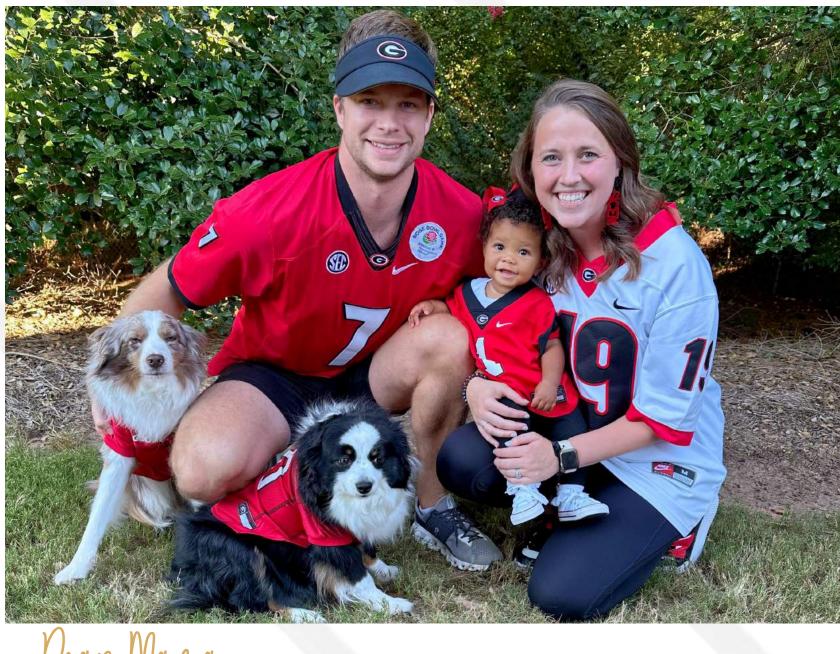


ADAM & HAILEN

ADOPTION PROFILE BOOK



Thank you so much for taking the time to learn a little bit about our family and considering us to be your child's adoptive parents. Although we cannot fully understand what you are going through, we admire your strength and are praying for peace during this time for you. If you choose us to parent your child, we want to assure you that your child will be loved unconditionally by us, our family, and our support system. We will always nurture them, protect them, and support them to foster their talents to grow to be the best version of themselves. We have been passionate about adopting since high school, and after adopting our daughter, we know that God called us to adopt again because she will be the best big sister. We hope that as you learn about us, our passions, and our amazing support system, it will ease your fears and concerns through this process. We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to consider us.







## about us OUR STORY

We were both born and raised in Georgia and have known each other since middle school, but we did not start dating until we were both in college in 2013. We maintained a long distance relationship throughout college, got engaged in 2016, and got married in 2017. Since then, Hailen has been working as a middle school teacher and completed her Masters in Education. Adam also completed graduate school and is an Occupational Therapist that specializes in upper extremities.

In addition to our jobs, we have two awesome fur babies, Sanford and Baxter. They are both therapy certified dogs, and even go to work with Hailen at school. They go on all of our adventures, love people, and are wonderful with children.

In October 2022, we adopted our daughter, Adalynn. This is our favorite part of our story together, and every day getting to be her parents is the biggest blessing and adventure of our lives. We bonded immediately with her and could not imagine a life without her. We love the life we have created for our family, and we cannot wait to grow our family and for Adalynn to become a big sister.









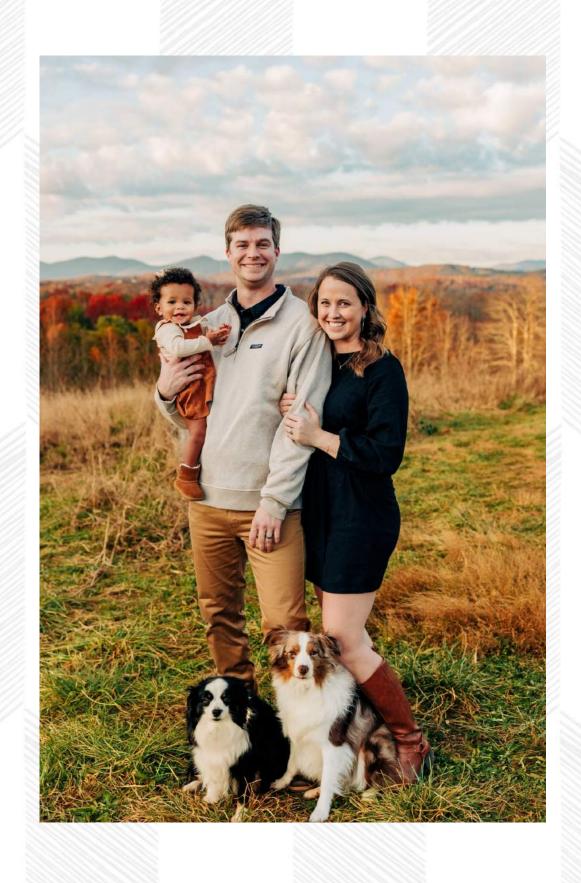












OUR LIVES TOGETHER

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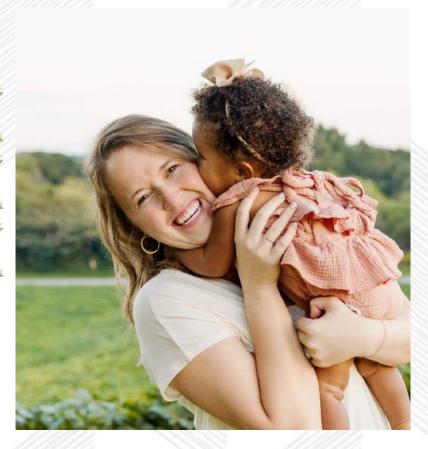
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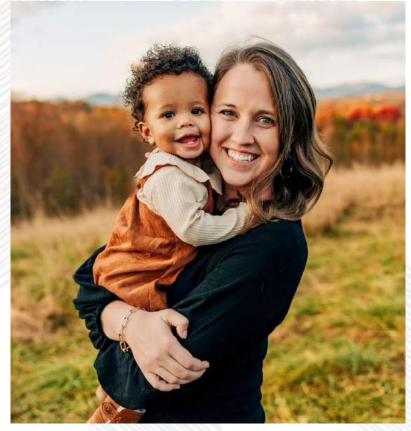
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adam Gays:

Hailen is the most passionate, selfless, and hard working person that I know. She always puts other peoples' needs and wants before her own. She is a super organized planner that loves being sarcastic and joking around. Her favorite times of year are Summer and Fall. She loves spending her Summer days outside with her friends and family, staying active, and going to the beach. She also loves going to college football games and cuddling up by a fire with a blanket with Adalynn. Her absolute favorite part of life is being a mom. She has dreamed of this for years, and I have loved watching her be the best mother. I cannot wait to see her continue to grow as a mother as our family grows.











Occupation: Middle School

Teacher

**Favorite Place:** Beach and anywhere with friends and

family

Favorite Food: Mexican
Things I like to do: Watch
UGA football, spend time with
friends and family, workout,
travel, and spend time outside

Fun Fact: I don't like

chocolate











### about ADAM

PATIENT

DEPENDABLE

HARD WORKING

Hailen Says:

He is the most patient and hardworking man. Adam loves to join whatever adventures I plan with our family and friends. When I am overwhelmed or stressed, he is always there to be the voice of reason and calm. Adam loves anything sports related. He played college baseball and now likes to play golf and watch football in his free time. He loves helping people, which is why he chose and excels in his career as an upper extremity specialist Occupational Therapist. Outside of his career and sports, he is the best dad and has fully embraced being the best girl dad doing all of the girly things, while also teaching her all things sports related and putting Adalynn's needs first.







**Occupation**: Occupational

Therapist

Favorite Place: The Beach
Favorite Food: Italian- Pasta

and Pizza

Things I like to do: Anything related to sports, helping people, hanging out with friends and family, and home projects
Fun Fact: I have been to 22 states and 5 countries, and I

cannot wait to travel more.















Adalynn has been the absolute best addition to our family. Hailen got the amazing privilege to be present for her birth, and we have maintained a relationship with her birth mom. We already talk with Adalynn and read books explaining adoption in appropriate terms with her. We want to continue to explain how amazing her birth mother is to her and answer any age appropriate questions so that Adalynn can always be proud of her story.

ADALYNN

Adalynn is full of spunk and personality. She goes along on all of our traveling adventures. She LOVES people and other babies/kids. She loves to smile and laugh and make others laugh in the process. She loves penguins at the aquarium, the Grinch, to dance and listen to music, and anything with her mama and dad. We could not imagine life without her and we know she will make the best big sister to her "baby" (as she already likes to say).





The day we brought Adalynn home from the hospital.



ALWAYS smiling- even at one month old!



She loves other babies and hanging with all of her friends.



She absolutely loves the beach like her mom!
Played all day!



Always the life of the party!



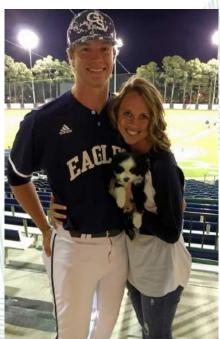
Our little traveler at the airport.

Our relationship started with being 4 hours apart at separate colleges for 4 years, and traveling for countless baseball games around the Southeast.









We love doing anything outside like ice skating, skiing, paddle boarding, hiking, grilling out and so much more. Adalynn joins us on all of our adventures!





As years have progressed, our relationship has grown stronger through all of life's ups and downs, and we support each other through each new chapter of life.









We love to travel, make memories, spend time together, and hang out with our friends and family! Our favorite adventure is becoming parents and raising Adalynn.

















Adam grew up in a Christian home with both of his parents, his older brother, Patrick, and older sister, McCree. His mom, Lynn, passed away a couple of years ago, but we continue to live out her legacy by prioritizing family time and always living life to the fullest.

Together, Adam's family loves watching movies, watching and attending any sporting event, playing golf, traveling, and playing board games.







HAILEN'S family









Hailen also grew up in a Christian home with both parents and two younger sisters, Makayla and Alisa. Hailen is also now an Aunt to a baby on the way, and she is so excited to raise babies with her sister!

As a family, we love to go to UGA games, grill out, go fishing, go to the beach and lake, and just be together!

Our Pups



Baxter & Sanford













Sanford (7) and Baxter (4) are Mini-Australian Shepherds. They are both therapy certified dogs and are wonderful with children. We have spent countless hours training them to be the best dogs and love to take them on all of our travels and adventures with us! They even go to "work" with Hailen to be a service dog at school. They love Adalynn so much and are the best "big brothers" watching over her and playing with her.

#### our

#### FRIENDS & CHURCH FAMILY



We have the best support system of friends. We are so thankful for all of the memories and supporting them through their families growing. We cannot wait to have them as a part of our child's life. We love to be active, go to dinner, cook out, go on weekend getaways, watch sporting events, have game nights, and just do life together.

We also have the best church family. We are a part of a couples small group and volunteer at several children and youth events. Our church also has an amazing adoption ministry, so Adalynn and our future child will always have that to lean on as they continue to grow and navigate those conversations. We want our child to know God's love and have a relationship with Him to be a light to others.



















adventures & traditions

Together we love to see and experience new places, people, and foods! We appreciate the beauty of world around us, and try to soak in as much as we can each year, whether it's around our home or a far off destination. We love experiences and value all of our family traditions centered around the different holiday seasons.

We love the simple things in life like making breakfast with friend's kids, grilling, and celebrating Adalynn with all of our loved ones.











We love to spend our days on the lake and at the beach. We also love traveling to new places and showing Adalynn the world. She has already visited 8 states.

Our family loves college football.
We spend
Saturdays in the fall going to games and hanging out with friends to watch the games.











We want to show Adalynn all the magic of family and holidays, so we try to celebrate as much as possible.



plans & goals ADAM & HAILEN'S

Our goals are centered around our family and providing the best life for our children. We live in a great community and neighborhood full of families and children. We have focused on making our house a home that Adalynn can feel safe in and have friends and family come to spend time with us. We have both gone to graduate school to improve our careers to be able to provide the best life for our kids. Education will be a huge priority because Hailen is a teacher, but she hopes to transition to stay home with Adalynn and our future child. Adalynn will go our church's preschool 2 mornings a week so she is able to socialize and learn with her friends. We cannot wait to support her and our future child in whatever sports and activities they are passionate about. Our

biggest priority is putting our children's needs first to ensure they can learn, grow, and develop into the best version of themselves.













## Our Promise





Thank you so much for taking the time to read and learn about our family and our hearts for our future child. We are very excited to be adopting and have so much love to share for this child as we expand our family. We promise that your child will be deeply loved, encouraged, and cared for by us and our support system. We promise to teach them about God's love for them and show them how to love others. We promise to celebrate your child for who he or she is! We will protect, encourage, and teach your child the values needed for life. Your child will know the love, sacrifice, bravery, and strength it took for you to make this decision, and we will make sure that he/she will be proud to be adopted. We hope this book gave you a look at our lives and we look forward to meeting you. We are praying for you during this time!

Sincerely, Adam and Hailen

