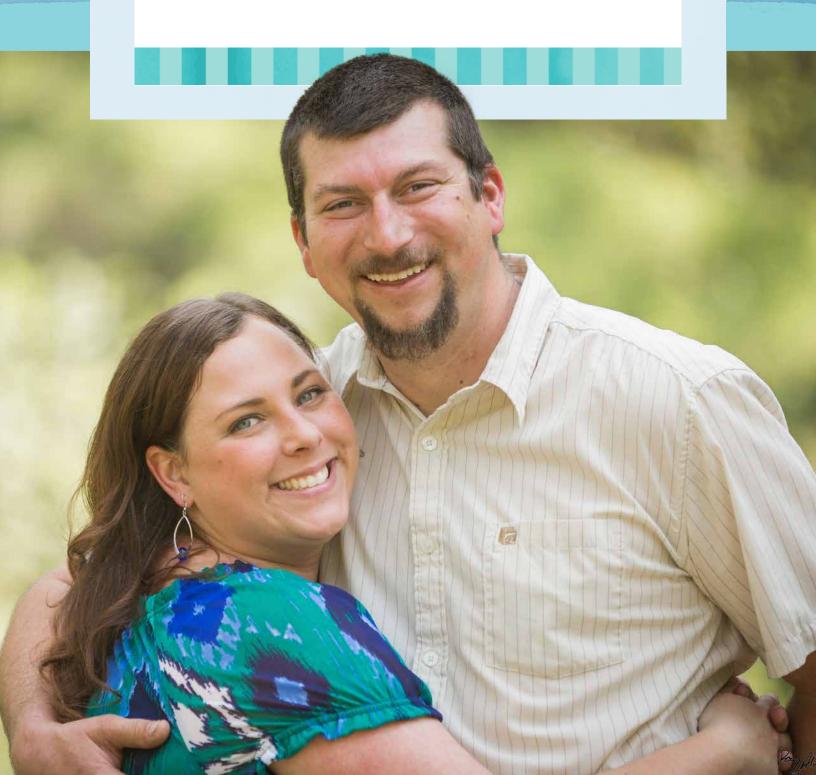
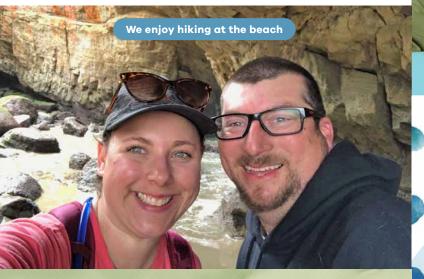
Emily and Jeff





Our families cannot wait for us to become parents and we will all welcome your child with open arms and open hearts. It is our hope that our story will provide you with great peace as you move forward. We appreciate you taking the time to learn about us and we hope to get a chance to get to learn about you.



Our Story

We met in 2004 while working for an elevator company, which had its ups and downs (pun intended).

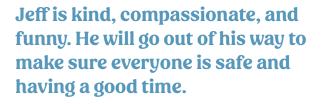
Jeff proposed on a sunset gondola ride with a message in a bottle, and as Emily likes to say it was "10 years worth of romance in one day". We got married in 2008 and moved to Oregon on our one year anniversary. After numerous attempts and procedures we are not able to have biological children, but we are still hoping to have the opportunity to share our love with a child.





About Jeff

BY EMILY



He has integrity and a strong work ethic. He is the funniest person I know and has the corniest sense of humor.

Jeff is going to be an amazing father. He is excited to be able to put his dad jokes to use. He is like a big kid and will be very hands on with our child while maintaining safety and boundaries. He is famous for his horseback rides around our living room and Nerf gun fights. I am excited to see Jeff with our own child and see the happiness in his eyes when he gets to be a dad.

Jeff has been a huge support system and a pillar of strength for me and our family. He is accepting of everyone and will welcome a new child into his life with open arms and a loving embrace.





Jeff likes to work on his car and spend time with his friends. He likes to unwind from the day by listening to music and stand up comedians, and playing video games.









Jeff in the Redwoods



Jeff at the Tulip Festival



Fun Facts & Favorites



is going to car events and working on his car.

Favorite movie is Twister and he gets really excited about different weather events,

weather events, especially thunder and lightning.

Jeff is a dog whisperer,

dogs come to him and listen to him even when they don't listen to their owners.

Favorite seasonal activity

is camping

Favorite vacation spot

is somewhere near water.

Favorite lunchbox snack

is chocolate pudding cups.



He likes to take our nephews to family fun centers

and play the arcade games with them.



Jeff's source of inspiration

was from his grandfather who was a chief of police in Oregon.

About Emily

BY JEFF

My favorite things about Emily are that she is humble and funny. She is also full of inspiration and courage.

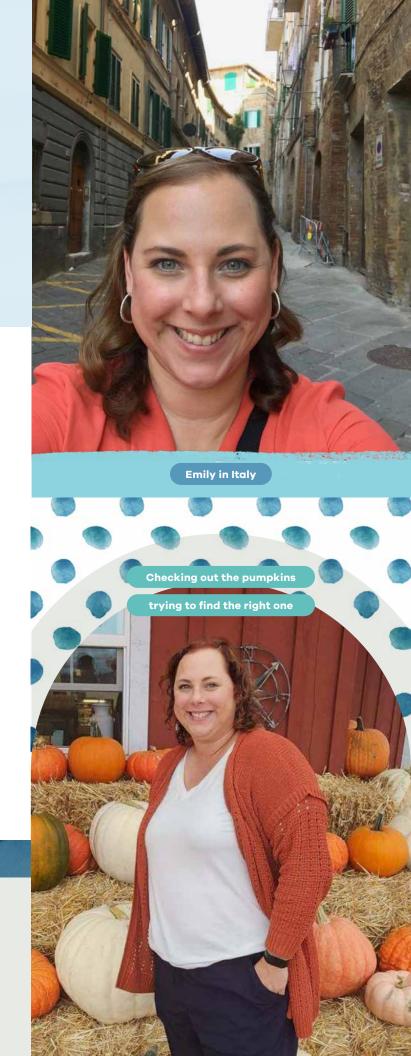
Emily is going to be an amazing mom. She has maternal extincts and an infectious spark for adventure. She demonstrates her motherly love by watching our nephews and our friend's children. Most recently she planned a surprise for our nephews at a family fun center. She took numerous trips on the water boats with our youngest nephew and got completely soaked and laughed the entire time.

It is awesome to see her with children and I look forward to seeing her doing our family traditions with our child and going to her favorite place, Disneyland, for the first time.

I look forward to sharing the small moments with her as parents and watching her rock our little one to sleep.



Emily enjoys reading, spending time with family and friends, traveling, hiking, and watching movies.





Fun Facts & Favorites



Favorite hobby

is traveling. She likes to see new places and experience different cultures.



Emily is a vegetarian

but will cook meat for the family. She is known to make a really good Thanksgiving turkey.



Her goal is to read at least 100 books a year

and has achieved that goal for the last 10 years. Her favorite book series is the Harry Potter series.



She likes to collect bracelet charms whenever she travels.

She started this tradition after seeing her grandmother's charm bracelet.



is somewhere with a view, whether it be the beach, mountains, or rivers.



Favorite seasonal activity

is picking apples and pears in the fall.



She likes to bake

and is always testing recipes to find the perfect chocolate chip cookie. She is getting close!



Emily finds inspiration from many things

and likes to read about people who have persevered over challenging times.



Emily loves to bake! She made her nephew's birthday cake



Emily doing her favorite thing of reading a book while having a cup of tea

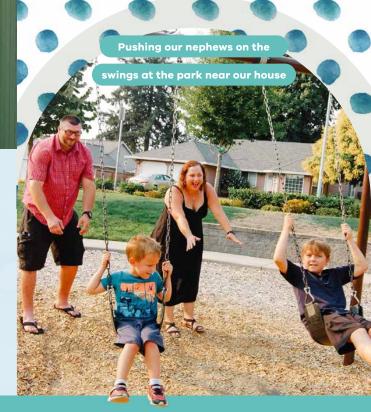






Home Sweet Home

We live in a quiet suburban neighborhood that is walking distance to a Christian university, a community recreation center, and numerous parks. There are several families living nearby, and we live across the street from a daycare that our neighbor runs out of her house so we often hear children playing outside. We are fortunate to live on a cul-de-sac so the children can play safely! Our home is a peaceful, loving, and joyful place and the perfect place to raise a child.



Our family enjoys going to events throughout the seasons of the year.

Spring

During the spring we enjoy hiking and going to different festivals.

Summer

In the summer we enjoy camping, berry picking, swimming, and BBQing.

Fall

In the fall we do apple picking in Hood River, go to pumpkin patches and corn mazes, and watch the leaves change colors.

Winter

In the winter we like to go sledding when it snows and make hot chocolate.







Few of Our Favorite Things

We like to go to Broadway shows in downtown Portland

and Shakespeare plays in the park and we look forward to sharing our love of the theater with our child.

Disneyland

is also an important place to us. Emily grew up down the street from Disneyland and watched the fireworks from her bedroom window every night. We both would go often when we were children. One of our first dates was there and we had hot chocolate while watching the fireworks show. We like to go at least once a year or every other year.

MEET

Our Dog, Lucy

The other member of our family is Lucy. Lucy is a yellow lab and loves to give kisses. Even though she is getting older she still hasn't lost her puppy excitement. She is really good with all ages of kids and has been road tested by our nephews and friends' children. As my nephew likes to say, "Lucy licked me!"



Family & Friends



Emily with her parents and her brother



Emily's parents and Emily's brother, his wife, and two sons live close by. We get together every other weekend or every weekend and do activities together. Jeff's mom lives in California but we try to get together with her every couple of months. Emily's parents are called Nana/YaYa and Papa by our nephews. Jeff's mom doesn't have a "name" yet but we are excited to



Jeff and his mom hiking together

see what our child will name her. We watch our nephews often throughout the year but the most precious time spent with them is our tradition of babysitting them on the day before Christmas Eve, so their parents have a free night to get ready for Christmas morning. We look forward to our child having that time with their new cousins. We like to get together for family dinners, hikes, soccer games, chess matches, water gun fights, Christmas Eve for our traditional pierogi dinner, 4th of July camping trip, festivals, fairs, and other seasonal events.











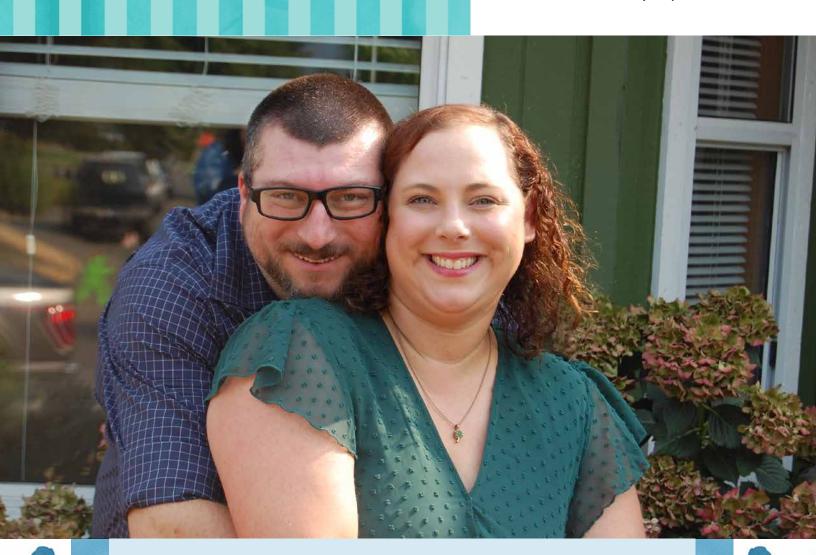
We also have an extended family of friends that we have collected over the years that we get together to celebrate birthdays, holidays, and the weekend. Many of them have young children so we are excited to have our child meet and play with them.

Thank you

FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN ABOUT US

and for having the courage to consider adoption.

We hope that it has given you a glimpse into our lives and has shown you the love that we have to share with a child. We will love vour child unconditionally and will devote our lives to providing them with all the love, security, and joy that we can offer. We want your child to always know where they came from, you will always be an integral part of their life, and we plan to raise our child with an understanding and appreciation for you and the sacrifice you are making for them. We will respect whatever level of communication you prefer.



This child will be loved beyond words by us, by our families, by our friends, and they will always know the great love you have for them as well.

Thank you again for considering us.