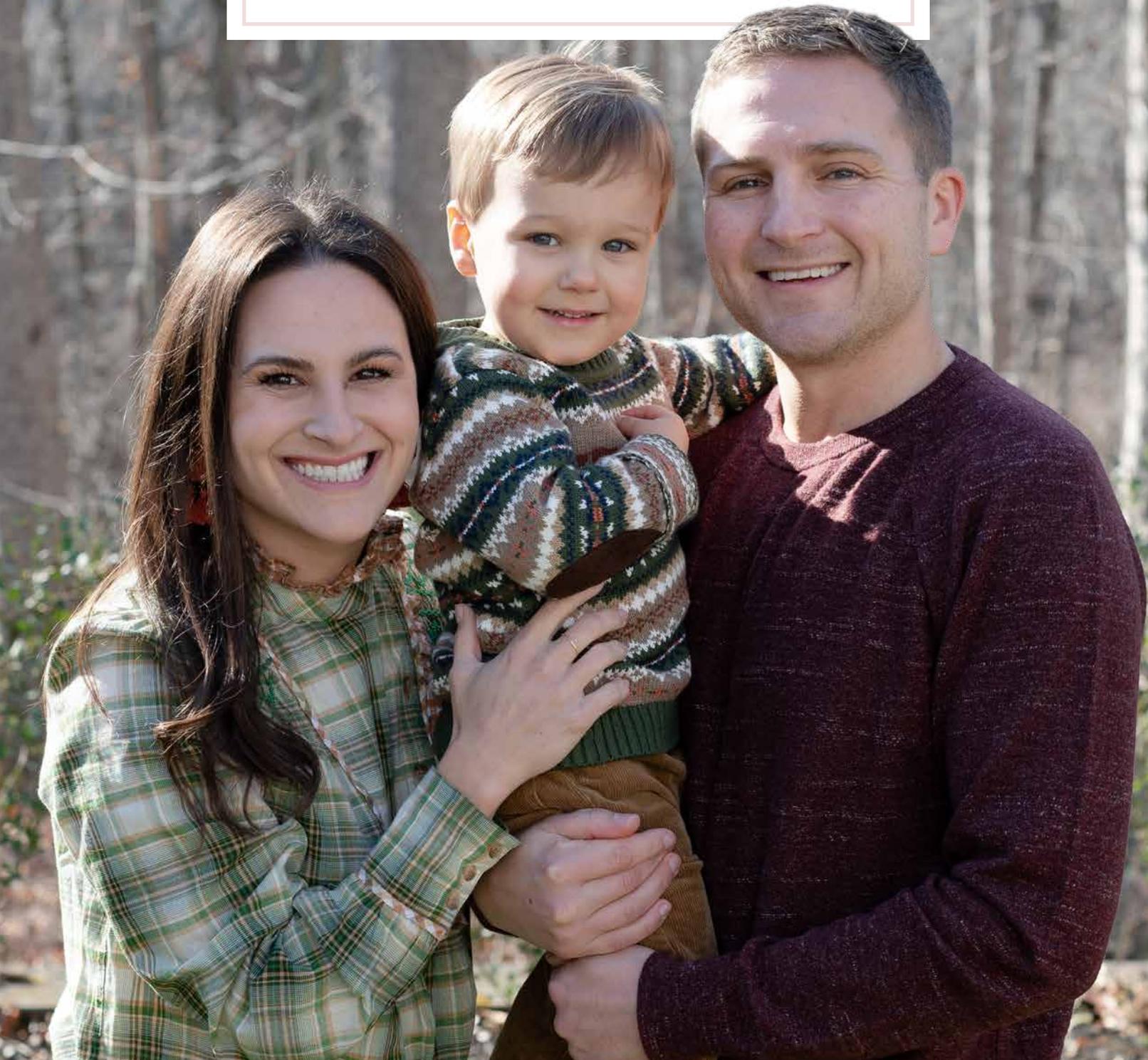


Stephanie & Alden



NCA FAMILY ID# 2091108

**Hello, we are
Steph and Alden
and we have a
biological son,
Henry.**

We are so grateful you are taking the time to learn more about our family and we commend you for wanting the best for your child and their future and know how difficult this decision might be for you.



We could not be more excited to welcome a sweet baby into our family.

We considered adoption from the very first time we met. Following the birth of our son, we experienced infertility and began to learn more about adoption through our church's adoption group. The more we learned, the more we knew adoption was the right choice to grow our family and we are thrilled to be on this journey.

OUR STORY

OUR BEAUTIFUL WEDDING DAY



We met online in 2016 and after our very first date, we knew we were destined to be together and it was worth the wait to find one another. We instantly clicked with our traditional values and hopes for the future. We're both "old souls" with a love for classic music, movies, and a flare for good food. From family ideals to financial stability, we aligned. We were engaged after one year, married the next, and welcomed Henry just prior to

our first anniversary. Steph's career as a wedding photographer and Alden's career in finance are a wonderful balance and fit each of our personalities so well. We complement one another perfectly and should we disagree, it's solved almost immediately. We are equal partners and share chores, parenting duties, and household responsibilities. We're supportive of one other's careers and goals and offer a shoulder to lean on with a supportive ear and

a hug when needed. We are also a lot of fun! Our friends tell us we are one of the goofiest couples they know and we love to laugh together about anything and everything. Alden grew up playing sports with a focus on hockey and continues to play on a men's league while Steph grew up a competitive dancer and has continued to follow a creative path with a love for the arts. We love seeing live performances ranging from concerts, to musicals, to comedy shows.

About Alden

“If I could hand-pick my ideal husband/father of my children, it would be Alden.”

—STEPH

He is modest and genuine, puts his all into everything he does, is supportive in every way, and is an absolutely incredible father. He’s willing to go above and beyond for others and is a strong voice of reason when needed. The way I see him interact with our son and the commitment he has to our family is second to none.



ENJOYING DOWNTOWN

A few of Alden's favorites

VACATION
SPOT /
Wyoming

PLACE TO
TAKE A CHILD
/ The zoo & park

SEASONAL
ACTIVITY /
Carving pumpkins

DESSERT /
Apple cinnamon
donuts

SPORT YOU
LIKE TO PLAY
/ Hockey & golf

CHILDREN'S
BOOK / Clifford
the Big Red Dog

DREAM JOB /
Stay-at-home dad

HISTORICAL
FIGURE I'D
LIKE TO MEET
/ Wyatt Earp

SPORTS TEAM
/ Boston Bruins

SOURCE OF
INSPIRATION
/ My wife and son



ON A TRIP TO IRELAND



ENJOYING OUR
WEDDING WEEKEND



SNUGGLING OUR NIECE

MORE ABOUT ALDEN BY STEPH

When I travel for work, he is instantly planning a fun outing with Henry to the zoo or park in my absence. **When I return, the house is clean, Henry is bathed and ready for bed, and they are most often having fun dance parties to Moana music or silly wrestling matches on our living room rug.** He has always dreamed of being a dad and frequently says his dream job would be to be a stay-at-home dad or to work in a daycare with children all day. During family holidays you will likely find him surrounded by all of the kids present. He was born to be a parent and I am so grateful to have him in my life as a best friend, counterpart, and father to our son and future children.

About Stephanie

“Steph always puts others ahead of herself and is constantly working hard to make things better for me and our son Henry.”

— ALDEN

When she sets her mind to something there is no stopping her. Whatever she does, she does 100%. Whether she is working on the adoption process or planning our schedule of events for the next few weeks, it will be done right and soon. Steph is an amazing mother to Henry. She is loving, nurturing, and playful all at once. She works so hard to make sure he is always engaged and has fun and productive things to do including swimming lessons, gymnastics, music class, and going to the park.



STEPH AT WORK



STEPH INDULGING HER SWEET TOOTH

A few of Steph's favorites

VACATION SPOT / Paris

PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD / The local carousel

SEASONAL ACTIVITY / Decorating for Christmas in the winter / family beach days in the summer

HOBBY / Reading

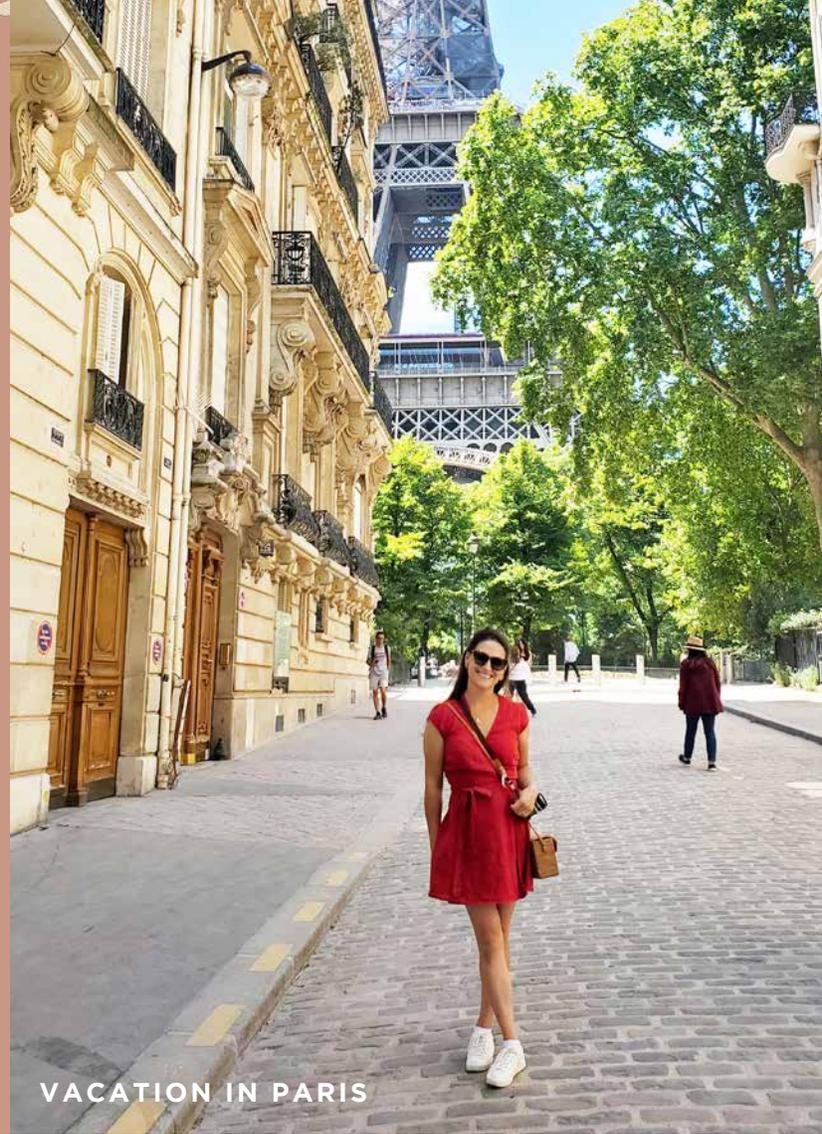
CHILDREN'S BOOK / All the Wonderful Things You Will Be

DREAM JOB / I have my dream job!

HISTORICAL FIGURE I'D LIKE TO MEET / Charles Dickens (he's a distant uncle)

PERFECT DAY / Breakfast as a family & a fun outing

ACCESSORY / My wedding band made from my great-grandmother's wedding ring



VACATION IN PARIS



SNUGGLES IN THE HAMMOCK

MORE ABOUT STEPHANIE BY ALDEN

At home she reads to Henry and plays educational games like puzzles, building blocks and flash cards. Juggling her business with raising a child, cooking delicious meals, and running our household is a lot of work. To me it seems like there isn't enough time in the day, but she somehow gets it all done efficiently and effectively, with a big smile on her face. One of my favorite things about Steph is that she is about as straight a shooter as there is and you always know where you stand with her. She is honest. I have never trusted anyone as completely. I truly believe she couldn't be more excited to be a mother. Seeing Henry laugh or experience joy through the activities they do together is amazing. **She loves taking him on new adventures to new places like the Zoo, keeping him engaged and learning new things.**



OUR
Home



WELCOME TO OUR HOME!

We enjoy the beautiful parks, apple orchards, and beaches nearby and visit Boston, Cape Cod, and Newport frequently. A favorite summer activity is live concerts on our town green with pizza and an ice cream truck. We are a short drive to a pro football stadium with live music, restaurants, and fun kids activities which is our go-to for "Friday Family Date Night".

At home, we take walks and bike rides through our neighborhood and visit our neighbor's dogs, cats, and chickens. We watch the school bus drive by every morning and look for trucks coming down the street. We make s'mores, have cookouts on our deck and swing on our hammock during the warm months and in the colder months, we love making a fire and playing hide and seek around our home.

THE NURSERY IS ALL SET UP!



MEET OUR PETS

We have two fluffy kitties who are wonderful with children.



KISSES FOR KITTY

Family & Friends



We are incredibly close to all of our family and they are supportive of everything we do. We've each developed great relationships with one another's parents, extended family, and siblings.

We plan fun kid-friendly activities together, take trips across the country to see one other, and video chat daily. Having multiple toddlers and babies in the family has been so much fun for

the whole family! We have a relaxed and welcoming family and humor is a constant. **Having fun is a top priority and our time together is full of silly names, jokes, and games.**

Alden and his siblings all had their first children at the same time. As their families have grown, we've loved being able to share in the journey of watching the cousins growing up together.

STEPH'S EXTENDED FAMILY



ALDEN'S EXTENDED FAMILY



Our group of friends is extensive though they don't all live in our immediate area. We are so grateful for not only a wonderful support system but friends that have been in our lives for decades and have grown with us. When sharing our adoption journey all of our friends could not have been more thrilled. They all agreed we were fully ready to welcome another child and can't wait for play dates!

COUSIN CREW IN MATCHING JAMMIES



HOLIDAYS



MATCHING CHRISTMAS PJS

Holidays are our favorite time of year.

Our extended families gather and we rotate holidays with both sides of our family or we all celebrate together. Steph's paternal grandparents are in their 90s and she has 16 cousins in her extended family while Alden's extended family has 13 family members. Our out-of-town family travels home for the holidays and we attend large Christmas parties with dozens of family members, friends, and young children.

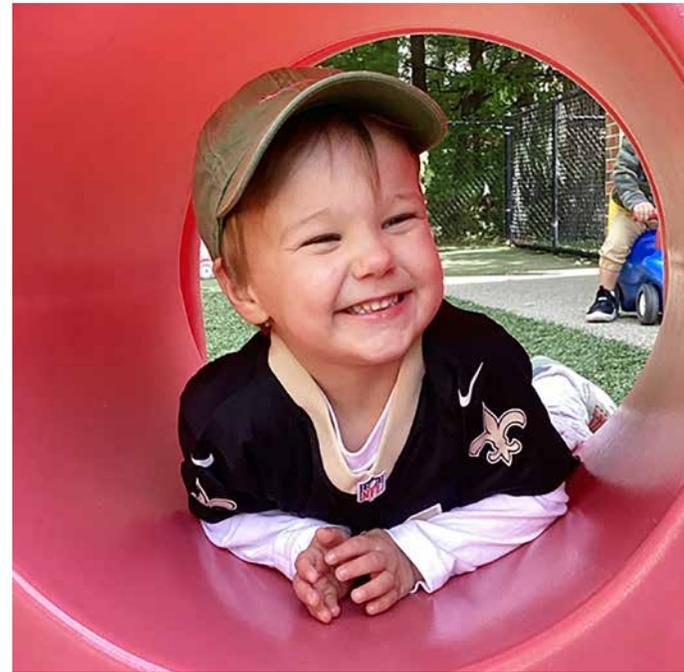


MEET
Henry
FUTURE BIG
BROTHER

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Henry's sweet demeanor is the perfect pairing with his strong will. He is always laughing and smiling and is quite a character with his silly sounds and loads of energy. He's absolutely smitten with babies. **We know he will make an amazing big brother and can't wait for him to experience the joy that comes with a sibling.** He loves playing with others and has a love for vehicles, dinosaurs, music, and animals. He's a classic rough-and-tumble little boy who keeps us on our toes.

HENRY IS ALL SMILES

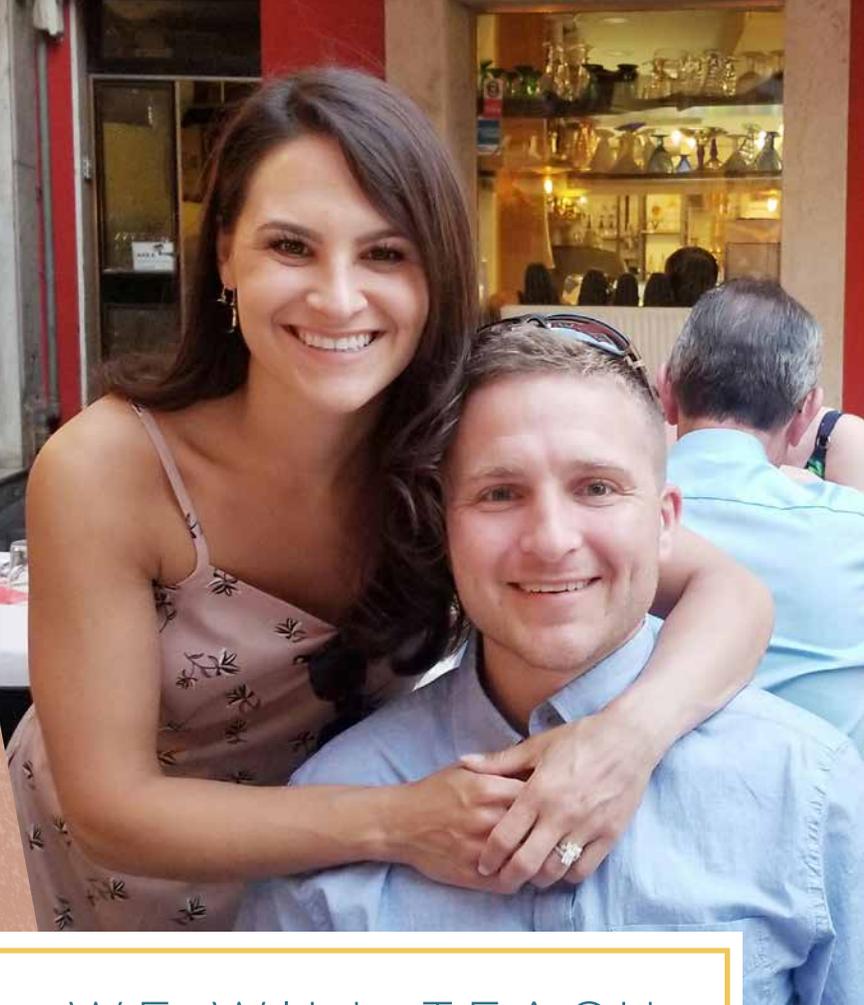


FUN IN THE POOL WITH DAD



Our Faith

Faith is a strong part of our family's make up. Alden became Catholic in 2021 after attending mass for years with Steph and her family. We feel strongly that we want our children to be raised with Catholic values and we are confident this will help us raise a strong, independent child, with a wonderful head on their shoulders despite the conflicts our country and the world continue to face. We have chosen a local Catholic school for our children to attend when they begin Preschool/Kindergarten.



WE WILL TEACH
YOUR CHILD TO...

AT THE APPLE
ORCHARD



**do unto others
as you'd have
done to you**

**respect everyone
and approach
them with
kindness**

**have a strong
work ethic and
self-reliance as
well as financial
stability and
planning for the
future**

**follow their
dreams with
guidance and
we will support
them regardless
of what they do**

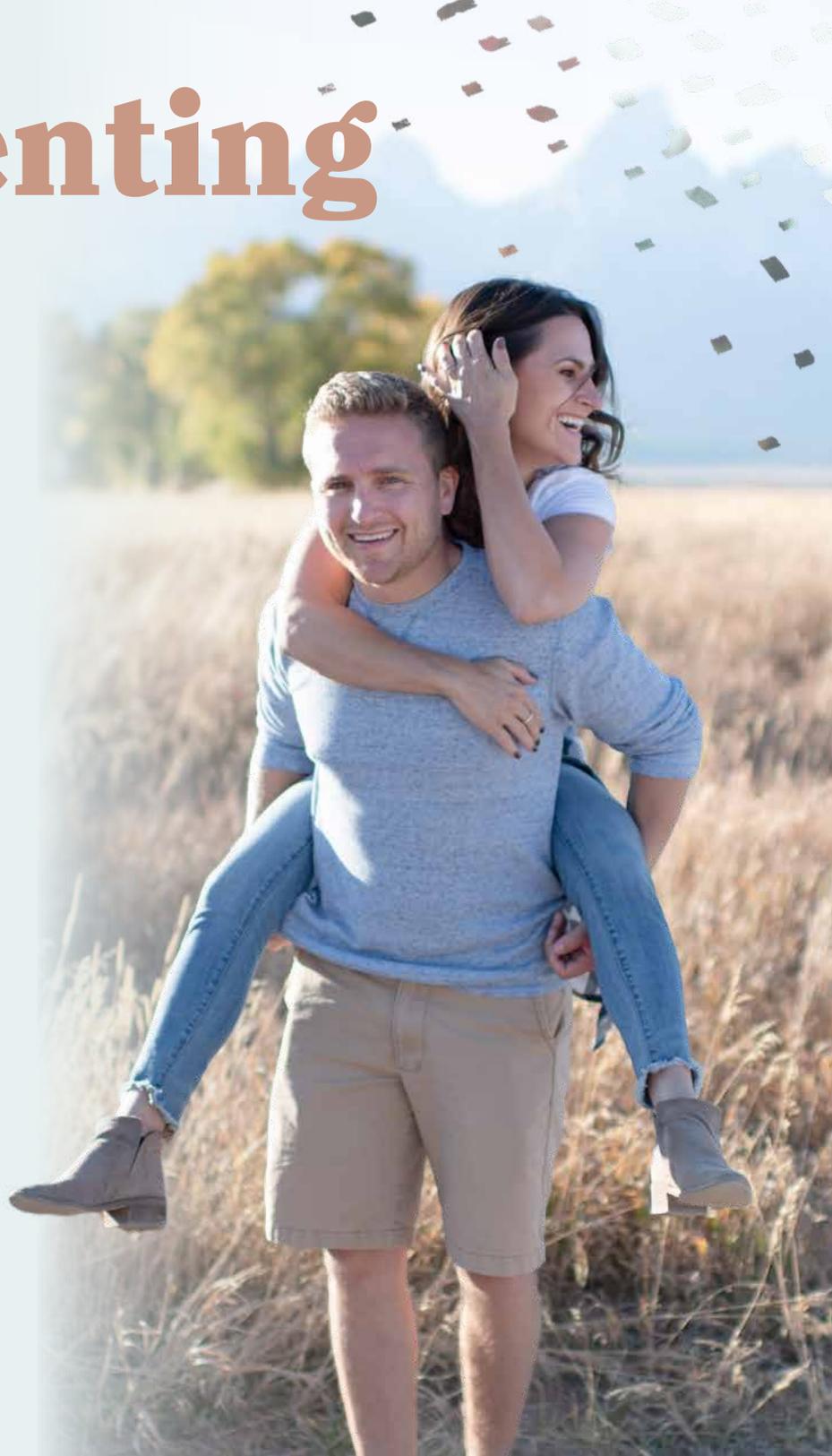
On Parenting

Our family always comes first and we plan to teach our children the importance of a strong family and home base. Having grown our family already, we know the importance of supporting each other through every aspect of life no matter what is thrown our way. The foundation of our family comes from strong beliefs and faith in God and we look forward to growing that faith with our future child and teaching them the respect and love that goes along with it.

Offering a disciplined yet loving home is how we will continue to raise strong children with boundaries who can think for themselves but respect limits. We want them to spread their wings and grow into who they are. We want them to try sports, the arts, and anything that they're drawn to. Our deep belief that experiences are more important than "things" is something we want them to carry with them as well as they grow and experience the world.

We promise to love your child as our own, to raise them to be strong, independent, and humble.

We want them to know where they came from and support them through every step of their life in any way possible with an abundance of love. The sacrifice you are making as a mother will always be looked upon with great gratitude by our family.



We are more than open to sharing milestones, pictures, and videos. As your child grows we will share their story with them and ensure they know where they came from and the importance of their story and the tremendous sacrifice and act of love that was made to bring them to us.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's name: Alden
Occupation: Certified Financial Planner
Education: Bachelor's Degree
Religion: Catholic
Date of birth: 8/14/81
Hair color: Blonde
Eye color: Blue
Height: 5'7"

Mother's name: Stephanie
Occupation: Wedding Photographer
Education: BFA
Religion: Catholic
Date of birth: 10/15/88
Hair color: Brown
Eye color: Brown
Height: 5'0"

Date of marriage: 6/8/2019

Children: Henry, 5/13/2020, biological son. He is a spunky, energetic, and incredibly sweet boy. He loves cars and trucks, dinosaurs, animals, and children. He's always willing to share a hug and join in on a dance party or bike ride. His loving and friendly personality is the perfect pairing with his strong will and sense of independence.

Interests and hobbies: Steph loves traveling, reading, and is thankful that her biggest hobby- photography, turned into her career. She grew up playing sports and focused on the arts (theatre, dancing, singing, and acting) and continues to bring this into our home. Attending performances and live shows is something our whole family enjoys. Alden enjoys traveling, golf (something his whole family takes part in), and hockey- his childhood love. He plays hockey weekly in a men's league and can't wait to teach our children how to skate! Together we enjoy going to the beach, taking Henry to the park, zoo, and library, family vacations, and visiting with family.

Home: We have a beautiful home in a woodsy, quiet, neighborhood and a wonderful group of neighbors whom have become dear friends. Our street has a private cul-de-sac which is perfect for bike rides and ball games with the neighborhood kids. We have a large enough home to grow our family and enjoy quiet nights in by the fire and fun

games of hide-and-seek.

Pets: We have two fluffy kitties who are wonderful with children.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? From the very beginning of our relationship, we knew adoption would be a wonderful way to grow our family. We conceived Henry with minimal effort and following that pregnancy we experienced infertility. This brought us back to our initial plan of adoption and also solidified that even if we were to conceive in the future, adoption was still the right path for us and we can't wait to welcome a sweet baby into our family and home.

Openness to Birthparent(s): We know how exciting growth and milestones are in a child's life and would love to share pictures and updates as they grow. We currently share fun videos and pictures via a phone app with our family and this has been a great way to update everyone and we plan to continue this and share these updates with our baby's birth family as well.

Childcare plans: Henry is currently in part-time daycare which allows us to work during the school days and focus the remainder of our time on family time. We plan to keep this same plan for all of our children moving forward as well. When they are old enough for school, we will be sending our children to a local Catholic elementary school.

In Closing



We know this is a difficult decision and we are honored you've taken the time to read about our family and our hopes for your child in our lives. We know this can be an overwhelming process and are happy to speak with you about anything you may want to know.

We have so much love to share and cannot wait for the next member to join our family. We are excited about the unknown and will do whatever is in our power to make this a seamless, warm, and exciting experience for everyone.

*All our love,
Steph &
Alden*