



Lane & Leslie

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Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little about us. We want you to know how deeply we respect you and the thoughtful, loving consideration you are giving to your baby's future. We believe it takes incredible strength and bravery to make a plan rooted in love, and we admire the care you are showing in exploring what is best for this child.

We are a family of five, with three wonderful sons who fill our home with laughter, curiosity, and constant motion. Becoming parents has been the greatest joy of our lives, and our hearts are open and ready to welcome another child. We truly believe this baby would complete our family in a way that feels both humbling and blessed.

Building our family has been anything but easy for us. Our first son was unexpectedly born at twenty-seven weeks. He spent the majority of his first eighteen months in and out of the hospital but has grown up to be a healthy, strong nine-year-old! After going to several specialists, we learned that Leslie would likely not be able to carry a baby to term and decided to go down the surrogacy route. Through two amazing women, that we will never be able to adequately thank, we had our other two sons who are now almost 7 and almost 2. We learned through this process that families are built in a million different ways, and that while pregnancy is a gift, it's not always what makes people family. It took three women to have our three sons and we love them all fully and equally, yet in their own individual ways.

Our faith is at the center of our lives and guides how we love, serve, and show up for one another. Alongside that faith, we are surrounded by a close-knit network of family, friends, and community who are deeply supportive and endlessly loving. This baby would grow up knowing they are cherished and not just by us, but by a whole village committed to nurturing, protecting, and celebrating them.

If you choose to get to know us better, we would be honored. Please know that whatever path you take, we recognize the love behind it and hold you in the highest regard.

With gratitude and respect,

Lane & Leslie





We are Leslie and Lane, and our story began at a Halloween party in 2010. Leslie arrived dressed as an over-the-top '80s aerobics instructor, while Lane came as "Mayhem" from the Allstate commercials which was fitting, since that's where he was working at the time. We ended up talking the entire night, completely unaware of how quickly our lives were about to change. Just three days later we went on our first date, and from that moment on, we never looked back. We were engaged 11 months later, married 10 months after that, and have now been happily married for over 13 years.

After moving around the country for nearly a decade, we've truly found our forever home in Louisville. We love our community deeply and are both very involved in it. We're grateful to live in a neighborhood filled with close friends and family who feel more like an extension of our home.

Music, travel, and exploring new places are some of our favorite things especially when we can do them together as a family. We love attending live music events, often right here in our own community, and frequently bring the kids along. Leslie is a stay-at-home mom, and Lane works from home with a flexible schedule, which allows us to spend meaningful time together and be very present in our children's lives. Above all else, family is the center of everything we do.





Meet Leslie

I grew up just outside of Atlanta, Georgia, with my parents and younger sister in a home that was always full of people. My family loved hosting friends and relatives, and some of my favorite memories are of time spent together traveling, laughing, and being on the water during the summertime. Growing up in that kind of environment shaped who

I am and instilled in me a deep love for family, hospitality, and togetherness. I have always dreamed of being a wife and a mom, but that calling became even clearer when I became a mother for the first time. Being a mom feels like my true purpose. Creating a warm, welcoming home for our family, and for everyone who walks through our door, brings me so much joy. I love making our house a place where our kids, their friends, and our community feel welcomed, comfortable, and loved.

Hosting is one of my favorite things to do. I especially love casual afternoons with friends and their kids, even if it's just grilling out, swimming in the backyard, and letting everyone simply enjoy being together. I'm very involved in our children's education and volunteer several times a month in both the school and their classrooms. I also serve as Vice President of our neighborhood moms club, helping plan events for nearly 100 moms and their families, and finally, I am active within our church, in particular in helping prepare for youth ministry events.

Bringing people together in fellowship, whether to celebrate a milestone or just enjoy an ordinary Saturday, is something I truly cherish.





What Lane Says About Leslie

Leslie is a wife that I am truly proud of. When we go to social events she is everyone's favorite. When I take her to business events, she elevates my standing. When she is one on one with others, they often share intimate details and reflect an uncanny level of trust and good will. It would be enough to simply appreciate the many ways that she enhances our lives from an outsider's perspective. But in reality, that doesn't matter, because on the inside she is the warm, caring, loyal mother and wife that every man dreams of.



Meet Lane

I grew up in Quincy, Illinois, in a close-knit family where weekends were often spent gathered around the table with extended family sharing meals, laughing, and playing alongside cousins. Those early years shaped my deep appreciation for family, connection, and being present for the people I love.

From a young age, I was thoughtful and curious, with a natural interest in math that eventually led me to a successful career as an insurance executive. I am driven and achievement-oriented, yet feel that I am able to balance that ambition with genuine kindness and empathy. I always strive to make people feel heard and valued, whether in my professional life or within our home.

As a husband and father I like to think I am steady and devoted. I am deeply committed to our family and take great joy in being involved in the everyday moments like helping with homework, participating in kids activities, and spending meaningful time together.





What Leslie Says About Lane

What I love most about Lane is who he is at his core. He is deeply devoted to our family and leads us with integrity, steadiness, and love. He is incredibly funny and has a way of making me laugh even on the hardest days. Lane is someone I trust completely. He is thoughtful, dependable, and always puts our family first. I admire how he balances being highly professional and successful at his job while still being playful and goofy at home. He is the dad who is always outside throwing the ball, jumping into the pool for splash competitions, or fully engaging in whatever the kids are doing. Being a provider matters deeply to him, but even more than that, he wants what is best for everyone around him. Nothing is more important to Lane than our family, and loving us so well is something he does every single day.



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OUR BOYS





Garrison (2016)

Garrison is our 9-year-old son, and from the moment you meet him, you feel his gentle, thoughtful heart. He is incredibly smart, kind, empathetic, and naturally funny, with a creative, artistic side that shines through in everything he does. He is deeply inquisitive and loves to learn, so much so that he often chooses to read in his free time and will happily read books aloud to his baby brother. Garrison adores his younger brothers more than anything and takes great pride in being a big brother. He loves school, being outdoors, and staying active. Baseball is his favorite sport, but he also enjoys track, cross country, swimming, his ninja warrior class, and is currently having fun learning to play the drums. He brings curiosity, joy, and warmth into our home every day.

Sawyer (2019)

Sawyer is our 7-year-old son, and he has the most tender, compassionate heart. He is smart, creative, imaginative, and deeply artistic, with a natural ability to connect with people and love them well which is something especially remarkable for his age. Sawyer loves to draw, listen to music, and play with his friends, and he thrives when he's creating or sharing experiences with others. During the summer, swim team is his favorite activity, but he also enjoys tennis, riding his bike, roller blading, and spending hours playing outside with friends. He is an avid reader and often chooses to read to his baby brother, something that comes very naturally to his nurturing spirit. He has recently begun piano lessons and takes great pride in learning. Sawyer is gentle, caring, and attentive, and he brings warmth and kindness to everyone around him.

McGowan (2024)

McGowan is our 2-year-old and the absolute joy of our home. He is the sweetest, happiest little toddler with a contagious smile and a playful spirit. He loves to play, especially alongside his big brothers, whom he adores and wants to be near as much as possible. He is saying so many words and works hard every day to communicate more, proudly making his voice heard. McGowan loves to dance to music, climb, jump, and fearlessly try to do anything his big brothers are doing. He is also our most snuggly little guy and gives the very best hugs, bringing warmth and laughter to our family every single day.



Forrest

Forrest is our 10-year-old dog, and though he may be older, we lovingly call him our "perpetual puppy." At just 6 pounds, he still looks (and acts) like a puppy, full of sweetness and personality. Each time we've brought a baby home, Forrest has instinctively taken on the role of "guard dog," rarely leaving their side. We have countless photos of him sitting or lying beside a bassinet or baby seat, faithfully keeping watch. He is incredibly friendly, has never met a stranger, and loves nothing more than curling up on the sofa to cuddle with whomever happens to be nearby. Forrest is a gentle, constant presence in our home and very much a part of our family.

Home Sweet Home

We live in a truly special neighborhood that feels like a small town nestled within the larger city of Louisville. Our community is incredibly family-focused, with beautiful, unique homes and the ability to walk to countless stores, restaurants, and coffee shops. There are two small lakes, four large playgrounds, three pools, and even a small water park, all of which make everyday life feel a little bit magical for kids. Just down the street is an amphitheater where we attend free weekly concerts as a family during the warmer months. The sense of community here is something we treasure. From the golf cart parade we proudly participate in every Fourth of July to the lighting of the Christmas tree with carolers in the town square each December, it truly feels like an “all-American” neighborhood while still enjoying all the opportunities and conveniences of living in a medium-sized city like Louisville.

We also deeply love our home and the life we’ve built in it. It has been the perfect place to raise our children, and we can’t wait to share it with another child. One of our favorite features is our backyard pool, which makes staying home for family days extra special. Inside, the kids’ absolute favorite is our spiral slide that connects the third floor to the second. It’s not only a slide, but also a racetrack for Hot Wheels cars and the route for many stuffed-animal parades. Finally, our kitchen and dining room are truly the heart of our home. We share most dinners together as a family and often welcome extended family, neighbors, and friends around our table, creating a home that is always full of laughter, connection, and love.

Our Home



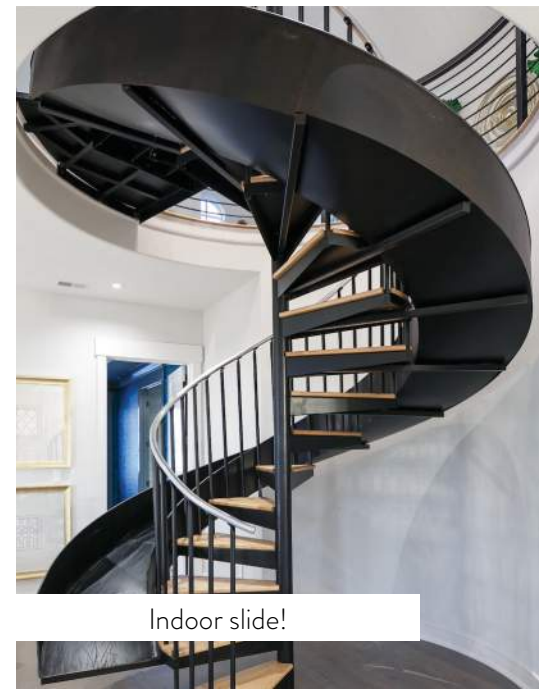
Neighborhood pool



Park across the street



Indoor slide!



Neighborhood friends in our pool



Leslie's family in Disney World



Lane's parents with the big boys



The boys with their cousin



Extended Family

We are surrounded by a loving, involved network of family and friends who play an important role in our everyday lives. Leslie's parents live right in our neighborhood and are always nearby, often stopping by and sharing one or two family dinners with us each week. Leslie's sister and her family live just 15 minutes away, and our niece and nephew (ages 4 and 3) would be very excited about welcoming another cousin into their beloved "cousin crew." Lane's parents live a short drive away in Illinois and visit every other month, and we also love taking the kids to their family farm which is a special place full of space, adventure, and opportunities to explore. Beyond our family, we are blessed with an incredible group of friends who truly feel like extended family. Between playdates at each others' homes, afternoons at the neighborhood pool and Food Truck Friday nights at the park down the street, our lives are full of connection and joy. Any child who joins our family would be deeply loved, supported, and celebrated by so many people.

Annual cousin trip



Our best friends at the spring races





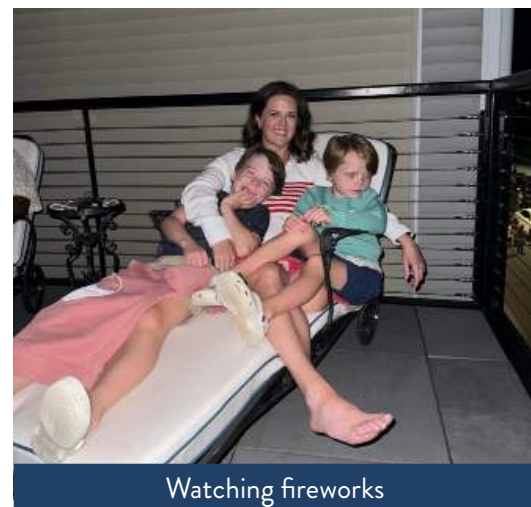
Family hike



Skiing Trip

Hobbies

As a couple, we truly enjoy spending intentional time together and prioritizing our relationship. We make a point to have regular date nights, whether that's trying a new restaurant, exploring a new part of our city, or simply enjoying time to reconnect. We also love to travel and have shared some unforgettable trips together, including time in Italy, Scotland, England, and many beach vacations that we treasure. When we're closer to home, we enjoy hiking, being outdoors, and discovering new places around us, always appreciating the chance to experience life together and create meaningful memories.



Watching fireworks



Halloween



Annual family mile race



Put-Put!



At Lane's cousins wedding

Family Traditions

We typically have dinner as a family most nights where we play a game called "Roses, Buds, and Thorns." Everyone goes around the table and shares the best parts of their day (roses), what they're looking forward to (buds), and the hardest part of the day (thorns).

We spend a month every summer in northern Michigan on the lake. Days are spent at the beach or out boating on the water. Evenings are often spent at the park in town listening to live music and getting ice cream.

We have a park in front of our home. We love to send out a text to neighbors and friends on weekends to come join us where we play, hang out and often order pizzas for everyone!

Sunday evenings we typically get together with Leslie's family for the cousins to play and make dinner together.

Almost everyone in our neighborhood has a golf cart. We love taking rides around the neighborhood and visiting friends. During the summer, we love to have splash contests in our pool. Biggest or most creative splash wins!

Game nights are great during the winter months. The kiddos love Zingo and Guess Who. Leslie and Lane often play 5 Crowns (a fun card game) for hours after the kids go to sleep.



Before Thanksgiving dinner



Meeting Santa



Easter Sunday at Church



parenting + Adoption

At the heart of our parenting is a deep love for our children and a commitment to helping them grow up knowing just how cherished, valued, and uniquely made they are by God. We believe children thrive when they feel secure in who they are and where they come from, and for us that will include honoring and celebrating their adoption story from the very beginning. We hope to have an open adoption relationship, because we want this child to grow up proud of their story and connected to their biological roots in a way that feels healthy and loving. We are committed to having open, age-appropriate conversations about adoption throughout their life, always speaking with honesty, respect, and gratitude. We have a bit of experience in this department having been foster parents for a baby girl a few years ago. We truly believe adoption is a beautiful journey, and we want this child to always know they are deeply loved by both their birth family and us.

Family Information



Father's Name:
Lane

Occupation:
Insurance Executive

Education:
Bachelors of Arts, Economics
Minor: Math

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
1986

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Blue

Height:
5' 11"



Mother's Name:
Leslie

Occupation:
Stay-At-Home Mom and
Keeper of the Snacks

Education:
Bachelors of Arts,
Communication and Information Sciences;
Public Relations, Minor: Communication Studies

Religion: Christian

Date of birth:
1986

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Blue

Height:
5' 5"

Date of marriage: 08/04/2012

Children: Garrison is smart, kind, and curious, with a love for reading, school, and staying active; he also enjoys drum lessons and deeply cares for his younger brothers. Sawyer, has a tender and creative spirit, loves drawing, music, and being outdoors, and is an avid reader who has recently started piano lessons. McGowan is a joyful and adventurous toddler who loves keeping up with his brothers, dancing to music, and giving great hugs.

Home: We live in a warm, family-focused neighborhood in Louisville that feels like a small town, full of unique homes, parks, lakes, pools, and even a small water park, making it a magical place for kids. Our community offers fun traditions like golf cart parades on the Fourth of July, tree-lighting ceremonies at Christmas, and free weekly concerts at the nearby amphitheater. We love the life we've built here, which has been perfect for raising our children and is ready to welcome another. Our home and neighborhood are filled with laughter, connection, and a strong sense of community.

Pets: Forrest is our 10-year-old, 6-pound dog who we lovingly call our "perpetual puppy" because of his sweet, playful personality.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption: Our oldest, Garrison, was born very prematurely and had a very hard road for his first few years of life. While he's doing great now, we were told that pregnancy would not be the safest option to grow our family. We had our other two sons via surrogacy and will always be grateful for that process. We have always discussed adoption as an option and instead of creating more embryos and going the surrogacy route again, we feel a deep calling to adopt a child. We have such a strong family and we truly love the life we've built but it still feels like we have more love to give and growing our family in this way feels like the right next step.

Openness to birthparent(s): We are very open to an open adoption and would be honored to share regular updates as this child grows, whether through photos, letters, emails, or phone calls. We would also be open to occasional in-person meetings, such as milestone moments or other mutually agreed-upon times. We truly believe that openness can be a beautiful way to expand our family and give this child a deeper understanding of where they come from and how deeply they are loved by everyone. Our hope is to build a connected relationship with healthy boundaries that respect everyone involved, always keeping the child's best interest at the center. We also understand that every birth family's comfort level is different, and that is completely okay. We truly want to work with you, always guided by what is best for the child, knowing that the relationship may begin slowly and evolve naturally over time, should that be what you wish.

Childcare plans: Leslie will be the primary caregiver for the children. She has been a stay-at-home mom for 9+ years and plans to continue this role for years and years to come! It's her dream "job" and works very well for our family. Should she need to be away from the home for a volunteer opportunity at our church or the kid's school, we have plenty of reliable babysitters in our life, most importantly, Leslie's sister and parents.



THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us through our profile book. We can only imagine how much courage it takes to be in this season, and we do not take lightly the trust you are showing by learning about our family. We want you to know how deeply grateful we are for the time, thought, and heart you are putting into this decision. If we are chosen to parent your child, we promise to love them unconditionally and wholeheartedly. They will be raised in a home filled with laughter, warmth, faith, and constant reassurance that they are deeply cherished. We will honor and respect their adoption story, speaking about it openly and lovingly from the very beginning, so they always know how special and valued their story is.

We also want to acknowledge how incredibly brave you are. Making a decision like this requires immense strength, selflessness, and love, and we have so much respect for you. No matter where this journey leads, please know that we are in awe of the care and love you are showing for this child.

With sincere gratitude,

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