Elizabeth & Connor

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HELLO!

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ ABOUT US AND OUR DREAMS FOR OUR FAMILY.

OUR NAMES ARE **Connor** AND **Elizabeth,** AND WE ARE EXCITED TO GROW OUR FAMILY THROUGH THE MIRACLE OF ADOPTION!

WE LIVE IN SUNNY HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, where we love to walk along the beach, hike in the mountains, and sample delicious tacos nearby. We can't wait to share our life with a precious little one and expand the joy in our hearts through a new addition to our family.

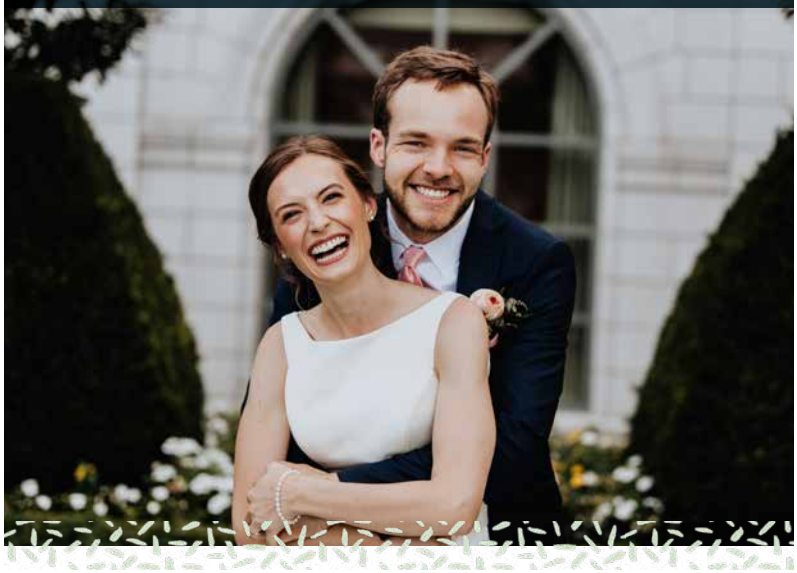
OUR Story

ENJOYING A DAY DATE

SINCE EARLY ON IN DATING, WE'VE KNOWN THAT WE WANT TO GROW OUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION.

Adoption has always been a part of Connor's life, as both his mother and aunt were adopted, and his aunt is also a birthmother. We are thankful for the role adoption has played in our extended family! We know that the magnitude of your decision is unimaginable, and we greatly admire your courage and love for your child. We are praying for you as you decide what is best for your child, whether adoption becomes a part of your story or not. Thank you for taking some time to get to know us.

WE GOT MARRIED IN JULY OF 2020



We met in COLLEGE

and became good friends through church events and cheering for our college basketball team. After graduation, Connor finally realized what he had been missing out on and asked Elizabeth out on a date. Three years of pasta dinner dates, late night conversations, and lots of shared laughs later, we were married. After two years of marriage (and infinite bagels) in New York City, we moved to California (Elizabeth's home state) for Connor's job. Our friendship is where it all started, and it is still the bedrock of our relationship. We have so much fun spending time together, and a lot of our best moments come from just being silly with each other. That might be having a spontaneous dance party in the kitchen or quoting our favorite movies to each other. When we think about becoming parents, we get really excited about sharing those silly, fun moments with our kids and making every day special together. We've always dreamed of having a big family. When we learned it would be hard for us to have biological children, our existing desire to adopt made it an easy choice to begin the adoption journey! We can't wait to welcome a child into our family.

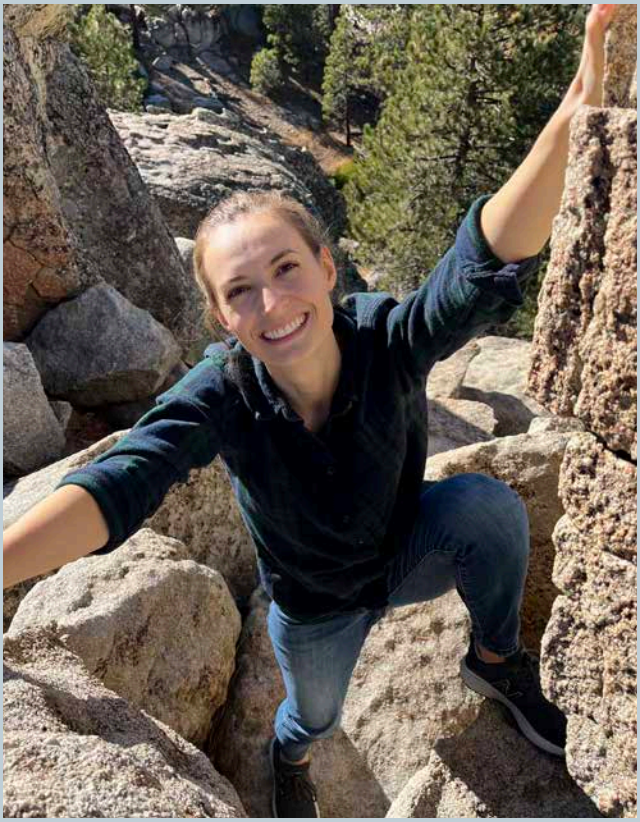
ABOUT

Elizabeth

ELIZABETH IS ALWAYS QUICK **to smile, laugh, and be silly.**

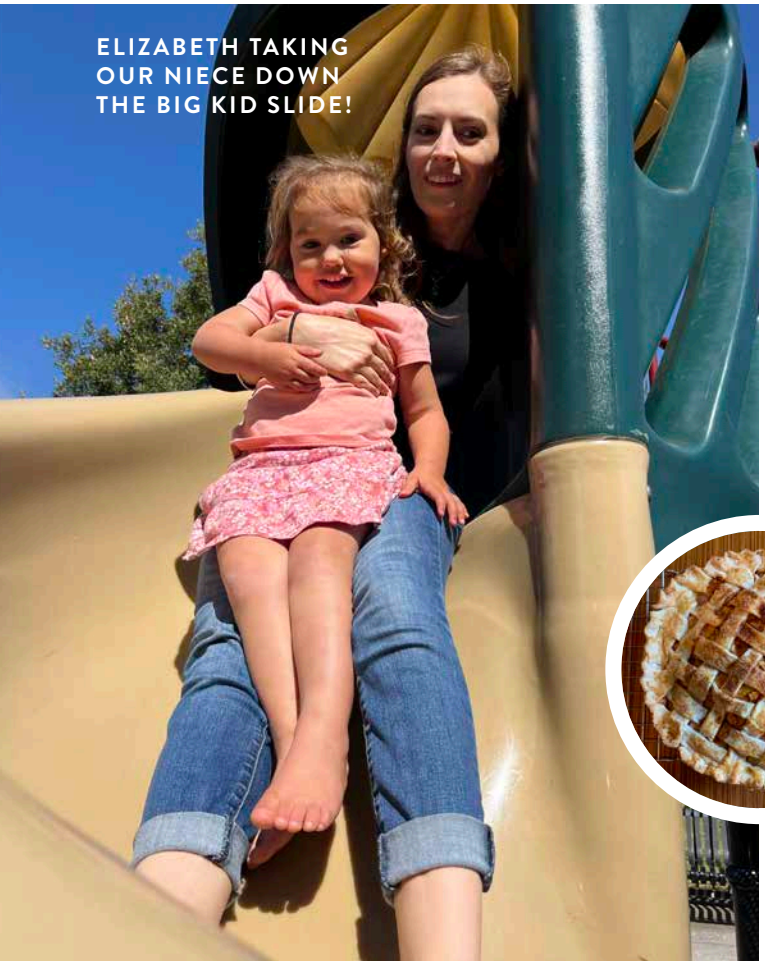
She is constantly spreading joy through her creative dance moves and goofy jokes. Elizabeth is defined by her faith and her love of family. From the first time I met her, she spoke with such love about her five siblings and parents that I knew family would always be the center of her life. She has really enjoyed working as a software engineer over the past several years but can't wait to be a full-time mom.

CLIMBING SOME ROCKS DURING A HIKE



ELIZABETH LIKES TO RELAX WITH A GOOD BOOK, LOVES TO BAKE DELICIOUS TREATS, AND IS AN ASPIRING GARDENER (her thumbs look pretty green to me!). She treasures time spent with those closest to her and happily goes on adventures to share new experiences with those she loves. Elizabeth has always dreamed of being a mom. She has a profound desire to care, love, and listen. She has always found ways to do so, whether that's through volunteering at Sunday school or tutoring in college. She eagerly awaits the chance to devote herself fully to caring for our children. She plans to be a stay at home mom after we welcome a child into our family. Elizabeth has such a caring heart that I know she will be a great mother. I can't wait to see the ways she loves our kids.

ELIZABETH IN HER NATURAL HABITAT, CURLED UP WITH A BLANKET AND A BOOK



ELIZABETH TAKING OUR NIECE DOWN THE BIG KID SLIDE!

Fun Facts

FAVORITE BOOK SERIES: Little House on the Prairie and Harry Potter

FAVORITE CHILDREN'S SONG: "Don't Wash My Blanket" by Hap Palmer (I had a blankie that I kept for an embarrassingly long time!)

FAVORITE THING TO BAKE: Pies and quiches

FAVORITE ARTICLE OF CLOTHING: Cozy sweaters

DREAM JOB: Stay at home mom!

SPORTS TEAM: Duke Blue Devils

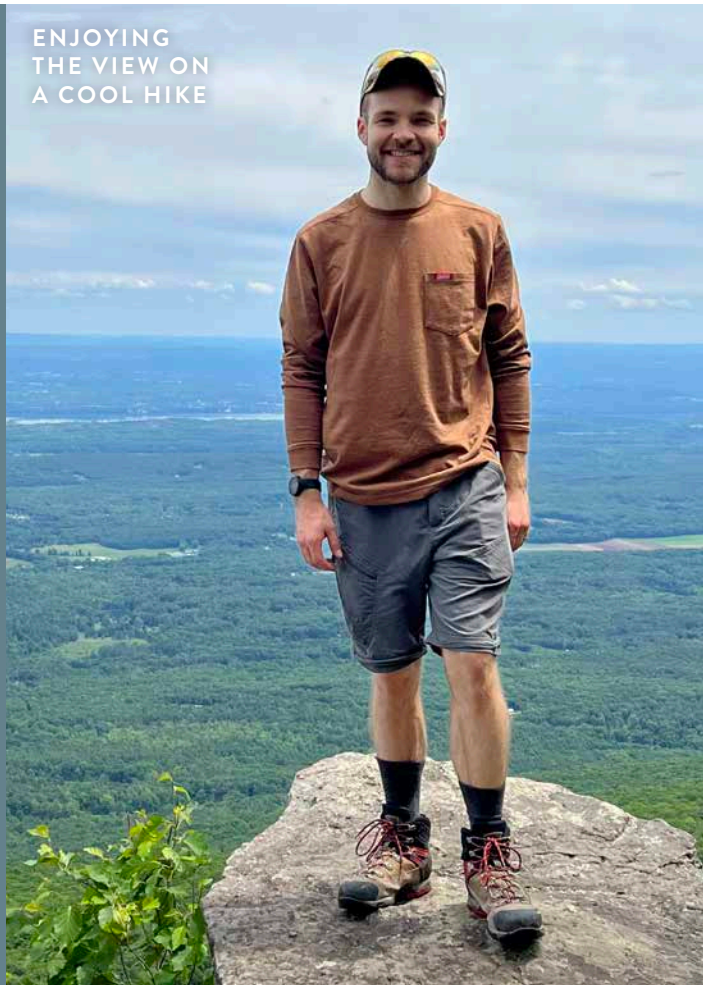
FAVORITE CUISINE: Italian food

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN HIGH SCHOOL: Art history

ABOUT

Connor

CONNOR'S FAVORITE CONDIMENT IS **Memphis BBQ sauce, BECAUSE IT'S SPICY AND SWEET.** AND I THINK THIS IS A GREAT ANALOGY FOR HIS PERSONALITY!



ENJOYING THE VIEW ON A COOL HIKE

CONNOR CAN'T WAIT TO BECOME A DAD!

On the "spicy" side of Connor, he loves adventure. And on the "sweet" side, he is extremely friendly, loyal to his family and friends, and takes great care of the people he loves.

Fun Facts

FAVORITE RESTAURANT:
Waffle House

FAVORITE ARTICLE OF CLOTHING: Cowboy boots (I wear them every chance I get!)

FAVORITE SANDWICH: peanut butter, jelly, lays, and mustard. *(Sounds weird, but it's delicious.)*

To get tickets to the BIGGEST BASKETBALL GAME of the season in college, both Elizabeth and I stood in line for weeks and even slept outside in a tent with our friends for several nights.

FAVORITE PLACE:
Durango, Colorado

FAVORITE FOOD:
Breakfast burritos

Recently, Elizabeth and I started trying to improve our dancing skills. We have taken some swing dancing lessons and have even tried our hand at country line dancing and two stepping.

TRAVELED TO:
46 states. *(Alaska, Alabama, and the Dakotas – here I come!)*

BACKPACKING OFFERS A CHANCE TO SEE BEAUTIFUL SIGHTS IN NATURE

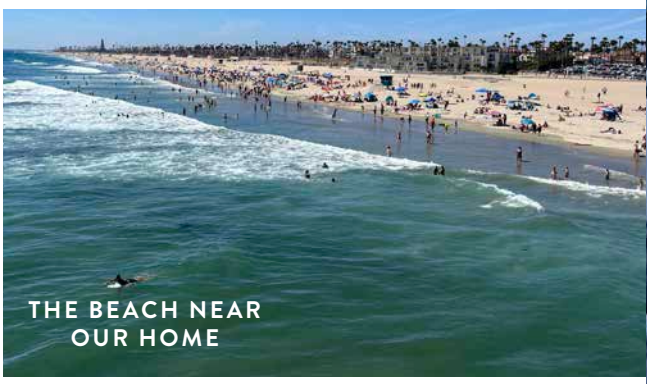
CARRYING HOME OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

CONNOR LOVES TO SEEK OUT NEW EXPERIENCES and often plans fun adventures for our family, from hiking on a new trail, to walking on the beach during a spectacular sunset, to trying new restaurants or recipes. He loves sharing outdoor adventures with friends and family. Connor frequently invites Elizabeth's younger siblings to come along with him when he skis, and he worked at a rock climbing camp as a counselor. I can easily picture him taking our family camping, teaching our children how to ski, or even going scuba diving with our kids! Connor works as a mechanical engineer and loves his job, where he gets to be creative and build new things. He is a hard worker and takes providing for our family very seriously. At home, Connor loves to cook (he's a great cook!) and to work on projects around our house. He is my very best friend in the world, and I've known since I first met him that he would make an awesome dad.

Our Home & Community

WE LIVE IN **Southern California,** WHERE WE'RE LUCKY TO BE A SHORT, 10 MINUTE DRIVE FROM THE BEACH AND CLOSE TO THE MOUNTAINS.

We love that the warm weather allows us to spend a lot of time outside year round.



THE BEACH NEAR OUR HOME

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAYGROUND

PAYING A VISIT TO THE BEACH NEAR OUR HOUSE

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS VERY FAMILY FRIENDLY, AND MOST FAMILIES ON OUR BLOCK HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN THAT PLAY OUTSIDE TOGETHER. Our neighborhood has a playground and swimming pool, including a kiddie pool! Elizabeth can't wait to take our child to the playground and play in the pool together on hot afternoons. We have found a great community in our church, where a lot of our friends have young children. The kitchen is the heart of our home, because we both love to cook and bake. We spend a lot of time together in our kitchen and living room, playing board games at our kitchen table or watching a movie together on the couch. We also have a little patio where Connor loves to fire up the grill and where we enjoy sitting around our firepit in the evenings.

A NEW ADVENTURE ON VACATION - SAILING!

THINGS WE LIKE

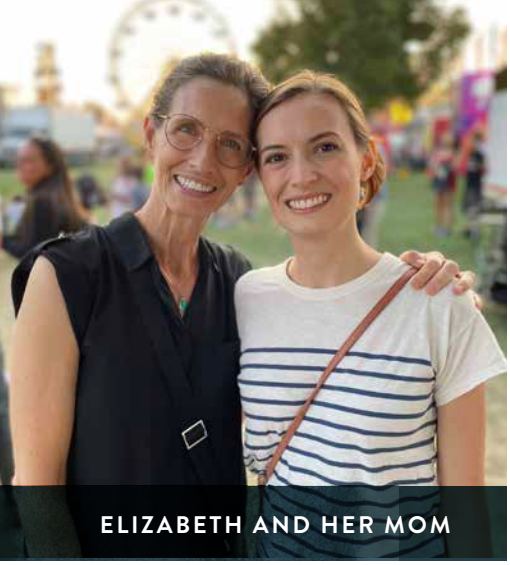
to do

TOGETHER

1. Swing dancing
2. Camping
3. Hiking
4. Traveling
5. Watching movies

WE ENJOY HIKING TO EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS

SHOWING OFF OUR DANCE MOVES AT A FAMILY GATHERING



ELIZABETH AND HER MOM

Our Families

FAMILY IS **very important to both of us,** AND WE REMAIN CLOSE TO BOTH OF OUR EXTENDED FAMILIES.

HAVING FUN WITH ELIZABETH'S SIBLINGS

ELIZABETH GREW UP IN A BIG FAMILY WITH SIX CHILDREN. She and her siblings all have very different personalities, and they share hilarious banter constantly. Many of their favorite times are spent just sitting around the fireplace enjoying each other's company, especially when the family is all together. Among Elizabeth's siblings, we have one niece and two nephews (including our godson!). We love seeing the world through their eyes. They provide so much joy and humor at family gatherings, and they receive a lot of love and attention from the abundance of aunts and uncles and their loving grandparents!

CONNOR HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY CLOSE WITH HIS MOM AND DAD. He has many great memories of playing games like Clue and traveling to the beach with his parents. Connor's parents have always been involved in and supportive of our family; they even drove across the country from Missouri to help us refinish the kitchen in our new house! Connor grew up near extended family and became very close with his cousins through weekly Sunday night dinners at their grandparents' house.

CHRISTMAS MORNING WITH ELIZABETH'S FAMILY

CONNOR GREW UP SHARING SUNDAY MEALS WITH HIS EXTENDED FAMILY

Adoption has played a large role IN THE CREATION OF CONNOR'S IMMEDIATE AND EXTENDED FAMILY, AND WE'RE SO GRATEFUL THAT OUR ADOPTED CHILD WILL HAVE THE LOVE AND SUPPORT OF A GRANDMOTHER WHO IS AN ADOPTEE HERSELF!

VACATIONING WITH CONNOR'S PARENTS

FAMILY IS SO IMPORTANT!

OUR NIECE CLARE INVITED ELIZABETH ON HER "BOAT RIDE"

CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF OUR GODSON

ABOUT OUR FAITH

OUR FAITH IS THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES. HERE WE ARE WITH THE PRIEST WHO MARRIED US!

We believe Jesus Christ

IS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR AND THROUGH HIS SACRIFICE WE ARE ADOPTED CHILDREN OF GOD.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH AND LOVE CELEBRATING THE TRADITIONS OF OUR CHURCH. We take time each day to pray, say grace before meals, and attend church together on Sundays. A lot of our traditions revolve around religious holidays, such as lighting candles of an Advent wreath in the four weeks before Christmas and cooking a big feast for Easter Sunday! We are excited to teach our child about God and how loved he or she is by our Creator. We both love our memories of important religious holidays and family traditions growing up, and we hope to create the same fun, faith-filled environment in our home for our child.

WE BELIEVE IN THE DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON AND THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVING EVERYONE YOU ENCOUNTER. We know that even small gestures like a smile or a hug can change the life of another, and we aim to teach that to our kids by example. We were both taught the importance of hard work from a young age, and it is important to us to encourage our kids to try their best in all that they do and take responsibility for their actions. Finally, we also want to make sure that our kids learn to be kids and not take life too seriously! Each day is beautiful and has its own goodness to be found within it. Time to play, giggle, and run around gives kids the opportunity to create their own story and find their place in the world.

OUR thoughts on parenting

CAMPING ALWAYS GIVES US A CHANCE TO DO SOME GREAT HIKES AND ENJOY QUALITY TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

WE LOVE INTERACTING WITH KIDS and getting to see their unique personalities shine, and we will delight in seeing our child grow and become who he or she was meant to be! As parents, we want to raise our child in a home of love and stability, to teach them to love God and neighbor and to treat all people with respect and kindness. We are excited to foster our child's unique talents and passions throughout his or her life.

Above all, we have a lot of fun together and share many joyful times in our family, and we can't wait to share many laughs, snuggles, playtimes, and adventures with our child!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO BECOME PARENTS!

We plan to SPEAK ABOUT ADOPTION OPENLY...

from the moment our child joins our family. We desire an open adoption and are open to sharing photos, regular communication, and periodic visits. We desire for you to be in our child's life, and you will always be spoken of with the utmost honor and respect within our home.

We will do everything in our power to support our child's developing understanding of his or her identity over time. We are committed to ensuring our community has adults and children who look like him or her. We want to celebrate our child's birth heritage and weave it into our family culture from the very start. Friends of different ethnicities have played many important roles in our lives, and we will continue to ensure our family is part of a diverse community.

Family Information

FATHER'S NAME:	MOTHER'S NAME:
Connor	Elizabeth
OCCUPATION: Mechanical Engineer	**OCCUPATION:** Software Engineer
EDUCATION: Bachelor's Degree	**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's Degree
RELIGION: Catholic	**RELIGION:** Catholic
DATE OF BIRTH: May 25, 1994	**DATE OF BIRTH:** February 14, 1995
HAIR COLOR: Blonde	**HAIR COLOR:** Brown
EYE COLOR: Blue	**EYE COLOR:** Brown
HEIGHT: 5'11"	**HEIGHT:** 5'5"

DATE OF MARRIAGE: July 11, 2020

CHILDREN: We don't have any children yet, but we can't wait to add a little one to our family! Elizabeth loved growing up with lots of siblings, so we hope to grow into a large family someday.

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES: We like to swing dance, hike, camp, travel, and explore new restaurants together. We also enjoy time at home relaxing and watching movies, playing boardgames, or sitting by the fire. Elizabeth loves to bake, read, and garden. Connor loves to ski, backpack, and cook.

HOME: We live in Southern California, where we are close to the beach and mountains. The warm weather lets us spend lots of time outside! Our neighborhood is family friendly, with many young kids. The kitchen is the heart of our home because we love to cook and bake. We also have a patio where we enjoy sitting by the fire.

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?
Since early on in dating, we've known that we want to grow our family through adoption. We believe that God creates families in many, beautiful ways. Adoption has always been a part of our life, as Connor's mom is adopted. When we learned it would be hard for us to have biological children, our existing desire to adopt made it an easy choice to begin the adoption journey! We can't wait to welcome a child into our family and share our love with them.

OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S): We desire an open adoption and are open to sharing photos, regular communication, and periodic visits, but of course will respect your desires. We hope for you to be in our child's life, and you will always be spoken of with the utmost honor and respect within our home. If you are open to it we'd love to maintain a relationship with you.

CHILDCARE PLANS: We are both fortunate to have generous leave policies at work, so we'll be able to spend a lot of quality time with the child after placement. Elizabeth plans not to return to work after her leave and will be devoting herself fully to her new life as a stay-at-home mom.

IN CLOSING

WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME YOU'VE TAKEN TO GET TO KNOW US AS YOU NAVIGATE THIS JOURNEY.

We know that the choice to place a child for adoption is a deeply personal and frequently difficult one. You have the best interests of your child in mind, and we know that you will make the right decision for your family.

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If you would like to get to know us better, we really look forward to getting to know you and your story too. We believe that God has a plan for each of us and each of our families, and we are so excited to welcome a new child into ours. Our calling as parents is to love our child so deeply that they know without a doubt their own incredible, unique value. We already feel so much love for the child we can't wait to meet! Part of loving our child is sharing the story of how they came to us, something we will do from the first day they come to our family. Adoption is a beautiful thing, and we are excited to share that with our child. If you are open to it, we hope that you will be a part of our child's life, and we'd love to maintain a relationship with you. Thanks again for welcoming us into your journey.