

ROBERT & AMY

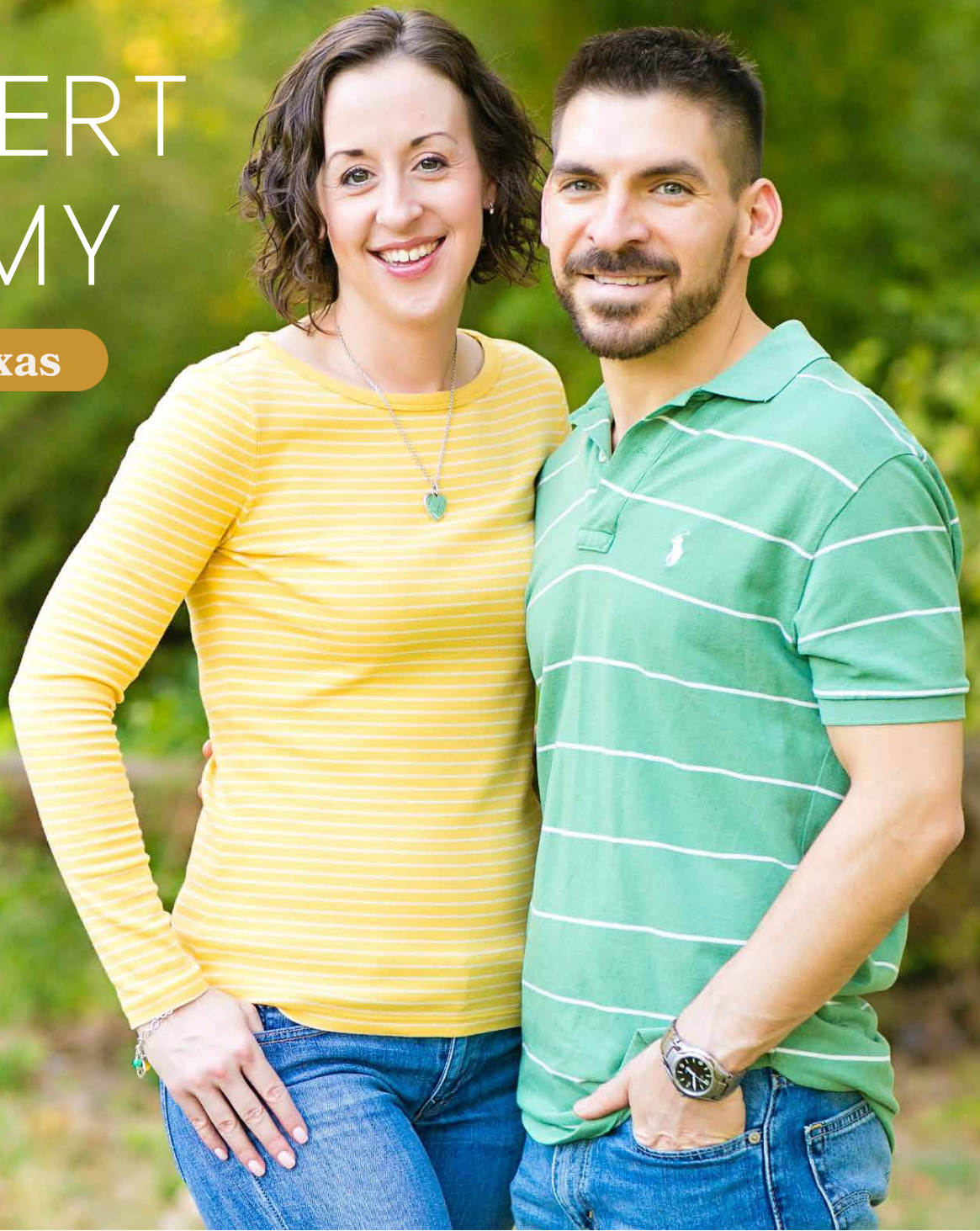
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HELLO! WE ARE

ROBERT
+ AMY

from Texas



THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR TAKING THE TIME
TO LEARN ABOUT US!

We congratulate you on having
the strength and courage to
take this journey.

We chose Domestic Infant Adoption as the best way to grow our family, after 4 years of unsuccessful fertility treatments, and concluding with an endometriosis diagnosis. We know this letter will find you at a time when you have many things on your mind. We want to thank you for taking the time to allow us to introduce ourselves to you through these pages. **YOU ARE CARRYING A GIFT FROM GOD, AND WE HOPE THROUGH HIM, YOU WILL FIND THE DIRECTION YOU SEEK.**

OUR STORY

We met 10 years ago and just celebrated our 7th

wedding anniversary. We met in our local running club and began dating not long after. That's part of the story of how we met. I had just moved to Waco, and meeting Robert was meant to be. I had two colleagues trying to set me up with a single friend of theirs, who also happened to be a runner, but I kept putting them off. Then one night before a big local race, I was invited to a dinner that happened to be planned by Robert. We hit it off instantly!

ONE OF THE BEST
DAYS OF OUR LIVES -
OUR WEDDING!

ROBERT PROPOSED
IN 2015 AND WE
WERE MARRIED
IN 2016!

We love...

to read, travel, and be in the outdoors – hiking, exploring, and camping (Robert loves camping more than Amy).

to be active, working out, swimming, running and biking.

to eat good food and cook home cooked meals.

to spend time with our extended family who live nearby.

just being at home with our pups and relaxing.



By Robert I would describe myself as a pragmatic individual with a positive mental attitude and being youthful at heart.

ABOUT ROBERT

I was born and raised in Waco, Texas with my older brother Frank. I attended Baylor University and obtained my BBA in Economics. I have worked for Farmers Insurance in the claims department for 16 years and have come to appreciate the flexibility and perks my employer provides as I look forward to becoming a parent. I am strong in my faith, having been raised Catholic, and have developed a great devotion to the faith in middle age. I have also learned a lot about the Protestant faith, marrying Amy in the Methodist Church, and being an active member of that church community. I love challenges and accomplishing goals. I never imagined I would run my first marathon at the age of 27, kicking off my drive for adventure and achievement. This drive has continued into my 40s and makes me feel as youthful as I did in my 20s. I have a love of children—they make me smile when I see them play and have fun just being children. I look forward to being able to share that enjoyment with my own child someday.



ROBERT, AN AMATEUR BIRD WATCHER, ENJOYED FEEDING BIRDS UP CLOSE



ROCKY RACCOON
50K TRAIL RACE

a few

FAVS

HIKING DURING A
FAMILY VACATION



- **PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD** THE ZOO
- **LUNCH BOX SNACK** DORITOS OR CHEETOS
- **LANGUAGES YOU SPEAK** SOME SPANISH AND FRENCH
- **HOBBY** RUNNING, CAMPING, VIDEO GAMES
- **SEASONAL ACTIVITY** LOOKING AT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
- **CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT** OUR TWO DACHSHUNDS
- **CHILDREN'S BOOK** IF YOU GIVE A MOUSE A COOKIE
- **ACCESSORY** MY WALLET MADE FROM A BASEBALL GLOVE
- **ICE CREAM FLAVOR** MINT CHOCOLATE

By Amy The words that describe me best are hardworking, disciplined, responsible, learner, acts of service, words of affirmation, loving, considerate and thoughtful.

ABOUT AMY

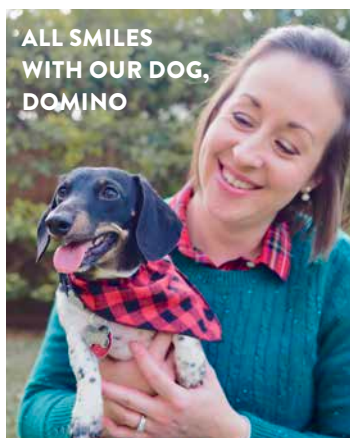
OUR ANNUAL TRADITION, TO FIND AND BUY GIRL SCOUT COOKIES! AMY SUCCEEDED AGAIN!



A HOLIDAY PHOTO TRADITION



RUNNING A RACE IN HER HOMETOWN!



ALL SMILES WITH OUR DOG, DOMINO

I was raised in the Panhandle of Texas, in Lubbock, Texas. I am an only child and am close to my parents. I was always a good student and love to learn – google is my favorite app. I went to college and graduated in 4-years, and later put myself through graduate school while working full-time. Fifteen years ago, I began my career working in Higher Education Development (Fundraising). After I earned my master's degree, I had an opportunity to move to Waco to work for Baylor University. There is nothing like working at faith-based institution. My job is to thank people and steward them for their gifts and commitment to the University. Currently, due to construction, I work remotely. Normally my work is primarily in the office, but we have flexibility to work remotely as needed. Within the last year, in preparation for growing our family, I have started working in the nursery at our church a couple of Sunday mornings a month. This experience has been invaluable, and I enjoy loving on these babies, and the fellowship of my nursery colleagues – they have taught me so much.

a few FAVS

- **PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD** LIBRARY
- **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS I PLAYED** FRENCH HORN IN MARCHING AND CONCERT BAND, AND TRUMPET IN JAZZ BAND
- **LUNCH BOX SNACK** APPLE SAUCE AND FIG NEWTONS
- **SEASONAL ACTIVITY** BIG FAMILY GET TOGETHERS
- **CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT** DUNKIN' DONUTS COFFEE
- **DESSERT** PIE, ALL THE PIE
- **CHILDREN'S BOOK** GOODNIGHT MOON, THE GIVING TREE, OH THE PLACES YOU'LL GO
- **PERFECT DAY** ALWAYS INCLUDES A FAMILY NAP
- **ACCESSORY** A BRACELET ON MY RIGHT WRIST, ALWAYS
- **ICE CREAM FLAVOR** COOKIES 'N' CREAM OR VANILLA BEAN

**Our home is in
Waco, Texas,
the birthplace
of Dr. Pepper!**

Waco, in a sense, is a small 'big' city with a vibrant downtown, a beautiful college campus home to an NCAA champion college team, gorgeous parks for hiking and adventuring, a diverse offering of churches to accommodate a majority of faiths, and a well known 'house flipping' brand that brings in tourism week after week. I would consider Waco to be a gem to live in not only due to it's diversity and allure, but also for it's modest size and slower pace compared to larger cities that surround it.

OUR HOME



HOME SWEET HOME



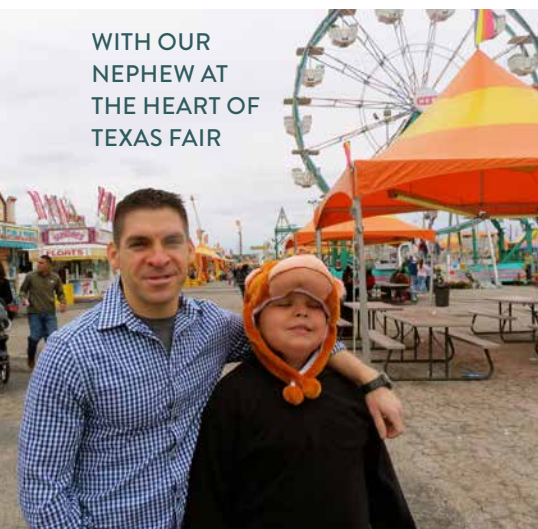
RELAXING IN THE
LIVING ROOM



ROBERT MAKES
HOMEMADE
PIZZA EVERY
SUNDAY!

OUR HOME IS SITUATED IN A MATURE NEIGHBORHOOD BUILT IN THE 1950S. THERE ARE LOTS OF YOUNG COUPLES AND FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MOVING IN AND REMODELING THE NEARBY HOMES.

WITH OUR
NEPHEW AT
THE HEART OF
TEXAS FAIR



Our neighborhood is just a few miles from schools, shopping and downtown, where Amy's office is located. We enjoy working in our quarter acre yard and doing improvement projects around the house - always finding ways to add our touch to the home. We are just minutes from the Cameron Park Zoo and Cameron Park - two of our favorite places. Cameron Park is a 416-acre park in the heart of downtown, and has towering trees, two rivers, breathtaking views, playgrounds, and a Recreation Trail System. We are less than a 2-hour drive from Dallas and Austin, so we are close enough to visit the big city, but we still maintain that small town feel with home-owned shops and weekly farmers markets.



TAKING OUR DOGS
FOR A WALK IS ONE
OF THE HIGHLIGHTS
OF OUR DAYS!

OUR PUPS

WE HAVE TWO MINIATURE DACHSHUNDS.
MISS MARTY (5 YEARS OLD), A LONG-HAIRED
CHOCOLATE AND TAN DACHSHUND, AND MR.
DOMINO (4 YEARS OLD), A SHORT-HAIRED BLACK,
WHITE, AND TAN DAPPLE DACHSHUND.

Marty and Domino are both indoor dogs,
sharing their colorful personalities with visitors
and neighbors whenever they get to go for
their daily walks. They also enjoy being our
protectors, our snuggle buddies, and couch
potatoes when they are not being active.



MISS MARTY AND
MISTER DOMINO
ASKED SANTA FOR
MORE TREATS

OUR FAMILY

Robert and I are truly blessed to have all our immediate family within and close to the Waco area.



AMY WITH HER MOTHER AND EXTENDED FAMILY

Robert's parents live in a community that is just a 20-minute drive away. Amy's parents live just a few miles from Robert's parents. Since Amy is an only child, it is very common for our family get togethers to include both of our families. Robert's brother and his family live in a small town about 30 miles away. His brother's family has a farm, and they have two sons (one in college and one in high school). Robert's sister-in-law has a big family in town so those togethers are big, loud and fun! Amy's 102-year-old great-aunt is a big part of our life, as she is our remaining grandmother figure. She is thriving, healthy and cannot wait to meet our child.



WITH AMY'S GREAT AUNT DOROTHY



AMY AND PARENTS WHILE TAKING BRIDAL PHOTOS



OUR FAMILY THANKSGIVING TRADITION



AMY'S LONGTIME FRIEND, MEGAN, AND HER FAMILY. THEY ARE APART OF OUR EXTENDED FAMILY



OUR VILLAGE ALSO INCLUDES FRIENDS WE CONSIDER FAMILY.

Amy's childhood friend, Megan, is like a sister - she lives in Arkansas, and is moving to Kentucky. Being an Army family, visiting them allows us to explore new places, while still staying close. Robert's childhood friend, Eric, is like another brother. Robert and Eric camp together, and we often spend time with Eric and his family in fellowship since they live close by.



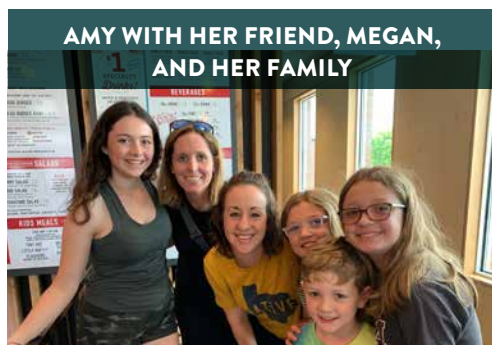
WITH FRANK JR. AND BONNIE (BROTHER AND SISTER IN LAW)

Christmas Eve tamale dinner was a tradition in Amy's family long before we met.

Our families are perfectly matched to have the same Christmas dinner tradition. The only difference is we make homemade tamales to enjoy rather than store bought. We can't wait to share this tradition with our child.



MAKING TAMALES!



AMY WITH HER FRIEND, MEGAN, AND HER FAMILY



FAMILY VACATION WITH AMY'S PARENTS



WITH ROBERT'S FAMILY

OUR FAITH

Our faith in God is very important to us.

To honor both of our religious backgrounds, we attend services at both Catholic and Methodist churches

weekly and are active members within both of those church communities. With our common faith in God, we do not believe our differences in religious denominations has a bearing on our relationship with Christ. We want nothing more than to share this faith with our child. We want to show our child how to be caring and loving, and how to love God, as they are truly a child of God. It is important to us that our child begin early with a spiritual connection, so having a spiritual childcare provider is vital, followed by pre-school within our Catholic parish school.



ANNUALLY WE ATTEND OUR CHURCH'S
SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE ON THE
BANKS OF THE BRAZOS RIVER

We will teach our child...

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF

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LEAD BY EXAMPLE

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TO ALWAYS PROVIDE
ENCOURAGEMENT; DISPLAY
A POSITIVE ATTITUDE EVEN
IN CHALLENGING MOMENTS;
HAVE DISCIPLINE WITH THE
PURPOSE OF LEARNING

ALWAYS SHOW LOVE

-


ESTABLISH
RELATIONSHIPS

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TELL OUR CHILD'S
ADOPTION STORY
EARLY AND OFTEN

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BUILD A LONG-LASTING
AND MEANINGFUL
RELATIONSHIP WITH
THEIR BIRTH MOTHER
AND FAMILY, BECAUSE
THIS IS VITAL TO THEIR
IDENTITY.



**Our goal is to have a parenting
philosophy, based in grace
and truth, with quality and
quantity of time that builds good
character through attachment,
responsibility, freedom,
confidence/competence,
conscience development, and
connecting to God. We know every
day we will learn, but we know we
will parent with love and grace.**



FAMILY INFORMATION



Father's name Robert

- **OCCUPATION:** Insurance Adjuster
- **EDUCATION:** BBA Economics
- **RELIGION:** Catholic
- **DATE OF BIRTH:** March 14, 1982
- **HAIR COLOR:** Brown
- **EYE COLOR:** Blue
- **HEIGHT:** 5'2"

Mother's name Amy

- **OCCUPATION:** Higher Education Director
- **EDUCATION:** BBA Marketing MPA Nonprofit Management
- **RELIGION:** Methodist
- **DATE OF BIRTH:** August 27, 1980
- **HAIR COLOR:** Brown
- **EYE COLOR:** Green
- **HEIGHT:** 5'4"

- **DATE OF MARRIAGE:** May 7, 2016
- **CHILDREN:** None
- **INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:** We both love to read, travel, and be outdoors – hiking, exploring, and camping. We enjoy being active, working out, swimming, running, and biking. We have a passion for cooking at home and trying new things in the kitchen. Our extended family lives nearby, and we enjoy every moment we get to spend together. Most of all, we enjoy being at home with our 2 dachshunds as our own 'little' family. Our devotion to Christianity is important to us, and despite having different backgrounds in our faith - Robert having been raised Catholic and Amy being raised Methodist. We see value in both of our faiths and attend services at St. Louis Catholic Church, where Robert was baptized, and First Methodist Waco, where we were married and where Amy's parents also attend service. We are also active members of The Blend Sunday school class at First Methodist Waco, where we are building lasting friendships centered around our Christian faith.
- **HOME:** Our home is centered in a 1950s era neighborhood that includes a lot of young couples and families with young children. Our neighborhood is just a few miles from numerous public and private schools, parks, retail shopping, and downtown, where Amy's office is located. Amy takes enjoyment from doing home improvement projects and always finding ways to add our own touch to our home.
- **PETS:** We have two miniature dachshunds. Miss Marty (5 years old), a long-haired chocolate and tan dachshund, and Mr. Domino (4 years old), a short-haired black, white, and tan dapple dachshund. Marty and Domino are both indoor dogs, sharing their colorful personalities with visitors and neighbors whenever they get to go for their daily walks. They also enjoy being our protectors, our snuggle buddies, and coach potatoes when they are not being active.
- **WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?** We had hoped to start our family at the onset of our marriage but ran into challenges not only due to our age but also due to preexisting medical conditions. After 4 years of fertility treatments, that proved unsuccessful, and Amy's diagnosis of endometriosis, we decided to investigate other ways to start our family. We decided that Domestic Infant Adoption was the best way to grow our family as we believe that children are a gift from God. "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5).
- **OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S):** We know this will be the most difficult decision our birth mother will ever make, and we want them to voice their expectations of how much contact they would like, but also realize this could change over time. Our hope is for our child to have the opportunity to spend time with their birth mother annually, and depending on location, have the opportunity for additional visits as schedules allow. If our child's mother is located outside the state, we hope to find ways to meet at convenient locations for both family and birth mother to continue fostering the open relationship. We also intend to maintain regular calls/texts, letters/emails, and photos, and are open to determining that frequency together with the birth mother.
- **CHILDCARE PLANS:** We both intend to continue to work after placement. Robert works remotely full-time, and Amy's work is full-time at her office, but has the flexibility for remote work as needed. For the first 6 months we will rely on in-home family childcare until our child is old enough to attend daycare. We plan to enroll our child in Piper Center for Family Studies and Child Development at Baylor University, where we are currently on the waitlist. Once our child is 3 years old, we plan to enroll our child in Bishop Louis Reicher Catholic School, a private Catholic school in our church parish.

IF CHOSEN BY YOU, OUR HOPE IS FOR OUR CHILD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME IN-PERSON WITH YOU annually, and depending on your location, we are open to additional visits as schedules allow. We want to development, together with you, a natural long-lasting meaningful relationship - with regular calls, texts, letters, emails, and photos.

ONE LAST THANK YOU!



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