

Tanner
&
Hayley



We hope you see the deep amount of love we
have to give and share with you.





Hello Friend

Thank you for taking the time to get to see a little bit of our heart in this book. We can only imagine what you are feeling and hope you are surrounded by people who truly care about and cherish you. If we have the honor of raising your child, we cannot wait to share our life, putting their needs above all else. They will be given the best emotional, physical, and financial support available, from both us and our extended families. We will support your child in each and every way they need to have the best opportunities life can offer. We want your child to feel unconditional love from everyone around them and to have a stable home life where they know they are seen, heard, and appreciated. We would be happy to get to know and to help you through this process as much as we can and in any capacity you are open to. Having siblings, aunts, and friends who are adopted, we are committed to creating a home where your child will understand their adoption story and admire you for your strength in your decision to share your child through adoption. They will think of you with nothing but love. We hope you find great peace in your heart and are surrounded by support and care throughout this process. We would be thrilled to meet and to hear all the hopes and dreams you have for your child.

With so much love,

Tanner & Hayley



How we met

We met on a Christian dating app and on our first date, we had dinner at Dana Point Harbor. Tanner revealed that he had just ended a previous relationship ten days prior and Hayley explained that her father had passed away the previous month from ALS. Neither of us was in the mental state to date, but it turned out we were exactly where we needed to be. Dinner continued and we discovered that we could have met long before; we went to rival high schools, graduated the same year, and even went to the same church. Conversation flowed easily and we ended up holding hands as we walked around the harbor.

The Proposal

We went ring glancing at the mall, so Tanner had a good idea of what to get. I liked the pear shaped cut, so Tanner added extra diamonds for more sparkle on the wedding band. Tanner proposed at my house on the back deck overlooking the hills. It was exactly how I wanted my proposal: simple and intimate.

Hayley was attracted to Tanner's easy-going smile, confidence, intelligence, humor, work ethic, and love of Christ. Tanner was attracted to Hayley's kind-hearted nature, beauty, wit, and drive. One of our favorite dates was going to the beach to watch a sunset concert where we danced and sang the night away. **Seven months after we met, we were engaged, and two months after our engagement, we were married.** When you know, you know.



A PEEK INTO OUR LIFE

our lives have brought us together into this beautiful new season

01.

Our first date where we knew there was something special

8.22.2018

02.

Our friendship turned into love and Tanner proposed

4.16.2019

03.

We celebrated our love with friends and family and said I do!

6.22.2019

04.

We bought our first house and made it into our home

8.8.2020



No matter what may come, we are committed to one another through all of life's seasons. We never give up on those we love.



Our marriage now

We have been married for five years, and it has been the best five years of both of our lives. Because we have opposite approaches to most things, it has forced us to grow and get comfortable with alternate ideas. We have learned that through compromise we can more effectively communicate and work as a team to accomplish our goals. We have grown together and learned so much from one another. This has helped us both immensely in communicating and approaching situations with compassion and an open mind. We try to always approach each other without fear of judgment and from a place of love. We strive to put what's best for our relationship before our personal struggles. We are truly friends in addition to spouses and partners.



We have been married for 5 years, and life just keeps getting sweeter together



The heartbeat of our FAMILY

01

INTEGRITY

We strive to be honest with ourselves and each other at all times. We want those we meet to know they can trust us, our character, and our words.

02

COMPASSION

We try to treat everyone with kindness and understanding. People come from all walks of life, and we can learn so much by knowing and loving each of them.

03

GRATITUDE

To truly appreciate what we have, we must be sincerely grateful. Gratitude is the ultimate counter to sadness. We live with a cup half full mentality and want our home to be filled with that type of joy.

04

FAITH

Our faith provides us with the strength to withstand the challenges of life, to continue to learn, to grow, and to have joy. We love God and believe He provides the way.



meet

HAYLEY

what I'm passionate about

As a life long learner, I love to read pretty much anything I can get my hands on from historical fiction to medical nonfiction to fantasy. My favorite authors are Francine Rivers, Kristen Hannah, and Dan Brown. I also enjoy being in nature, walking our dogs, lounging at the beach, or hiking local trails with friends. I love home time where I can cuddle with our puppies and kitties, practice Pilates, and spend time with Tanner. He truly is my best Friend!



Hayley is going to be a great mom!

I am so excited to be a mom. I have had plenty of experience with kids, helping to raise my younger siblings, nieces, and nephews, as well as nannying, and taking care of toddlers at church. I am present in the moment when I interact with little ones by playing games such as Legos, building pillow forts, coloring, and reading. I talk kindly and sweetly, asking them questions about things that pique their interest. I love to see the world through their unique, curious, and enlightening minds.

My Career

I am a Pilates instructor, which I have always loved. Once we adopt, I will be a full-time, stay-at-home mom. It will be such an honor to commit all my time to raising our little ones and cannot wait! We have already worked out what this will look like within our family. As a result, we will not have to miss any sweet moments of our child's life as they grow up.



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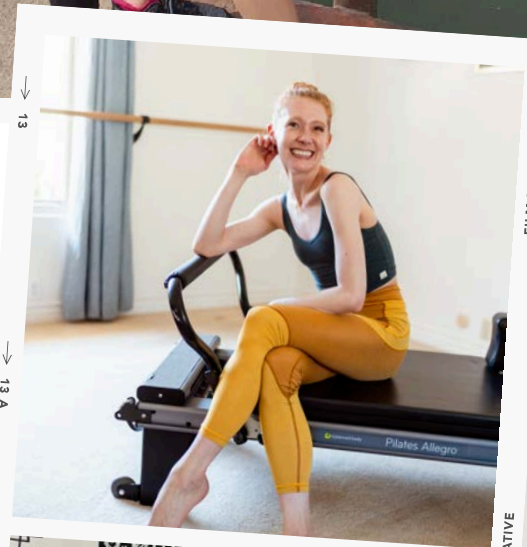
Loyal

Confident

Caring

In Tanner's words...

I admire her physical beauty, spiritual sensitivity, kindness, innocence, and genuine goodness. Hayley is incredibly smart, a great listener, and is so easy to talk to. She is humble nearly to a fault despite a successful professional dance career and currently successful Pilates business. She is kind and loving. She never ceases to care for and dote on me along with our four fur babies. She always strives to do what is right and to follow Christ. Hayley is the kind of girl who brings the grumpy neighbor cookies and kind words, only to have him soften and become a good friend of the family. She is always putting kindness first and will teach our future children to have a heart of kindness, too. Love promotes happiness and peace, and the space Hayley creates in our home is just that. Happy and peaceful.



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meet

TANNER

what I'm passionate about

I like all kinds of outdoor adventure sports - surfing, motorcycling, dirt biking, snowboarding, boating and river sports, and camping. I love to spend my time both being active and relaxing on the couch. I love to snuggle with our animals any time I can as well as to spend quality time with Hayley.



Tanner will be an affectionate and loving Dad!

I have always looked forward to the day I become a dad. Being the youngest of 4 boys, I never had much experience caring for younger people until my brothers started having children. When I was 20 years old, I lived in the Philippines as a volunteer service missionary in a disaster zone. It was there that I developed greater empathy and compassion for those who could not protect themselves, especially the children there, who had nothing. Upon returning home and meeting my niece for the first time, I realized there is nothing in this world I wouldn't do for my family. I can't wait to experience life with my kids and help them grow into the people they want to be. Nothing will bring me greater joy in this life.

My Career

I am the Director of Business Development for a CPA firm. I am studying to get my CPA license so I will have continued job security and earning potential. I work from home and travel very little, so my job is ideal for a dad that wants to be actively involved in raising our children. My job offers generous paternity leave that will allow me to put my young family first.



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Funny

Kind

Outgoing

In Hayley's words...

Tanner is great with children. When we were working in the nursery at church with children ages 14 months to three years old, he interacted and engaged with each one of them. He also loves his nieces and nephews dearly, hoisting them up in the air and swinging them around for fun. He is looking forward to raising solid, courageous, and independent kids. He is engaging with those around him, patient, kind, always gentle, and continuously encouraging. Tanner is super easy to be around, personable, attentive, conversational, and funny. He listens and hears what I have to say and knows how to approach subjects thoughtfully and lovingly.



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Our heart for *Adoption*

We have always longed to be parents. Having each come from big families, we hold the many relationships they contain close to our hearts and value the importance of family in our marriage. We did not anticipate the struggle that would come when trying to grow our family biologically. Through the challenge of infertility, we have grown in strength, resiliency, and understanding both individually and as a couple. We needed this preparation to realize our path was adoption and to become the parents we need to be.



Adoption is written into
our family story, and has a
special place in our lives



Adoption is a central part of both of our lives.

Hayley's three younger siblings are adopted, so it has always been something she wanted to pursue. She has seen the pain and joy of adoption, and understands that this selfless decision comes from love for a child. Tanner's twin aunts were adopted and his dad cannot imagine life without his little sisters. Tanner's dad expressed that "we knew exactly what was missing in our family the moment we laid eyes on those sweet girls." We are in awe of your courage and selflessness, and will raise your baby in the most loving, nurturing, and supportive environment. Becoming parents through adoption will be our greatest life calling; their needs will always be first. Your child will know that it was your love for them that brought us together.

We look forward to...

We are so excited for the little things: watching them say their first words, take their first steps, make their first friends, and have their first day of school. We are eager to help them explore and develop their interests and learn new things with them. We will provide them with everything they need to succeed and thrive in whatever passions they pursue. We look forward to being involved in their lives in the small ways like reading a book at night, coaching little league teams, and playing hide-and-seek together. We want to be present with them throughout all life's ups and downs while helping them grow their confidence, abilities, talents and understanding needed to achieve their goals. They will always know they are supported and loved.



our house is a home because of
THE PEOPLE WHO FILL IT

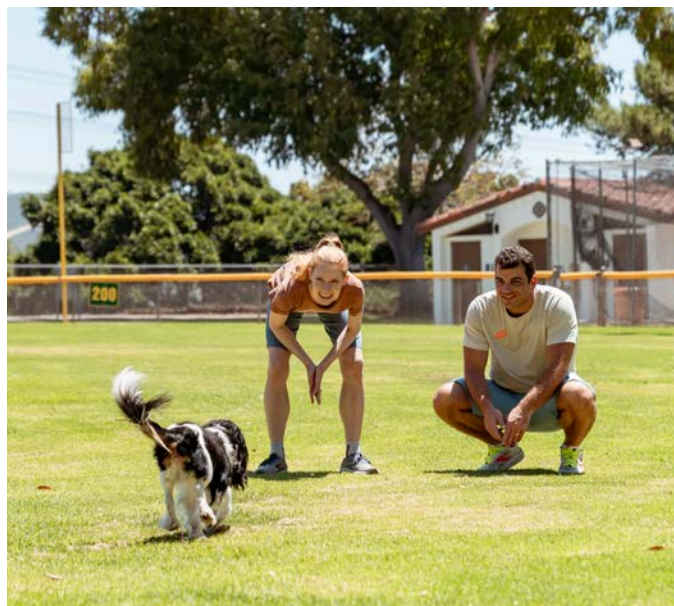


We want our home to be a place where our kids can experience childhood with a sense of wonder and joy.

We love everything about our home. Our home is peaceful, comfortable, and safe. It has beautiful wood ceilings, a peak-a-boo ocean view, and a nice airy breeze from the coast. Our community has enclosed pools with key access and we are walking distance to parks and playgrounds. A quick bike ride to the beach or downtown for a bite to eat, we live in a central and accessible location for all our town has to offer. We love our family-friendly community and the lifelong friendships we are building. We hope to maintain a safe, honest, supportive, and loving environment in our home as our family grows.

local things we love

LOCAL ZOO
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
FAMILY FUN BEACHES
BIKE TRAILS
BALL PARK
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
AQUARIUM



Our community is very kid-friendly with many young families in the neighborhood. We get together with the parents and kids to celebrate holidays like Fourth of July, and Halloween, gathering for block parties, playing in the pool, and marching in parades. We live up the street from a nice baseball field, have access to multiple community pools, can ride our bikes to the beach, and can get downtown by car or bicycle very quickly. **We make an effort to get to the beach as often as we can where we enjoy the peace and beauty the ocean provides.** Our home also has several parks and playgrounds nearby. The town has fun events from concerts in the park, swimming lessons, art classes and other fun trades like ceramics and pottery. Our local schools offer a wide range of opportunities through diverse sports and arts programs, social settings, academic pursuits, and hobbies. There will be no shortage of fun things to do and good people to do them with in our neighborhood. We are so excited to see our kids grow up here.

Our sweet city & COMMUNITY



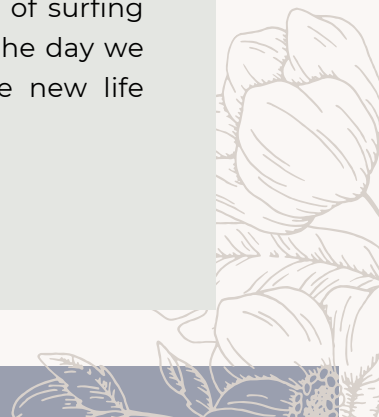
WHAT WE DO FOR FUN



SPENDING TIME TOGETHER BRINGS US JOY



We love to go to the beach, walk our dogs, cuddle on the couch, go to church activities, and have social outings and dinners with friends and family. We could be doing nothing and still be happy campers as long as we are together. Near our house, there is a hiking trail that the dogs love to go on for our daily walks. There are several local restaurants that we go on weekly dates - Healthy Active Culture, Indian food at Hot n Chili, Chinese food at Mandarin Garden or fresh seafood at SeaSurf. We love to travel and go to Portugal whenever we can find the time. We also enjoy quick trips like driving down to Baja, Mexico for a day of surfing and tacos. We cannot wait for the day we become parents and introduce new life rhythms to our home.



Traditions



For Christmas, Hayley and her sister's birthdays, we get together with each of our families. Tanner's mom usually cooks a more traditional delicious feast with multiple kinds of meat and endless desserts. Hayley's family typically cooks a more German inspired meal. Tanner's extended family also has a huge yearly celebration with all the cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents where Tanner has been playing Santa Claus, his favorite starring role, for all the little kiddos.



Winter fun



Pumpkin patch with friends

We look forward to incorporating new special moments and making new traditions that celebrate our family!

Trick-or-Treat

it's truly extra special

On Halloween, we dress up and get together with friends and pass out candy to goblins and ghouls who stop by our house. Our neighborhood is full of kids, but the best neighborhood to go trick-or-treating is actually where Tanner's parents live super close by. Loads of kids flock to their community to get the huge candy bars and treats.



OUR SWEET AND SUPPORTIVE

Family



Getting together with Tanner's big Italian family is always a time of laughter, good food, and better company. We see them at least once a week, usually more. **What we love about this is that family is the core of who we are! We prioritize time with them, and we get the joy of what it looks like to all be close.**



We see Hayley's family every couple of months because they live a little farther away, but it is always a good time with good company, and they are so incredibly supportive and caring. **We know both our families are going to love your child, show up for them in little and big ways throughout their life, and truly cherish them.**



We both have big families. Tanner has three older brothers - Michael, Cameron, and Hunter. His parents Mike and Sharon have been married 43 years. Tanner's mom's parents have passed, but his dad's parents are still alive. He has seven nieces and nephews - Coral, Sunny, Reef, Charlie, Piper, Holland, and one mystery baby boy on the way. Tanner's twin aunts Lisa and Lori are adopted. Hayley has five siblings - Candice, Michael, Matthew, Hayden, and Madeline. The latter three are younger than she is and adopted. She also has six nieces and nephews - Christopher, Andrew, Sophia, Tyler, Aubrey, and Brielle. Her father Michael passed after being married to her mother Debra for 48 years. Debra has since remarried to Peter, a great guy.



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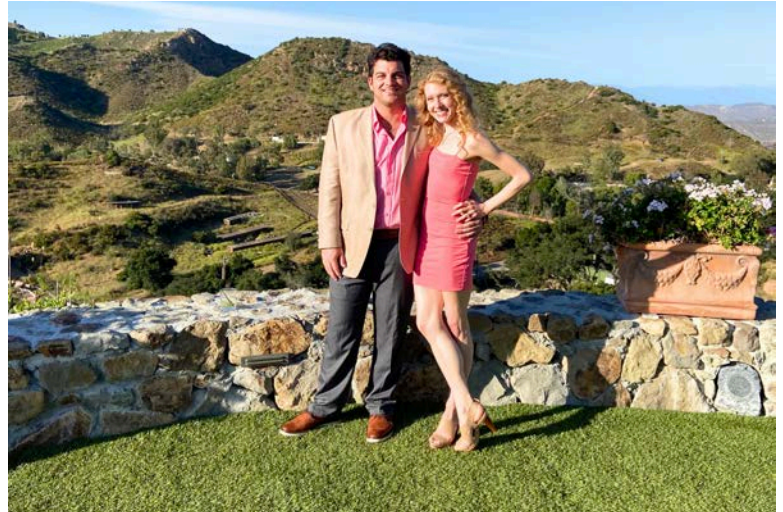
LAUGHTER, FUN,
AND FRIENDSHIP IS
FOUND IN THE
HEARTBEAT OF
OUR FAMILY



OUR HOPES AND DREAMS *for the future*

Future

We plan to stay on the California coast where we live near family, friends, and work. We want to provide a stable childhood for our children by staying put, providing consistency in schools, church congregations, and friend groups. Our family and friends provide a special group of people that will offer our children a sense of community and belonging; we look forward to celebrating life's milestones together. We also want to travel with our children, exposing them to different cultures and perspectives. Both of us have siblings, so we see the importance of those special bonds, and want to continue to grow our family as well. When we think of our future family, we understand that it could start with you. Know that we keep our promises, especially regarding the beautiful baby you are trusting us with.



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We want to create a life filled with joy and laughter. A home of warmth and love where our children feel happy just being themselves, knowing that is enough.

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Faith

We are part of the Christian faith, attending The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. We go to the same services as Tanner's parents where there are so many wonderful people and TONS of little ones, which means there will be no shortage of friendship opportunities and fun activities for our children. We desire for our children to love their neighbors and view all people as children of God. We hope that this moral foundation will help them develop boundaries and make good decisions so they can live happy, successful, and joyous lives. Our faith strengthens our marriage and family relationships, slowing us to anger and encouraging us to love and understand one another. If we have the honor of bringing your little one into our family, they will feel love every day. They will know this love started with your love for them.



Education

As a family, we see and have experienced, firsthand, the value of education and the opportunities that come with it. We both graduated from college and have pursued education beyond to continually grow in our careers. Tanner is finishing up some required classes in preparation for the CPA licensing exam. Hayley has pursued certifications in Pilates and other forms of movement to help her grow her business and abilities. We want to encourage and support our children in educational pursuits and assist them in their academic journey in any way we can. We also recognize that college is not the only route to success and will support our children in whatever they pursue. We will always try to encourage and empower them to explore their options and find their calling in life.



Above all else, love is what grounds us.



IF YOU FIND COMFORT IN US

we promise these things to you

We promise to offer them vibrant support of our eager families, community, and friends who cannot wait to welcome them into their hearts.

We promise to help direct and support your child to reach their dreams, feeling joy and laughing often along the way.

We promise to speak of you in our home with love and admiration, and your child will grow up feeling your profound love for them.

Hayley's adopted siblings all have great relationships with their birth families, and we see so much beauty in open adoption. We will honor any level of connection that you feel comfortable with, always keeping an open heart for you to know your child as they grow up.

We understand this is not an easy decision, but we pray you feel peace, clarity, and comfort as you listen to your heart. Even though we have yet to meet you, we already see how beautiful you are on the inside for having such courage and love for your child. We look forward to getting to know you, and hearing your hopes and dreams for them. We share that deep love for your child and truly want what is best for them. We are so excited to connect with and to get to know you, as well as offer support wherever we can. Thank you!

Tanner & Hayley



As you take each step forward we hope you know

*your voice matters
your life is precious
you are brave
you are loved
you are courageous*

We hope to get to know you soon!

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