

Dear Birth Family,

We are Stephen and Lauren, and we are so thankful that you are taking time to read about who we are. We want you to know that we have been and will continue to be praying for you throughout this process. We can't even imagine what a difficult decision you are making. We have not met you yet, but we already know what a loving person you are and we hope we have the chance to meet you one day.

We are high school sweethearts and have been married for 7 years now. Our marriage has been the greatest blessing in our life so far, and we are so thankful to have the love and support of one another forever. We have a sweet dog, Moglie, who brings us a lot of joy and she absolutely loves children and babies. We have dreamed of and prayed for children for the last 6 years, and infertility and miscarriage has certainly been a heartbreak to us. Although, we know that love is what makes a family and adoption is a gift that we are longing for. We definitely feel God is leading us down the path for adoption and we are so excited to start our family in this way.

In Lauren's words: Stephen graduated from the University of Georgia with a business degree and commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army. He is currently a Captain and he enjoys leading his men and women. In his spare time he enjoys golfing and building furniture for our home. He loves anything related to sports and will be a very hands on father one day. He is outgoing, funny, honest, and hard working. He has a very large family who lives in Georgia, full of love, laughter, and fun! They are all so supportive and excited for us to bring a child into the family.

In Stephen's words: Lauren works part-time as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She has a Masters degree in Nursing and enjoys the opportunity to help her patients who range from newborn to elderly. She is loving, thoughtful, smart, and dependable. In her spare time, she enjoys baking, jogging with our dog, and decorating our home. Once we have children, Lauren plans to stay home while they are young, and eventually go back to working part-time. Lauren's immediate family is also in Georgia, with extended family in the Midwest. We have so much love and support from them all.

Together, we enjoy just about anything we can do as a family. On Sunday mornings we go to church and brunch together. We love taking our dog on hikes and to the Dog Park, as well as exploring Colorado. Recently we have started skiing- we love living in Colorado and all it has to offer! We enjoy trying new restaurants, going to the movies, and even just having movie nights at home. Football season is our favorite, and we spend Saturdays watching College Football and having cookouts with friends. We travel to Georgia often to visit our family, and usually see them every few months. We have 3 precious nieces who have completely stolen our hearts, and we enjoy being active and spending time with them.

We cannot wait to start our family through adoption. We want to be as open with you as you wish to be with us, and we would love to have the chance to talk with you more. We have a lot of love in our hearts to share with a child and a lot of love in our home. We want you to know that we will love your baby as our own forever. Our entire family of siblings, parents, cousins, aunts/ uncles, and grandparents will provide so much love and support to your baby as well. We plan to be involved in our child's academics and activities. We will be encouraging parents who support our kids in everything, and provide consistency in a loving, stable, fun-filled home.

When we think of our life with our children we dream of simple things like having dinner every night as a family, reading bedtime stories together, playing sports in the backyard, going to the park, sitting in church as a family, and raising our children in a Christian home to know and love God. We see Stephen coaching his or her team and Lauren walking the kids to and from the school down the street. We plan on making every holiday special with festivities and traditions the way our parents did for us, and we are excited to watch our extended family be a part of that and love our children as well. We feel we have so much love to give and we are confident we will provide a wonderful home to a child.

All our love,
Stephen and Lauren