

Ryan & Sarah

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We are Ryan and Sarah

We want to begin by expressing our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering love and dedication to your child. We recognize that considering all options for their future takes immense strength, and this journey can be challenging. Your commitment as a mother is truly admirable, and we honor your choices.

Please know that no matter what you decide, you are seen, loved, and appreciated. God has a plan for your life! **If you decide that you'd like our family to join you on this journey, we would welcome an ongoing connection, so your child always knows the love you have for them.**

Ryan and Sarah

WINTER WEDDING GUESTS



JAZZ CONCERT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

MOVIE NIGHT AT RED ROCKS AMPHITHEATER





OUR WEDDING DAY

ENJOYING A BEAUTIFUL HIKE



Our Story

WE MET IN 2020 ON THE DAY THE CITY WENT INTO LOCKDOWN.

Our first date was an all-day hike, laughing and getting to know each other. **We hit it off right away, bonding over our love for God, family, and the outdoors.** We knew we were meant to be when Ryan passed the ultimate test—his love for Asian food and his chopstick skills (a must in Sarah's mom's eyes!)

Already in our thirties, we knew what we wanted in a spouse. **Faith was our foundation, but we also loved adventure and being silly.** Our relationship moved fast—first date in March, engaged by August, married in October!

AT THE NEARBY PLAYGROUND





Today,

**WE STILL CLIMB
MOUNTAINS TOGETHER,
BOTH LITERALLY AND
FIGURATIVELY.**

Though we have had our own fertility challenges and experienced losses in our extended family, these mountains have shaped our lives and the beauty we experience at the top is so worth it. Adoption is another one of these journeys, and we're ready to take this on with the Lord!

BIKE RIDE IN CRESTED BUTTE





RAINBOW AT SUNSET AT OUR 4TH OF JULY ANNUAL CAMPING TRIP

Adoption in our Lives

In our Bible study group there are two other families with adopted kids. We feel blessed to be mentored by them and are excited to have a community that understands the beautiful gift of being adoptive parents!

ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE WITH OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP



About Sarah

WRITTEN BY RYAN

SARAH IS A LIGHTHEARTED SPIRIT WHO LOVES SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ANYONE ELSE WHO SHARES THE SAME ZEAL FOR LIFE.

Discovering new things drives her to always be on the move and engaged. **Sarah also gets a kick out making jokes and 90's references.** During one of our outdoor movie nights she surprised everyone with a "You're killin' me smalls" T-shirt from the movie *The Sandlot*. Just one of her many playful pranks.

Sarah loves to love and make others feel special. In her free time she loves to sing, play guitar, and catch up with her friends.

Sarah works for a non-profit that helps high schoolers get into apprenticeships. She's always been passionate about helping youth find their path in life.

Sarah will be a great mom and has the best time playing with her nephews and friends' kids. I always find her coming up with fun games, projects, and activities for them to do. Spending time with Sarah is always memorable!



BAKING PREP!



NEPHEW SNUGGLES



PLAYING A FAVORITE TUNE



NEW YEAR'S HIKE IN A WINTER WONDERLAND



Fun Facts

VACATION:

Kawaii

LANGUAGE I

SPEAK:

Japanese (Almost)

DESSERT:

Peach pie or oatmeal
raisin cookies

HISTORICAL

FIGURE I'D LIKE

TO MEET:

MLK Jr.

CHILDREN'S

BOOK:

Change Sings

WHAT I LIKE

TO COLLECT:

Hello Kitty
paraphernalia

MUSICAL

INSTRUMENT

I PLAY:

Guitar

HOBBIES:

Singing in the choir,
playing volleyball
and being a part of
a local toastmaster
club (Public
Speaking club)

CAN'T LIVE

WITHOUT:

My glasses

SEASONAL

ACTIVITY:

Volleyball



TRAVELING IN SEVILLE, SPAIN

BACKYARD PICNIC WITH FRIENDS



About Ryan

WRITTEN BY SARAH

RYAN IS PROBABLY THE MOST KIND HEARTED PERSON I HAVE MET. HE IS VERY PATIENT AND ALWAYS ASSUMES THE BEST OF OTHERS.

PREPPING FOR LEMONADE



Ryan is easy going and doesn't let the small things get to him. Don't tell him I said it but, he has a great sense of humor and is constantly making people laugh. He is always singing silly songs to the dog and is the calm to my storm whenever I am feeling sad or frustrated. He is really good at making quick decisions and he is very disciplined in how he spends his time and money. **Ryan loves our family and friends**

well and has become an awesome uncle to our four nephews. He is also an amazing doggy dad! He is excited to be a dad because then he can teach someone else how to beat me at every board game we play. Ryan works as an Account Manager in the semiconductor industry. He loves helping people solve problems in his work and is very loyal to his job. **He makes me a better person and I can't wait to watch him be a dad.**



ENJOYING A HIKE WITH TRACER



RELAXING WITH A GOOD BOOK



AT THE TOP OF THE GOLF RANGE



PLAYING A BOARD GAME WITH BROTHER IN LAWS

Fun Facts

VACATION: Lake Powell	LANGUAGE I SPEAK: Chinese
DESSERT: Carrot cake	SEASONAL ACTIVITY: Golf
CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Sleep beanie	WHAT I LIKE TO COLLECT: Board games
FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM: Colorado Mammoth	HOBBIES: Nerding out with computer games and my board game group. I also love building computers and going to the driving range with my buddies.
LUNCHBOX SNACK: Spicy Cheez-its	
MUSICAL ARTIST: Above and Beyond	



Our Home

WE LIVE IN A BEAUTIFUL AND DIVERSE SUBURB OF AURORA, WHERE KIDS PLAY OUTSIDE WHENEVER THE SUN IS SHINING. IN COLORADO, THAT IS A LOT!

Our neighborhood is safe and welcoming, and we are blessed to be part of the Cherry Creek School District, the best in the state. Our home has three bedrooms and bathrooms, lots of natural light, and a big kitchen where we love to cook and gather with family and friends. We needed a big kitchen because we love to cook and try new recipes. **We also have a backyard with a vegetable garden and plenty of space for our future children to play and explore.** We live near 3 reservoirs/lakes where we love to visit and paddleboard during the summer, fall and sunny days in winter or spring. **We take Tracer (our dog) on walks around the neighborhood and at local parks.** We love trying new restaurants on the weekends, and in Aurora there is a lot of diverse food.



FRESH SQUEEZED LEMONADE ANYONE?



PLAYING "OH SUSHI!"



THERE GOES THE STACK!



ENJOYING A WALK AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD



TRACER PADDLEBOARDING WITH RYAN

TRACER AND SARAH JUST HANGING AROUND



Our Dog

WE HAVE ONE DOG – TRACER – WHO IS 5 YEARS OLD.

He thinks everyone is his friend and loves to play with kids and other dogs wherever we go. He has a big bark and is about 70 lbs of Lab/Dane mix, but is truly a big teddy bear.

Our Family

WE ARE VERY CLOSE WITH OUR FAMILY.

FAMILY PHOTO ON OUR WEDDING DAY



Though Ryan's brother and Sarah's mom both live in different cities in Japan, we all stay in touch regularly over Facetime and Line. Ryan and his brother (Nate) will often go online to play games together and Sarah talks to her mom (Harumi) at least once a week (we are best friends).

Sarah's mom can't wait for grandchildren so she can move home to take care of them!

The rest of Ryan and Sarah's family live in state within one hour of each other. Both of Sarah's brothers (Timo & Mak) are married and each has two boys under the age of three.

Because we are a mixed race family, we love cooking traditional Japanese food together. We also play strategic board games once our nephews go to bed.

Sarah's family also loves playing music together and tends to be more passionate and charismatic in their faith. Ryan's side of the family is more reserved but equally as enjoyable to be around. Grandpa (Dan) makes sure to call everyone on their birthday and Baptism day to tell them how special they are to him. **We love doing puzzles with his Grandma (Carol). Kay and Mark (Ryan's parents) are some of our best friends.** We love going on double dates and making dinner together.

Qualities we Value in Others

**HONESTY, EMPATHY,
HUMOR, LOYALTY,
ADVENTUROUSNESS**



SARAH AND HER MOM MAKING THEIR FAVORITE JAPANESE DISH

CHRISTMAS EVE AT RYAN'S GRANDPARENT'S HOUSE



COOKIE BAKING COMPETITION

BACKYARD MOVIE NIGHT WITH FRIENDS



Family Traditions

ONE:

Make Japanese food on Christmas

TWO:

Long camping trip with friends on the 4th of July

THREE:

Volunteer at the local food bank on Thanksgiving

FOUR:

Host an outdoor movie night in the summer

FIVE:

Go on a wedding anniversary trip once a year



On Parenting

More than anything, we want our future child to grow up knowing they are deeply loved—not just by us, but by our family and their birth family as well. We will teach them about God's love and the importance of faith while encouraging them to be curious, ask questions, and make their own decisions. On their adoption day we want to celebrate their heritage, helping them feel connected and proud of who they are. **We would love to teach your child how to be empathetic and engaged within their community through acts of kindness.** We will teach them how to problem solve through outdoor activities and indoor games. We'd love to continue celebrating our family holiday traditions with your child, but also desire to make new ones based on their needs and interests.



CHRISTMAS MORNING SNUGGLES WITH MY NEPHEW



ALL SMILES WITH OUR NEPHEW



RYAN MEETING HIS BEST FRIEND'S SON

Diversity

We believe it's important for our future child to have a positive view of who they are and where they came from.

We are committed to using positive language to reinforce a healthy self image. If you are willing, we would love to stay in touch via phone calls, Facetime, email, or whatever feels most comfortable to you.

We are happy to love a child from any background (race, class, ethnicity) and hope to celebrate that as a part of who they are as they grow up. **We live in the most diverse city in Colorado with over 160 languages spoken.** Your child would grow up in an environment where all heritages are celebrated and respected. Our church body speaks multiple languages and celebrates at least 6 different nationalities in our different services depending on the weekend. **Because we are a mixed race couple, we know the value of understanding cultural differences and the extreme value it brings.**

FATHER'S NAME:

Ryan

OCCUPATION:

Supplier Manager

EDUCATION:

Master's in Business Admin

RELIGION:

Christian

DATE OF BIRTH:

10/30/1990

HAIR COLOR:

Brown

EYE COLOR:

Blue

HEIGHT:

5'8"

MOTHER'S NAME:

Sarah

OCCUPATION:Manager of Students
Recruitment**EDUCATION:**Bachelor's in
Communications**RELIGION:**

Christian

DATE OF BIRTH:

08/23/1989

HAIR COLOR:

Brown

EYE COLOR:

Brown

HEIGHT:

5'6"

Date of marriage: 10/17/2020**Interests and hobbies:** We both enjoy spending time outdoors, camping, taking the dog to the park, paddleboarding, and hiking. We also love to cook together and spend time with our family including our 4 nephews all under the age of 4. We love hosting get-togethers for our families and church friends in our home.

Sarah loves volunteering in the church choir and plays guitar and gardens in the summertime.

Ryan is good at every game he plays whether it's a strategic board game with friends or a game on the computer. He also enjoys playing golf occasionally.

Home: We live in a suburb of Aurora that is very safe and has dozens of kids playing in the street most evenings. We love our neighbors and look after one another if someone needs a dog sitter or just a reminder that they left the garage door open. We have a little group that we text with often. Some really friendly neighbors will even shovel the snow for everyone on the main walkways. We take regular walks to the local parks and green belt behind our neighborhood. And our whole block loves to decorate for the different holidays.**Pets:** We have one dog – Tracer – who is 5 years old. He thinks everyone is his friend and loves to play with kids and other dogs wherever we go. He has a big bark and is about 70 lbs of Lab/Dane mix, but is truly a big teddy bear.**Why are you interested in building your family through adoption?** We have always wanted kids, and early on Sarah was open

to being an adoptive mom. After trying for the last 5 years and pursuing fertility treatments (IUI), we decided God had called us to parenting in another way. We were humbled to feel God preparing us to be adoptive parents!

Openness to birthparent(s):

We'd love to stay in touch with you through video calls at least twice a year and build a trusting relationship so that your child understands and can see how you have impacted their life. We would be happy to keep you updated via email by sending pictures and videos on special celebrations and holidays. We'd love our child to understand where they came from and know that they can ask any questions about who you are! We'd love to help them write letters to you about different experiences they have as they get older and we are open and comfortable to discussing a day in which they get to meet you in person as well as we continue to build trust with one another!

Childcare plans: Both Ryan's and Sarah's moms have volunteered to help with childcare during the work hours. They will alternate care based on our agreed-upon schedule. Both Ryan and Sarah also have very flexible schedules where they typically work from home 2-3 days a week, so they can also be free to have lunch and essential meal times together. Sarah and Ryan also have great Parental Leave times off they can take to help baby transition. Sarah's dream would be to only work part time for the first 2 years of our future child's life so that she can be available at all their milestones, but we are still working out some of the details to transition into that.

In Closing

**OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS
WE HAVE FELT CALLED BY
GOD TO GROW OUR FAMILY
THROUGH ADOPTION.**

We have prayed for the child we will one day welcome into our lives. **Our home is filled with love, faith, and support, and we are so excited about the possibility of helping you provide a nurturing and joyful life for your child.** As we stated before, God has truly guided us on this journey to the top of the mountain where we meet our child.



**SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE
A LONG JOURNEY, BUT GOD
GAVE US A REALLY COOL
BIBLE PASSAGE WE FELT WAS
MEANT FOR US.**

Psalm 18:31-33

"For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; He causes me to stand on the mountain heights."

Though we don't know what lies ahead, He will equip us, all of us! Thanks for considering our family!

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