

Adron & Amber



AS YOU TAKE EACH STEP
FORWARD, KNOW YOU ARE
BRAVE, LOVED, SPECIAL, AND
A WOMAN OF TRUE VALUE.
YOU MATTER TO US AND WE
HOPE WE GET A CHANCE TO
SHOW YOU HOW MUCH LOVE
WE HAVE TO SHARE.





Hello

Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family more. We are very humbled that you are considering us as parents for your child. We do not take for granted the gravity of this decision and your heart in all of this.

The desire to grow our family has been strong in us for a long time because we love being parents and we are committed to the whole lifelong process. We understand the weighted responsibility of this, but also the great joy.

Although we do not know your story yet, we hope we get a chance to know you more and start to build a relationship of trust. We know you love your child deeply and we want to honor your love in your child's life by hearing your desires, wishes, and hopes for them. You matter, your voice matters, and we hope we get a chance to support you in this journey.

As you turn each page, our hope is that you see the deep amount of love that we share between our family, and how you and your child would be invited into that with open arms.

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OUR STORY

How We Met

We met at a singles function through our church at Cici's Pizza. I was astonished how Aaron did not let the buffet go to waste and Aaron was quite taken with how I spent the whole night talking with him. He later asked another woman in attendance all about me! It seemed like a great first meeting, but nothing came of it. Or, so we thought. Six months later, we both decided to try out a singles Bible study for the first time, and when we both arrived, we were pleasantly surprised to see each other there.

After that night, Aaron invited me to his birthday party at the go-kart race track. I brought Aaron some cookies and Aaron was stunned that I was a threat on the race track. He said that I kept him on his toes! It was really just natural to spend time together and it felt so easy!

After that, we spent a lot of time together going to the gym, eating dinner, and watching movies. We also spent a lot of time at the beach and going to various theme parks. Feelings developed quickly, but we were both cautious. Eventually, Aaron met my daughter Emma and that relationship began to develop as well. We dated for 11 months before Aaron proposed!

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We've been married for
10
amazing years
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The Proposal



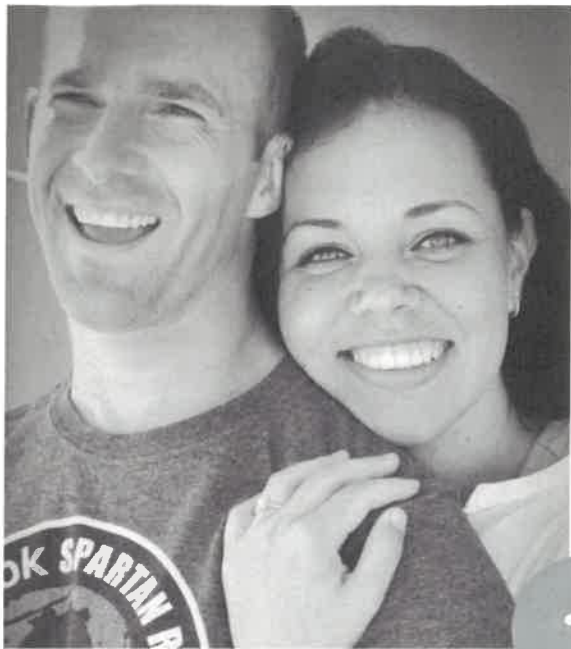
I had planned a surprise for the engagement. I took Amber out early for a hot air balloon ride. It was at sunrise in the wine country. This was a stretch as I am the early bird and Amber is the night owl. We got to walk among the grape vines and then watch as the huge balloon was put in the air. The view was breathtaking and the countryside looked so fresh and perfect. Near the end of the ride, there was a huge banner below that read, "Will you marry me?" I was so nervous! Both Amber and another woman looked at each other and then both looked at their respective men. The other man said, "Don't worry, it isn't me." Amber looked at me. Even though there wasn't much room, I got down on one knee and opened the ring box. Amber wholeheartedly agreed and we of course shared a long kiss. After this, there was much celebration. We spent the rest of the day together and we got to call our families and tell them the good news!



Our Marriage



We committed early on to each other as the foundation of our family, not in exclusion of the children, but with them in mind. We purposely spend intentional time with each other each day catching up. We spend time each day talking about our days. Aaron is really good about asking where he can most support when he gets home and together we finish the rest of the day well. Almost every night we get to spend an hour or so with just each other. We talk or watch a series together that we only watch when we are with one another. We also like to get away for a couple of nights every year, just us. We plan for things we want to do and then we schedule them! We also will go on dates, out to grab coffee, get a meal, or even just to Costco. We usually resolve conflicts with open communication. We do our best not to leave things too long as we don't want any bad feelings or bitterness to take hold. The other thing that helps us is that we have decided ahead of time to forgive each other. Physical affection also goes a very long way so we make sure we don't fall into roommate status!



IF WE HAVE THE HONOR OF RAISING
AND LOVING YOUR CHILD

We Promise....

1

TO LOVE YOUR CHILD AND BE PROACTIVE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM BY STAYING IN TUNE TO THEIR NEEDS AND WANTS AND BY MEETING THEM WHERE THEY ARE AT.



2

WE WILL BE THEIR HOME, THAT LOVING AND SAFE PLACE THEY CAN RELAX AND UNWIND AND BE THEMSELVES.

3

WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE PROVIDE MIRRORS: PEOPLE, BOOKS, AND EXPERIENCES, IN OUR LIFE THAT ARE REFLECTIVE OF YOUR CHILD'S CULTURE AND HERITAGE SO THAT THEY CAN EASILY SEE THEMSELVES IN THE PEOPLE AND THINGS AROUND US.



4

WE WILL HAVE BELLY LAUGHS AND GIGGLES AND WILL ENJOY LIFE WITH YOUR CHILD AND MAKE MEMORIES TO LAST.

5

WE WILL HAVE LOTS OF HUGS AND I LOVE YOU'S AND YOUR CHILD WILL KNOW DEEP INSIDE THAT THEY ARE LOVED AND CARED FOR.



WE WILL ALWAYS KEEP
OUR PROMISES TO YOU



The foundation of our family is love. We promise to spend our entire lives making sure your child knows how incredibly loved they are.

OUR HEART FOR ADOPTION



When we met, Amber was a single mother with a young daughter, Emma. It was an honor to adopt her and it has been such a privilege to grow closer together and to grow closer as a family and be entrusted with that role in her life. We later had a son and the love has only multiplied. We can only imagine how much more it will multiply with an addition! When we first met we always dreamed of having a larger family. We both understand the range of emotions, intentionality, education, and care that comes when loving and raising a child through adoption. We both have adopted family, friends, and colleagues in our lives who have been able to share their experiences and we have leaned in and learned so much. **We want to be lifelong learners of our future child, creating a relationship with them where they can come to us with any questions and feelings they have about their story.** We will always be their greatest advocate, place of safety, and listening ear.

GROWING OUR FAMILY

Amber has really rough pregnancies and her last one was almost fatal. The doctor advised us to carefully consider any future pregnancies and the risks that could be brought to her life. After lots of conversations, we felt so much peace about the immense amount of love we have in our family, and how adoption was absolutely the right path for us.

YOU MATTER TO US!

1

Your voice and heart matter so much! We want to hear all the little and big dreams you have for your child and how we can honor those in their life as they grow up.

2

We are people who keep our word. As you get to know us, we will show you by our actions that we will honor and always follow through with an open adoption.

3

You would be an extension of our family. Your child would grow up knowing how much you love them.

WHAT MAKES US TICK

1

Connection

We think that it is really important to spend time with each other building relationships and being present. This is not us sitting in the same room together each on our own device, this is us having intentional time together where we are interacting with one another.

3

Kindness

We really want our children to be kind and thoughtful, to themselves and to others. We always practice this and set the example in our family. We also want our words to them to form positive inner voices in them and this is something we consistently model.

2

Unique

We want to help our children become who they are supposed to be, not just who we think that they should be. Our hope is that we can help them identify their strengths and make them stronger and to identify weaknesses and work on those too.

4

Fun

We love to laugh and joke and play. Children inherently are quite hilarious and we want fun and laughing with us to be part of their core memories. It is easy to want to show the serious side of things, but silly and fun is really important.



MEET

Amber



Being home

FULLTIME AS A MOM IS A GIFT

I feel so grateful to be home full time with our children, being able to be fully invested into their lives. From school, extra curricular, to being home and planning fun family activities. We also love hosting exchange students where we can learn other cultures!

Loyal

Big Heart

Good Listener

What I love...

Reading
Baking / Cooking
Playing Piano

Time with the kids
A good puzzle
A great beach day

Family fun days
Local museums
Time with friends

Date night
A fun adventure
Time outdoors



IN AARON'S WORDS...

I admire the way Amber shows her love in many ways— through communication, how much she cares for the family inside and outside of the house, how she leads the kids' education, and her full heart in our family's needs. She puts so much love and thought in all she does. She is the type of person that when you talk to her, you instantly feel at ease. She makes others feel seen and gives them a safe place to share their lives. Although she is the one who keeps our family on schedule, she is so much FUN! She loves to plan memorable family days, getaways, and makes the mundane moments memorable too! She comes up with all the unique and fun recipes that have been a benefit for our whole family's health. She is spontaneous and adventurous in many ways. She is rooted in who she is, which is loving, caring, kind, and grounded.

As a Mom

Amber's experience with the kids has been something remarkable. Because she is with them most of the time in the day, she has many opportunities for interactions throughout the day and so she is in tune with the kids. She involves them in most things that she does during the day so that they can grow up to know what they should do and how to care for themselves and their home. She knows deep things that affect the kids that she passes to me and helps our parenting to be consistent and on the same page. She is really excited about being a mother through adoption and including this new little one in our family and rhythms and learning how those will shift with the new addition.

MEET

Adron

Compassionate

Goofy

Listener



My Career

My occupation involves flying in a helicopter. This job offers flexibility to my schedule to help with family needs. I am blessed to be able to have this unique career that allows me an incredible amount of family flexibility so I can always put them first while still providing for my family.

What I love...

Run with our dog
A good hike
Park with the kids

Playing catch
House projects
Dates with Amber

Family camping
Beach Days
Dad dates

BBQing with family
Local hiking
Serving at church

IN AMBER'S WORDS...



What first attracted me to Aaron was his comfort in his own skin. He didn't act like he needed to prove anything. He just was himself. I really appreciate his love for the Lord. I do not have to be crushed under the weight of being Aaron's everything and this gives me so much freedom to just love him the best that I can. I know that his spiritual needs are fulfilled and that he is accountable to someone higher than me with how he treats his wife and children.

He is so good to me. He shows me every day that he is committed to me and our kids. He works faithfully every day to provide and I love how patient he is.

He is very sincere in his acceptance of advice in regard to parenting and life. I feel like we are partners and that we have different roles to fill. I appreciate that he has learned to listen and let me talk and vent. He has made a good habit of studying me and knowing what I like. I appreciate that he remembers what we talk about.



As a Dad

Aaron is a really attentive father. Since the beginning, he has always come to the children's level and world and done things that they asked or wanted to do. This was playing with Emma on the playground, riding bikes, running around the lake, and feeding ducks. As Emma matured, she just wanted to talk, a lot. Aaron is so capable with her and takes her on all his errands, per her request, and often sits in the driveway long after they arrive home, just listening. His loving patience helped us through many challenging times.

When Leland was born, he jumped right in with feeding the baby and doing the night shift so I could get some rest. He was really great with Emma during that time, to give her extra attention, as mine was monopolized at times. I know that this is how he will be when the baby comes. He will jump right in with babywearing and feeding and talking to them and he will also work on making sure that everyone has what they need when mama is occupied. Aaron loves to run and play in the park with Leland, they "work out" together, ride scooters, build boats, and many more things.



OUR

Kiddos

LELAND

OUR KIDS HAVE THE BIGGEST
HEARTS AND WILL CHERISH
AND LOVE THEM TO THE
MOON AND BACK.

Leland is very active and has always been a loving and a caring boy. He really enjoys wrestling with Daddy, playing football, playing with Emma, spending time with his family, and Friday night sweets night. He is super smart, learns things really quickly, and he keeps his parents on their toes! He feels really deeply and he often talks of his new little brother or sister with great anticipation. He can't wait to have his own little sibling.



EMMA

Emma is full of life and the "life of the party." She can make anything fun. She works hard at school and she has had to work very hard to get to where she is now. She is helpful around the house and she loves little kids. She understands how to connect with all ages that we meet through church and home school. She and Leland have great fun together, creating and playing games together, and other imaginative play. She can't wait to snuggle and love on a new little sibling. She enjoys teaching an art class for 2-7 year olds every Friday. She also loves sewing clothes and she enjoys her time with cousins and friends.



FAMILY TIME

We love quality time together as a family! We really like the water and spend our summers doing many beach activities. Since we live a quick drive to the ocean, you can find us there in the summer a lot!

We love a good camping trip! Some of our fondest traditions are making dinner and smores over the campfire that Leland and Daddy built. Getting outside, away from technology, and just spending time together playing board games is the best! We also love to go see Gram and Grandpa in Oregon. We usually go in the winter and get snow time! It is so fun to be in the woods and have time away to relax and play.

Every evening includes family dinner together at the table. Depending on the light outside, we like to take a walk. Sometimes we watch a movie or play a board game or Pa comes up to battle in Switch Sports. We end the night with a devotional and prayer, lots of hugs and sometimes tickles, and then Amber tucks Leland in with a book and song and a little bit of lavender lotion. Emma spends her evening with us for an hour and then reads until she turns in. We cannot wait to add a baby to these sweet family rhythms together.



HOME SWEET HOME

OUR HOUSE IS SIMPLY THE
BACKDROP TO THE BEAUTIFUL
LIFE THAT WE LIVE.



We live in a 1950's style ranch house. It has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. When you walk in, it is an open concept with the living room, dining room, and kitchen all in one large room. We love that there is so much natural light. We have a covered porch, three fruit trees, and a couple of garden beds. The kids love the swing set in the backyard with a rope. We are planning to put a baby swing out there for when the baby is a little bigger!

The thing that makes it a home is our family and our love for one another. Our desire to be with one another, to choose to love each other through the good times and the challenges. That is what makes this house come alive!



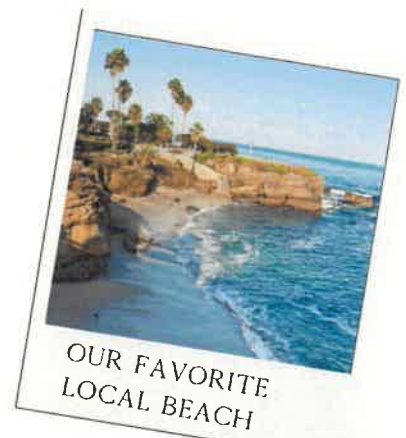
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OUR COMMUNITY

WE LIVE IN A SMALLER SUBURB IN CALIFORNIA!



It is quite diverse in ethnicity, cultural backgrounds, and has resources for children with all types of passions. We live directly behind a six-acre park with a large walking path, a playground and a huge grassy area. We spend a lot of time at this park. During the summer there are weekly music concerts for the family and family movie nights on the lawn. We live about 20 minutes from multiple beaches which we frequent often. There are always events that are going on. We have celebrated Chinese New Year here as well as a Cinco de Mayo Festival. There are many theme parks within a reasonable driving distance as well as many natural wonders and hiking trails. There are a lot of great restaurants and we live near many local farms with local produce, meat, and eggs. We have many museums, a couple of theatre houses, and a symphony. We feel lucky to be raising our family here.



OUR FAVORITE LOCAL BEACH



CHRISTMAS PARADE



FAMILY HIKING SPOT

TRADITIONS



June is a fun time for our family because the cousins usually come into town for a month. We enjoy catching up with them and the kids enjoy the long days of playing and being together.

We have a July 4th tradition of going to our church for a BBQ and water play. The church gets a huge water slide and the kids slide down that all day. There is also pickleball and other games to keep everyone busy. It is such a fun time!

WE GO ALL OUT FOR CHRISTMAS



During December, Amber wraps books and we put them under the tree. We unwrap a book each night and read it along with eating our advent chocolate each night. We also love to go to the symphony and watch a movie set to the music. The last movie we did this for was Frozen. It is outside next to the water and we bundle up with blankets and food and go out for the evening. It is so much fun!

We love to walk around Starlight Circle. It is a place where every house is decorated with lights and décor and the families sell all sorts of food and drink. It's always so festive!

Every year, our church puts on a Christmas night and the families do different songs, skits, and readings. Afterward, we eat hot soup, cookies, hot chocolate, and cider. We sit around the fire or play games and the kids go on endless hayrides.

On Christmas Eve, we drag all of the mattresses to the living room and we watch movies by Christmas light until everybody falls asleep. Then the parents sneak off to bed. We wake on Christmas morning and we go to Papa and Grandma's house for a huge breakfast and presents. We spend all day together playing with the gifts and that evening we have a well-planned dinner with all of the fixings and plenty of dessert.





Our heart as parents

Our parenting philosophy is to be present in mind and heart, not just body, and emotionally available to our children. We also lead by example, with our love for each other and kids, treating them with kindness, not yelling, and doing small things to show we care. We want them to know we care and to win their hearts. We believe that spending time and doing life alongside them is the best way to guide and teach them and also to correct them. We tend to use natural consequences as our primary form of discipline. This means having lots of conversations about the things around us. We are also intentional about one-on-one time as well, doing dates and special outings alone with Mom and Dad, and being purposeful. **We parent with the idea in mind of what would be helpful to them in their own life and never for our convenience.**



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OUR FUTURE

Our number one focus for our future in this season is adoption and creating family rhythms that would be the healthiest for a child to enter into. We think of you and how we will follow through with our promises and honor and support you.

We currently love where we live but do have plans in a couple of years to move to the Midwest. We have so much family there and we would like for our children to grow up with lots of cousins and family celebrations.

We also love to adventure as a family finding fun new places to camp. We love to visit National Parks and to see nature at its finest. We also love to visit historical sights. A few things on our bucket list are Yellowstone National Park and the East Coast to visit historical American sites including Washington DC.

All future plans we consider will be focused around the well-being of our family and your child. We will always put their needs and life first.



Our Amazing Family

AMBER'S FAMILY

My parents are Ruben and Jean. They have been married for 43 years and they live next door! It has been so wonderful to have them so near. They are very involved in our kid's lives and show up for all the little and big moments. They are so excited to love and be just as involved for our future child as well. They will truly cherish and spoil them. Let's just say there is lots of love and support in our family and having them live within walking distance is such a gift to our family!

I have two brothers. Josh is older than me and married to Larissa. They have five kids from age 7-18; Jadon, Isabelle, Nathaniel, Ben, and Owen. My younger brother is Jonathan. He is married to Kris and they have four children aged 9-15; Jonah, Jillian, Jackson, and Penny. Jon and Kris are foster parents and currently have two young boys in their home.



AARON'S FAMILY

My parents are Terence and Debrah. They have been married 42 years. Debrah had two children from a former marriage (first husband had passed away), David and Julie. When my parents met and married, my dad was excited to love and be a parent to them. He adopted them as soon as he was able and gave them his last name, however, they maintained relationships with their father's family as well which has been so beautiful. My parents then went on to parent six more children; Joel, Tabitha, Kerith, Phillip, Adam, and me! We are a close-knit family that loves to connect and stay involved in one another's lives. They are all so excited to love another child and be there for them as they grow up!



WHEN WE GET TOGETHER

We are both close with our parents and extended families. The family that lives in town is very supportive and shows up at celebrations like birthday parties and graduations and every little thing in between like getting a driver permit, coming to a puppet show the kids are putting on, or joining us on a random week night for dinner. When we all get together with Aaron's side of the family, it is great fun. We have a big meal and play minute to win it games or something equally competitively fun. We hosted the last reunion near a lake town and went swimming and played on the boat most days. The adults and kids love playing Happy Salmon and Pit. It is as much fun to play as it is to watch. When Amber's family gets together, there is a lot of laughing and it gets pretty loud when we are catching up. We love to share a meal together and the menu always includes some kind of smoked meat. We all head over to the park to toss a football or play some bocce ball. There are lots of cousins and they are always running around and inventing some kind of game. We love eating smores around the fire for dessert.



*Family matters the
most to us*







WHAT WE BELIEVE

We are Christians. We can sum up the heart of our faith into two main thoughts. First, we love God and live in a way that honors Him. We openly discuss our faith in our home and we involve our family. We learn about God through Bible stories and readings, we sing together, we pray, and we attend church as a family. Secondly, we love our neighbors. This starts with our closest neighbors, each other! Our God has been so good to us and we want to be good to those around us by kind words and encouragement, empathy, hospitality, forgiveness, and understanding. We can't do everything, but we can help where we can! Part of loving our neighbors is being involved in our church community. Our church family is an extension of our family and we love and support one another as we raise our children. They are really excited about our adoption and have a heartbeat for supporting adoptees. We feel confident that your child will feel safe, loved, and have role models of other adoptees in our church that they can learn from.



*We will fully support them in their dreams
and help them chase after them fully*



We believe that our job as parents is to be the one that is mainly parenting and preparing them. This is difficult to do when a child is gone all day and then doing homework all night. We understand that time equals influence and we would like to be the ones primarily influencing them as their brains and bodies develop. We understand that the time and love that we pour into them will foster close parental connection and deep feelings of belonging and love. We consider homeschooling to be an incredible pathway for education that can be tailor-made to their own unique interests and learning approach. We do an equal job at making sure our children have deep connected friendships and are in extracurricular activities they love.



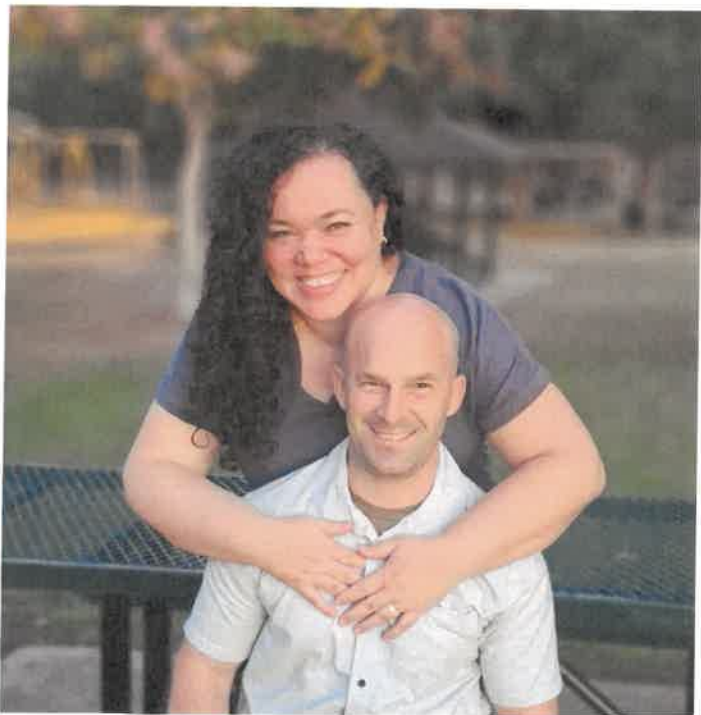
OUR HEART FOR EDUCATION

WHAT MATTERS

Family matters most, and we prioritize our life around building fun and intentional connections. We love being a part of a large diverse community. We seek to acknowledge the good in people and focus on that, giving each person we encounter—including ourselves!—the benefit of the doubt. We want our kids to find their unique purpose and passions as they grow up and then support them with our whole lives! We never want to look back and feel like we missed out on making our family the priority. We will always make time for laughter, being silly together, taking time to listen to our children and giving our kids an identity about what it looks like to be together as a family.

TIME TOGETHER

*Family time is our most favorite time!
We live our lives focused on what is best for our kids, and we will make that a priority for your child as well! What matters to them, how we can love them best, and finding ways to support them in their own uniqueness.*



SOAKING IN THE LITTLE MOMENTS



From Our Heart To Yours

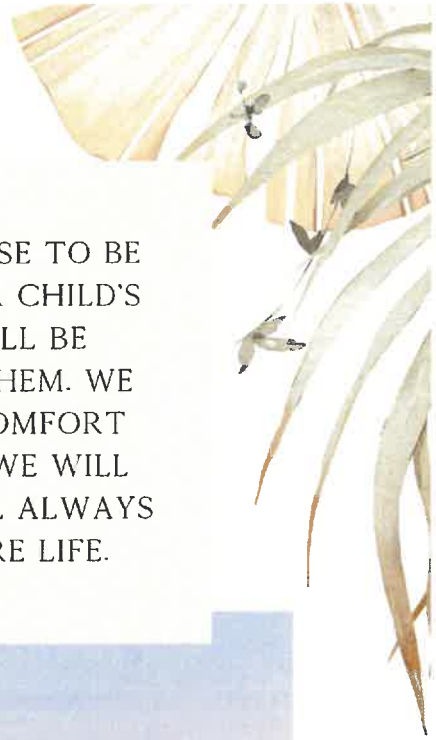
We hope that you have gotten to know us a little better after getting a glimpse of our heart for each other, our children, and you and your child. We can only imagine what walking this journey is like for you, and we are here to support you through each step. No matter what you choose in the end of this, may that be parenting or choosing adoption...your life is significant and so is your child. We believe that we will provide a wonderful and loving home to your child and that they will be ours too. We are grateful to you for considering us as parents for your child, to love and cherish them. We are a total open book and we would welcome any questions you have about our life.

WITH LOVE,

Aaron and Amber



IF YOU FIND COMFORT IN OUR FAMILY, WE PROMISE TO BE
THOUGHTFUL IN HOW WE LOVINGLY SHARE YOUR CHILD'S
STORY WITH THEM AS THEY GROW UP. WE WILL BE
INTENTIONAL IN HOW WE LOVE AND CARE FOR THEM. WE
WILL TAKE TIME TO LISTEN, ENCOURAGE, AND COMFORT
THEM WHEN DAYS ARE WONDERFUL AND HARD. WE WILL
NEVER EVER GIVE UP ON WHO THEY ARE AND WILL ALWAYS
BE THERE FOR THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR ENTIRE LIFE.





AARON ♥ AMBER