



Paul + Robin





# Dear Friend,

HELLO! WE ARE PAUL AND ROBIN, AND WE  
THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN  
MORE ABOUT US.




Thank you for considering your  
choices as you are going  
through such a challenging  
time in your life. We are really  
excited to be adopting and  
bringing a child into our family!  
We hope our story will help you  
in making your choice. Please  
know that no matter what you  
decide, we wish you and your  
child all the best. We hope our  
profile gives you some insight  
about us. We look forward to  
meeting you.

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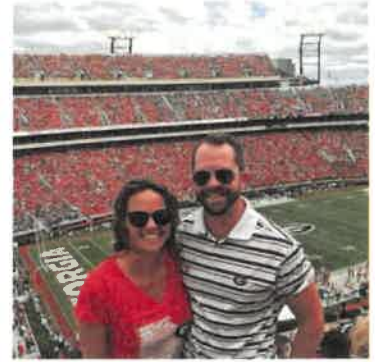
## Why adoption?

We have always dreamed about being parents and having a child to raise in a loving home. Throughout most of our marriage, we have been trying to have children. We went through four pregnancy losses, three from IVF between 2015-2018, which has taken quite some time to heal from that pain as a couple after each one and realize we still have this abundance of love to share as parents. We've taken the opportunity to learn more from our friends who have adopted, as well as attend training that included hearing adoptees' and birth parents' individual experiences to understand the enormous sacrifice a birth family makes to place a child. We are very excited to be adopting!



# About us

WE MET THROUGH MUTUAL FRIENDS  
FROM COLLEGE.



Living an hour away from each other, there was gossip Paul was interested in Robin, but she lived in Atlanta. It was very hit-or-miss of when we happened to hang out with common friends. After having brief interactions over a couple of years, Paul intentionally stopped by a girls' Christmas party to get Robin's number and ask her on a first date - ice skating and dinner in Atlanta, which was hilarious to watch since neither of us are good at skating! We began dating in 2011 and got married in June 2012. Months into planning a wedding, we took on the large endeavor of buying a foreclosed house near our mutual friends and having Paul renovate the whole house in 8 months! In our small town in Georgia, we got involved with our neighbors and in church. While Paul served as an elected town council member and did carpentry work in the area, Robin taught at a local middle school. We enjoy traveling and began taking ski trips once a year with the talk of possibly moving out west.

IN 2019, WE TOOK ON THE ADVENTURE OF MOVING TO UTAH, WHERE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS, SNOW, AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR! WE'VE MADE NEW FRIENDS THROUGH OUR CHURCH, WORK, AND NEIGHBORHOOD.



# Meet Paul

Growing up in Tennessee, I lived with my parents and older sister. My dad was an economics university professor, while my mom stayed home and volunteered in church and school regularly. I was active in church activities and sports like baseball throughout my childhood. In college, I obtained a degree in finance.

My sister and brother-in-law convinced me to move to Georgia, and I took the opportunity to change my career path by learning carpentry and began working with construction and remodeling companies. Here in Utah, I have my own company and am doing similar work. By designing and creating something new with my mind and hands, I enjoy improving people's homes and want to one day build a NEW house of my own for my family.

## PAUL LOVES

Skiing in the mountains

Finding new music to play  
throughout the day

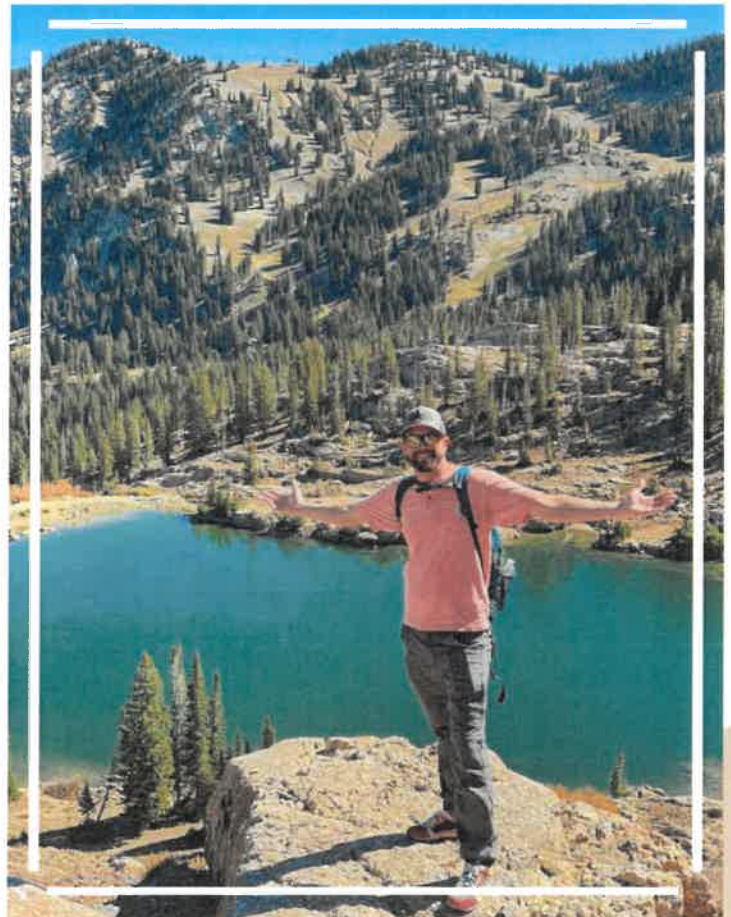
Watching YouTube videos  
about skiing, homebuilding, and  
sports

Fishing, mountain biking, or  
cheering for UGA with friends

Celebrating the birth of Jesus  
during Christmastime

Pizza and cheese of all varieties

Getting dressed up for a nice  
evening and dancing with my  
wife





"I prayed throughout my 20's for a man who would see me and love me as I am, and when I was least expecting it, God put Paul in my life. Paul is an amazing husband and man. He brings life into a room with his love of music, people, and adventure. Paul is generous with his time to help others and is patient and loving to the people in our life. With his desire to learn and grow, he is such a skilled craftsman in his work. Paul looks for ways to surround himself with wise, trustworthy people that we love to be in community with. He loves learning Dad jokes and making kids laugh and feel that they are special.

We have learned to be better communicators with each other over the years and always tell each other "I love you" before we start and end each day. He encourages me when I have a bad day and plans fun things for our free time. I love him so much and see all the ways his gifts would continue to grow if he had the opportunity to be a dad. I am so thankful for Paul and our love."

*-Robin*





# Meet Robin



I grew up as the oldest child with one sister and two brothers. My dad taught high school, while my mom was a labor & delivery nurse. I was a motivated learner in school and active in sports, like basketball and swimming, as well as youth group activities. During college and my first years of teaching middle school, I was a Young Life leader, volunteering my time to invest in teenagers. I loved teaching social studies for several years in Georgia, where I could learn more about the world and different cultures with my students and share about my travels with them. In Utah, I'm teaching 6th grade at an elementary school and enjoying my holiday breaks with Paul and my family.

Family is so important to me! Even though my parents divorced by the end of college, we are still all very close and celebrate holidays together. When I became a teacher, I hoped one day to have my own children to have my summers and holidays available to make the most of my time with my future family. Some of my closest friends I have had since middle school. I value relationships and love to help others.



## ROBIN LOVES

Catching up with her best friends she's had since middle school and her 20's

Yoga to destress at times

Mexican Food, bubble water, and coffee

Planning our travels and exploring new places & cultures

Listening to podcasts & getting sucked into an occasional Netflix show

Hiking, skiing, and camping in nature with Paul and friends



"From the first time I met Robin, I knew that she would be a great wife and mother. Her ability to be loving as well as developing the best in others is apparent from the first time you meet her. She is an excellent communicator, and people gravitate towards her because they see that she is genuinely interested in them and their wellbeing. Being a teacher for many years has allowed her to interact with many different personalities and backgrounds, young and old. She is able to interact tactfully and lovingly, no matter the person or their age.

I was fortunate to have a great dad that has shown me what being a father looks like. I will always strive to be the best father that I can, but when I fall short of perfect, I know that Robin will be there because of how committed she is to being a mother. I am so grateful that she is my partner in life, and we are extremely excited for this new chapter in our life!"

*-Paul*



# Our Home

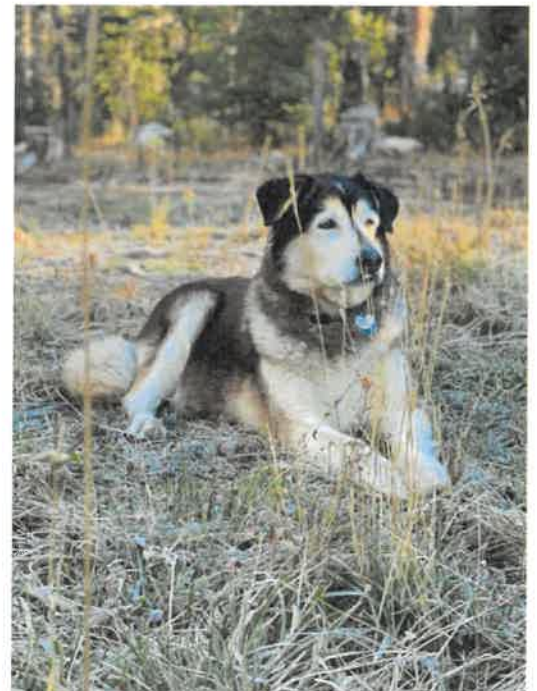
WE LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD OF A CITY THAT IS VERY FAMILY FRIENDLY AND CLOSE TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS.



We live one block from the local elementary school and three blocks from the main park that has a playground, splash pad, pond with ducks, and pool. The mountains with many hiking trails and a few ski resorts are only an hour away. Our house has 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms with a newly renovated kitchen that Paul just updated and a fenced-in backyard. We know our neighbors by name on our street of about 20 houses, help each other out, and sometimes have dinner and board game nights together.

## Meet Makita

Makita, is our 15-year-old golden retriever-malamute mix who is a patient, loving dog that Paul has had since a puppy. As an old dog, she is set in her lazy ways of napping often in the living room or in her dog house but gets super excited a couple of times a day by the question, "Do you want to go on a walk?" She is kind and gentle around kids and not really interested in other dogs. When it snows here in Utah, she gets a bit feistier and loves to eat snow as she jogs through it.





# Our Everyday Lives

CURRENTLY, WE BOTH WORK MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR WEEKENDS TO CATCH UP ON CHORES AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS, LIKE HIKING OR SKIING FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS IN THE NEARBY MOUNTAINS.



We attend a Protestant church most Sundays and are involved in a community small group with a few families on Tuesday evenings. Robin often cooks dinner while Paul does the dishes (He likes to grill out if the weather's nice). We walk Makita a couple of times a day around the block or to the local park. We like to walk or bike to local restaurants, especially with a couple of our neighbor friends who we also play cards or board games with. During the fall, we connect with UGA fans in Utah to watch Georgia football together at someone's house. When Robin has a break from teaching, Paul often coordinates his time as well, so we can go on a short driving trip or fly to see family in the South for Christmas or summertime. Our parents and some longtime friends also make trips throughout the year to visit us as well, and we love to host them at our house.

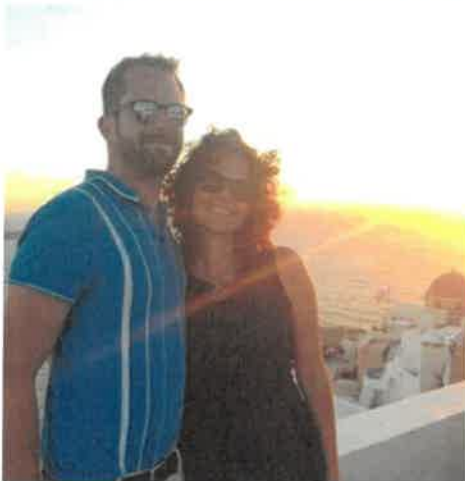


WHEN WE ADOPT A CHILD, ROBIN WOULD LIKE TO BE AT HOME FOR THE FIRST FEW MONTHS AND WORK HALF TIME AS A TEACHER FOR THE FIRST YEAR, WHILE PAUL CONTINUES TO RUN HIS CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS.






# Our Adventures



TOGETHER WE LOVE TO SEE AND EXPERIENCE NEW  
PLACES, PEOPLE, AND FOODS!





As a social studies teacher before meeting Paul, Robin traveled to see friends in the U.S. and volunteered overseas often in her summers. 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. Over the years, we have found amazing travel deals and traveled with just the two of us or with friends to places like Lake Tahoe, Hawaii, Alaska, Switzerland, Hawaii, Greece, and Italy.





# Family Traditions





AS A FAMILY WE HAVE MANY TRADITIONS WE LOOK FORWARD  
EACH SEASON. MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN  
FROM OUR GREAT GRANDPARENTS.



Robin's four generations of family stay together in vacation rentals and play on the beach for a week every other July...a tradition that my great-grandfather started before I was born!



At Thanksgiving & Christmas, we switch spending time with our families in Tennessee and Georgia with all of our family!



For the last 8 summers, Aunt Robin & Uncle Paul take one to two nieces or nephews each for a week overnight for the summer. Since Robin's sister cares for her kids by herself, we love to do something fun and memorable when we have one-on-one time with her children, things we'd love to do with our own children one day. We go on BIG adventures! When they were younger, we'd take them to VBS, blueberry picking, and playground parks. Now, we plan camping and fishing trips to a state or national park, as well as day trips to the planetarium, bike rides and trips to the pool.





# Our Tribe





## Paul's Family

While Paul's parents are in Tennessee, his sister with her husband and three kids live in Georgia. His extended family is spread out all over the Southeast and so excited about our opportunity to adopt. We've been able to meet up with his cousins for camping out west and family weekend retreats over the years. We also gather together for a family reunion near his grandmother's house each Thanksgiving.

## Robin's Family

Most of Robin's extended family lives throughout Georgia. Her sister is a single mom of four kids, her brothers are married, and one of them has a daughter. Our family often gathers with our aunts, uncles, eight adult cousins, their spouses, and kids for birthdays, holidays, and even a week at the beach every other July. It's a crazy fun of family time with you have 30+ people at someone's house or the beach with lots of good Southern food!





# Our Promise

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE ADOPTING  
AND HAVE SO MUCH ROOM IN OUR HEARTS  
FOR RAISING A CHILD IN OUR FAMILY.

Please always know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child, supporting their interests and talents as they grow. We will make sure that s/he will be proud to be adopted and we will only speak positive of you and this unbelievably sacrificial act of love you are making by placing her/him with us. We are open to share how your child grows through photos and updates and would like to hear what you wish and hope as well in communication with us.

We hope this profile gave you a look at our lives and we look forward to meeting you. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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