



HAILE + STEFANIE

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DEAR FRIEND

What an honor that you would take a few moments to look inside our book and learn about us. Thank you for opening up your heart and mind to consider us as you make plans for your baby. We truly believe that God sees you, knows you, and is gently and lovingly guiding you every step of the way. We have dreamed of becoming parents, and believe that God has opened our hearts in a special way to this journey.

In our family, we believe that life is a gift, and is meant to be lived to the absolute fullest. If you should choose to consider us as parents for your child, we promise to provide a safe, loving home with lots of laughter, meaningful opportunities, support and care for all their days. We are so excited for the opportunity to become parents, and are committed to spending our days loving, learning, and growing as we strive to be the very best we can be.

Thank you for your bravery and strength in this process. Our prayer is that you would feel peace in your heart, and that you would truly sense the care and love we already have for you.

All our love,

**HAILE +
STEFANIE**





We met in college through mutual friends in 2009. After dating for a little over a year, we were engaged on Valentines Day in 2011, and married later that year on October 1, 2011. Together, we love serving and leading in our local church, shopping, traveling together, visiting coffee shops, going for walks, hanging out with friends and family, going to the beach, and date nights together.

We learned early on in our marriage the value of consistency in being a part of church and leaning into the community it provides. We've found life long friendships, accountability, and so much wisdom on how to do life well.

We live in Hanover, Virginia in a nice neighborhood filled with other growing families, and are equally as close to the beach as we are to the mountains, just a quick road trip away! We live within walking distance to an elementary, middle, and high school which offers lots of families to interact and engage with, plus so many places to safely spend time.

Stef has made job shifts to allow for more intentional time at home with a child and Haile owns his own insurance business with a flexible schedule, which allows us to do lots of activities together. We spend a lot of time with friends and family, and everyone is very excited we are growing our family through adoption!





MEET STEFANIE

I was born and raised in Richmond alongside my parents and three siblings. Growing up, my family worked hard and placed a strong value on spending time together, traveling, making memories, and simply being present with one another. Those early years shaped so much of who I am today.

I find joy in helping others and making people feel seen, valued, and loved. Over the years, I've had the privilege of discipling women and leading Bible studies focused on living with purpose, leading well, and making the most of the life God has given us. My faith has always been a big part of my life and continues to guide how I love and care for others. I've spent several years working in ministry, helping build the church, leading others, and witnessing God transform lives in incredible ways. That calling will always be a meaningful part of who I am and the kind of home we hope to create.

I also love being creative. In my free time, you'll often find me practicing photography, creating and editing videos, and capturing moments that we can look back on for years to come. I enjoy decorating our home, planting flowers, and taking walks in beautiful places.

I have dreamed of being a mom for as long as I can remember. I have two nephews that I absolutely adore, and I've intentionally made space in my life to love and care for them. Being part of their world has been such a gift and has only deepened my desire to become a mom. The thought of raising a child to help shape their life, to teach them to love people, value family, and experience all that life has to offer, fills me with so much excitement and purpose.





STEFANIE IN HAILE'S WORDS

Stefanie has the biggest heart of anyone I know. She loves people genuinely. Whatever she puts her hands to, she gives it her all. I see the passion that she has for helping others to find the best in themselves and creating space for them to grow. She has a big heart for our church and leading women. I see so many women seek her out because of the impact that she has had on their lives. Stef loves with all her heart. I have watched Stef over the years do so many things for people just because, her love comes with no strings attached. She has a big heart for our nephews. She has constantly loved on both of our nephews through their young lives. Seeing her care and compassion for both of them is a true testament to how great of a mom she will be. One of God's biggest gifts to Stef, and one of the things I love the most, is her creativity. She is an amazing photographer and has captured so many special moments.



MEET HAILE

I grew up in Mechanicsville, Virginia with my parents. From a young age, I always had a passion for reading and playing baseball. I played baseball all through college at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA, which is where I met Stef.

While I still enjoy watching baseball, my sports hobbies have shifted more to golf and fishing. I enjoy traveling and seeing the world with Stef. Of all of the places that we have been, Florence, Italy is by far my favorite. I enjoy the beautiful scenery, but the food is often where my interest lies. Over the years, I have developed an interest in cooking.

Through our church, I have a heart for developing men and helping them grow, whether it's walking through a tough season or just focusing on helping them to be a better man.

One of the biggest reasons that I want to be a dad is because I want to be able to help a child learn through life, know what love is and be able to help them to see the amazing things that God has in store for them. Being a dad is one of the things in life that I have looked most forward to experiencing. There has been so much that I have experienced and learned that I am hoping to be able to pass on.





HAILE IN STEFANIE'S WORDS

One of the things I love most about my husband, Haile, is the way he leads with both strength and gentleness. He is a natural leader and protector, and that brings a real sense of peace and security to our home. He is incredibly patient and compassionate, and he has a way of making people feel cared for and understood. Haile keeps us laughing and brings so much joy into our everyday life. He is full of wisdom, and I often seek him out for guidance because he approaches conversations and relationships with such good insight, wisdom and care. He leads our family well, and I am so grateful to walk through life alongside him. He works hard and is deeply sacrificial with his time, especially when it comes to building the church and investing in others. He has built strong, meaningful relationships and has poured into the lives of many men, encouraging and guiding them in their faith journey, and relationships. He is generous, loves quality time together, and values family and friends. He dreams big and carries a vision for our future, and I know he will be an incredible father, leading with love and intentionality.



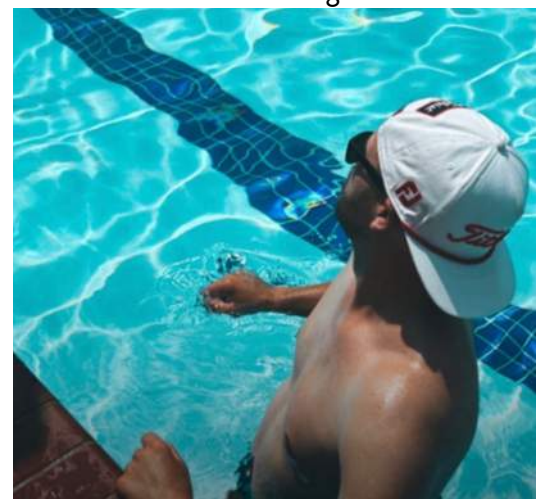
OUR HOME



Gardening



Busch Gardens with Nate & Emily (Stef's sister)



Haile Local Community Pool

We live in a welcoming community just outside of Richmond. Our neighborhood is full of families and has a strong sense of connection, with a community pool we love enjoying during the summer months. Our home has a fenced-in yard filled with beautiful flowers and a patio where we gather for family dinners, cookouts, and time together outdoors.

We are surrounded by so many opportunities for adventure and connection, with several large parks nearby and easy access to the James River for the best walking trails. Our location makes it easy to take day trips or weekend getaways—we're just a short drive from Washington, D.C., as well as the beach and the mountains.

One of the things we love most is being within walking distance of an elementary, middle, and high school, which brings a vibrant, family-friendly atmosphere to our area. Through different seasons we can hear the announcers from the baseball/ football games happening right down the road.



Our favorite walking spot



Sweet pup



Honey



Riding bikes



Honey hugs



Local Flower Shop for Garden



OUR PUP

Honey is our family dog. She is a Teddy Bear Breed, Shitzu Bichon Mix. We got her on New Year's Day of 2024. She is a very playful, well-trained and sweet dog. Honey is great with both of our nephews and enjoys playing with them. Even with our youngest nephew, she has been very sweet and would sit beside his carrier when he was very little. Honey has enjoyed being around our family from the very beginning.

EXTENDED FAMILY

Both Haile & Stef's family are so excited about the possibility of an addition to our crew. We are surrounded by a strong, loving support system made up of both immediate family and close friends who feel like family. Many of these friends will be "honorary aunts and uncles," ready to love, support, and invest in this child's life.

Our families live nearby, which allows us to spend meaningful time together often. Our nephews live right down the road and are especially excited about the idea of having a cousin to grow up with. Stef's sister brother-in-law live near Virginia Beach, which means regular beach trips and time together will be a fun and intentional part of life.

We value time with family deeply and look forward to creating lasting memories through family vacations, park days, celebrations, and everyday moments. We are grateful for a community that will help surround this child with love, encouragement, and strong life-giving relationships.



Church Family



Haile's Mom & Dad



Stef's Atlantic Beach Family



Stef and her nephews



Haile with friends



Godparents



Stef & younger brother Matthew with nephew Brewer



Stef's best friends



Stef's sisters, mom, and grandma



Stef's Mom & Dad

HOBBIES

+ ACTIVITIES

We enjoy spending quality time together and making the most of everyday moments. One of our favorite ways to connect as a family is by going for walks, playing pickleball or tennis, and exploring local coffee shops. We also love traveling and creating memories through new experiences. One of our most memorable adventures was a two-week trip through the United Kingdom and Italy with my siblings and their spouses, where we visited 13 cities in just 17 days. Another place that holds a special place in our hearts is Atlantic Beach, North Carolina, where I spent time as a child and created many cherished family memories.

At home, we enjoy caring for our space, planting flowers, decorating, and creating a warm and welcoming environment for family and friends. Haile enjoys reading, playing golf, hosting card nights with friends, cooking, and staying active through regular workouts. Together, we value spending time with loved ones, making lasting memories, and enjoying both the simple and adventurous moments of life.

TRADITIONS

We enjoy building traditions that keep us connected and create meaningful memories throughout the year. Saturday mornings are often spent sharing breakfast and coffee before finding a scenic spot in the city for a walk together. Sundays are centered around faith and community, beginning with church where we both serve and lead in different capacities. Attending church together is important to us, and we intentionally make Sundays a day for worship, rest, and quality time together.

Family traditions are something we deeply value. We look forward to our annual summer beach vacations and enjoy celebrating birthdays and milestones in thoughtful, personal ways that make each person feel loved and appreciated. The values that guide our lives are kindness, love, serving others, putting God first, and treating everyone with honor, respect, and compassion.

Haile golfing



Stef & Matthew planting garden

Stef & Haile with Nate and Emily at the pool



Stef's photography



Stef with girls from church



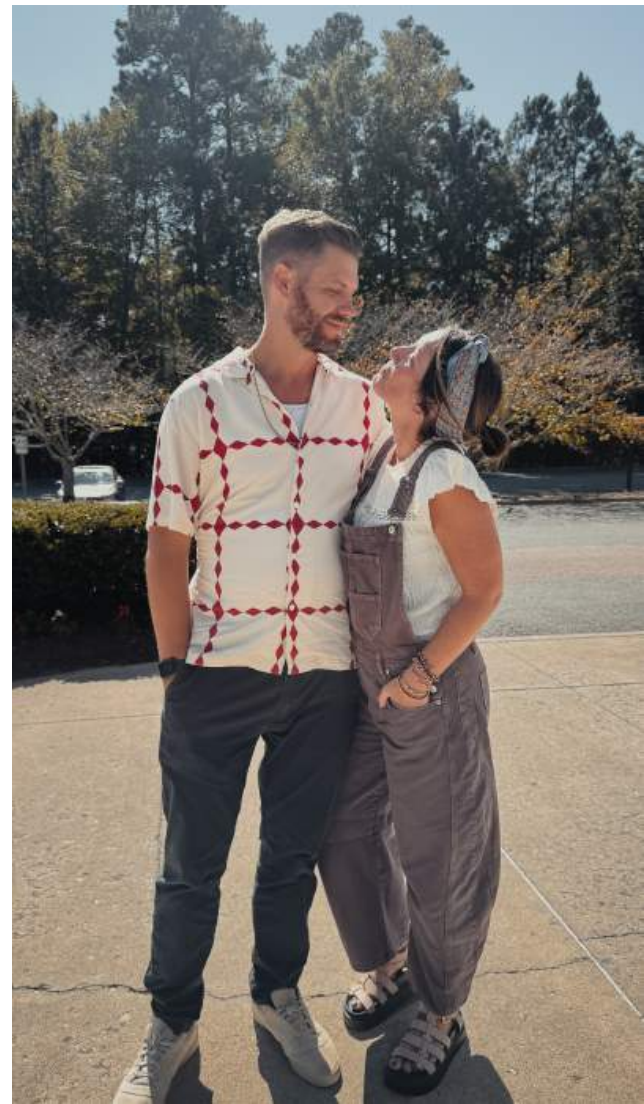
Traveling in Florence, Italy

ADOPTION + PARENTING

We believe that we are all made in the image of God. Each one of us was created with a unique purpose. We want our children to feel loved and full of confidence. We want to be able to help them to develop into the person that God has called them to be. Our life has been one that has been full of love and adventure, we want to be able to pass this along to our children.

Our life is full of friends and family members with all forms of backgrounds and different cultural heritages. The upbringing of our child will be rooted in faith and the cultural heritage that they have been blessed with. Our church culture is what we believe to be an image of Heaven, people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds.

We've spent a lot of time reflecting and learning about what healthy openness can look like in our adoption journey. It is very important to us that the birth family feels honored, respected, and valued first and foremost throughout this process. We understand that every situation is unique, and we are open to the level of communication the birth family feels most comfortable with. Prayerfully, we would love to share regular updates through photos, letters, and emails as the child grows. Our hope is to build a meaningful and respectful relationship that feels natural, supportive, and life-giving for everyone involved. We believe that openness can be a beautiful way to expand our family, allowing the child to grow up with a deeper understanding of their story and how deeply they are loved by all who are part of it.



FAMILY INFORMATION



Father's Name:
Haile

Occupation:
Business Owner

Education:
Bachelor's of History & Religious Studies

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
1988

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Blue

Height:
6' 6"



Mother's Name:
Stefanie

Occupation:
Freelance Designer, Creative, Business Owner

Education:
Bachelor's of Science in Psychology

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
1988

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Hazel

Height:
5' 6"

Date of marriage: 2011

Children: n/a

Interest and hobbies: Together, we love to travel. We have traveled all over the United States and seven countries. We also enjoy going and trying new coffee shops, either at home or when we are traveling. Stef is passionate about photography and has been running her own photography business for a few years. She also likes playing pickleball and tennis with friends and family. Stef also enjoys going on walks and spending time with family. Haile loves to read, play golf, play cards and games with friends, and cook. After playing baseball all through college, Haile still enjoys working out and watching baseball.

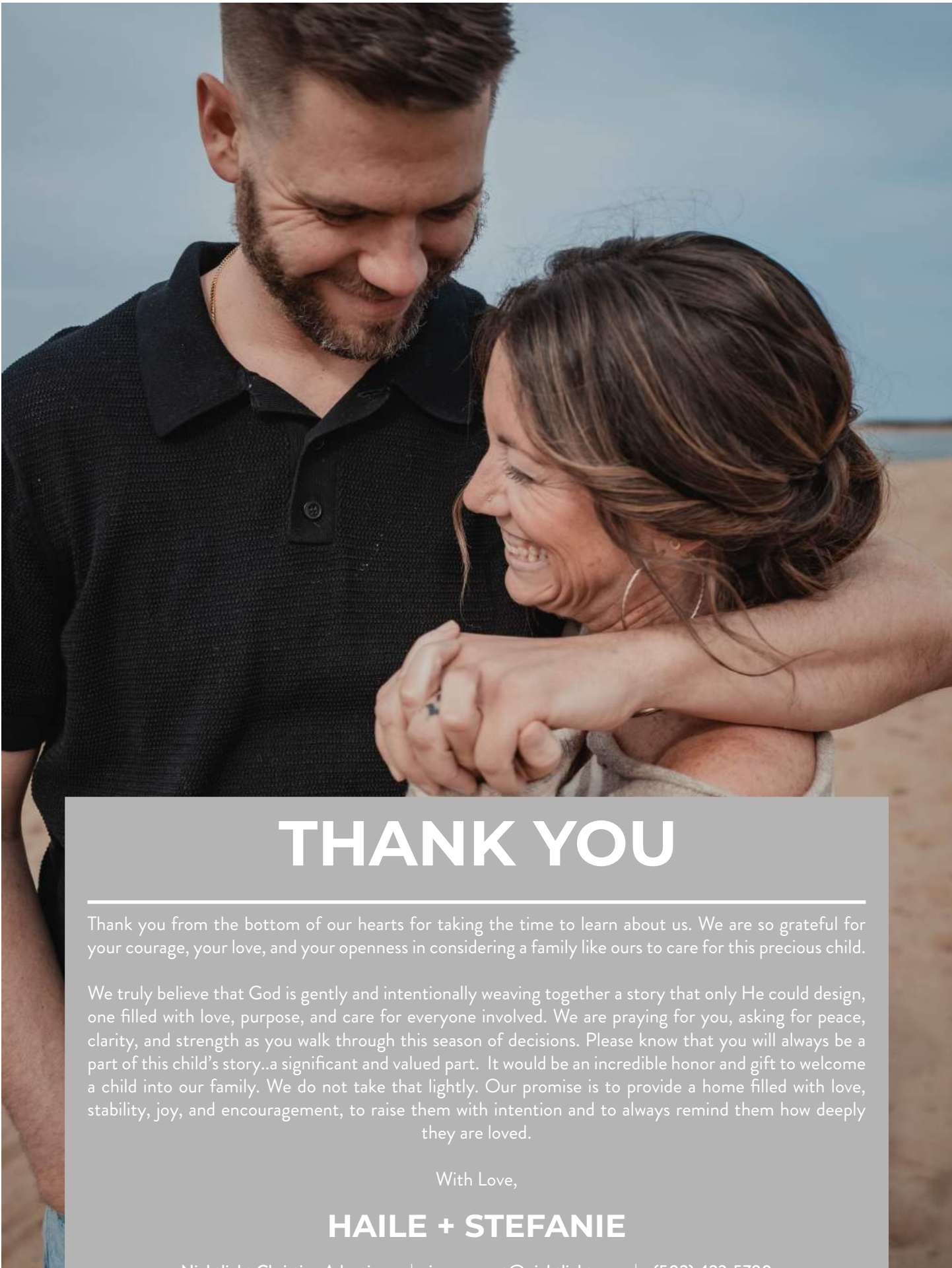
Home: We live in a townhome community that is part of a larger, family-friendly neighborhood in Mechanicsville, just outside of Richmond. Our neighborhood has a strong sense of connection, with many families, sidewalks for walking and bike riding, and access to nearby trails that connect to surrounding communities. Our home features a fenced-in, secure backyard with a patio where we enjoy family dinners, cookouts, and spending time together outdoors. The neighborhood also includes a community pool and a playground, which are favorite spots during the Summer months. We are surrounded by opportunities for both fun and relaxation, with several parks nearby and easy access to the James River, known for its beautiful walking trails and outdoor spaces. Our location also makes it easy to take day trips or weekend getaways, we're just a short drive from Washington, D.C., as well as the beach and the mountains.

Pets: We have a small dog, named Honey. She is a teddy bear breed (bischon/ shitzu mix) with a sweet, friendly personality. She rarely (if ever) barks, and she loves to play with her toys, and take lots of naps. She's gentle around children, as we have introduced her to our little nephews.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: From the moment we chose to walk down the path of adoption, we've felt our hearts grow in new and meaningful ways. This journey has stretched us, and allowed us to thoughtfully consider what it truly means to build a family. We've always had a strong desire to have a family to live a full life of learning, teaching, traveling, and building a lasting legacy together. While we imagined our first child would come to us biologically, we now see how beautifully God has led us to adoption. We are walking forward with confidence and peace, trusting in the path He has placed before us. The opportunity to welcome a child into our home and provide a loving, nurturing, and joy-filled environment feels like an incredible gift. It would be an honor to raise a child, to support them as they grow, and to surround them with unwavering love every step of the way.

Openness to birthparent(s): We've spent a lot of time reflecting and learning about what healthy openness can look like in our adoption journey. It is very important to us that the birth family feels honored, respected, and valued first and foremost throughout this process. We understand that every situation is unique, and we are open to the level of communication the birth family feels most comfortable with. Prayerfully, we would love to share regular updates through photos, letters, and emails as the child grows. Our hope is to build a meaningful and respectful relationship that feels natural, supportive, and life-giving for everyone involved. We believe that openness can be a beautiful way to expand our family, allowing the child to grow up with a deeper understanding of their story and how deeply they are loved by all who are part of it.

Childcare plans: Stefanie will be the primary caregiver for the child. She is making arrangements to be able to stay home and work remotely, while still maintaining flexibility. Haile also has a very flexible schedule, as he is a business owner, and plans to be very actively involved in caring for children. If additional support is needed for appointments, outside work meetings, Stef & Haile's parents are amazing and will help babysit. They both live close to us and are excellent with children.



THANK YOU

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to learn about us. We are so grateful for your courage, your love, and your openness in considering a family like ours to care for this precious child.

We truly believe that God is gently and intentionally weaving together a story that only He could design, one filled with love, purpose, and care for everyone involved. We are praying for you, asking for peace, clarity, and strength as you walk through this season of decisions. Please know that you will always be a part of this child's story..a significant and valued part. It would be an incredible honor and gift to welcome a child into our family. We do not take that lightly. Our promise is to provide a home filled with love, stability, joy, and encouragement, to raise them with intention and to always remind them how deeply they are loved.

With Love,

HAILE + STEFANIE