



To love and be loved is to feel the sun on both sides.



# hello.

### WE WANT YOU TO KNOW, RIGHT OFF THE BAT, THAT WE ARE A FAMILY DEEPLY ROOTED IN LOVE.

Our loving family started 15 years ago when we met in college. Now we are both school teachers, we have a nice home, we're involved in our wonderful community, and we have a happy 5-year-old son named Wayne. At this point in our lives, we are excited to share our love with others. Going into this adoption process, we love not only our child to come, but we also love you.

Should you choose us as adoptive parents, our hope is that you would feel like a part of our extended family. We know how important it is to keep the relationship between an adopted child and their birthmother open for a child's whole life. **This openness can be complicated at times, but we think it is so worth it.** We hope that you are able to call and visit us from time to time. As our child understands more and more about their adoption story, we'd love for our child to be able to ask you age-appropriate questions and to connect with this important part of their identity. Ideally, we would build a lifelong relationship with you.

We also know that an open adoption is not what every expectant mom wants. If you choose a closed adoption, we feel like we would be well-equipped to support our child as they grow and begin asking questions.

Thank you for taking a closer look at our profile. We can't imagine what this wild adoption process looks like on your end, but we are grateful that you are considering this option, and perhaps considering us. Our hopes are that you would see our profile and feel peace and connection. We are not just in this to add a child to our family, we also want to build stable and nurturing relationships and a network of caring.







### Life together has always been a fun adventure for us!

We met our freshman year of college at a WSU football game. We had so many shared interests, but what jumped out at us most was our shared values. Those values have been the bedrock of our relationship and have seen us through 15 years of life together.





#### Home Sweet Home

After spending the early years of our marriage living in a cozy 5th wheel to save money, we bought our first home! We still adore it as much as the day we bought it!



### Wayne

Wayne was born in December of 2017 and brought so much joy to our lives. After 4+ months of bedrest, Megan was still hospitalized after Wayne's birth, and Wayne spent time in the NICU. Grief resurfaced from our previous loss, but we found the joy in our beautiful boy.

### Our Wedding

We were married in 2010 at Megan's grandfather's church with Chinese takeout catering for dinner. After 13 years together, finding our dream jobs, and 2 beautiful boys, we still love our adventure!



### Clyde

In April of 2016, our son Clyde was stillborn. It was a surprise and one that changed us forever. Though there has been a lot of heartache, it is a beautiful story we will always treasure.



### AS TOLD BY LUKE









Meet Meg!

She is a woman who fights for goodness in her family and who loves intentionally and deeply. Megan is an extraordinary woman. She is kind, creative, fun and dependable. Meg is an amazing mother and partner. I would choose her again and again.

As a mom, Meg prioritizes taking time to connect with Wayne on his level - in the good moments and the hard ones.

As a family, we have a love that expands to fit the people in our lives. There is always more room!

Meg's family is relaxed and familycentered. Her mom & stepdad live a few hours away and are very involved in our family! Her dad and stepmom are in Arizona, but we see them as often as we can!







Favorite Restaurant Sangria Favorite Movie Spanglish

Favorite Song

Texas Sun by Khruangbin

Favorite Book

The Bible and any mystery she can get her hands on!



### AS TOLD BY MEG





His thoughtfulness and strength still amazes me all the time. He is a phenomenal dad, husband and friend always taking the time to connect, no matter the circumstance.

As a parent, Luke believes kids are incredible. If you give them unconditional love, set solid boundaries and provide them with opportunities to grow, they can flourish in ways you wouldn't believe.



### Luke is passionate about... my job as a high school biology teacher.

His friends say that he's... *steady*.

His favorite food is... *pho!* 

### Luke's great energy and love of life has always drawn me in.

Luke's family is more active and enjoys a fuller schedule. They love their family time! His mom lives just a few minutes away and his dad lives within a few hours.









### LUKE'S **favorites**

Favorite Restaurant The Black Cypress

Favorite Movie The Empire Strikes Back

Favorite Song

B.O.B. by Outkast

Favorite Book The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfus





Wayne is passionate about... all animals and animal facts!

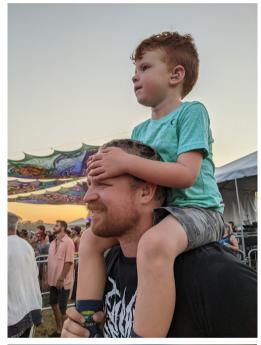
Wayne's favorite snacks are... Goldfish, Bear Fruit Rolls and anything chocolate!



Wayne is five years old and can't wait to start kindergarten this fall! He and Megan will get to walk to school together every day. Wayne marches to the beat of his own drum, in the best ways! He loves to dance and tell a good knock-knock joke. He is intrinsically motivated so he loves to do projects because they're fun and challenging, not because he has to. Wayne loves to read and be outside and explore. He is so excited to be a big brother and talks about it all the time!















We spend a lot of time outside together in the backyard! It's a work-in-progress, but we have fun working on it together!



We love our home! We have 4 bedrooms and a big backyard we're always spending time in. **We live in a great neighborhood with great neighbors** - we have spontaneous BBQs, the kids play at the park together, and we love to meet up for walks.

Our home is a 10 minute walk from Megan's school, which is also the school that Wayne will go to in the fall for kindergarten. Several parks and a botanical garden are short walks away, as well. We live within walking distance of our downtown and the city playfields. We live in the same town we both went to college, so we love getting to attend home games and special events.

We are lucky enough to have all 4 seasons! We spend time outside year-round. We ski and sled in our backyard in the winter and love to garden and do all the sunny weather things in the summer.







### ADOPTION IS A MIRACULOUS WAY FOR US TO BUILD OUR FAMILY.

15 years ago when we began dating we talked about how we would both like to adopt one day, not knowing that we would one day have to wrestle with infertility and loss. After the loss of our son Clyde, and our difficult pregnancy and birth with Wayne, adoption is a precious gift and the answer to our prayers. We are beyond blessed to have our son Wayne, but all 3 of our hearts yearn for another child. Wayne is beside himself with excitement about possibly having another sibling! He refers to his future sibling as "his baby" and draws pictures of what he thinks our family will look like



# This is fun-loving and active!

We are both teachers, so naturally summer is our favorite season! We pack our summers pretty full with camping trips, visits to friends and family, and trips to the river. We love to spend time together, whether it's just us or with a group of friends. Meg starts each day reading books and snuggling with Wayne, and Luke ends the day in the same way. It's our favorite family tradition.

On Sunday we have breakfast together before church. Afterward, we usually have lunch with friends before going on an "adventure," which is usually a hike or a drive!















### We love to celebrate BIG in our family!

We celebrate all the calendar holidays, and birthdays of course! Because Megan is an elementary teacher and our community is diverse, we also love to recognize and celebrate holidays from other cultures.

We even met our good friend, Kevauna, at a bus stop on Christmas Eve when her bus home was canceled due to bad weather. We invited her to join our Christmas and we've been friends ever since!

































### Before you go,

### WE WANT YOU TO KNOW...

As we've been working our way through this adoption process, you have been on our minds.

We know there are many reasons for you to make an adoption plan for your child, and we respect and honor your decision.

We know it takes incredible strength and we think of you both everyday. We truly care for you both.

Whether we are the parents you choose for your child or not, we wish you nothing but the best!

Meg, Luke and Wayne

#### PAIRTREE PERSONALITY PROFILES



#### **MEGAN IS A**



The Caregiver oozes compassion, generosity, and a desire to help. Protects and cares for others, with unparalleled selflessness. Caregivers exhibit exponential concern and attention, willing to help the people they come in contact with, be it friends, family, strangers, or even foes. Their generosity inspires everyone around them and fills receivers with an immense amount of gratitude.

## luke is a

The Hero possesses courage, ambition, competence – with strong moral character. These people triumph over tragedy, and major challenges – often inspiring us all. On a mission to make the world a better place, the Hero is courageous and bold. They thrive on bravado and seek every opportunity to display their formidable sense of courage.



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# THIS IS Who we are

















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