

Elliot & Lauren





hi!

We are Lauren & Elliot

Thank you so much for taking
the time to learn about us.

We want to express our deepest admiration for the selfless decision you're making. As prospective adoptive parents, we don't pretend to fully understand what you're going through, but we want you to know that your courage and love for your child are incredibly inspiring to us. We want to assure you that if you choose us to be your child's adoptive parents, they will be cherished. We understand the weight of the trust you're placing in us, and we promise to honor it with unwavering commitment, love and support. Your child will be welcomed into our home with open arms, surrounded by love, warmth, laughter and endless opportunities. We are committed to providing them with a safe, nurturing environment where they can thrive and reach their fullest potential.



Our story



This skydive was our "First Dance" as a couple after getting married in the plane



We've chased our dreams, traveled the world and come to the conclusion that for us, life's biggest adventure is starting a family.

We met in North Carolina in 2011 while pursuing our skydiving licenses. We recognized in each other someone that made us feel at home. Someone to be weird with, to laugh with, to be our true selves with and despite all the ways our life has changed over the past 13 years that is one thing that has stayed constant.

We were professional skydivers for the past 7 years competing at national and international competitions around the world before retiring to start a family.

After several attempts to have a baby, including one miscarriage, we visited a fertility specialist to determine next steps. After a lot of thought, we felt in our hearts that we would rather parent a child in need of a family than try to force a pregnancy that wasn't meant to be. Lauren's cousin was adopted as well as some of our friends, so adoption was always on our minds as one of the many ways to make a family. We did a lot of research and spoke to friends and family that had experience with both sides of adoption. We wanted to know all we could to ensure we would be a good fit to parent an adopted child and the more we learned the more excited we became about growing our family through adoption.



We celebrated our 9th anniversary at the Chicago Botanical Garden



about
Lauren



BY ELLIOT

When I first met
Lauren I knew there
was something
special about her.



Lauren is all smiles when flying
her parachute



Volunteering at the animal rescue is so rewarding

Lauren celebrating after organizing a women's skydiving record



I feel lucky everyday that Lauren chose to spend the rest of her life with me. No matter what type of day I am having she is always able to put a smile on my face. She loves me for who I am and inspires me everyday to be the best version of myself.

She cares deeply about the success and wellbeing of all those around her and strives to help them feel confident and capable in whatever their goals may be. As a professional skydiver she was a strong advocate for advancing women in the sport through competition, mentorship and organizing women's events around the country.

Since retiring from skydiving Lauren has devoted her time to her love for animals by volunteering at an animal rescue that saves dogs and cats from high kill shelters and finds them their forever homes. She has such a big heart.

I am so grateful to enter parenthood with a partner as kind, caring and compassionate as Lauren. I cannot wait to see her take on the role of mother, where I know she will truly shine.



LAUREN'S FAVORITES

Favorite Movie
Forrest Gump (we even named one of our cats Forrest!)

Favorite Sport
Distance running (I hope to run a marathon someday!)

My Superpower
Cooking for a crowd

Favorite Author
Isabel Allende

Hobby
Gardening

Fun Fact
I've retired from my career to be a stay-at-home mom

My "day job"
Volunteering at a local animal rescue

Getting Easel ready to find her forever home





about
Elliot

BY LAUREN

Elliot is the best person I have ever met and I know he is going to be an amazing father.



I'm passionate about capturing life's moments



We love sailing with family every summer in Maine



Elliot is an incredibly compassionate, supportive and reliable person who genuinely cares about doing the right thing. He has been supportive of everything I've wanted to accomplish in my life and has encouraged me each step of the way.

When Elliot is around children he is always right in the middle of the action throwing water balloons, crawling on the floor pretending to be a horse or letting his niece paint his toenails pink and purple. I have seen him crawl around with 3 children on his back at once! He truly cherishes every moment with his nieces and nephews. It's amazing how he can be so responsible, yet remain a child at heart.

Elliot works so hard and always follows through on his commitments. In his professional life, he helps those around him to improve their skills and encourages them to never give up. He considers his impact on others in everything he does and is a positive role model in the community.



Arts and crafts with Ellie is so much fun!

ELLIOT'S FAVORITES

Vacation Spot
Maine

Place to Take a Child
Natural History
Museum

What does a perfect
day look like
Spending quality
time with family

Historical Figure
You'd Like to Meet
Neil Armstrong

Hobby
Photography

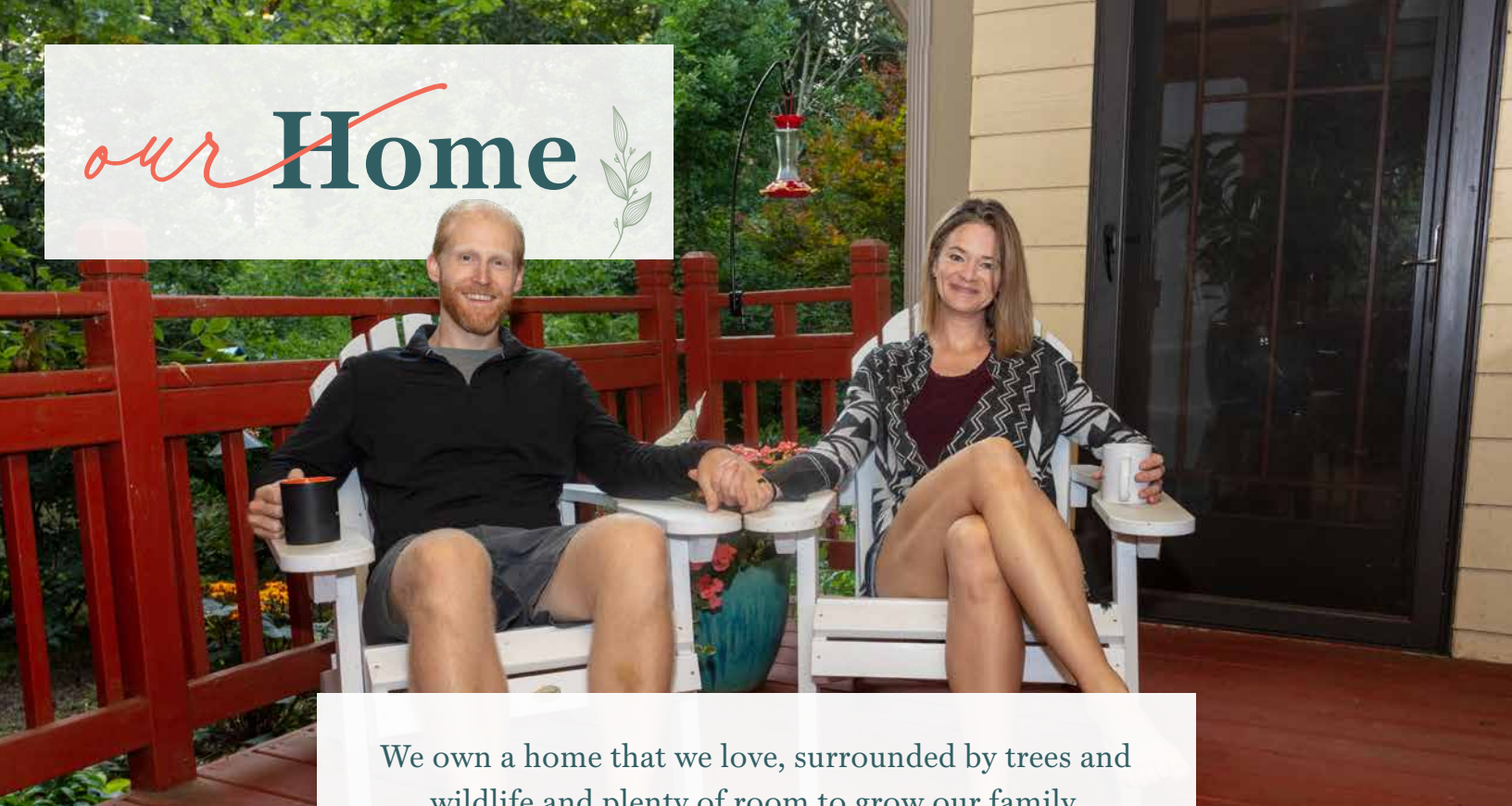
Seasonal Activity
Skiing/Sledding

Sports Team
Carolina Hurricanes

Heading out for a picnic in Maine



our Home



We own a home that we love, surrounded by trees and wildlife and plenty of room to grow our family.

We love having our morning coffee and dinners with friends on the porch where we feel surrounded by nature. Our house is in a friendly and diverse neighborhood right next to a park with a jungle gym, baseball field, basketball and tennis courts and most importantly a giant sledding hill! One of the great things about living in Wisconsin is enjoying all four seasons. During the summer, we spend our time at the beaches along Lake Michigan. In the fall, we pick apples at the local orchard. During the winter we love spending time in the snow, then cozying up by the fireplace. We also enjoy quiet days at home reading in our giant bean bags or building LEGO sets.

Home Sweet Home



We can't wait for snuggles and story time with our kiddo



We love cooking big breakfasts on weekends





We love trying new things on vacation, like exploring caves!



We survived our first half marathon



We enjoyed learning about Mayan culture while visiting Mexico

Our Hobbies

We love to travel and explore all the amazing things this world has to offer. We really enjoy visiting new places that provide opportunities to seek out new adventures and learn about the different cultures from around the world. We cannot wait to take a child on all our adventures and see the world through their eyes.

We both enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle. We love running and recently completed our first half marathon. We have already signed up for another! Exercise is an important part of our daily lives because of how it makes us feel both physically and mentally and being outside makes it even better. We are so excited to explore the great outdoors with a little one. We have already purchased a jogging stroller that has been trail-tested by our friends with kiddos.

We are also big ice cream enthusiasts; whenever we travel we are always on the lookout for the local favorite.



Enjoying our awesome neighborhood sledding hill



We like getting on the water every chance we get



If you don't get any on your face, can you really call yourself an ice cream enthusiast

our loved ones



We love to go on hikes during our trip, Hawaii was a favorite



Celebrating Olive's 3rd birthday in style!

We are both so grateful that we have the ability to travel and make it a priority to visit family. We have so many happy memories growing up with our cousins and we want that for our future kids too! Every year we plan family trips where we can enjoy quality time together and everyone is excited to welcome another cousin into the family. In the summer Elliot's family gets together on an island in Maine. We spend our days sailing, going for picnics and cooking big family dinners together. Lauren's mother grew up on a dairy farm in North Dakota with 6 siblings. Every year, the siblings, cousins, and their families gather at the family farm for potlucks, fireworks and yard games.

Our kitties


For us, a house without pets doesn't feel like a home. We love our cats and cannot imagine our lives without them. They are playful, adventurous and sweet and are always down for a good snuggle.



Thoughts on *parenting*



We have talked a lot about what we think is important when it comes to raising a child. We will provide a stable and loving home where they can feel confident and secure in who they are. They will be encouraged to follow their dreams and will be provided every opportunity to reach them. Most importantly, they will know that they are valued, cherished and loved more than anything.



Love and support your child as they develop their own unique identity.

Encourage your child to find adventure in trying new things and not be afraid of making mistakes.

Show your child that the world is a beautiful place.

Your child will always know their story and how they became a part of our family.



promises
For Your Child



In Closing

We know that choosing a family for your child is not an easy decision to make and we are so grateful to be considered. We want you to know that we are ready to welcome a child into our family with an open heart. They will always be loved, cared for and accepted. Please know that we are open to whatever level of openness you are comfortable with and understand that your needs may change over time. For us, the most important thing is that your child has a strong sense of identity as they develop into the amazing person they will become. They will always know who they are, where they came from and how they became part of our family.

