

ELLIE *and* CURTIS







hi there!

IT'S SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU.

We're so humbled and honored to introduce ourselves to you. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us a bit! We know these photos and blurbs are just a glimpse of our family, but we pray you'll get a feel for what life in our family is really like: fun, hilarious, full of adventure and love.

It is a privilege to walk this journey with you - we look forward to being the loving support you and your child may need now and in the future. We can't wait to share our life with more little ones and YOU!

CURTIS + ELLIE

This is our story

WHERE WE STARTED

We met in 7th grade – we know...quite possibly the most awkward stage of life; what are the chances?! From middle school dances embarrassing ourselves on the dance floor to belly laughing at our favorite comedy movies together or doing funny pranks with our friends on the weekends, we always made life fun together growing up.



ENGAGEMENT + MARRIAGE



We share many fun and funny memories and are so grateful we met at a young age. Even though we joke, we wish we had met earlier in life. The college years were short-lived for us since, in our sophomore year, we decided to take the leap into marriage. We both continued our education as a married couple and received our degrees a few years later.

LIFE TOGETHER

Even though life is different from the early years of our relationship, we still make each other laugh until we cry, embarrass each other with our moves, and love to have fun together, just like we did back in 7th grade. We love the life we have built together over the years. We have room in our hearts and home for another child and can't wait for the next chapter of our lives!





What led us to adoption?

WE'VE HAD ADOPTION ON OUR HEARTS SINCE WE GOT MARRIED IN 2015.

We have worked hard over the years to establish our careers, work on our loving relationships, and create a warm, welcoming home to provide the utmost care and opportunities for any child (and, in turn, birth mother/family) who joins our family. We always imagined we would expand our family through adoption - as time went on, we educated ourselves, and we developed a heart for the birth mothers/families.

We desire to bring a child into our family while building a meaningful relationship with you and supporting you on your lifelong journey.

Meet Ellie!

as told by Curtis



First, let me say if Ellie wanted to do stand-up comedy, she would crush it. She doesn't try to be funny, but she just is. She is the funniest person I know and always keeps our whole family laughing. She also is highly caring and shows great compassion for the people around her. She always puts others first and makes sure they feel cared for. Ellie makes sure our daughter and I always feel loved and seen daily. She is encouraging and my biggest cheerleader in all areas of life.

Ellie loves to work on making our home feel like a place of love and warmth. She is the best host I have ever known and leans into details to make every guest of our home feel welcomed and celebrated. She will make it fun and memorable, whether a small accomplishment or a big birthday. She is also a very thoughtful gift-giver. I have never seen someone so strategic in their gifts to others. *I could go on and on about Ellie, but will end it with the fact that I am so lucky to have found my best friend at such a young age, and now, to be married to her is just the cherry on top!*

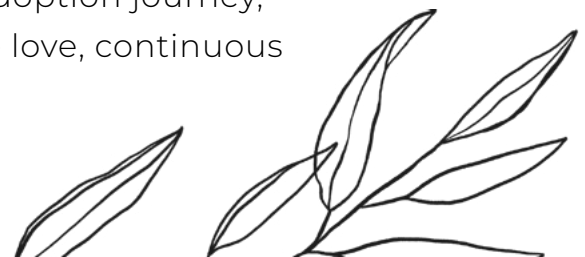


Meet Curtis!

as told by Ellie

The qualities that first attracted me to Curtis when we were 12 years old are the same things I admire today: Curtis is genuine. He is generous. He is inherently kind. He is selfless. He serves others wholeheartedly. And he loves deeply. *It is the gift of a lifetime to not only have his friendship for the majority of my life but to ultimately be his wife.* He brings me coffee every morning. He plays dress up and does puzzles with Montana each evening with a smile despite a long day at work. He cares relentlessly for our home and our weenie dog. All the while, friends and family enjoy his listening ear.

When he's not tending to others, you can catch him reading about the latest tech or watching videos on unique cars. He's a prime example of a lifelong learner. Being around him instantly makes you feel lighter and encouraged. I feel beyond blessed to get an up-close view of such a phenomenal human. I hope that through our adoption journey, more people will get to experience Curtis' fierce love, continuous joy and unwavering support.



meet our daughter!



Montana James was born in November of 2020. We remember that during an ultrasound, the doctor described her as “spunky,” which is still entirely accurate. Montana has the brightest smile and an extremely caring spirit. Ellie hurt her ankle the other day, and Montana instantly responded, “Mama, Jesus will heal you! Do you need a bandaid? Or a hug? I’m so sorry that happened to you.” Every day, she blows us away with her intelligence and wit, whether it be her inventive Magna-tile creations or how she negotiates for another snack.

Montana enjoys gymnastics class weekly and swim lessons during the summer. We started homeschool preschool this year - she thrives baking the recipes and constructing the crafts associated with our reading. Montana loves time with her cousins and friends, jumping on our mini bounce house or running through the sprinkler. She makes friends in group settings and carries a baby doll almost everywhere. *She thoroughly enjoys caring for others, and we know she will be thrilled to have a sibling she can love on.*





Montana
brings
so much
joy
to our
lives.





home sweet home

WE PURCHASED OUR MODERN TUDOR HOME IN 2021.

Our home has 5 bedrooms with 5 bathrooms. It includes great family spaces like a large open concept living room/kitchen, a playroom and a media room. We spend time in our turfed backyard running through the sprinklers, playing football as a family or snuggling up on the rocking chairs near the fire pit.

We live in a well-kept, diverse neighborhood full of active families and young children. We frequently walk the trails around the pond and scooter to the park. We utilize the clubhouse daily for the gym or pool.





We live in a suburb just north of a major city, so we can easily throw a rock to hit a Chick-fil-A or a Target or hop on the highway to the arboretum. Most of our immediate family live within 15 minutes of our house, making last minute get-togethers or porch drop-offs easy. We are in a coveted school district but still have access to many private schools and homeschool/hybrid programs.





Ten fun facts

1. We love to travel and have been to many different places, from the mountains in Montana to the black-sand beaches in Hawaii.
2. We attended Super Bowl 54 to see the Chiefs win their first Super Bowl in 50 years!
3. We live in one of the safest and fastest-growing counties in the country.
4. After our college years, we moved back to the city where we grew up together.
5. We are proud Costco members and make family trips weekly - Montana lives for the samples!
6. Most of our house is furnished with antiques or unique secondhand pieces that make it feel like home.
7. We all own multiple pairs of cowboy/girl boots that are a regular part of our wardrobe.
8. Our grandparents have passed down very tasty recipes like Nana's Biscuits & Gravy, Gran's Cranberry Salad and Grandma's Fried Pickles.
9. We have turned into a year-round holiday movie family, specifically the 2018 version of *The Grinch*.
10. We are newly "crunchy" parents, exploring ways to live a low-tox lifestyle and better our family's overall health.

meet our pup!



Siloh is our long-haired chocolate peanut butter dachshund who we welcomed to our family in 2015! He is super sweet and loves to give out a lot of kisses. He is super gentle and is very patient with Montana. Siloh has been by Montana's side since birth, and they love each other so much. Montana would tell you that Baby Siloh is her best friend. Most days, Siloh is an office pup and spends the weekdays with Curtis in his office. If he is not at the office, he is lounging in the sun, taking a nap in his bed, or perched on the top of couch cushions to see what is happening around the house. Siloh always brings joy and laughter to each of us every day!



Things we love



CURTIS LOVES: Outdoor walks around local parks · Reading autobiographies or inspirational books · Watch collecting and learning about the history of my watches · Working on my project car or cleaning my truck · Coffee Shop Dates · Jamming to music in my car with the windows down · Playing pickup basketball · Breakfast dates with Montana · Cooking new meals · Watching and attending Chiefs football games



ELLIE LOVES: Pink Peonies · Antiquing · Coffee Shop Dates · Decorating our home with intentionality · Discovering sentimental art pieces · Curating thoughtful gifts · Listening to podcasts about motherhood, adoption, mental health · Planning special outings for my family · Making holidays memorable · Enjoying sunshiny days on a patio · Watching comedy movies

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our extended family

CURTIS' FAMILY Curtis' parents met in their very early 20s, and Curtis was their first child. His parents live about 15 minutes away, near his siblings. Curtis' middle sister, Kayla, lives in a townhome with her German Shepard, Zeke. Kyle, the youngest, lives on the same street as Kayla with his Golden Doodle, Honey. On the weekends, we travel to Curtis' parents' lake house for pontooning and fishing. Occasionally we travel to Florida beaches to celebrate holidays and spend quality time as a big family. We try to get the whole family together at least once or twice a year! We recently went with all of Curtis' family to Disney World at the end of 2023, and Montana had a blast with her cousins.

ELLIE'S FAMILY

Ellie's parents, Bobby and Stephanie, are high school sweethearts. They live the closest, at about a 20-minute walk. Ellie is the oldest of 3 girls. Her middle sister, Chloe, and her husband, Ryan, are only a 5-minute drive away. Her youngest sister, Tessa, her husband, Earl, and their 2.5-year-old son, Leo, live 45 minutes north. Almost all her aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents live within the state. This makes for big holiday gatherings full of homemade food and silly games. A karaoke machine is often brought out after the food has settled - everyone takes turns busting a move or singing along to an oldie!





promises
FROM US TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD



We think about you daily.

When we see someone pregnant, *we think of you.*

When we see a baby, *we think of you.*

When we think about our future, *we think of you.*

When we think about our family, *we think of you.*

When we think about our home, *we think of you.*

When we say these things, some may think we are referring to your baby when we say you, but we are not. We are thinking of you, Mama. You are welcome here. In our future. In our family. In our home. Please know you are loved. You are valued. You are believed in. You are prayed for. It may look different throughout the years as seasons ebb and flow, but we got you, Mama.

And the same goes for your baby - the love is never-ending, the prayers are persistent, and the commitment to learning is lifelong. We feel our hearts spilling onto the page right now...It's vulnerable to share like this, but we need you to know we're willing to put our hearts on the line for you and your baby.

ELLIE, CURTIS + MONTANA

