

Drew & Cassie







Hello

Our hearts are pounding as we sit and type these words to you. You, a woman we've never met but who has been a constant in our minds and in our hearts. We may not know all the things that have brought you here, but we are already blown away by your bravery. We may not know your name but we pray for you every single night. Our hope is that when you read this, you know that you are loved, thought of, and that you have such a special place in our lives already. There's so much to say, so much we want to share with you, but it's hard to know how to start. The biggest thing we want you to know is that your child will always be told that they were "Chosen". We will tell them how you chose a loving life for them, that you chose us to be their family, that we chose them not as a second choice option, but as our first choice at growing our family. Your child is already loved beyond what words can describe and it will only grow from here. We want you to know that your child's big sister and brother are already making so many plans for their baby brother/sister. The family and community that awaits your child is large, passionate, sincere and full of people that have been on every side of the adoption community. They are already cheering you both on, and lifting us all up in prayer as we prepare for this incredible moment. We promise you that we aren't perfect, perfection doesn't exist, but we also promise that we are really good at love and family. We promise that your child will be loved every moment, supported in every way, and truly treasured. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking time to learn about us, and for trusting us with this life-changing moment. The process you're going through for your child is one that we hold so sacred and are beyond grateful to be a part of. We hope that after learning more about our family you feel confidence and peace in your decision.

With so much love,

Drew & Cassie



The journey that brought

us together



We met 16 years ago while both working a summer job at the town mall. We quickly became friends and would often take lunch breaks at the food court, laughing and demolishing as much pizza as we could before heading back to work. We encouraged each other's dreams, built trust with one another, and had incredible adventures. Drew always said he was first attracted to Cassie's smile and confidence. He later fell in love with her contagious passion for life, her ability to make everyone around her feel special, and the way she made even the most mundane circumstances feel like magic. Cassie was first taken with Drew's gorgeous green eyes, sense of humor and intelligence. She later fell in love with his servant's heart, his ability to be both strong yet sensitive, and the way he could make her feel safe; no matter what life would bring he would always be there by her side.



married

eleven years

and are more in love than ever

Our Wedding

Drew's wedding gift that has brought us many moments of joy

For our wedding, Drew gave me the best gift. Drew asked me if he could pick the first dance song and surprise me on our big day. I happily agreed! He chose the song Stand by Me, and before it started to play he told me that my wedding gift is anytime it played he would stop what we were doing and dance together. 11 years later, it still remains my favorite gift I've ever received. Whether we are on vacation, sitting in a fancy restaurant, or playing cards with friends, the minute it comes on he stands up and dances with me. There were so many magical parts of our wedding, the feeling of love from family and friends was almost unimaginable.



Our Marriage

we are a team in all things and will always have one another's backs

I love that we met young. I love that we have had the chance to watch each other grow from young kids to young adults, to business owners, to loving parents, to the man and woman we are today. I love that we still flirt, that we still embarrass each other, that we still make each other laugh more than anyone else in the world. I love everything that we have built together. Getting married young, the cards were stacked against us in multiple ways. I love that we put any doubt to shame, and have built our dreams together. We are so similar in our values, but have totally different gifts. We do everything 50-50, and we hold each other accountable. We both take ownership of the home, we both take ownership of income, we both get off work when the kids get home, we both cook meals, I love that we get to do everything together. The word "soulmate" doesn't even accurately describe how perfect a fit we are for each other. We truly trust each other, to love without any hesitation, to love without having to keep your guard up, it is such a gift; to love big and freely.



If we have the honor of raising and loving your child

we promise to

Love them unconditionally

In our family, our motto is “no matter what”. Love isn’t situational, real love is unconditional. Every night we put our children to bed and say, “You are loved, forever and ever, NO MATTER WHAT.” & we absolutely promise this child will be loved without conditions, “no matter what.”

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Be their biggest advocate

Always nurture, celebrate, and encourage your child’s individual gifts, unique personality, and all they have to offer the world.

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Share your child's adoption story with them in love

We will always speak of you with kindness and respect letting them know they are incredibly loved by you. We promise to have open communication about their story.

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Be present parents throughout their entire lives

We have purposely chosen our career paths so that we together can be at home and fully present for our children. To truly both “be there” is a huge importance for us.

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Be lifelong learners of your child's heritage and culture

We promise to honor your child’s ethnicity/race/cultural heritage and not only incorporate but celebrate and empower this part of them.

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We can't wait to hear your heart and the desires you have for your child's life.

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Our hearts for adoption

Adoption has always been a conversation for us since dating 15 years ago. Without adoption, our family would not exist. We have lots of adoptees in our family. Cassie's cousin Kris was adopted as an infant in a closed transracial adoption. Kris has been a huge source of knowledge and support for us. He had an amazing experience as an adoptee and has been very uplifting, as well as informative. His family and ours are incredibly close, and we are so thankful that our child will have him to connect with as a transracial adoptee. As you can see, without adoption, our family as it is now would not exist. Drew's aunt was adopted as an infant in Germany. Cassie's great-grandmother was adopted from a Denmark orphanage. Her grandfather was adopted by his stepfather after being abandoned by his biological dad. Cassie's cousin recently adopted through the foster system.

Adoption has been apart of our extended family for generations. We are so grateful to have learned so much through their lives.

We have always wanted a lot of children, but over the course of our life journey, we have encountered struggles growing our family. We have endured multiple miscarriages/twin loss. Our son was originally a twin, but we tragically lost his sister during the pregnancy and almost lost him as well. Adoption has been written in our family's story for 5 generations and is all we've ever known. It has always been a desire for us and something that we have seen firsthand to be an incredible and beautiful experience. We cannot wait to share the unconditional love, adoption heritage, and family pride that we have with this child.



Kris



Cassie's Great-Grandma



What we *value*

Honesty

It's our job as parents to create a place of safe open and honest communication. It goes further than just telling the truth, it's important to be vulnerable and truly honest with what you're going through, with who you are, with what you may be fighting so we can truly be there for each other.

Respect

Whether you are 2, 10, 30 or 90 years old you deserve to be respected and valued. We believe that everyone in our family is valuable and should be treated with respect. Despite people's differences, we can always respect one another.

Integrity

It's so important to us that our kids learn that having a good character is one of the most valuable things a person can have. The strength to do what is right even if it's not the most popular thing. To be someone so grounded and confident in doing the right thing, by having a bold kindness and high moral value.

Laughter

Belly laughs should be an occurrence every day. Let yourself LAUGH. embrace and enjoy life. Laughter is the best medicine. It's important to not take everything too seriously but to know how to laugh at yourself, find the humor or joy in your situation. ENJOY your life and don't waste moments. Fill those moments with laughter





meet

Drew

My passions...

Motivated

Honest

Loyal

My interests are centered around what interests my kids. It could be Hot Wheels races one minute, and playing a part in pirate fairy princess make believe, the next. Playing games, drawing, reading, crafts during the Winter, and biking, playing with the puppies, throwing rocks in the creek, and swimming are some of our favorite summertime activities.

The little time left I get to myself is usually spent at the gym or playing with the dogs. When I'm not with my wife and kids, I miss them! So time to myself is usually spent thinking about what we can do together later that day. I was a collegiate football player and also have a passion for sports.

In Cassie's *words*

My husband is truly such a special man. He is unlike any other father and husband I've ever known. When I think of him I think of the words intentional, present, resilient, hardworking & nurturing. Not only has he created an incredible career for himself. He did it with the intention of "family first." He provides above and beyond financially while getting off around 2 PM each day to spend the rest of the afternoon and evening as husband and father. Every morning he helps get the kids ready for school and often makes his famous chocolate chip pancakes. They ask for them every morning and he is happy to oblige them. Others may know him as "loyal friend", "beloved son", "driven career man" but I get to see him as "hero of our family." Drew has always been my partner in every way. He does laundry, he cooks, he makes the kids breakfast, he provides for us, he takes care of us in every way and shows his love through his actions. When you look at him, you see a 6' 3" strong and powerful protector but in his heart, he is a wise, patient, & kind soul. All of my friends constantly say, "Drew is the best dad" & it's because he really and truly is.

Drew is an intentional and amazing *dad*

Drew is honestly the dad any child would dream of having. He cooks with them, plays with them, teaches them things, and patiently walks them through their schoolwork. Him and I are 50-50, partners, in everything. He is involved, caring, and always a source of laughter for the kids! The kids always enjoy when their dad reads them bedtime stories. They love when he flips them in the pool and plays shark attack with them. He is such a patient teacher and is always helping them discover new things whether it's exploring nature, or working on an experiment inside, he is always opening up the world around them. Drew is a perfect combination of tender, and strong. His patience and comfort with the kids always amazes me. He has created such a safe feeling in the home, we all know that we are protected, and we all know that we are LOVED, no matter what.



I am a Digital Health Operations Specialist, which means I work in research and development within the pharmaceutical community. I have been home-based for over 10 years. At this point of my career, I don't have to travel at all and am able to create and manage my own schedule. I work for a company that promotes a family-first atmosphere. This allows me to be present and available to my kids every day. I am very thankful for this paternity leave was an incredible opportunity to bond with our kids after birth.





meet

Cassie

My passions...

Calming

Wise

Positive

Gardening is my happy place. The kids have their very own garden that they are responsible for. They get to pick out what they want to plant and take care of it through the spring and summer. I absolutely love to bake. Our family has generations of incredible bakers, and it is always a way that we express love to each other. I also love being around friends and family. I love when our home is full of laughter. I absolutely love games. Gathering around the card table laughing, being silly, will always be a special place. I have a passion for dance. I danced professionally for 10 years and now teach at a studio in Idaho.

In Drew's *words*

Cassie is an amazing person that I am blessed to have as such a big part of my life. She brings out the best in everyone she meets. Consistently striving to be better. Compassionate, fiercely loyal, lives every day of life to the fullest, and always the hardest worker with an entrepreneurial spirit. Not a day goes by that you won't catch her singing and dancing around the house, bringing smiles to everyone's faces. I love her passion and zest for life. She brings fun and joy to everyone she meets. She is creative and intentional with her love. She has the ability to make anyone feel important and good about themselves. This gift she puts to use with her family and family alike.



I couldn't ask for a better partner in life. I admire and learn from her on a daily basis. She continues to surprise me with how motivated she is to be a better person every day. We have a very special relationship that I hold very dear to my heart. She is my one and only, and I'm so lucky to have her in my life.

Flexibility and balance are my number one goals with my career! I have been so blessed to own my own business based in beauty and cosmetology for the last eight years. I now Coach businesswomen on their own entrepreneurial endeavors from home. I create my own schedule and typically work when the kids are at school or in bed. They know they are my number one priority, but are also so proud of their Boss Babe mama.



Cassie creates a home filled with joy

Cassie's first priority is her kids. Whether it's playing dress up or dancing, racing monster trucks or singing, or running laps. She takes an interest in our kid's interests and always looks for new opportunities to connect with each of them. Mommy daughter and mommy sun dates are a regular part of our lives. The kids know their mom will always be there for them, loving and supporting them through all of life's ups and downs. She Always she's up and is striving to improve as a mom and role model. Cassie is the best Mom that anyone could imagine with the Strength, experience, and energy to educate about life and love.



Making memories

Cassie was in a near-death car accident where she almost didn't survive. She vowed to never take a moment for granted. When she met Drew, she knew she had found someone with the same passion for living every moment with intention and passion. We love making every moment special for our kids and have changed our entire outlook on life. We worked hard so we could be off every day from work at 1 pm to be fully present with our kids the moment they are home from school. We will live the rest of our lives creating a life filled with intentionality, joy, and a home filled with the best memories.

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Christmas Pj Party

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Family Halloween Costumes

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Annual Family Hawaii Trip

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Yealry Disneyland Trip

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Ice Village Christmas Trip

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Sun Valley Vacation House



Halloween Fun



Pumpkin Patch



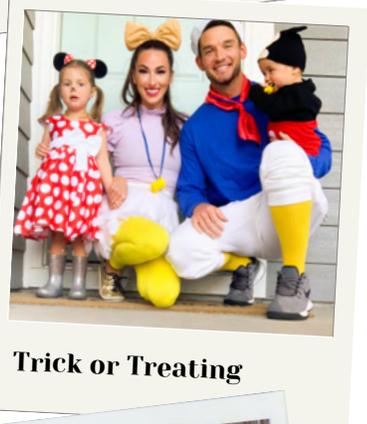
Disneyland



Santa visit



4th of July



Trick or Treating



Holiday Family Nights



Boise Spirit Festival

Creating memories with our family is our greatest priority and joy!





Home Sweet Home



**Our home is a place our
our kids can explore and
live a magical childhood**



We built our home in 2022. The lot we built on was a property that Cassie's dad grew up riding his horses on with his siblings. When it became available Cassie and Drew knew it was perfect for them. We designed it all ourselves and we're asked to show it in the parade of homes showcase. 5 beds 4 baths, a modern European home on 1/2 an acre with a gentle creek in the back. The neighborhood is extremely safe, diverse, and has a great community. Some of our favorite things to do in the home are s'mores in the fireplace, Sunday morning snuggles in bed, star gazing on our rooftop garden, catching crawfish in the creek, or swimming in the pool.



Our pups
Moose and Birdie



We live in beautiful Idaho!

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Our town is the perfect blend of small-town country outskirts with fun and active city. It's safe, nature-oriented, and beautiful in all four seasons. Our city is extremely family-friendly and has a very special feel. It's surrounded by lakes, rivers, green trees, and agriculture. It also has incredible parks, talented sports programs, incredible dance programs, great schools, etc.

Our church community is very supportive and active in adoption and foster care. Our church is very diverse and has lots of fun events and outreach programs. Many children in the church are a part of "brown like me" a social group for proud African American children to have community, and celebrate their culture.





our sweet **Family**

We have a great relationship and are very close with our families.

When people meet our family, they are always blown away by the amount of love they instantly feel when they walk in the room. In a typical family gathering you would be welcomed at the door with hugs from every single person, you would instantly have a plate of homemade food in front of you and be thrown into the middle of some type of card game. You would hear laughter, you would hear deep conversations, you would be prayed for, genuinely asked about, and encouraged.

Our extended family spans, five generations of strong, passionate, beautiful people who love others well and are always there for each other. Words that describe our family would be diverse, strong, hilarious, genuine, selfless, and compassionate. Most of our family lives very close to us and are very involved in our lives. They are incredibly supportive of us growing our family through adoption and will love your child fully and completely.



"Our unwavering investment to love and cherish this child and every moment with them is a true blessing for us. We will be there every step of the way."

- Papa & Grams

Christmas time is truly magical with our family. Since I was a little girl, one of our longest traditions, has been going to the Nutcracker. We get dressed up and enjoy a night at the ballet with my great-grandmother, aunts, grandma, mom, and little ones. Christmas morning, about 30 of our extended family members stay in one house altogether for a week. It is so beautiful to see everyone come together, laugh together, and love each other. The fact that our family loves each other and genuinely gets along for an entire week is a Christmas miracle. We are indeed so lucky and don't take it for granted.

One of our most sacred places as a family is Drew's family Lakehouse. This cabin on the lake has been Andrew's family for 4 generations. From the names and heights recorded over the years scratched onto the kitchen wall, to the beautiful beachfront full of decades of memories, this is a magical tradition where we can get away from the stress of life and just connect as a family. We love boating, making sand castles, and watching the gorgeous Idaho sunset over the lake.

We make birthdays a big deal! We take it as an opportunity to truly celebrate the individual. We wake them up by singing happy birthday with balloons filling their room and making their favorite breakfast; Dad's chocolate chip pancakes. They get to pick a special theme, the food served, and the cake flavor! It's so fun to see them feeling loved and celebrated for who they are and all they give to the world. A day just for them and the celebration of their life!

We love making small moments memorable!

our family
Traditions



Family first

will always be our priority

“ We promise to create a life where your child's grows up knowing how special they truly are. We want them to know they are loved no matter what! ”

Parenting

Our parenting philosophy is based on teamwork, friendship, and love without conditions. We think it is so important to model the behavior that we expect our children to live out. If we want them to be respectful, we have to show them respect, if we want them to be loving, we need to be loving to them. Our actions will always speak louder than words. Teamwork is big for us. If a problem comes up, we encourage our kids to help problem-solve. If they have a disagreement with us, we try to come to a compromise and work together as a team. It is an honor to be able to walk alongside our children as they discover the gifts that God has bestowed upon them. Our parenting goal is to help them stay focused on being true to themselves. We also want our children to know we always have their back. We will fight for them, we will hold them accountable, we will do the best thing for them, we will always be a safe place for them, and we will always love them, no matter what.



For Fun

We have a weekly tradition called Family Friday. Every Friday we try to do something fun like a pizza night, a game night, a movie night, something that brings us together! The kids absolutely love it. We love swimming together! When the kids get home from school, they instantly want to play in the pool with Mom and Dad. They love being in the garden, picking strawberries, checking on apples, and watching the watermelon grow. Since they were babies we have loved taking them on vacation! Disneyland is a super special place for us! We have taken the kids three times and plan to do an annual Disney trip. We have taken them to Hawaii multiple times, they love going to the lake town just a couple hours from our home where Drew and I spent many of our childhood memories.





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Liliana is beyond her years. She has such a huge heart and compassion for others. Everyone that meets her says how special her heart is and it is the truth! She is so nurturing, so sweet, and absolutely hilarious! She loves making people smile. She is a talented Dancer and works insanely hard in her classes. She loves to garden and even has her own strawberry patch. She loves all things girly, she loves, cooking, and birdwatching. She is absolutely the best big sister, and whenever we are in a big group of friends, she is always the little mama of the group taking care of everybody. She makes friends everywhere she goes and has a very bright light about her.



Bear

Bear isn't the typical wild child three-year-old boy. He is bright and exuberant but so tender. Everyone that meets him says how calming and intelligent he is. He has a gift for learning and is a year ahead in his schooling. He loves being active and playing basketball or soccer with his dad. He loves monster trucks, loves to swim in the pool, and loves to play, hide and seek with his big sister. He has such a gentleness about him, always checking in on mom making sure she's OK. He has the biggest full-faced smile that can light up a room, with the most boisterous laugh that gets everyone else Laughing the minute they hear it!





our Faith

We believe that our God-given job as mother and father is to teach about our Jesus through our actions and our example in the home. The way that we love is a small reflection of the way that God loves us. We are active in church and love our community that we have there. It is truly our favorite day of the week ago and worship Learn together. However, we believe that our example, as parents is strongest influence on how they see and learn about the Lord. Praying together, reading the Bible together, worshipping together and serving together are hugely important to us. Christian characteristics that we hope to teach our child include forgiveness, compassion, generosity, honesty, boldness, humility, respect, acceptance, and integrity.

hearts for Education

We currently send both our kids to a very diverse and highly successful private school. The kids are obsessed. They are reading and writing by 4 years old, have lots of hands-on science projects, learn music and arts including extra enrichment classes like dance, speaking, art etc our goal is to always evaluate our kiddos each year and make sure whatever school they are in is the best school for their gifts and needs. Whether it's academics, sports, art, friendships, etc. We will always evaluate and support them in what they need to thrive.

We believe that something after high school should be highly encouraged and supported. College, trade schools, specialized schooling, and even the military would all be supported based on our child's goal for their future.



Hopes & Dreams

For our future

We plan to stay at our current home for years. We love all of our family and friends. We love our church, dance studio, and private school. It's a special place for us and the kids.

Travel has always been huge for us. Before children Cassie had travelled to 12 different countries and has learned so much about the world and different cultures. Drew also has a huge passion for travel. We plan to do at least 2 big family vacations each year.

We see a bright future for your child filled with love, joy, support, and opportunity. We will always speak of your selfless love for them throughout their life.

We would love to continue to grow our family and hopefully are given the chance at adopting two children close together so they can grow and bond together along with their older siblings loving on them and having lots of memories together.





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**We know you are a woman of
incredible love and bravery. We are
cheering you on daily**

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From our hearts to yours

Thank you

We are so grateful that you've taken the time to learn about our family. We know that this decision couldn't have been easy, or comfortable, but we want you to know we've been praying for your heart for months. The bravery, courage, and selflessness that has led you here is beyond admirable. We truly appreciate your sacrifice, we promise to appreciate and acknowledge the sacrifice you've made every day. We will always speak about you with love. We will always speak of you with honor and appreciation. Depending on the level of openness you desire, we plan on executing that openness level with love and respect, and gratitude for you every step of the way. Thank you again for your consideration, we are excited, open, and so ready to welcome this little one and bring them home.



Drew & Cassie



Above all else, we hope you
feel seen and encouraged.
You already hold such a
special place in our lives.
Know that YOU are loved.

Drew, Cassie, Lili, & Bear

