



Geoff AND Morgan

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HELLO AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME
TO LOOK AT OUR PROFILE!

We are Geoff and Morgan. We are excited to be growing our family through adoption.

We believe that adoption is a wonderful way to create a family for many reasons, especially because of all of the people who make decisions in the best interest of a beautiful new life. **We are very thankful to have had support from our friends and family during our adoption journey, and we know our “village” will be so important to us as we become “mom” and “dad”.**

We know that a birth family considering adoption may be faced with a difficult choice. We can't begin to know all that you may be thinking, and our goal is only to be supportive of your decision.

Our profile was created with love and care to share a little about our family with you. We believe that we can provide a loving and supportive family for a child through adoption. Thank you for getting to know us better through our profile!





Our Story

We met when we were juniors in college through a mutual friend who thought we would be good together because we were both tall.

We like to call her our fairy godmother because she was right (but for more reasons than our height)! We started dating quickly and dated for 6 years before we got married. When we were dating, we bonded over our mutual interest in cooking, hiking, exploring new restaurants, watching college football, and attending Campus Crusade for Christ events.

Our wedding was a very special day for us!



WE GOT MARRIED IN
DECEMBER OF 2016.

Our love for cooking together has endured, and we still regularly try new recipes. We have also found new interests in home renovations, traveling, and spending time outdoors with our dog. We believe that our marriage is strong because we genuinely like spending time together. We always strive to show care and respect for each other. Over the course of our relationship, we have learned that communication is especially important. It's not always easy to do when life gets busy, but we are working to prioritize each other.

Walking along the nearby lake and watching Chance swim are really fun activities that we enjoy!



Cooking together has always been an activity that brings us together.





About Morgan

Morgan is a very passionate and caring individual.

She will fight for the things that are important to her and support those close to her without falter. This support and trust from Morgan helps those near her to feel empowered and appreciated. She is very creative and artistically talented. Morgan has cross-stitched multiple stockings for the children of our close friends. These skills allow her to be fantastic when engaging with children and keeping the child entertained. She has fostered these skills over years of helping her mom with babysitting and daycare work. Morgan designs the decorations/themes for her mom's daycare and creates all of the characters/figures. **Morgan has a special knack for soothing kids when they are crying or having difficulty falling asleep.**

• For Work •

MORGAN HAS WORKED AT USC
FOR MANY YEARS

helping guide students through their collegiate careers and life decisions.

She is great at de-escalating situations with these students and refocusing them on their life goals.



Fresh flowers are such a joy to Morgan!



Morgan's job as a professor is very important to her. It's busy at times, but it's also very rewarding!



The zoo is so much fun! Morgan really enjoys learning about the different animals. They are always so fascinating to watch.

Baking is a fun activity for Morgan. She usually bakes dessert for every extended family event!

Ever since she was little, Morgan has loved to read. She usually has 4-5 books by her bed, several by the couch, and takes 1 with her almost everywhere she goes!



MORGAN'S FAVORITES

Place to Take a Child: Zoo



Hobby: Reading



Seasonal Activity: Hiking



Dessert: Anything chocolate



Children's Book: Any of the Pigeon books by Mo Willems

Dream Job: Farmer



Accessory: Earrings



Source of Inspiration: Nature



Place to Visit: Ireland



Can't Live Without: Planner



About Geoff

Geoff is incredibly intelligent. He loves to figure out how and why things work.

He's quick to pick up new skills and knowledge. This has really served him well over the years in school as he achieved 3 college degrees, in his work as a physical therapist, and in our home life. Geoff enjoys lots of activities that require him to be active and "hands-on." He's very athletic and enjoys playing or watching most sports. He likes to cook, especially when he has an opportunity to grill. Since we have been married, he has picked up a new hobby of building furniture. **Children seem to be drawn to Geoff.** He has a calm demeanor and kind smile, and I believe this makes children feel safe. He is quick to get down on the floor to play, and he makes a great jungle gym!



As Geoff was completing his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, he earned a ceremonial white coat. He worked hard for this recognition!

• For Work •

GEOFF WORKS AS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST, which means he solves unique problems and works with a variety of people daily. What he loves most about his job is the opportunity to help others when they are facing real challenges. He has an ability to connect with others and treat them as an individual.



GEOFF'S FAVORITES

Musical Instrument:
Saxophone



Hobby:
Woodworking/
home
renovation



Can't Live Without:
Watching sports



Sport You Like to Play: Lacrosse



Children's Book:
Goodnight Moon

Dream Job:
Physical
Therapist



Meal: Lasagna



Ice Cream Flavor: Mint
chocolate chip



Dream Vacation Spot: Greece



Lunch Box Snack: Flavor
blasted
goldfish



Geoff is very handy! He likes to create unique pieces of furniture out of wood.



Camping was something that Geoff did a lot with his family growing up. He still likes to occasionally spend a few nights under the stars!

One of Geoff's favorite sports is disc golf!





Our Home



WE HAVE BEEN IN OUR HOME FOR A FEW YEARS NOW. WHAT INITIALLY DREW US TO THIS HOUSE WAS THE BACKYARD, WHERE WE IMAGINED PETS AND CHILDREN PLAYING.

We bought it with the intention of this being our forever home. It wasn't perfect when we bought it, but we saw lots of potential. **Since we moved in, we have been doing renovations to make this house feel like "us" and to make our space more functional for our family.** We have worked to find special places for us to display family heirlooms like Morgan's great-grandmother's china, art from our travels, and handmade furniture.

Our city is in the middle of our state, which means we are close to both the mountains and the beach. We can easily visit either in a day trip. We also have a lot to do in our city. We especially like visiting the zoo and going out on the lake. Every weekend, our city hosts a farmers market that spans several city blocks. We like to go regularly to the market, and we always make a point to stop at the booths for local produce and a new food truck.

Our house has been a passion project since we moved in. We feel that we have been able to make it feel cozy by infusing our own personality into the renovations!

Our city hosts a huge farmer's market every Saturday! We often go out for fresh produce and local art!





Chance enjoys going with us to explore new places!



Our Pets



Being in the capital of our state allows us to visit many historical sites easily!

We have two pets—a dog and a cat.

We adopted our cat, Hazel, from a shelter when she was very small.

We don't know what breed she is, but she has beautiful stripes and bright blue eyes. She is very fluffy, and she loves to cuddle with everyone! She also likes to meow loudly for treats.

Our dog, Chance, is a golden retriever. He has beautiful dark golden fur and a very expressive face. You can easily figure out what he's thinking! He has lots of energy, and really loves being outside. He loves to play frisbee and go for hikes with us. He is really loving (especially with anyone who has a treat) and is eager to please.

Our pets are part of our family and bring us a great deal of joy.



Hazel's favorite activities are snuggling on the couch and watching out the window.



Our Family



Morgan's family consists of her parents and her younger sister. They like to do all kinds of activities together-especially when there is competition involved!



Geoff's family consists of his parents and his younger sister. They are all still very close!



3 generations of women in Morgan's family- strong women are in her genes!

Geoff and Celina are a few years apart in age, but they share many hobbies and interests.

Morgan's family consists of her mom, dad, and younger sister. They have always been a really close family, and that continues to this day. We always have a lot of fun together, and we especially like going on vacations to the lake. We all have dogs that like to swim, and we also like to spend time on the boat.

Morgan's family owns and runs a preschool in their town. They have been a great resource, teaching us a lot about child development and childcare.

Geoff's family consists of his mom, dad, and younger sister. We like to spend time outdoors together, especially doing activities where we can bring our dogs along. During football season, we all enjoy watching multiple teams play. **Geoff's mom and sister are both nurses, specializing in pediatrics. They have a wealth of knowledge, especially related to items that will be helpful for new parents.**





Morgan's friends are like family! We get together celebrate milestones and just enjoy being together!



Geoff's close friends are like brothers! They have been friends since high school and still see each other often!

FIVE THINGS OUR FRIENDS SAY ABOUT US:

- Generous with time and resources
- Like to have fun
- Responsible
- Fun and entertaining to children
- Creative and eager to try new skills

Our closest friends are Ben and Allison.

We have been friends with them for many years, well before either of us were married. We have been through many exciting and challenging experiences together, and we know that they are always there for us. Our friends have children of their own, and we love to spend time with all of them!

Our best friends have a son and a daughter. This is us visiting the zoo when they came to visit! The zebras were a favorite for us all!





Football takes over our city on Saturdays in the fall! As alumni, we like to go to at least 1 game per season as we can.



We spent our honeymoon in a treehouse, so we like to visit other types of unique stays for our anniversary each year. This is outside of a hobbit house in the mountains!

OUR VALUES



Our most important family values are respect for all, honesty, quality family time, kindness, forgiveness, and dedication.

We cherish our time at home at the end of each day, and we love to do activities together on the weekends. We believe that our time together is our most precious gift. We believe that respect and kindness are critical values to teach due to unknown experiences of the person you are interacting with. You never know what another person has experienced in their life. By instilling all of these family values, we believe this will help foster a loving and positive family environment.

OUR BUCKET LIST:

- Travel outside of the country together**
- Grow a garden with vegetables, herbs, and flowers
- Own a boat to take out on the lake with family and friends
- Train our dog to provide emotional support in our community
- Hike a portion of the Appalachian Trail

We really love going to the beach! We have been to several beaches along the east coast. We especially like to walk and watch the waves. It's so peaceful!



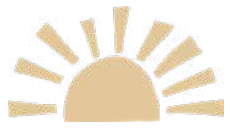
Our Thoughts on Parenting



When we think about adding a child to our family, we imagine big events in our family's life and our new day-to-day activities. We imagine spending holidays with our extended family and traveling for family vacations. We also picture us sharing our love for cooking by making dinner as a family and passing on our love for the outdoors by going for hikes together. Our desire is to create a family built on the ideals of our Christian faith, including love for God and love for people. We hope to make our child feel loved, safe, and supported. We want a child to feel that they are capable of pursuing their dreams because of the encouragement they find in our family. **We believe that it's important for children to feel safe as they build skills that will help them be a thriving member of society like self-awareness, resilience, and independence.** We will strive to treat our child as an individual, and support their unique interests. It will be important to us to meet our child where they are and to help them grow in love.



OUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY BY FAR IS CHRISTMAS. WE GO ALL OUT! WE DECORATE WITH MULTIPLE TREES, LIGHTS, AND LOTS MORE! IT REALLY IS A MAGICAL TIME OF YEAR FOR OUR FAMILY!



Our Thoughts on Open Adoption and Diversity

Our desire is to have an open and supportive relationship with a birth family. We hope that our birth family can join us in loving and caring about a child. We recognize that adoption will be an important part of our family's story, and we will share that story with our children with care and honesty. We are open to sharing the child's life with their birth family through letters/texts and photos, phone calls, and in-person visits on a regular basis as schedules allow.

We value diversity in our family. We feel that it is important for children to be celebrated for all of the things that make them unique, including their race and ethnicity. We are open to trans-racial adoption and would commit to incorporating a child's heritage into our family life, even if that heritage is different than ours. We would commit to learning about our child's heritage so that we can celebrate meaningful traditions, find opportunities for our child to see their heritage celebrated in our community, and connect them with role models who share their heritage.





FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name:
Geoffrey



Occupation:
Physical Therapist



Education:
Doctorate of
Physical Therapy



Religion: Catholic



Date of Birth:
5/4/90



Hair color: Blonde



Eye color: Hazel



Height: 6'3"

Mother's Name:
Morgan



Occupation:
Professor



Education:
Master of Public
Health



Religion: Catholic



Date of Birth:
3/16/90



Hair color: Blonde



Eye color: Blue



Height: 5'10"

Date of marriage: 12/16/16

Children: N/A

Interests and hobbies: Geoff likes playing and watching sports of all kinds. He's a natural athlete. Morgan likes quieter activities like reading and baking. Together, they like taking their dog for a hike, cooking, and working with their hands on projects around the house like finishing the basement and building furniture.

Home: We live in single-story ranch house with a finished basement. Our neighborhood is well-established and peaceful. We are close to several larger cities and towns, which is convenient for lots of activities!

Pets: We have a dog and a cat. Hazel is our 9-year-old cat. Chance is our dog. He's a 4-year-old golden retriever.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption? We are very excited about starting our family! We have not been able to have children of our own, but we feel that God has called us to adopt.

Openness to birthparent(s): We believe that openness with a birth family is important and healthy for everyone. We would be interested in keeping in touch with birth families through photos (emails or texts) and in-person visits.

Childcare plans: We plan to utilize day care services while we are at work during the day.

In Closing

THANK YOU FOR READING ABOUT US! WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE OUR STORY WITH YOU, AND WE HOPE THAT WE HAVE CONNECTED WITH YOU IN SOME WAY.

We feel strongly that we are called to build our family through adoption. It is our desire to raise a child in a home where they are loved and cherished. We aim to foster his or her unique passions in a way that allows them to grow to be a successful and valued member of society. We believe that we can provide a home environment that would provide them support and encouragement as they find their place in the world. **It is important to us that we maintain an open relationship with a birth family.** We believe that it's beneficial for children to know their story, and you are an integral part of that story. We would be committed to sharing our life with you.

We remain firm in our dedication to this adoption journey and our hope that God will continue to guide us in building our family through adoption.



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