



PHIL + STACIE



WE ARE SO HAPPY TO MEET YOU!

We are so excited to know you are taking the time to get to know us... thank you for letting us tell you about ourselves! We would love to get to know you and hear about your life and your dreams for your child!



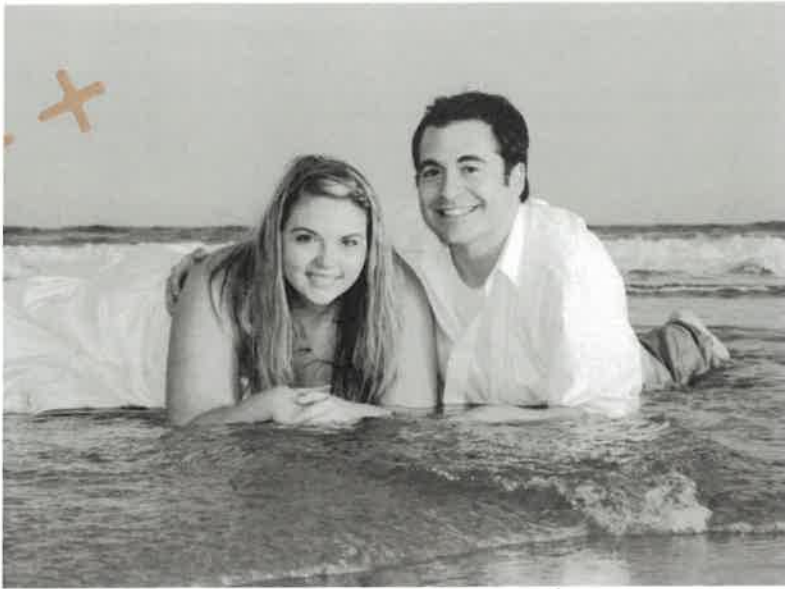
OUR NOTE TO YOU

First and foremost, we want you to know we see you and acknowledge how hard this situation must be. We don't know all the details of your life or your current situation, but we value you as a whole person and not simply as an expecting mother. As parents, we realize that this decision must be challenging and emotional, and we understand that you are doing this out of your love for your child. We want to take the time to praise you for what you are choosing to do for your baby. It's the most instinctive feeling in the world to give your child the best life they can have- a loving home that will shape them into a good person, equipped for whatever life may bring. We know that you want the best for your child, and we hope that we can be part of that choice. We have big hearts that are ready to constantly pour out love on your baby. We want to hear their laughter, see their smile, and be there to watch them grow and learn and love. We want to make memories, be their support team, and ready them for anything they choose in life. We will provide your baby with the means and drive to become anything they want to be and will love them forever no matter what that is.

love,

Phil + Stacie





We just celebrated twelve years of marriage! Not only are we husband and wife, but we are also best friends.

OUR STORY | IN PHIL'S WORDS

My roommates and I signed up for a softball league to get out and meet people, and my wife had been browbeaten into joining the league by a friend of hers because she has a softball background. Our social circle started to grow around our teammates, and before long we were best friends. I was training for an Ironman triathlon, and she was training for a 60-mile three-day walk. We immediately bonded over our training schedules, methods, and equipment.

Once we started dating, our relationship advanced very fast. Two weeks after we were officially dating, we went to my company's Christmas party together three states away! A few weeks later, we went to NYC with a few friends and rang in the New Year waiting for the ball to drop in Times Square. If nothing else, standing in crazy cold temps, raining, for five hours, will really make you bond with your new significant other. We went to festivals, beach trips, visited each other's colleges, and visited old friends. We both like to be active and travel, so most of our dates were some sort of adventure.

ENGAGED | IN STACIE'S WORDS

Our proposal was not the most elaborate ever, but I always found it the sweetest. I was taking a break from studying one night so we went out for a treat. Phil said he needed to stop at the mall and check on something. I sat in the car and hung out for a little bit. When he came back to the car, he asked me to get out for a minute. I was in my favorite old t-shirt, sweats, and my hair was dyed pink because I was about to go on my second Susan G. Koman three-day walk. The moment I got out of the car, he dropped down on one knee and asked me to marry him in the parking lot. Part of his speech was that he had plans to surprise me, but the second he had the ring in his hands (which he had ordered and just picked up) he couldn't hold onto it any longer. He told the staff at the jewelry store to not even bother wrapping it up, so after he proposed, I heard a bunch of clapping and cheering, they had all snuck outside and watched him propose!



We were married on the beach in North Carolina surrounded by our friends and family who were ecstatic for a destination wedding! It was a perfect day and we stayed for the week at the resort, so we enjoyed the perfect mix of spending time with friends and family that we don't see often, as well as time alone.

ABOUT

PHIL



DEPENDABLE • SMART
UPBEAT • ADVENTUROUS

MY HOBBIES

I like to think I have a lot of enthusiasm for life, and my family is at the top of that list. My favorite activities are spending time with my wife and daughter. We play in the backyard, jump on the trampoline together, go on hikes, play games, watch movies together, and travel a few times per year. Even around our hometown, we're always on the lookout for something fun to do as a family. Am I allowed to say "making memories" is one of our family hobbies?

- I love gardening and yardwork.
- I enjoy DIY home improvement projects.
- I love to cook and can whip up an elaborate meal!
- I like to run, cycle, row, play pickleball and tennis, and go for walks and bike rides with my family.
- I am an avid reader and usually read about thirty books each year.
- My absolute favorite hobby is disc golf!

MY OCCUPATION

I am what's called a Process Automation Engineer. Basically, I write the code that runs the machines in pharmaceutical plants. I've gotten to work at many different sites throughout the eastern United States over the past fifteen years. I've worked on vaccines for all ages, gene therapy for a degenerative muscle disease, and about a half dozen other medicines. It's not just professionally that I am tied to this, it is emotionally. I have played a part in giving people literal decades of life, and dramatically improving the quality of that life for both themselves and their families. My office has flexible schedules, and my company provides generous sick and vacation time that I'll be able to use for the adoption.



FATHERHOOD

To me, there is nothing better than building a bond with your child. You care for them, learn their needs, and watch them grow. You keep them safe, sacrifice your comforts and stretch yourself thin for them. You make memories day after day, and you get to know them better than you know yourself. And slowly... they change. You see them learn new things, gradually master new skills, and develop more and more into the person they will become. Deep down you will always see them as your little ones, no matter how much they grow. I'll never forget the sounds of laughter, the happy times, the little daily interactions that let them know Dad is there for them always.



WHAT STACIE HAS TO SAY

Phil is thoughtful, considerate, patient, loving, sensitive, and athletic. He is never too busy to stop what he is doing to help you or listen to a problem, and will gracefully take feedback when we are having a parenting moment. His biggest gift besides being a great husband and dad, is that he is insanely smart. He tried out for Who Wants to be a Millionaire and scored too high on the quiz to be chosen to compete. He would never tell you this about himself though! I love him for so many reasons. He works hard day in and day out to provide for our family and when he gets home he is interacting with us, ready to play with our daughter before bedtime and he'll even come home and cook an amazing meal that tastes like it came from a restaurant. He's ready to pick up where I left off so that I can take care of laundry, get a workout in, or just have some self-care.

Phil is a great dad. He's the parent to jump on the trampoline with all the kids. He is the dad all the kids run to help them fix something or watch them perform a trick. There is not a time we go to the pool, a school function, or the playground, where he doesn't have at least two children hanging off him that aren't his own. When our daughter was a toddler, he followed a dad on Instagram and learned how to braid hair and make ponytails. He has participated in toddler gymnastics class, coached t-ball, gone to countless birthday parties, volunteered at school, and loves game nights and movie nights. He is so excited to be a father again and get to do everything all over. He has told me that he's not done with this stage of his life. He's got more bottles to give, songs to sing, stories to tell, and playgrounds to visit.

ABOUT

STACIE



MY OCCUPATION

I am currently a stay-at-home mom. I was a stay-at-home mom until our daughter went to preschool, then I had a job as a travel agent for a couple of years. I didn't enjoy the constant mental energy that my work demanded, and I wanted to be able to fully concentrate on all the important information this tiny human had to share with me! Setting down my career to focus on motherhood was a phenomenal decision. Now I volunteer at school a lot and manage a full social calendar of play dates and fun activities. I plan on remaining a stay-at-home mom until my youngest is out of high school.

FUN • ENERGETIC
LOYAL • SILLY

MY HOBBIES

I'm going to try to come up with my favorite interests and hobbies without saying shopping at Target with a Starbucks in my hand! I love gardening and getting my hands dirty. I have a few small gardens with tomatoes, lavender, and a few other veggies. I like to grow something new and different every year! This year's adventurous plant is a lemon hybrid tomato, so we're going to see how that does! I also love flower gardens; my dream is to have an overflowing perennial garden. I'm not there yet, but it's getting bigger every year.

- I love spending time with friends. Coffee dates and Costco runs are the best!
- I love the beach and we spend a lot of time at my parent's beach house.
- My favorite hobby is traveling! Disney is my favorite, and we go two or three weeks each year.
- I love home projects. I painted our entire kitchen, cabinets and all, over a three-month period!
- I enjoy sports, both watching and playing.
- My mom is my best friend, and we spend a lot of time together.



MOTHERHOOD

From the time our daughter was little, I always told Phil that when I looked at our family photo it felt like someone was missing. We weren't complete. I'm looking forward to experiencing all the firsts again and seeing Lizzie with a sibling that she has dreamed about for years. I picture us sitting on the couch as a family of four having movie nights or playing board games, going to Disney, and each of us having a kiddo to ride with! I can't wait for more first days of school, new little friends, and watching their face light up the first time it snows. As they get older, seeing the world through their eyes, hearing little conversations they had, thoughts that only pop up at bedtime in the dark, when the world is quiet, and it just feels like it's the two of you. More than anything, turning the empty bedroom into a nursery that has sat empty for four years waiting to be filled with a tiny baby.



WHAT PHIL HAS TO SAY

My wife is caring, intentional, and fun. Stacie is a kind friend who genuinely cares about others. She brings a huge amount of joy and laughter into the lives of others. She's the kind of person that will surprise a friend with Starbucks on their birthday, will rearrange weekend plans for a last-second playdate for our daughter, and will smile with satisfaction when she gives a heartfelt gift. She is so much funnier than she gives herself credit for, and I find myself smiling whenever I hear her voice. I wish I had a fraction of her ability to intentionally enrich the lives of those around her. She's also ambitious and driven. When she sets her mind to something, she makes it happen. Stacie is the glue that holds groups of people together. A lot of people talk about things they want to do with their friends, but my wife is the one who makes it happen. She is the master of follow-up and the expert of scheduling. All these things make her an amazing wife. She keeps our house running without falling apart and is the absolute backbone of our family. She makes me a better person every day. And through all of this, she is my best friend.

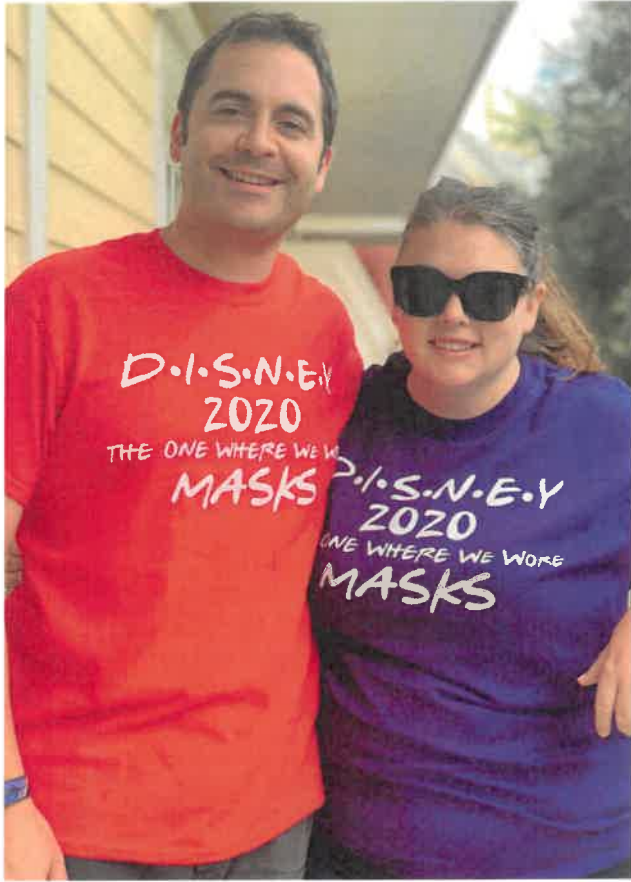
Stacie is, without a doubt, the best mother I know. She actively invests in our daughter every day. She teaches her how to navigate social situations, learn good habits, and to be a good friend and a good person. She provides gentle but firm boundaries and knows how to tell when our daughter needs correction or compassion. They make memories together both big (like trips to the beach) and small (like trips for ice cream and the library). Truth be told, Stacie is just as great with other children as our own. She volunteers at our daughter's school, and not only do the other children know her by name, but I have also seen half of them give her spontaneous hugs. She has a heart for kids, you can easily see how much she likes to build them up.



We enjoy multiple activities and hobbies together depending on the season. Every spring, we are outside putting together flower and garden beds. In the summer, we are at the pool, hiking, traveling, and going to the beach. In the winter, we are diving into house projects, painting rooms, and furniture, updating things in the house, and over decorating for Christmas! Phil has a life goal to be one of those Christmas houses where you link up the music and the lights dance all over the house. You'll also find us playing disc golf together, with friends, and as a family.

Our marriage doesn't feel like work. We both try our best to make each other happy and help each other solve any problems that come up. We talk so much, and our line of communication is constantly open which helps us stay on the same page.







MEET
Lizzie

Lizzie is very outgoing, extremely kindhearted, and loves her friends and family more than anything. She loves being active, whether that is playgrounds, play places, going on adventures or traveling, the beach, hiking and camping, sports- tennis, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, basically anything she can run around and play with one of us or friends. She's super into mermaids and dinosaurs and likes to draw and make up songs and stories.

Lizzie is more than looking forward to having a sibling through adoption. The day we told her we were going to move forward with the adoption process, she cried happy tears, and then for a week walked around saying, "I can't get it out of my head, that we are going to adopt and I'm going to have a sibling, I can't stop smiling." She has a notebook where she writes notes to her future sibling about the things she wants to teach them or wants them to know about our family or things she's excited about. She has already planned their first visit to Walt Disney World, she must immediately get them a first visit button so that everyone knows. She pulled out all her baby dolls and started playing with them again and asks questions constantly.





Thoughts on Parenting

When I was a kid and I got in trouble (it didn't happen a ton, but it did), my mom would say, "I hope you have a daughter and I hope she's exactly like you!" I did. And she is. But what I didn't realize was how much my parenting would mirror my mom's. I am warm and fuzzy, "home" for my daughter, but I also encourage her to try new things, go new places, and push herself a little when I know she can do it even though she has self-doubt. I want her to be an independent person, but I also want her to know that when she comes home, she is welcome with open arms.

- Stacie

I love being a parent because it's the hardest but most rewarding job ever. I love seeing that little face that used to roll my entire toilet paper off the roll and shred it on the floor because she was making a "cake." I see her now riding a bike without training wheels or tying her shoes. You get to see the world through someone else's eyes as they learn it. With every little accomplishment, their eyes light up as they realize that they can do something new. The excitement of a new playground, or friend made at a birthday party. All of it just makes me smile getting to watch the world through their eyes. And I can't wait to do it again.

- Phil

Family Time

As a family, one of our favorite activities is traveling. We go to the beach and Walt Disney World a lot. We also mix it up with long weekend trips. We have gone to the mountains, on hikes to see waterfalls, traveled to zoos and aquariums in and around our state, and we visit family and go on adventures with them. We are very close to some family and cousins on both sides of the family, and we vacation and do things with them a lot! **We always plan to travel as much as we do now, we love going to our favorite places, and we will continue to add to that list and see something new.**

On a typical weekend, we like to do a movie night on the porch and watch a Disney movie with pizza and a special treat. This is a huge deal to Lizzie because the pizza place, treat, and who gets to pick the movie changes each week. The remainder of the weekend always looks different. Sometimes there are birthday parties, sometimes we grill out with Stacie's parents. We get together with families from school and have dinner and the kids play. We'll go to the library for a weather break, and we try to spend a lot of time outside. We always try to include at least one kid-first activity with friends; whether it's a playground, meeting friends somewhere, or having friends over. We go to church on Sundays, and out to lunch after.



HOLIDAY FUN

Most holidays are over the top in our household, with themed clothes, decorations, and special foods. Christmas includes tree decorating with music and hot cocoa, baking cookies, driving around to look at lights, going to special festivals, throwing little parties, and Christmas lights everywhere! Our neighborhood had a contest last year, so of course we had to enter! Christmas Eve service is always a must, our church puts on a beautiful service, and then as most moms and dads do, we spend Silent Night praying our daughter doesn't drop her candle!

Thanksgiving is spent with Phil's family. His mom makes most of the dinner (with dad making a fried turkey!), and everyone- aunts, uncles, cousins, all come over and spend the entire day. Football is on in one room, the other room is shaped like a large square full of couches and chairs. We sit around with coffee and chat from the time we wake up until our bellies are so full and we can't move after dessert.

Easter always includes an Easter egg hunt or two, then opening a basket full of surprises before heading to church. After church, we visit my parents, who typically have another Easter basket, along with a delicious lunch. We hang out, hide more eggs, and eat chocolates. Easter is right after Spring Break, so we like to go on a family vacation and get back home a day or two before Easter.

Halloween is a big "to-do" in our neighborhood. We decorate our houses with fun lights, and some people put out blow-up pumpkins or ghosts. We have dinner with the neighbors, go trick-or-treating together, and then head back for an outdoor movie. It's always a fun time for the kids and adults!

The 4th of July is always one of two things; either a block party, or we'll grill out and have friends over. Afterward, a few of the dads will launch small fireworks while all the kids hang out and watch.

Birthdays are low-key for the adults and over the top for the kids! For the adults, we will get either go out to dinner, or someone will cook, and we will enjoy a meal and a yummy cake together. For Lizzie, and any other children we may have in the future, we like to go all out for birthdays. We decorate the house, have a birthday party at a play place, and a family birthday party at home. My own family did this for me growing up, and I have so many memories of these awesome parties, I enjoy getting to do it now for Lizzie.



CHRISTMAS



BIRTHDAYS



HALLOWEEN



THANKSGIVING



JULY 4TH



EASTER

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HOME sweet HOME

Our home is Charleston-style with large porches! We have four bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms. Our backyard is the spot for the kids on the block. We have a trampoline and playset, garden, firepit area, and dining area. There is green space in between the patio and trampoline/play set to be able to kick a soccer ball, throw a baseball, or play some badminton!

We create a lot of memories under our roof from the kitchen, baking as a family, making our famous banana bread, and the living room where we have movie nights, sing and dance, and play board games. In the dining room, sometimes you might have dinner and sometimes there might be an entire puzzle being put together at one end of the table. The playroom, where sometimes it sounds like the ceiling is going to come through when you're in the garage from all the jumping around playing made-up games, is full of toys, games, nugget couches, and sometimes random Amazon boxes that have been turned into cars or trucks for imagination play.

We live in the southeast in a large neighborhood that has playgrounds, tennis courts, and swimming pools open during the summer. We live in a good school district but the neighboring schools around us are top-notch. We have endless amounts of family events and many of those are multicultural events. We attended one last month in support of our friends who were participating with their families, and it was so well attended! We have international food festivals multiple times a year in surrounding cities, and they are always so much fun.

We plan to stay in the same location we are in now. We were lucky enough to travel and move around before settling down, so we knew exactly where we wanted to do life and raise our family. Hopefully, we'll be blessed enough to continue to stay until we are old and gray. We have a great school community, church community, and amazing neighbors. Our area is consistently rated extremely highly for families raising children. It is very easy to make friends and to find friends for little ones to grow up with.





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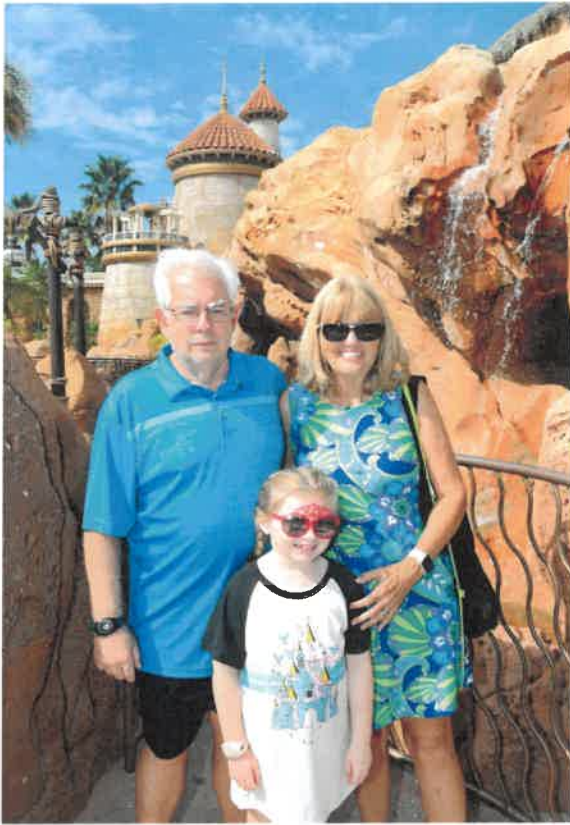
MEET OUR FAMILY



My dad and mom are Susie and Steve, and I have one younger brother, Geoff. We are very close with our extended family. My mom has a sister who has two daughters, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. There are six girls within two years of my Lizzie's age. We are also close with my mom's brothers and their families. The rest of my extended family is large. My grandfather had seventeen siblings, and my other grandfather had eleven. Most of the family stayed in the same area, so we have family and cousins everywhere, and they are the type of family that will drop in and do anything for you, anytime.

Phil's immediate family is a little larger than mine. He's the middle of three children, and his mom and dad are enjoying their retirement. His mom is Val, and his dad is Brian. His older sister is Samantha and she's been with her husband-to-be, Joe, for about eight years. Phil's younger brother is Steve and his wife's name is Jade. We are very close with some of Phil's extended family. His cousin lives a couple of hours from us and has three children. We go on weekend trips with them to zoos and aquariums, and beach trips, and at some point, we plan to visit Disney World together. Phil's mom has four siblings, and his dad has one and they and their kids are also the drop everything and help type. We are very fortunate to come from close-knit families.

Everyone was **ECSTATIC** when we told them that we were **growing our family**. We have to keep my mom from buying all the baby things, and Phil's dad just glows that they will "have another grandchild to love on." Of course, all the cousins are so excited to have another cousin, and this baby will be SO loved.





WHAT MAKES US TICK

1

KINDNESS TOWARD OTHERS YOURSELF

We want everyone in our family to show kindness toward others. You never know what someone might be going through. Be the person who puts a smile on their face. And show kindness towards yourself. You aren't perfect, you were never meant to be, so give yourself grace and kindness.

2

HONESTY RESPONSIBILITY

Be responsible for your actions and be honest. Again, give yourself grace, but being honest and responsible will get you far in life with yourself and with others. Being honest with yourself and others has a way of keeping the right people in your life.

3

FAMILY TIME

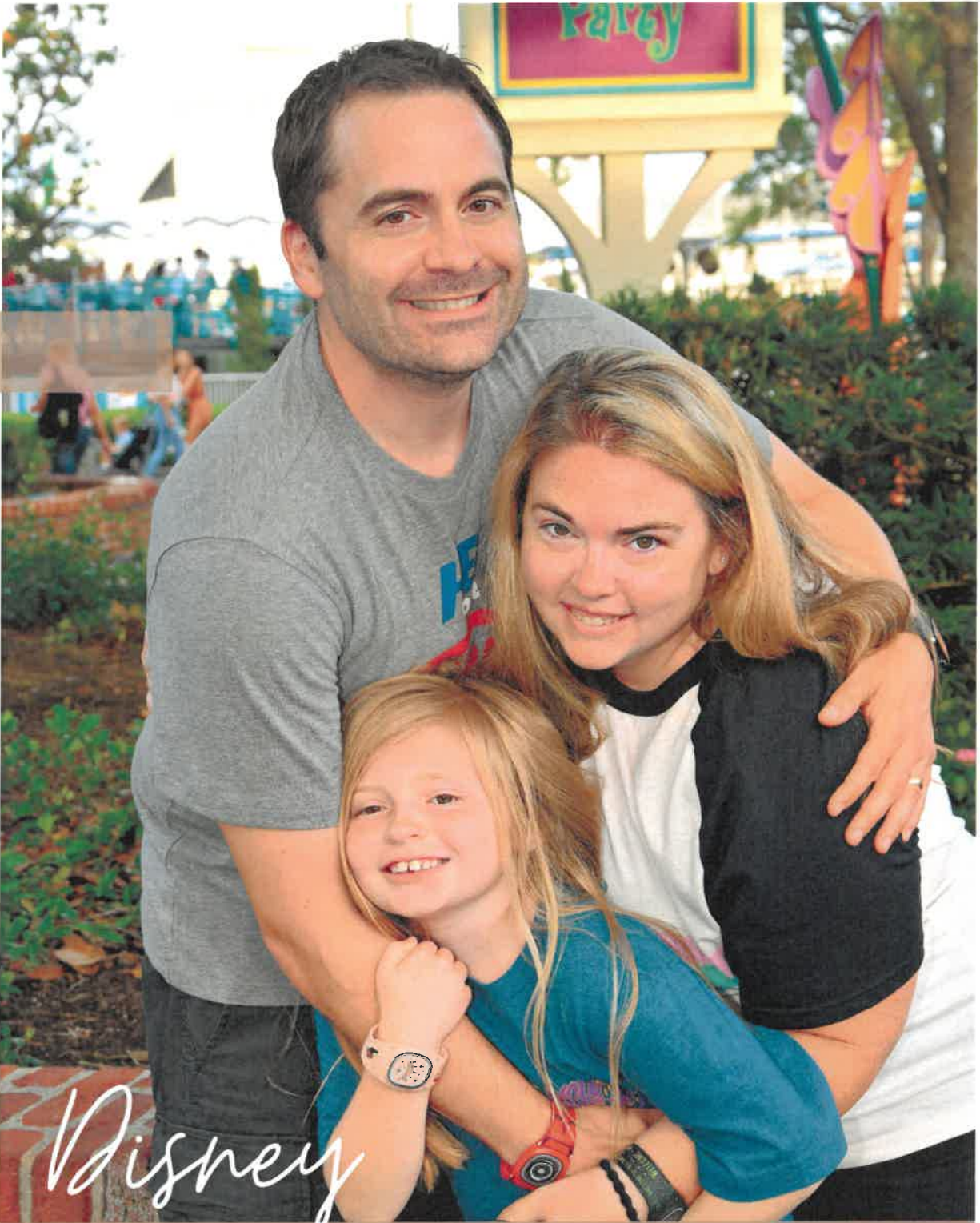
It's important to keep that family bond as you continue to grow up. If you have moved away from home, you have that foundation knowing your family is always cheering you on. If you have that family time and foundation when starting your own family, you're going to strive to be a good husband, wife, mother, and father.

4

LAUGHING TOGETHER

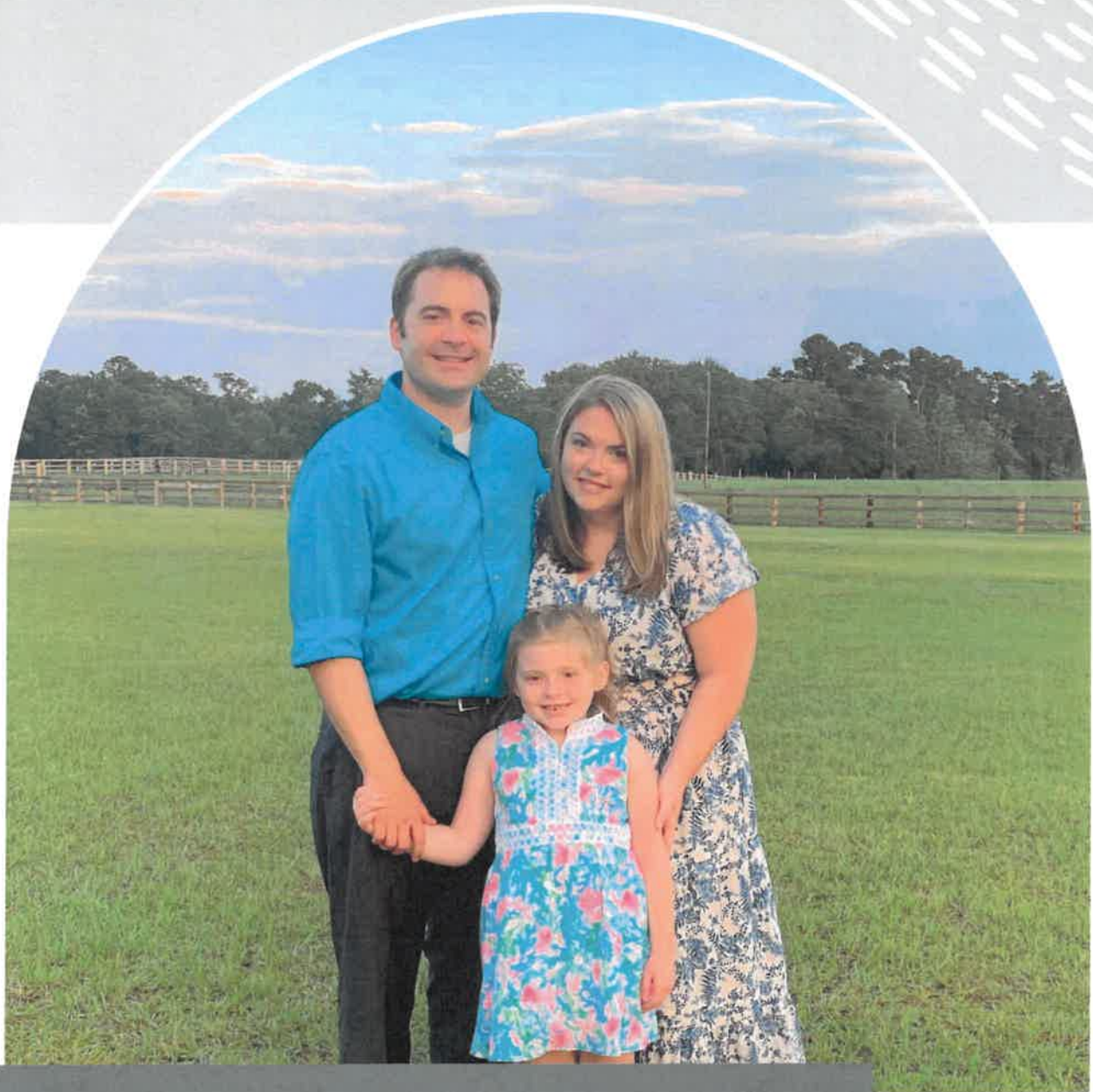
Nothing is better than laughing together. Being silly, telling jokes, enjoying each other's company, and laughing until your stomach hurts can make even the worst day instantly better!





Disney

WILL ALWAYS BE OUR FAVORITE
PLACE TO MAKE MEMORIES!



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We will raise our children in the church. We want them to live like Jesus, and to love others. We were called to be a light in the world. Sometimes that light brightens a person's day, sometimes it brightens your own heart. Our church is both large and welcoming, and the youth ministry is full of some of the most kind-hearted and bubbly volunteers you'll ever meet. Both of our small groups are made of friends with small children- they are great support teams to go through life together. We have known some of them for almost ten years, and they will continue to love and support us and our children in very real ways.



EDUCATION

Lizzie attends private school, and we absolutely love the community and support of the fellow parents and teachers. It is a very loving and warm environment, and there are many adopted children that she gets to do life with. This has been an amazing experience for us as we are on this journey. We chose private school for her because our public schools are large, and her personality does well with smaller environments. While we would prefer our children all at the same school, we also want to make an individual decision for each child. We have an abundance of schools to choose from and would take the time to explore many to see which one would be best if we didn't think our daughter's current school would be the right fit. We are 100% for what is best for our children, not what's most convenient for us or what we wish we had for ourselves.

We will have college funds set up for all our children so that if they choose to attend college it is there for them. Our plan and wish is for them to attend college. However, we'll support them even if that path isn't what they choose. We will support our children in whatever career path they choose for their life.

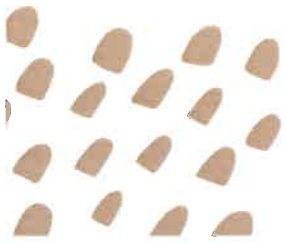


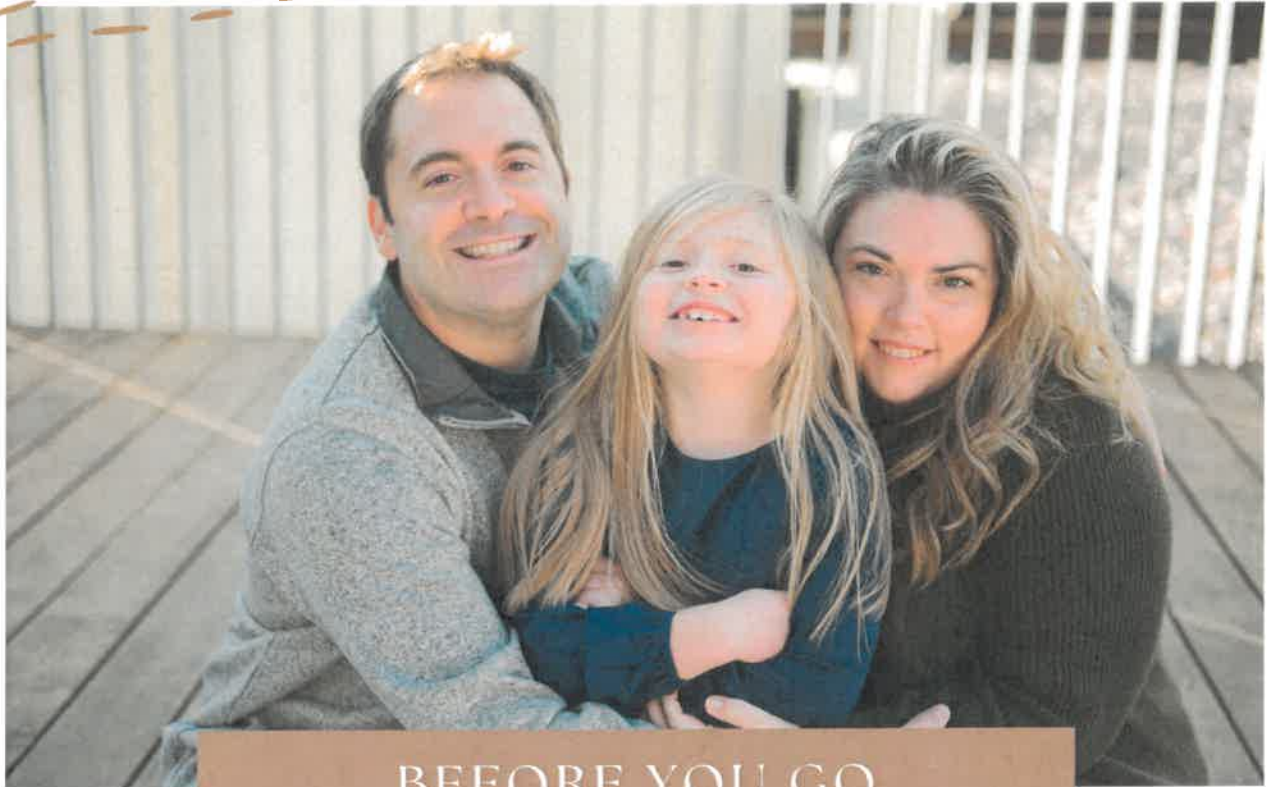


WE ARE SO
THANKFUL
FOR YOU!



*you are
loved!*





BEFORE YOU GO

After reading our profile, you know us pretty well. We mean it from the bottom of our hearts when we say that we love you and we will love your child. There will be a special place in all our hearts for you, who made a difficult decision in the best interests of your child and made our family complete. We want you to know that your child will be loved and will get an opportunity to live their best life. We are receptive to a range of post-placement openness and realize that you may have specific wants in that area. We are willing to work out details and want to assure you that you will never be forgotten in our home.

Thank you for everything. Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and consider us. Thank you for taking the time to read any other family profiles that you have. Thank you for working with an agency that values your decisions and choices when it comes to the well-being of your baby. Thank you for being the type of person to make this decision for your child. Just... Thank you.

*with love,
Phil + Stacie*

you are loved. you are loved. you are loved. you are loved.



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