



Lawrence and Allison



Hello Momma





we are

LAWRENCE + ALLISON

so nice to meet you.

We have prayed for you since we began our adoption journey. We have prayed for your well-being, peace, comfort, and strength. The magnitude of the decision to trust your child's life with someone other than yourself is not lost on us. We truly admire your strength and courage as you walk this path that so selflessly and lovingly lays the foundation for your child's future.

Although we cannot understand your circumstances, we know that the decision you face is rooted in love. **We commit to sharing that same deep and protective love for your child.** Our hopes and dreams for your child is that he or she will grow up feeling so **immensely loved, safe, and supported**—that they will develop passions and aspirations in life and pursue those wholeheartedly. Very simply, our **focus everyday** would be ensuring your child's life is full of joy.

We will always respect your wishes as to what is shared with your child and will always be honest with them. Should it be your desire, your child will grow up knowing that you love them and placed your trust in us to provide them a beautiful life. They will know the selflessness and courage you displayed for them. It is our deepest hope for you that you are able to find peace in your decision and comfort in knowing your child would be the center of our entire world. We look forward to getting to know you.

Lawrence and Allison



our hearts
FOR ADOPTION

We have dreamed about becoming parents for a long time. Family means so much to us, and our family and future are simply incomplete without having a child to raise and share our life with. We are not able to conceive a biological child. We tried to conceive a child for a little over a year before pursuing medical treatment. We then went through about four years of advanced fertility treatments including surgeries and IVF. These treatments and procedures did not lead to a pregnancy. They also didn't provide many answers, so we were diagnosed with unexplained infertility. Because of this, our path has led us to adoption. We feel that loving, caring for, and supporting a child is what will make us parents.

we have so much love to give a child



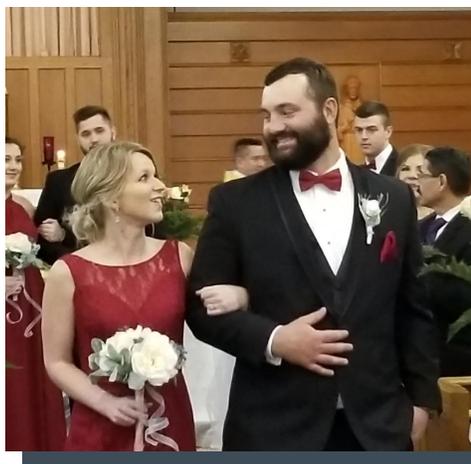
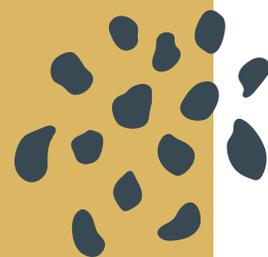


how it STARTED

Our love story officially began during our high school years, but our lives crossed long before that. Our fathers knew one another well before either of us were born, and before that, our grandparents had connections! When I entered my freshman year of high school, I became very drawn to Lawrence as I realized how fun, outgoing, and charismatic he is. I began making every effort I could to just be around him, and we began building on our foundation, first as friends, and eventually as a couple. We spent the early years of our relationship getting to know everything we could about each other and doing things many young couples do. We went to school dances together; supported each other in sporting events, and went to movies, dinners, and other date nights. Eventually, we went to college in the same city and further developed our relationship as young adults. It was during this time that I realized how supportive Lawrence is as a partner and how unconditional his love for me is.



Where you go,
I will go,
and
where you stay,
I will stay.



how he

PROPOSED

I proposed to Allison in our first house together on our eight-year dating anniversary, which also happened to be my grandparents wedding anniversary. When I got home that evening, she was in the kitchen starting supper. I walked right past her and went straight upstairs. Later, I learned that Allison thought I was upset with her because I didn't really acknowledge her in the kitchen! Really, I was just focused on getting upstairs to get the ring. This ring meant a lot to Allison as it belonged to her late grandmother. When I walked downstairs, Allison was washing some dishes in the sink and began asking me about my day. I didn't say a word but walked behind her and got down on one knee. When she turned around, her face was full of surprise. Even after being together so many years, she had no idea it was coming, and I still felt some nerves as I asked her to marry me. She, of course, said yes!



how we

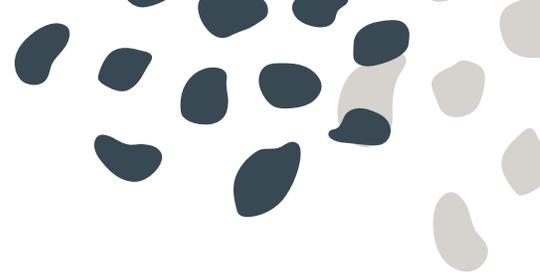
CELEBRATED

Our wedding occurred on a beautiful, spring day in our hometown in Wisconsin. The date we were married is the same as both Allison's paternal grandparents and great-grandparents, and the church where we were married is the same church that my parents were married in. The day was special because we were surrounded by so many friends and family members who showed us an overwhelming amount of love and support. By the time we got married, we had been together for nine years, so the anticipation and wait for that day brought so much joy and happiness to the celebration. The reception hall was packed with guests, so much so that at the last minute, we had to rent a large event tent to connect to the hall to accommodate everyone. We all spent the evening sharing stories, laughing, and dancing. We truly felt like one big family coming together.



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together WE LOVE



spending quality time with one another

We love spending quality time together by doing some of the simplest of things like cooking dinner and trying new recipes, picking a new movie to watch, walking our dog, or playing board games.

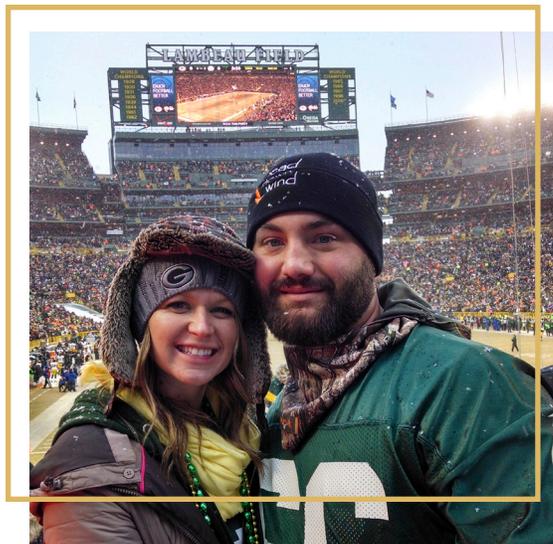
spending time with family and friends

We enjoy hosting gatherings and will often invite family and friends over to our house to watch sporting events or have a cook-out when the weather is nice. In the spring and summer months, almost every weekend is spent with our extended families enjoying the nice weather.



sports and being outdoors

In the summer, we love spending time outside on our patio. Lawrence's family owns several acres of land in the country, and we like to take our dog there to let him run and enjoy the outdoors together. We are both sports fans and enjoy going to sporting events together or just watching them from home.





Our core values are faith and family. We value love, gratitude, stability, security, compassion, honesty, commitment, and having a strong work ethic.

together WE VALUE



what does Allison say about LAWRENCE

Lawrence is my favorite person. I am so proud to be his wife. He is very selfless and compassionate. He has a huge heart and is always willing to help others. He has so many passions, talents, and hobbies and loves sharing those with others. He has a competitive spirit and is very hard-working. He is so fun and personable—the type of person that can talk to anyone. Lawrence shows his love through action. For me, he does little things like bringing me a cup of coffee and breakfast while I get ready for work, or this winter he stopped by my job and changed my windshield wipers because heavy snow was in the forecast. He always makes those he loves a priority. He is a great partner for me. He makes me a better person by displaying calmness and patience in times of stress and uncertainty. He can make me laugh during moments that all I want to do is cry. He is my source of strength and security.

He is great with kids. He is fun and always seeks opportunities to teach the kids in his life a skill or lesson. Our nephews love playing with him! They will all get in line and wait for their turn for Lawrence to pick them up and spin them around. One of our nephews is autistic, and he enjoys moments of just sitting quietly with Lawrence. He is looking forward to having a child to share his hobbies with and teach many of the skills he currently teaches others. He will be a dad that acknowledges where his child came from and will celebrate that. He will work hard to instill strong core values in his children. As his wife, all I have ever wanted is to see Lawrence as a father—he will be the type of father that his children love endlessly.

PLAYING SPORTS · COACHING + MENTORING KIDS · HUNTING · SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS

HARD-WORKING, DEPENDABLE, SMART, PERSONABLE, COMPETITIVE, AND CONSIDERATE

MY WISH FOR MY CHILDREN IS THAT THEY ARE HEALTHY AND LIVE A HAPPY, FULFILLING LIFE.



I am eager to help my children discover their talents and support them as they pursue their own passions.



I look forward to what our daily life will be like with a child to love as our own.





I'm looking forward to the day-to-day moments with a child in our life!



I'm so excited to make a child the center of our world.





what does Lawrence say about ALLISON

Allison is my best friend and greatest passion. She is devoted and supportive. She is as kind as she is beautiful and has such a generous heart. She is very family oriented; family is the most important thing to us. Allison is a very loving and thoughtful person. She likes to do little things for me like finding a recipe she thinks I will like and making it, or sending me a text during the day just to say “I love you”. Allison likes to educate herself and learn when forming her opinions. She always tries to see other points of view and is very open-minded. She is very intelligent and goal-oriented. She is a great partner. As a couple, we help each other grow in areas the other excels in.

Allison is wonderful with children. She treats them as individuals and gets to know each of them for who they are. She loves making them feel loved and special. One of our nephews is autistic, and Allison has spent a lot of time educating herself on autism to try to best understand him and his needs. At family gatherings or when we are babysitting, she is always playing games, watching movies, reading books, or baking with the kids. I know she will be a great mother. She has so much love to give a child and has been ready to have a child of our own for a long time. As a mother, she will do everything in the best interest of our child, including learning about their uniqueness and doing everything she can to support them.

SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS + FAMILY · COOKING + BAKING · SPORTS · READING + RELAXING

TRUSTWORTHY, SINCERE, FUNNY, SELFLESS, DEVOTED, RESILIENT, KIND-HEARTED, LOVING

MY WISH FOR MY CHILDREN IS THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS FEEL SAFE & SUPPORTED — THAT THEY WILL ALWAYS BE THEIR AUTHENTIC SELVES AND KNOW THAT THEY ARE LOVED.

more about US



Lawrence



I work for my family's construction company as a foreman. Because I work for my family-owned company, I have flexibility in my work hours, especially when it comes to family matters. My job is seasonal, so during the winter months I have a lot of free time to spend with family. I am well respected by my co-workers and clients.

My greatest accomplishment is the many lifelong friendships that I have made. I have many people in my life that I can count on if I need them, and I know they feel the same about me.

Allison



I work as a Vice President and Internal Auditor for a community bank. I have worked for my employer for 13 years and have worked my way up through various promotions. I am respected and have a very good relationship with my co-workers and supervisors. My place of employment is very family friendly and ensures employees can have a good work/life balance. In my position, I have the ability to work from home as much as I would like. I am also able to work various hours, so I can be flexible to our child's needs. I will continue to work, so our child will go to daycare. Also, our parents have some availability to provide help too.

My greatest accomplishment has been staying resilient through our infertility journey when my deepest desire is to be a mother. Rather than allowing it to make me a negative person, I have embraced it as our path in life and to parenthood. Through it, I have become more faithful and grateful to God's plan.



family ROOTS

Allison's parents are Russ and Tracy. Her dad is a high school history teacher, and her mom does administrative work for a local church. She has two brothers and one sister. Her oldest sibling is JT, and he is married to Andrea. They have four children: Aaron, age 9; Carter, age 6; Cyrus, age 4, and Brielle, age 2. Her sister is Nicole and her husband is Noah. They have two sons: Whit, age 6, and Wade, age 3. Her younger brother is Casey. He has a long-term girlfriend, Kennedi.

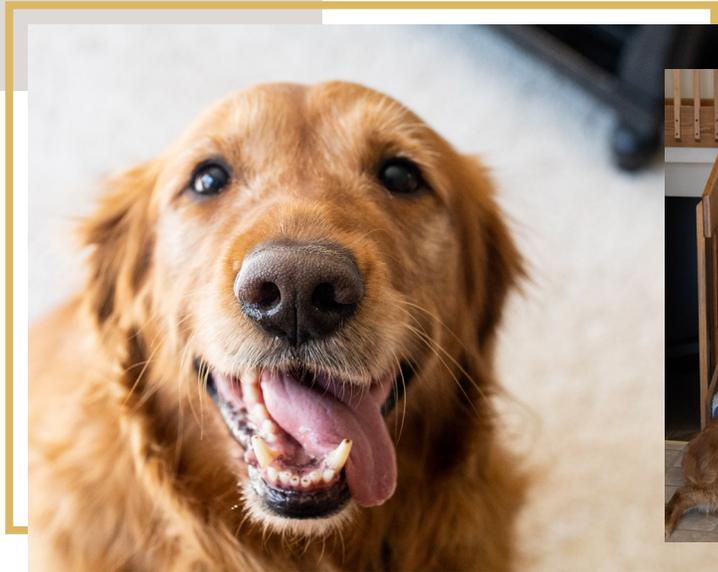
Lawrence's parents are Brad and Donna. His dad owns a local construction company, and his mom works in human resources. He has one older sister, Dana, and two younger brothers who are twins, Lincoln and Luke. Dana's husband is Eduardo, and they currently have one son, Lalito, age 12. Lincoln's wife is Taylor, and Luke's wife is Sarah. Dana, Taylor, and Sarah are all currently pregnant!

We are very close with our families! We live in our hometown where both of our parents still live and are able to see them very frequently. Most of Allison's siblings also live in the area, and we spend many weeknights and weekends with her brother and sister's families. My siblings live a little further away, but we remain close.

Our families have been very supportive through our entire journey and are so excited for us to bring a child home to raise as part of the family. Our families pray for us every day and will often drop off little gifts of encouragement to show their support. Recently, for Christmas, Allison's extended family, including aunts, uncles, and cousins, all wrote cards of encouragement and notes of their anticipation for us to become parents. Our 6-year-old nephew knows that we are awaiting an adopted child, and he frequently asks when the baby will be with us for him to meet and play with. They all express so much happiness that we will be bringing an adopted child into the family.



BERNIE



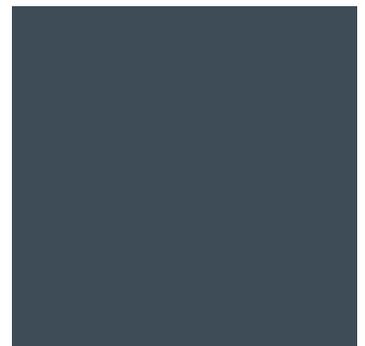
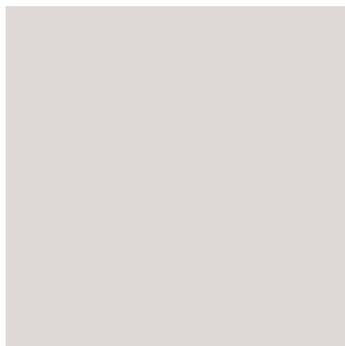
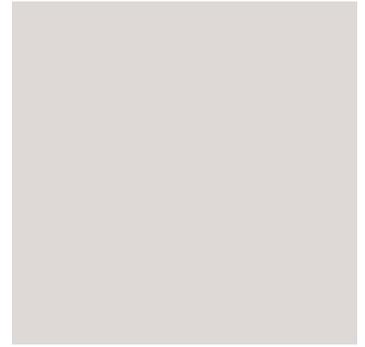
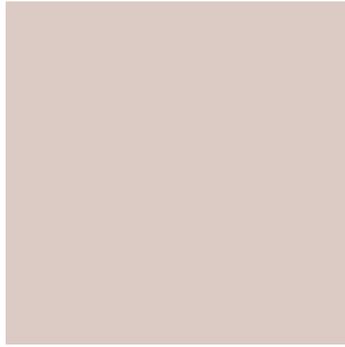
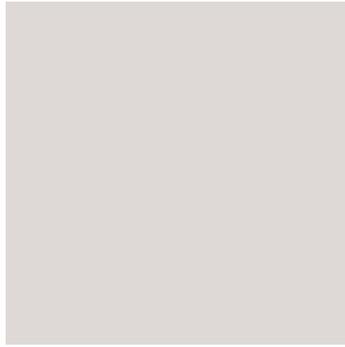
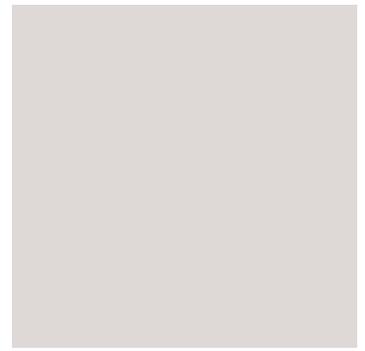
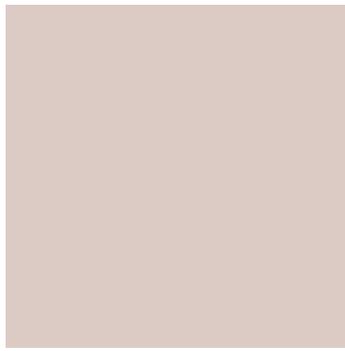
seven year old golden retriever

He is an incredibly friendly and loving dog. He interacts often with our nephews and niece and is very gentle with them. He enjoys playing and running with the kids but will also lay down and nap with them!



home sweet home

We live in a three-bedroom, three-bathroom home in a quiet subdivision. One of the bedrooms is designated for a nursery. We have a large kitchen where we spend a lot of time cooking and hosting gatherings with friends and family. We have two family rooms, one with a fireplace where we watch movies and just relax. Our plan is to use one of the family rooms as a playroom for our children. Our backyard is very large, a little over half an acre, with plenty of room to add swing sets or other items for kids in the future. We currently have a deck off the side of our house, which leads to a big patio in the backyard. The patio includes a large TV and a firepit. Lawrence designed and landscaped the patio area of our yard. In the spring and summer, it is filled with beautiful flowers. We spend a lot of time in our backyard together and with friends and family!



our HOME

where we LIVE

We currently live in our hometown in Wisconsin. It is a **small, safe community**; truly the type of place where everyone knows everyone. There are ten public parks in our town, one of which is just two blocks from our home. There is an outdoor public swimming pool open in the summer. Our town has a movie theater, bowling alley, and library; all of which have different events during the year for children. In the winter, there is an **ice-skating rink and many sledding hills**. We live near a city deemed the "Waterpark Capital of the World", and spent a lot of time there with our families growing up and even as adults. We are also within driving distance to many larger cities that offer many attractions for families. There is one school district in our town, with two school buildings. One for kindergarten and grade schoolers, and one for middle school and high school students.

our future DREAMS

We envision living in our current home for several more years. Eventually, we **plan on building a home in the country**, but certainly will stay in the same community. We love **being near our families** and love the area we live in. We plan on **continuing to grow our family**, since having siblings is a very important aspect to both of our lives, and we would love to give that gift to our child. We will likely continue to grow our family through adoption.

We do **like to travel** and experience new places. **We foresee taking family vacations to allow our child to have fun experiences and make memories through travel.** We have friends and family that live in other states, including Florida, Alabama, Texas, Michigan, Missouri, Colorado, and Wyoming, so we certainly plan on taking trips as a family to those areas.

plans for our CHILDREN

We plan on sending our children to public school. We both attended public school and feel it is a great place to get an education and develop social skills. Our children will be **supported in following their dreams**, and if that includes going to college, they will be encouraged to do that. We want our children to feel supported in pursuing whatever passions and aspirations they have in life.

our FAITH

Our **Christian faith** is very important to us, and our child will grow up learning about the importance of faith and building a **relationship with God**. We hope to instill values of **faith, family, love, and gratitude in our child**. We will raise our child to **be open-minded and explain the love that Christians have for others**. We will make it a priority to pray with our child daily and give thanks to God. We will encourage our child to establish his or her own relationship with God.

before YOU GO



We are so grateful that you have taken the time to read our profile and hope it allowed you to get a sense of who we are and the type of life we would provide your child. We admire the strength you are showing in these moments as you consider your child's future. The responsibility expectant parents place in adoptive parents is tremendous. We are making a promise to you that we will always act in the best interest of your child; that we will love them, support them, and keep them safe. Should it be in your heart to choose us to parent your child, that promise will be in our heart every day. You and the love you have for your child will never be forgotten and will be celebrated in our home. As you continue in this process, we pray that you are able to find adoptive parents that bring you peace and comfort. We would be humbled and honored to be those people for you.

Lawrence and Allison



you are so loved