to understand their heritage, celebrate their culture, have knowledge on where they came from, and not be afraid to ask questions. We want them to know they are loved for who they are.
- We will encourage them to pursue their dreams and interests. Whatever the child is passionate about, we want to support them and cheer them on.
- We will be present in their lives for all the little and big moments. They will always know that we will be there for them every step of the way.
- We will raise them in a house filled with mutual respect, kind voices, and a safe space to feel all of their emotions.

As you make your decision, we want to leave you with a quote by Nelson Mandela, "May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears." When we've been faced with tough choices, we like to remind ourselves to choose based on what we hope will happen.



sending you so much love and clarity,

ALYSSA, ROSS, & BELLAMY

IN OUR FAMILY, ALL FEELINGS ARE
VALID, EVERY VOICE IS HEARD, AND
OUR LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL.

