

Hello,

First of all, thank you for taking the time to read a little about who we are and considering us through this adoption journey. Our names are Aaron and Rachel, and we cannot be more grateful for your decision to choose adoption. We want to be an option for you as you walk through this journey and we are going to do the best we can to support you and your baby. You are a heroic and selfless person. We continue to pray for you as you walk through this process – that God will give you the strength, confidence, and peace in knowing that adoption is a demonstration of His own love toward us. We are so thrilled to have the possibility of meeting you.

We met in college at Oklahoma State University through a church small group. Although we had met, we didn't officially start dating until about a year later. Aaron grew up in the outskirts of Oklahoma City. He has two older brothers and a younger sister. All of his siblings and his parents are still living in Oklahoma. Our niece (2) and nephew (3) are also living in Oklahoma and they bring so much joy and laughter into our lives. We enjoy taking road trips to see his family a couple times a year and having them venture out to Colorado for family get-togethers. Aaron's family vacationed to Colorado most summers as he was growing, and this contributed to his love for the mountains. Aaron works in Colorado Springs as a Mechanical Engineer for an aerospace company.

Rachel grew up in Parker, Colorado. She went away to college in Oklahoma, where she met Aaron. It wasn't too hard convincing Aaron to move to Colorado after graduation. Having grown up here, Rachel loves to get outside, whether it's hiking, going for a walk around the neighborhood, fishing, camping, gardening, or horseback riding. She also enjoys sitting at the keyboard and doing a little bit of sewing now and then. She is a middle child. Her older brother is married and lives in Virginia, and her younger sister is attending high school in Parker. We get together with Rachel's parents and sister about once a week since they live so close and we enjoy spending holidays and going to special events with them. Rachel works part time at a barn in Sedalia, where she gets to ride horses and do a little training with them. Animals have always been close to Rachel's heart, but she is excited to stop working once there is a baby in the home and be a full-time, stay-at-home mom.

We love being together, whether it's going on a walk, visiting the zoo, baking cookies, or doing yardwork. We have two dogs, Gunner and Shadow, and we also have backyard ducks who produce wonderful eggs and are always a laugh to watch splash around outside. We also love watching Netflix and having "date-nights" at Chick-fil-a. We attend and serve at church weekly and also host a small group in our home. We have been married since January of 2015. We are so excited and ready to become a mom and dad, and we are blessed to become parents through adoption. Both of our families are extremely supportive of adoption and they are eager to meet the newest addition to the family. Know that your child will be raised in a fiercely loved, Christian home. You have our promise that he or she will be raised with overflowing love and support from us and our families. Remember that no matter what, you are in our thoughts and our prayers.

Sincerely, Aaron & Rachel