

RYAN
- AND -
ALICE



Hello!

- WE ARE -

RYAN
- AND -
ALICE

and our daughter, Audrey

WE LIVE IN MICHIGAN



We are so excited about the opportunity to expand our family, and we appreciate you taking the time to view our profile. We know that whatever choice you make, you're making it out of love for your child.

We love being parents more than anything. We have so much love to give your child - and to you.



- OUR - STORY

Our relationship evolved out of a long-standing friendship which started in middle school.

We've been together for 14 years, but were friends long before that all through middle school and high school. We started dating after graduating high school and were together for almost 8 years before getting married in 2017.

We work in public health (Alice) and finance (Ryan) and are both passionate about what we do. We love spending time with our daughter, going for walks, traveling, watching movies, and the occasional game of chess. We travel as often as we can. Regardless of what we're doing, we always spend a lot of time laughing when we're together.

Our experiences with pregnancy loss and infertility, while devastating, brought us closer together.



ICE CREAM SUNDAES



FAMILY FUN



PLAYING CHESS

PLAYING CATCH IN OUR BACKYARD



Things
- WE -
LOVE TO DO

- OUR FRIENDS SAY -

Alice and Ryan are the most **GENUINE, KIND PEOPLE**. They make space for everyone around them and are fantastic company due to their **open minds, lack of judgement, and caring hearts**.

—Alex (*Long-time friend*)

- ▶ **We love to read.** Our house is full of books. The Harry Potter series is a particular favorite. We are excited to read to our child and share our love of stories.
- ▶ **Alice enjoys crafting,** especially basket weaving and crocheting.
- ▶ **Alice is a Girl Scout leader for high school seniors,** and has worked with them since they were in second grade!
- ▶ **Ryan coaches high school baseball** and loves both the sport and getting to work with the players.
- ▶ **We love to spend time with children.** In addition to our daughter, Audrey, we love spending time with the other kiddos in our world. Between our nieces and nephew, kids Alice used to nanny, and our friends' kids, we are constantly surrounded by children. We love it!

A little about

RYAN

- BY -

ALICE

Ryan is the most steady and calm person I have ever met. He's incredibly passionate about so many things - especially the people he cares about. There's nothing he wouldn't do for friends and family. He leads by example and inspires me every day to be the best version of myself. He never ceases to make me laugh and I'm so lucky to go through life with him. He sees the best in everyone. He loves hunting and fishing, baseball (watching, playing, and coaching!), going for walks, and grilling out on the back porch.



RYAN COACHING

AUDREY AND DAD

-OUR FRIENDS SAY-

I HAVE KNOWN RYAN FOR 28 YEARS. He is one of the hardest working, determined, stable and compassionate individuals I know. Having a relationship with Ryan has motivated and influenced me to become a better teammate, husband, and father. **Ryan will forever have a special place in my life due to his morals, values, and work ethic.**

—Zeth (Ryan's Cousin)

Ryan is the best dad to our daughter. They have been best buddies since day one. He has endless patience and will always support her in her dreams and interests. He loves children for who they are, not based on any expectations he has for them.

A couple

- FUN FACTS -

ABOUT RYAN



RYAN ON OUR WEDDING DAY

- Ryan **really** enjoys mowing the lawn!
- He can't live without **baseball and pizza** (often together, at the ball park)
- Ryan has a huge extended family - **more than 30** first and second cousins

A little about

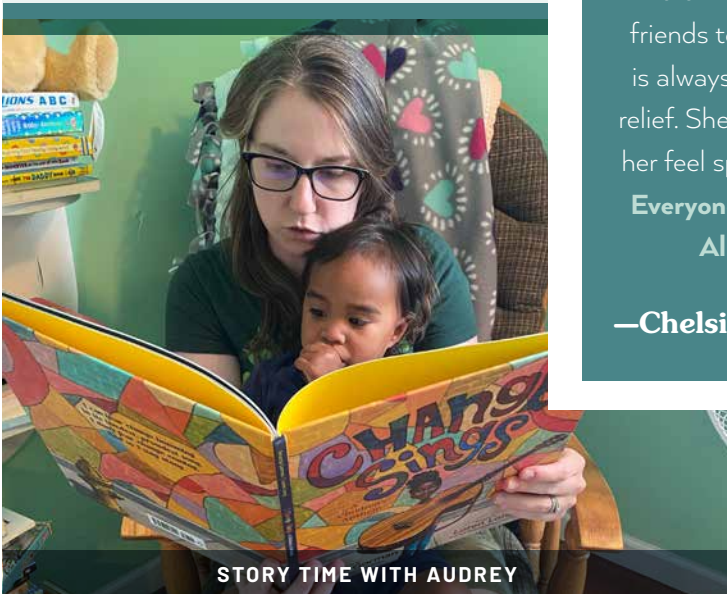
ALICE

- BY -

RYAN

Alice is a highly intelligent and caring woman. She is a true friend to everyone she knows and goes to great lengths for “her people”. She values honesty, empathy, and open-mindedness.

Alice is very well-read and has her own personal library. She also enjoys crocheting, basket-weaving, gardening, and going for walks. We like to joke that she has a lot of “old lady” hobbies.



STORY TIME WITH AUDREY

Alice works in public health. She runs a state program that helps people with disabilities get access to much-needed resources and promotes inclusion for **all** people in society. Given her nature of helping and health promotion, this job suits her perfectly.

Alice is an amazing mother - she truly enjoys motherhood and the opportunities it gives her to grow. She treats our daughter with steadfast love, enduring patience, and the heart of a teacher. She is so excited to start this journey again and welcome another child into our home.



ALICE READING ON OUR BACK PORCH

-OUR FRIENDS SAY-

Alice is a **ONCE IN A LIFETIME** kind of human who supports her friends to no end, is reliable, and is always there to provide comic relief. She makes everyone around her feel special, heard, and valued. **Everyone in this world needs an Alice kind of friend.**

—Chelsie (*Long-time friend*)



WORKING ON OUR LANDSCAPING



A couple - FUN FACTS - ABOUT ALICE

- Alice reads more than **100 books a year**
- Alice sells homemade **woven baskets and crocheted goods**
- She can't live without **books or coffee** (often together, first thing in the morning)



Future big sister

AUDREY

Our daughter, Audrey, joined our family through adoption when she was born in 2020.

We love being her parents more than anything. She is the perfect combination of sassy and sweet and loves dancing, reading, going for walks, and swimming. Her favorite animals are dogs (she calls them "woof woofs") and turtles, and her favorite foods are pasta, eggs, and pears. She loves babies and cannot wait to be a big sister.

We are engaged in an open adoption with Audrey's birth parents and would love to do the same with our next child.



- THE PEOPLE - WE LOVE

We are blessed to be surrounded by incredible family and friends.

We live within 30 minutes of all our parents and spend lots of time with each. Our siblings are spread out across the US, but we talk to them often. We love spending time with our niece and nephew in Michigan. Our parents are loving, generous, and wildly excited to be grandparents. Favorite family traditions include gathering at the holidays (and non-holidays - we love any excuse to get together!), traveling together, and playing card games.

We also have an amazing "bonus family." Alice was a nanny for many years and we remain close to the family and are very involved in their kids' lives. They live within a mile and we love spending time with them.

Adoption is a big part of our families - we both have numerous adopted cousins and other adopted relatives. Adoption is talked about openly and often and has always been a blessing to our families. Ryan's sister and her husband recently adopted their daughter as well, so adoption will continue to be a family tradition in the next generation.

AUDREY & HER COUSINS



WITH RYAN'S MOM



Our children will be loved and adored by so many people!

SUNFLOWERS WITH ALICE'S COUSINS



AUDREY WITH ALICE'S PARENTS



AUDREY'S BIRTH FAMILY

- OUR - HOME

- AND -

COMMUNITY



We've lived in our house for six years and love both it and our neighborhood. We are surrounded by welcoming and friendly neighbors, many of whom have young children. Our three-bedroom house is full of books, comfy furniture, and happy memories. We have a large fenced-in backyard, with plenty of space for kiddos to play and explore. We spend a lot of time on our back deck, grilling and listening to music.

We have a beautiful trail system nearby, where we like to go and walk. There are also several playgrounds within walking distance that we enjoy taking our daughter to.



WE LOVE OUR COZY AND COMFY HOME



Our

- PROMISES -

Being parents is the most important and rewarding part of our lives. As parents, we will always guide our children with empathy, open communication, and warmth. We promise that your child will always know how loved they are. We will foster an

environment that allows your child to flourish and be their authentic self.

Diversity and inclusion are both incredibly important to us, and we promise to incorporate your child's culture and heritage into the fabric of our household and family. We recognize how essential it is for the books they read, the movies they watch, and the toys they play with to include people

who look like them. We promise to make that happen.

We are open to ongoing communication and visits throughout your child's life, if that's your choice. **We will be open with your child about their adoption - it's a part of their story and we will always honor that.**

- OUR FRIENDS SAY -

THE MOST LOYAL AND KIND COUPLE I KNOW. They care for everyone they come into contact with in such **sincere ways.**

—Stu

(Long-time friend, officiant at our wedding)



We will

TEACH

- YOUR -

SON OR DAUGHTER

- That they are **loved unconditionally**
- **We want them to be true to themselves** and who they are, not based on what they think we or society expect of them
- **Diversity is what makes the world beautiful** – it should be celebrated, not ignored or feared
- **Kind** is one of the simple – yet also most important – things you can be
- We will teach them how to use resources wisely and how to use their resources to **help others**



THANK - YOU -

Thank you for viewing our profile and considering us as potential parents for your child.



We have so much respect for you and the journey you are on. We know that whatever choice you make will be out of love.

We are unbelievably excited to bring another child into our family. If you chose us to be adoptive parents, we promise to love our child unconditionally and with everything we have. They will always be safe, cared for, and cherished. We have so much love to give a child.