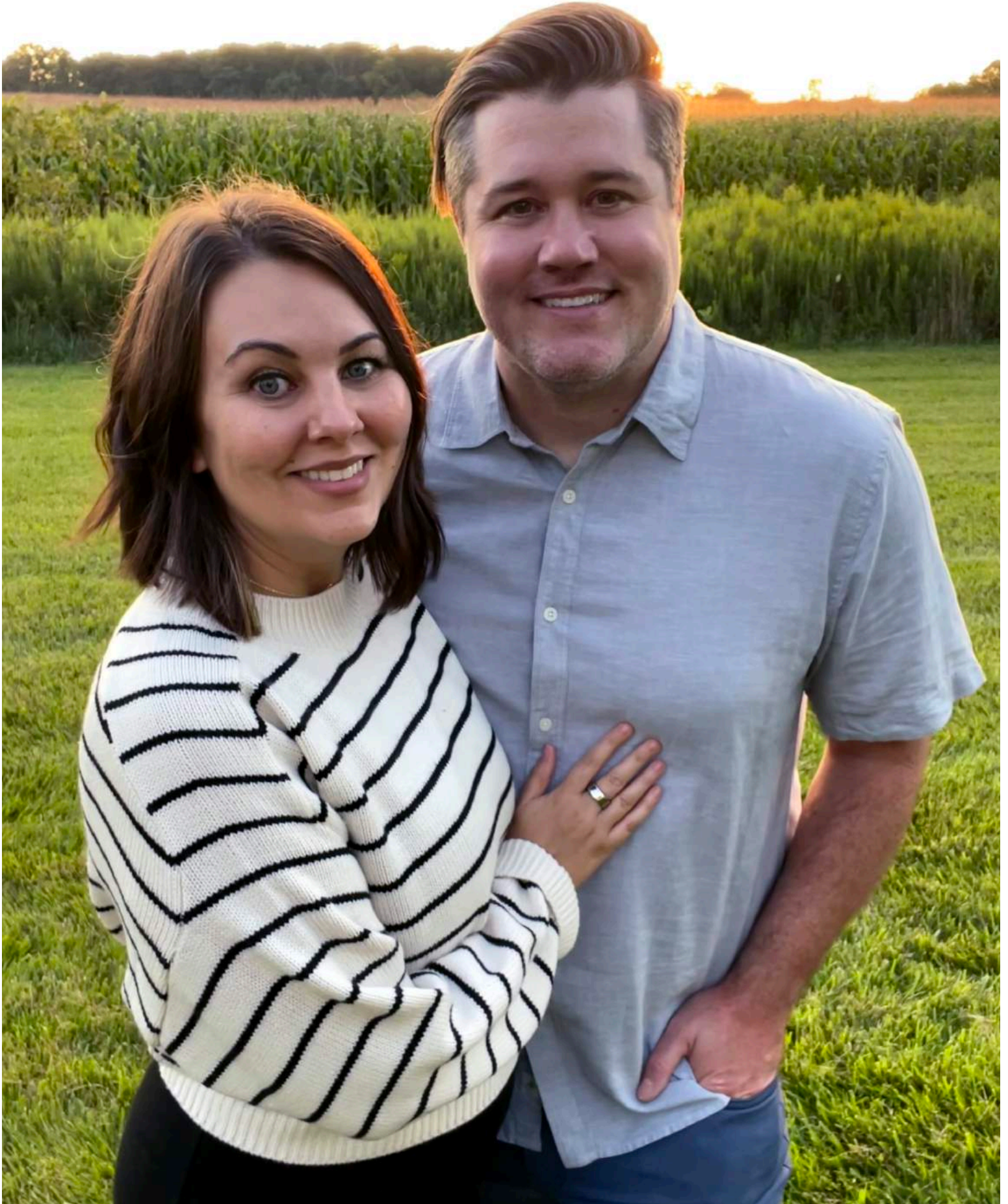


**LESLIE** *and* **AJ**





# hello!

## THANK YOU FOR GETTING TO KNOW US—WE'RE EXCITED TO GET TO KNOW YOU AS WELL!

**We're honored you would consider us as you plan for your future.**

Life can take so many unexpected twists and turns. Ten years ago, we had no idea we would be where we are today. Yet here we are, full of hope that our paths might intersect with yours and your precious child so we may choose to walk through this life *together*. We hope through the words and pictures in this book, you'll get a glimpse into our lives and that this may be the beginning of something beautiful.

There is no such thing as too many people to love a child; because of this, we are 100% on board with exploring what an ideal adoption would look like for you. We are excited at the thought of adding you and your child to our family and home. We say 'you' because, as your child's parent, you will always have a presence in our home. Your child will know from day one who you are and how they made their way to us. You will be essential in determining their adoption story and what you want them to know about you.

We will not assume to know what exploring your pregnancy options has been like for you. We are sending you strength, respect, and love as you weigh the options you are presented with. We really hope you pick us; however, our biggest hope for you, no matter the outcome, is that you are surrounded by the support and dignity you deserve as you navigate the decisions ahead. *Thanks again for taking the time to consider us.*

# our STORY



Our journey began after meeting through mutual friends in college. The connection between us was instantaneous. We quickly became inseparable, spending countless hours talking, laughing, and building a solid foundation for our future together.

Throughout the years, we've stood by each other's side through life's trials and triumphs—forging a bond that has grown stronger with time. Our shared experiences have taken us on countless adventures, and now, after almost two decades together, we eagerly anticipate the next chapter of our lives: parenthood!







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## MEET *leslie*

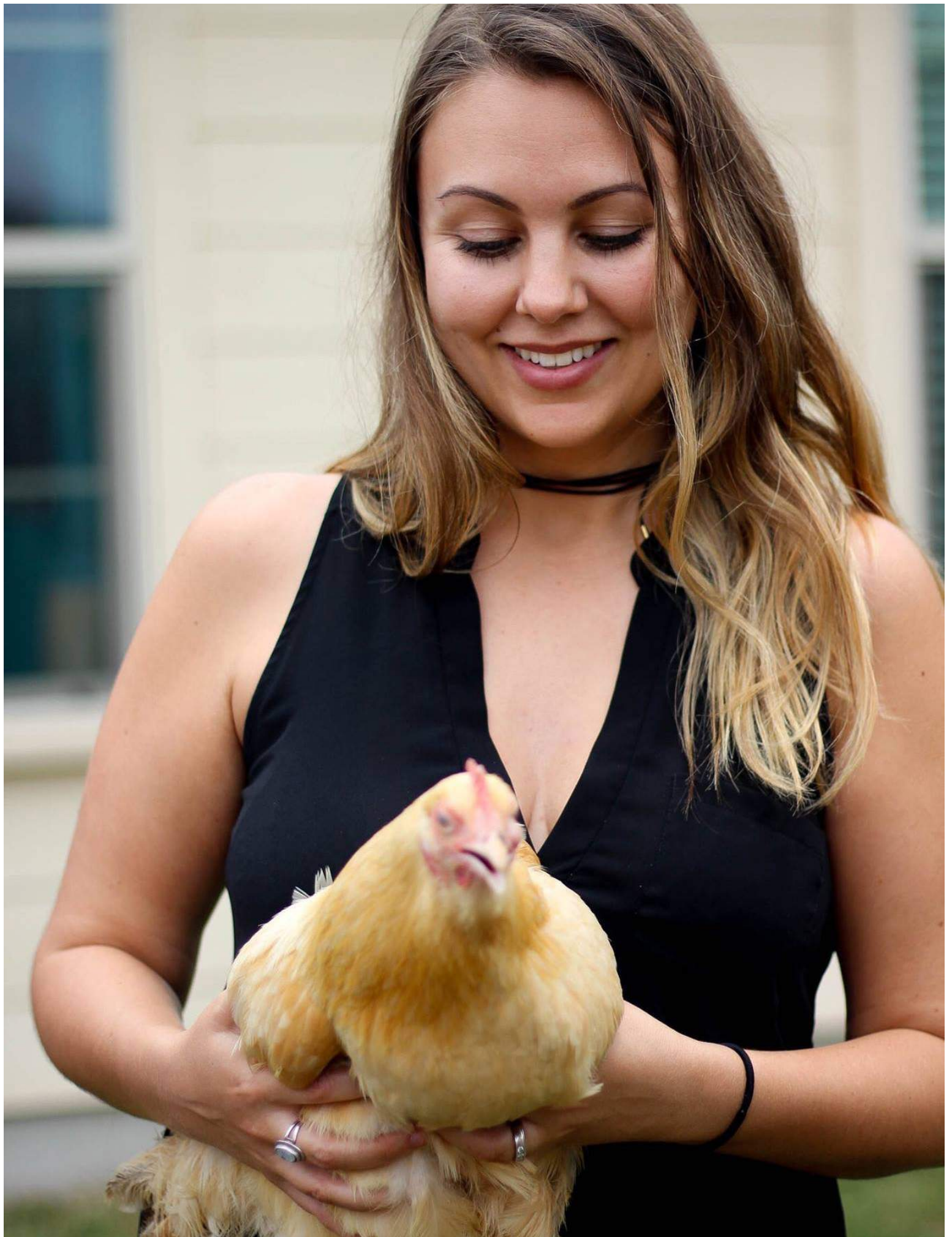
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I grew up in the Midwest and always dreamed of moving to a big city. After college, AJ and I made that a reality, relocating to Los Angeles, California, on a whim. There, I was an art director for a clothing company and one of my shirts was even worn in a Justin Bieber music video! After years in that role, I received a book deal.

After my book was published, my career flourished as I found my footing in marketing. I started my own business, and we moved to Austin, Texas. We enjoyed a few years there but ultimately decided to “move back home” once we decided to adopt. And as luck would have it—we found the most incredible home to start our family!

Now that we are no more than a 20-minute drive from all of our family and living in our dream home, we are ready to become parents. It’s been a long journey, almost a decade in the making, but I know it will be well worth the wait.







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meet **AJ**

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I grew up in a small town and had a wonderful childhood playing outdoors with my brothers. I spent my teen years playing sports and working in an apple orchard. During this time, I found a love of computers and building websites. After school, I turned this hobby into a career, and Leslie and I moved to Los Angeles to follow our dreams.

Eventually, I worked my way toward running startup companies for entrepreneurs. I found a new passion for helping those with great ideas launch a profitable business that does good in the world. I feel fortunate to be doing something that feels very meaningful and impactful.

Knowing we wanted to adopt, we found our way “back home,” closer to family. We love spending time on our 16-acre property in the garden, tending to the fruit trees, and enjoying the wildlife. Leslie and I are excited to expand our family and share this beautiful life we have built.









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**LOVE**  
*to*  
**TRAVEL!**



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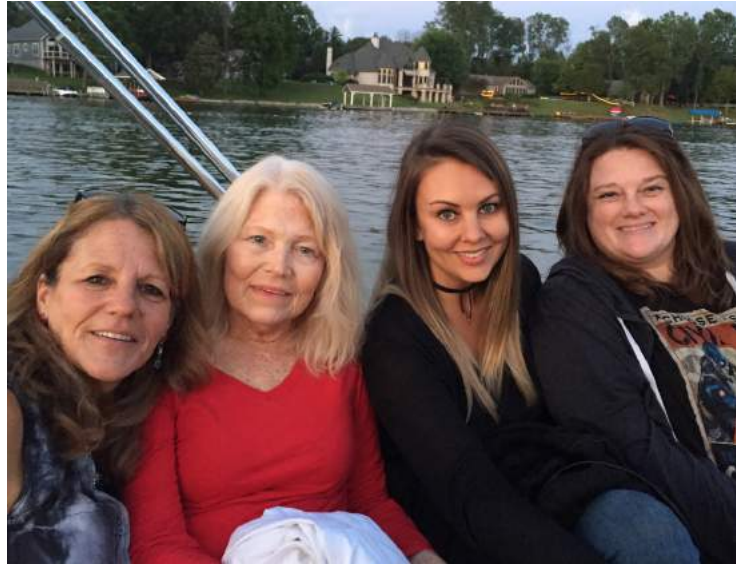


## leslie's FAMILY

My family may be small, but we love big. I grew up in a single-parent household. My mom was my world, and she filled my childhood with pure magic. The only thing I knew about my dad growing up was his name. As an adult, I can see how challenging that was for me. That's why I'm in favor of open adoption—everyone deserves to know their story. (Age appropriately!)

I am close to my half-sister and her family, as well as my aunt and her half of the family. We all live within 20 minutes of each other and see each other often for holidays, birthdays, and other various family get-togethers. We all enjoy traveling and plan family vacations as often as we can.

After almost a decade of trying to have a baby, our family is excited to welcome a little one and surround them with love!



# AJ'S *Family*

I grew up as one of four siblings. I have a younger and older brother, but we are all close in age. We grew up not only as brothers but as best friends. I also have a half-sister who is seven years older and was a positive role model to my brothers and me growing up.

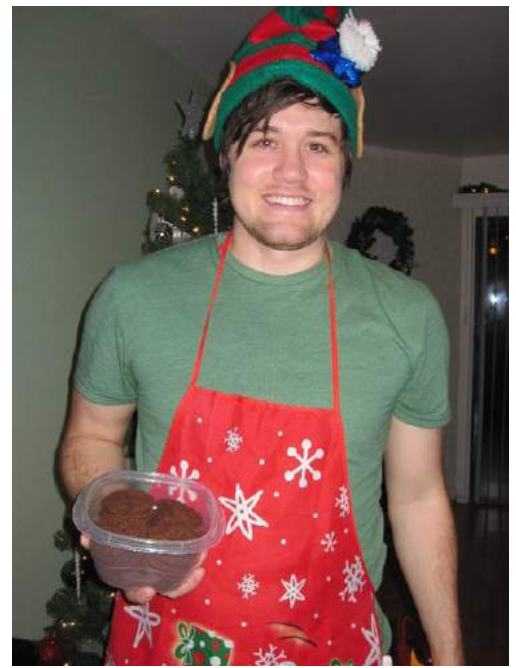
My parents were always very engaged in my childhood. My dad coached my little league teams; my mom was my cub scout leader and volunteered to help on field trips. Now that we live just 10 minutes away from them, they are very excited to be just as engaged in our future child's life as they were in mine.

Our family is ever-expanding with nieces and nephews. Family gatherings are always full of so much love and joy. I feel fortunate to be part of the Wilson clan and can't wait to watch it grow.

# family TRADITIONS

Some of our most prized traditions can be found in the little things, like having dinner together every night, enjoying movies on the weekends, or saying “I love you” before bed. We enjoy taking family vacations and cannot wait to embark on new adventures with a little one along for the ride!

Our families always makes holidays feel special with homecooked meals, fun games, and lots of laughter. We carve pumpkins every Halloween and pass out candy. Thanksgiving and Christmas are full of treats and presents. Summer brings time on the lake, the annual water balloon fight, backyard bonfires with s’mores, sparklers, and glow-in-the-dark games of badminton.





# HOBBIES *and* INTERESTS



In addition to traveling, our little family loves cooking and trying new foods, growing produce in our garden and tending to houseplants, playing board games and watching movies, taking photographs and woodworking, spending time outdoors hiking or relaxing, listening to music and seeing live shows, enjoying time with friends and family, and getting lots of quality snuggles with our sweet pup, Harlow!





# OUR HOME

We are incredibly fortunate to call home a place that combines the charm of history with the conveniences of modern living. Our residence is a stunning, remodeled farmhouse that was built in 1835. Positioned on 16 acres of quite farmland, we are just a 25 minute drive to a culturally diverse metropolitan city.

It's truly the best of both worlds, where your child can grow up surrounded by nature and community while also benefiting from the dynamic cultural experiences and educational opportunities offered by the nearby city. We believe this idyllic setting provides the ideal backdrop for a child to flourish.

Our home is also conveniently located no more than 20 minutes from our tight-knit community of family and friends, ensuring that our household is continuously brimming with love, laughter, and cherished connections throughout the year.





# Our Promise

**We will love and treasure the beautiful life you have carried and nourished.** We will devote our lives to providing a joyful, safe, and unconditionally loving home, encouraging your child to explore their unique path in life. To celebrate the victories and stand together when things get tough. We will always honor you and your decision, your love, and your bravery. And we promise to love with everything we have.



