



ashley
& jon

dear expectant mother,

We appreciate you taking the time to get to know us.

We have the utmost respect for you and the adoption journey you are taking for your child and yourself. You clearly want the best for your child and so do we! Our hope is that you will get a good understanding of who we are through our pictures and stories.

We feel the greatest gift in life is family and are very excited to start ours through adoption. We look forward to loving and celebrating this child throughout all of life's special moments. The baby we are lucky enough to adopt will grow up knowing his or her story and the immense sacrifice their mom made in choosing adoption for them.

With Love & Admiration,

Ashley & Jon



about us

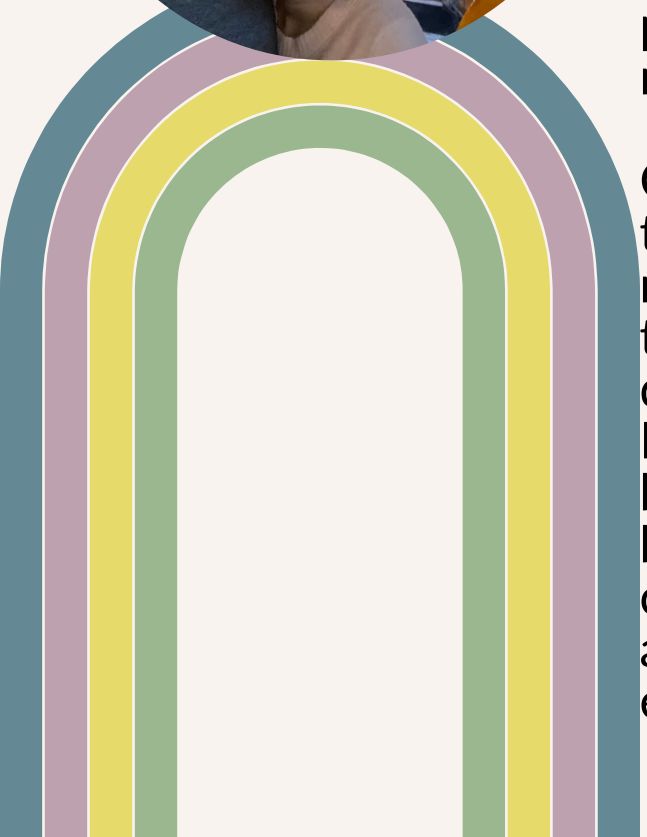


We've always talked about starting a family, even when we were still dating, but knew that the traditional route wasn't for us. Ashley battled and beat cancer as a child, but was left unable to conceive or carry a child of her own. Due to these experiences, we have a special appreciation for each day and the love we get to share with those special to us. As we learned more about the other ways to create a loving family, it was clear adoption was the route for us!



We first met in 2017 at an ice skating rink due to our mutual love of hockey and skating. A mutual friend introduced us by inviting us to watch her son play, whom we both coached previously. We hit it off immediately and have been inseparable ever since. Due to Covid, we postponed our wedding and eventually married in June, 2021.

Coaching hockey, going to concerts, taking beach trips, and trying out new restaurants are just a few of the many things we have in common and enjoy doing as a family. Taco Tuesdays and Friday night board games have also become staples for us. We are fun-loving best friends that are all about open communication and fully supporting one another. We make a great team and are each other's greatest teachers.



about **ashley**



My parents instilled the importance of laughter, love, honesty, and being supportive. I was always encouraged to have many goals and be curious to learn. I called both Pittsburgh, PA, and Cape Cod, MA home while growing up. I am the oldest of 3 girls and am very close with my family. As a child, I tried lots of different sports but enjoyed skiing and ice skating the most. Ice skating was my true passion and still is something I participate in today, as a coach and supporting my husband who is involved in coaching youth and junior hockey. When I am not coaching, I can be found in the kitchen trying a new recipe, enjoying my friends and family, attending concerts and sporting events, and having date nights with my husband.

I went to college with the idea of becoming a child life specialist, better known as a play therapist, in a children's hospital, something that was close to my heart from my time spent in the hospital when I was young. I received a Bachelor's degree from Springfield College in Therapeutic Recreation specializing in Child Life. I worked as a child life specialist for many years before making the decision to move closer to my family in North Carolina. This new location brought new opportunities and I made the difficult decision to change careers. I am currently a Senior Executive Assistant at Fidelity Investments with three years tenure.

My work as a child life specialist and as an ice skating coach demonstrates my abundant love for children. I love to make learning fun and encourage children to be creative. I hope that I can instill those qualities in my children. I am most looking forward to loving them, sharing my life experiences, and supporting them every day. I've waited a lifetime to be a mother and will make my love for our child my first priority.



about jon

I was born and raised in Upstate New York on the shores of Lake Ontario. I'm the oldest of three siblings and am very close with my family. Growing up I fell in love with ice hockey and spent summers at my grandparent's cottage on the lake boating and fishing. I look forward to sharing these passions with my kids. I currently work as an Operations Manager for a FinTech company. I'm still a big kid at heart and very much look forward to being a parent. My first love in life is hockey. It consumed most of my formative years and is still a passion today, having coached youth and junior hockey for the past decade. In addition to coaching, my hobbies include traveling, cooking, going to concerts and sporting events, and date nights with my wife.

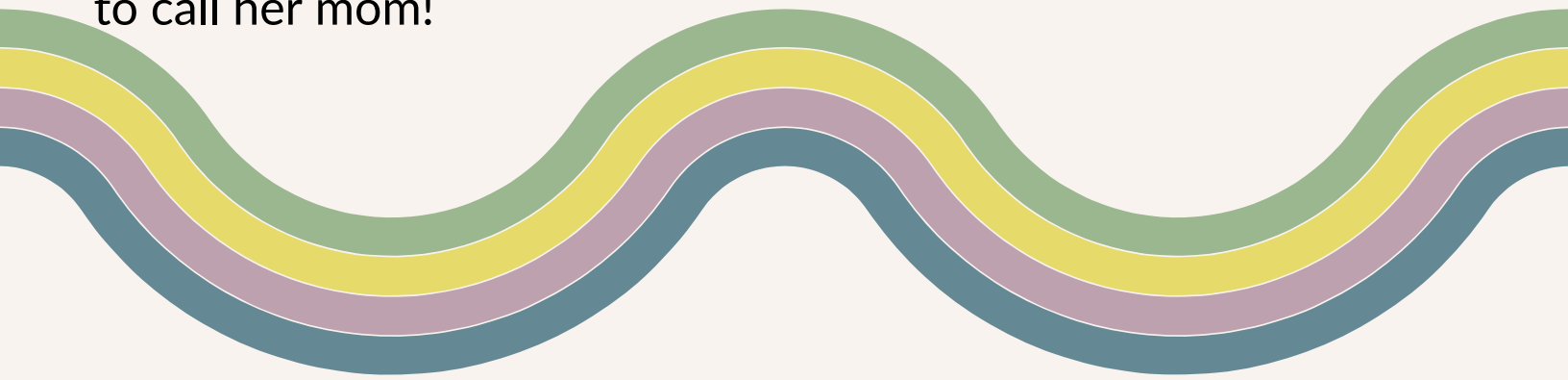
I received an Associate's degree in Accounting while playing hockey at SUNY Canton, then finished my Bachelor's degree in Communications at SUNY Oneonta. Leadership, coaching, and helping others grow are very important to me. This led me to a career in Operations Management, where I have the opportunity to manage people and influence their careers. Characteristics like kindness, work ethic, respect (for yourself and others), responsibility, teamwork, humility, honesty, and integrity are traits I learned from my parents and intend on passing on to my own.

The thing I most look forward to about parenthood is creating that bond that parents and children share. I cherish the relationships I have with my parents and can't wait to share that with a son or daughter of my own.

what jon says about

ashley

When I first met Ashley, I thought she was the most positive, bubbly person I'd ever met. She was dealt a pretty rough hand in life, but never let her battle with childhood cancer deter her optimism or diminish her positivity. She lives every day to the fullest with that unwavering positivity and that is what I love most about her. These traits are what will make her a great mom. She has so much love in her heart, and having a child to shower with that love is what she was born to do. Her patient, understanding, and nurturing nature will make any child thrilled to call her mom!



what ashley says about

jon

When I met Jon, I knew that he was different from anyone I have ever met. Jon has a big heart, a great sense of humor, a deep passion for hockey along with his friends and family, and is always willing to help. These traits led me to know that Jon was the person I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. Over the years I have had the opportunity to watch him coach youth and junior hockey and quickly recognized his ability to connect with the kids and teach them the game he loves. I feel these characteristics, along with his kindness, being supportive and his unwavering love of family are what will make him a great father.

family is everything



We are extremely lucky to have lots of support from our extended family and friends. Jon's parents live in upstate NY, along with Jon's brother and his family. We travel to upstate NY as often as we can to visit Jon's family and our niece and nephew. Jon's sister and husband live in the suburbs of Baltimore, MD, and we get together often. Ashley's parents, along with her middle sister and family, live in the Raleigh, NC area. Ashley's youngest sister lives in New York City. We are fortunate to live close to Ashley's parents and middle sister and get together every couple of weeks for a family meal. We are extremely close with our families and love all of the time we get to spend with them. Together we have 4 siblings, 1 niece and 1 nephew and another niece/nephew on the way, who are all extremely excited to meet our new addition.





We are also lucky enough to have our “hockey family”. This family is made up of our best friends with whom we coach and manage youth and junior hockey. They have become our extended family and we enjoy every moment creating memories with them.



our home



Our current home is a 3 bedroom, 3 bath single-family home in the suburbs of Raleigh, NC in a new neighborhood filled with young families. The favorite gathering spot in the house is the open concept kitchen and family room. This is where we have our family meals, cook together, play board games, or cuddle on the couch for a movie. It is the heart of our home, everything happens there! A close second is our backyard. We are lucky to have great weather in central North Carolina nine months of the year, so we love hosting outdoor gatherings for our family, friends, and neighbors. Barbecuing, playing yard games, and sitting around a fire in the evening make this space very special.

our community

We absolutely love the community we live in. Being in central North Carolina, we can be at the beach in two hours or the mountains in four, and we like to take advantage of both. As hockey fans, we often attend Carolina Hurricanes games, the local NHL team. We love to explore the many great restaurants in town, along with utilizing the extensive Greenway trails for walks and bike rides. We recognize that a home is created by the people that fill it and not necessarily the house itself. We know that our home and our community will allow our child to have a loving and full life.



from our heart

We believe that family is most important in life. We will raise our family as we were, in a loving, caring, supportive home. One where you are encouraged to be adventurous, learn new things, and not be afraid to fail. A home where creativity, fun, and laughter fill the rooms.

We believe in the importance of education and strong values like respect, honesty, kindness, and humility. We can't wait to teach our child to ice skate, share our love of the water and beaches, and enjoy the little things in life.

We believe in our child understanding their story; who they are, who you are, and who we all are as a non-traditional family. We will support our child through the ups and downs as they navigate the many challenges in life.

We believe in love unconditionally.

With love and admiration,

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