

ERIC AND Julie



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YOU DON'T CHOOSE
YOUR FAMILY.
THEY ARE GOD'S GIFT
TO YOU, AS YOU ARE TO
THEM.

Desmond Tutu

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hi from Georgia!

WE CAN'T THANK YOU
ENOUGH FOR
CONSIDERING US

and hope that our profile book helps you to know who we are. We honor and respect the difficult decision you're making for your baby, and our hearts and prayers are with you. **We pray you feel loved and supported throughout your entire journey as you try to determine the best option for you and your baby.**

While we can't possibly share everything about our family in a small book, we have tried to give you a sense of our personalities, our values, the love we have for our family and friends and each other, and the parents we will be.

our hope is that the more you learn
about us, the more secure you will be in your decision.

Please know that you are loved, and we will do all we can to support you every step of the way.

Best,

ERIC & JULIE



about us

WE MET IN

**2015 when Julie began volunteering
with Eric's non-profit.**

The immediate draw for both of us was the fact that we loved rock climbing as well as helping people with disabilities be active and achieve things they previously thought impossible. **We were friends first and then dated for close to four years when Eric proposed (on top of a rock formation!), and we decided to build a life together.** We had a small wedding in our backyard and later had a beautiful celebration with all our friends and family.

We bought our first home together in a quaint little neighborhood where we now live with our dog Cooper. We spend time walking through the neighborhood forest trails, doing little projects around the house, traveling to new places, and spending quality time with friends and family.

**WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE HOW GOD CONTINUES TO WRITE OUR
FAMILY STORY WITH ADOPTION!**

ABOUT *each other*

JULIE IS MY BEST FRIEND

Julie is kind-hearted, empathetic, and loyal. I love how thoughtful she is, and how she thinks through each decision. She is organized and makes the house a relaxing place to live. **I know our home will always be a safe and loving place for our children to learn, grow, and play because of her.** I am forever blessed by her.

ERIC IS MY BIGGEST FAN

Eric has a big heart, and I love that he gets his joy from helping others. Our dog Cooper couldn't love Eric more, probably because Eric takes such good care of him. Eric goes out of his way to love and serve others well, which I know will carry over to his children. I cannot wait to see him become a father through adoption!





why adoption

Earlier in life, Julie found out that conceiving might be difficult for her. While dating and discussing marriage, we discussed our circumstances and options for building a family. We had no interest in fertility treatments and felt that adoption was the only way to grow our family. For us, we know we will love any baby that joins our family with all our hearts.





ABOUT ERIC



my favorites

Food: Sushi

Color: Sunset Pink

Book: Goodnight Moon

Sport: Soccer

Vacation: Ski Resort



"I am so, so excited to be a dad! I look forward to loving on them all the time, experiencing life through their eyes, and teaching them about God's love for them."

I was born and raised in Georgia. At a young age, I loved to run and jump and play outside and that hasn't changed much. **When I was ten years old, I was playing soccer and was struck in the eye with a soccer ball.** The swelling did not go down which led to the discovery of cancer. After radiation, chemotherapy, and many surgeries, I was declared cancer-free, but I lost an eye in the process. This is why you see me wearing an eye patch. I consider the patch to be my red badge of courage, and I truly believe those difficult years made me a better human. **Being treated and seen differently is what led me to start the non-profit that I currently run. It helps people living with a disability** access outdoor adventure, such as hiking, biking, climbing and kayaking.

Being the Director of my non-profit allows me to work from home and maintain a flexible schedule.

I still love my time in the outdoors and taking on new adventures.





ABOUT JULIE

my favorites

Color: Green

Season: Fall

Book: A Gentleman in Moscow

TV Show: Parks & Recreation

Vacation: Somewhere New

"I can't wait to be a mother and to shower your child with immense love, nurturing, and never-ending support!"



I was born and raised in Louisiana but moved to Georgia for college and have stayed since. **I work as a lawyer with an energy company.** My company is very supportive of family life, and my hybrid work schedule allows me to have a good work/life balance (I work from the office three days a week and from home the other two days).

I like to be outside whenever I can - I love hiking/going on walks with our dog, mountain biking, or just sitting on a patio with family and friends. I also love to travel and explore new places.

While I have really enjoyed my life, what I now look forward to most is becoming a mother. **I am excited to learn about the little things your child enjoys and to watch him or her grow with each new experience!**







We live in the beautiful state of Georgia! We live in a diverse small community within a larger city. **Our house is a cute three-bedroom, three-bath house with two bonus rooms. We have a nice deck out back and a fenced backyard that will be great for kids.** We live three doors down from a reserve that has a creek and forest with trails and woods to play in.

We have begun working on a nursery. We've repainted the baby's room and hung curtains. Julie's mom gifted us a glider, and we are searching for a crib, a changing station, and other key items to complete the room. We also found the cutest giraffe lamp on our recent trip to Thailand!

What we love most about OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN

Georgia

Our neighborhood is full of families - there are lots of children who live close by and are always playing at our neighborhood soccer fields, parks, and playgrounds. We can walk to the elementary school as well as to our local bakery, butcher shop, doggie daycare, and restaurants.



**We are a unique blend of
ADVENTURE-SEEKERS
and stable homebodies**

You might find us scaling a mountain or hang-gliding, but you also might find us repotting plants on the back porch. We also love our annual beach trip with Julie's family.

Our adventures are always filled with fun and laughter, and we simply cannot wait to continue these adventures with our child.



meet
OUR FAMILY



**OUR FAMILIES ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT OUR PLANS TO ADOPT
AND WANT TO HELP US OUT.**

We are both close to our families and talk to them weekly. Eric's parents and his sister's family live close to us. Eric has a brother and sister-in-law who have a 6-month-old who we FaceTime with and see several times a year. Julie's parents, sisters and their families live in Louisiana. We see them at least three to four times a year.

Having Eric's parents close will be a huge help - they have played a big role in the lives of Eric's sisters' children, and we know they will play a big role in our child's life. Although Julie's parents live further away, they plan to travel with us to assist with the adoption and transition home and are ready and willing to assist us as needed in the future. They want to have a close relationship with our child.



With our niece Jane.



Our niece Marry Scott.



Eric with our niece Elizabeth





MEET OUR *friends!*

When we spend time with our friends, there's always music in the background and usually a lot of laughter, but there is also deep conversation about what is going on in each other's lives and any challenges we're facing. We have a lot of chefs in our friend group so many of our gatherings revolve around cooking, but we also enjoy hiking, biking, and playing trivia and other games with friends. We've also traveled to National Parks, out-of-town music festivals, and foreign countries together. We love and are very thankful for our friendships!



OUR FRIENDS HAVE BECOME OUR COMMUNITY AND A TRUE SUPPORT SYSTEM - They couldn't be more excited to meet and love on our future child!

kind words

"Julie and Eric are two of the best people we know. They have a loving, beautiful home and generous, thoughtful, and caring hearts - ready to welcome a child!"

- Ali & Jeff

"Julie and Eric are the most wonderful people and would make exceptional parents. They are kind, considerate, and gentle souls. I cannot think of anyone who would be better parents!"

- Anna & Andrew





Thank you

AGAIN FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW ABOUT OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND LIFE. WE ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR YOU AND YOUR STRENGTH.

If you decide that we are the right parents for your baby, we will be forever grateful to you and promise to walk this journey with you and to love your child with all our hearts. **Your baby's health and happiness will be our life's mission, and we vow to give your child a life full of experiences and opportunities and our unwavering love and support to grow and become the child and person who God intends them to be.** We would love to have a relationship with you and are open to sharing letters, pictures, and visits.

Love,

ERIC & JULIE



THANK YOU

FOR TAKING THE TIME TO "MEET" US.