

Ally &
Ryan

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Hi!

Before we share anything about ourselves, we want to acknowledge YOU and the season that you are in. We know that being pregnant can come with many emotions, trials and decisions.

Whatever this season brings you and whatever decisions you make on your journey - we hope you feel seen, cared for and loved.



Our names are

Ryan & Ally

and we have the honor of
being Everett's parents.

His adoption happened before we knew we would walk through infertility and ultimately not be able to have biological children. Getting to be his parents has been our greatest joy and we can't wait to grow our hearts and home again through adoption!

We look forward to getting to know you and seeing how our family can best support and care for you!



We do golf dates together weekly



We can walk to the club house where they have family activities



We love hiking together!

OUR Story

We met while volunteering at our church! Then while boating with a group of friends 4th of July weekend Ryan started flirting with me. He was the “nice” guy so I told my friends one of them should date him. (I wasn’t used to nice guys.) Thankfully he loves a good challenge! Ryan continues to care for me (and our son) in more ways than I could have imagined!

After spending our first nine years of marriage in Dallas, we moved out to Colorado to have a slower pace and trade the large buildings for beautiful mountains!

This new season has brought peace, adventure and even more time together as a family!



INTRODUCING

Ally

Boating with
Everett



Ally is a wedding planner

MY FAVORITES

Vacation Spot

The beach and Italy!

Place to take Everett

Chipotle dates, movie dates
and the beach!

Hobby

Golf, hiking and time with
friends

Sport

Grew up playing soccer

Sports team

Auburn University Football

Ice Cream

Mint Chocolate Chip

Music

Rap

Book

It's Not Supposed To Be
This Way by Lysa Terkeurst

Source of Inspiration

The Bible

Other

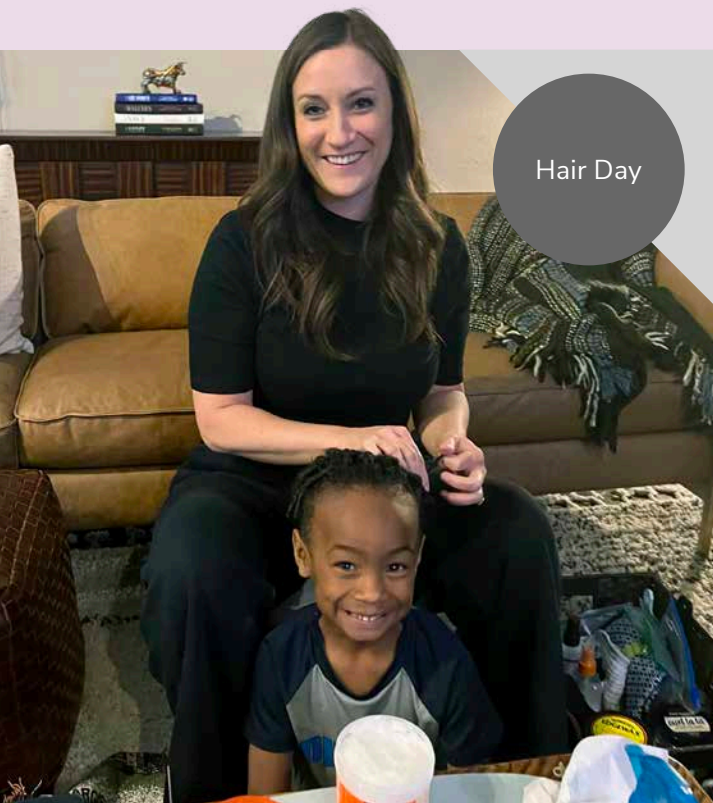
Celebrating birthdays and
holidays big

By Ryan | When I think of how to describe Ally, I would say...

- **FUN** \ \ When things get too serious, she has a way of lightening the mood! Whether intentionally embarrassing herself in awkward moments or dancing silly around the house with our son or playing 2000's rap in the car, she makes sure there is a smile.
- **EMPATHETIC** \ \ She can feel everyone else's feels! Could be mine when I had a hard day and don't want to talk about it, or a girl friend that just need someone to "get them" or engaging with kids when they don't always have the right words to explain whats going on. This is also why she was so great at working with young adult women for years before she decided to be home with Everett full time.
- **SELFLESS** \ \ She is always on the lookout for other people and how to help them! Most of the time she is a pro at knowing what you need, when you need it, and how you need it! She does this with our family, friends, sometimes people she barely knows and while planning people's weddings.



Ally loves the beach



Hair Day

INTRODUCING

Ryan

Ryan has a second office in Dallas

Celebrating work goals



Ryan enjoys fishing

MY FAVORITES

Vacation Spot

The next new place!

Place to take Everett

Home Depot, Ice Cream date and sporting events.

Hobby

Reading

Dessert

Anything chocolate peanut butter

Sports team

Oklahoma University Football, Red Sox baseball and Raiders Football

Sport you like to play

Golf

Children's Book

Where the Sidewalk Ends

Author

Tim Keller

Source of Inspiration

The Bible



By Ally | When I think of how to describe Ryan, I would say...

- **INTENTIONAL** \ \ He is thoughtful in all he does! He thinks and prays through everything he is a part of. From parenting to his clients and decisions for our family - I can trust that he has been incredibly thoughtful and intentional.
- **FAITHFUL** \ \ I can't think of a day I haven't woken up to Ryan reading his bible. Bedtime with Everett is one of his favorite parts of the day because he reads to him his children bible and patiently answers all the questions our son has for him (it is a lot!). Some of my most proud moments of being his wife have been in hard times watching him be faithful to do what is right, humbling himself and being a man of his word.
- **GENEROUS** \ \ He is incredibly generous with his time and finances both with our family and helping others! He has chosen a career path that allows him to volunteer at Everett's school and coach him in sports! He also loves to cook a meal for anyone who wants to come over! Including caring for my friends who are having a hard day!



Coaching
Everett in
baseball

THESE MAKE HIM AN INCREDIBLE
HUSBAND AND DAD!



Ryan grilling a delicious meal





Fun at school

MEET

Everett

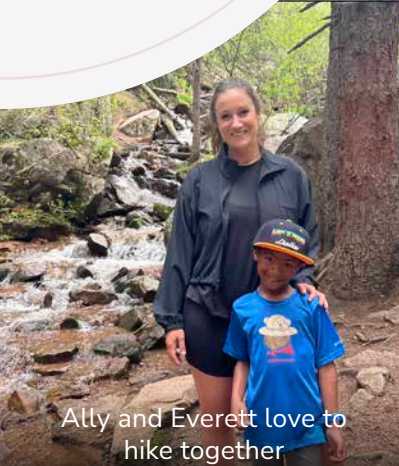
Everett is 6 and 3/4ths - the 3/4ths is important to him!
He is smart, athletic and loves helping others!



Enjoying the beach



We love supporting Everett at school!
This was at field day



Ally and Everett love to hike together



Teaching Everett about being a gentleman



Lake Evergreen frozen in the winter

We love watching him excel in school, play sports and little things like asking if someone would like ice in their water if he is serving others who come to our home! We have an open adoption with his birth mother and big brother. He loves drawing pictures of his family that include them and brags on them at school. **He can't wait to be a big brother himself!**





Everett, his big brother, and his birth mom celebrating a birthday!

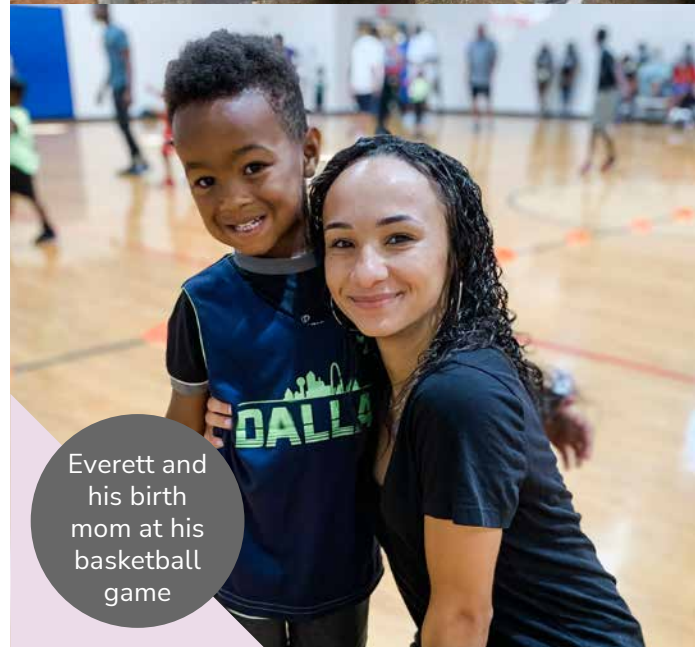


Everett's birth mom loves horses so we took a trip to a horse barn!

A NOTE FROM **Dominique**

EVERETT'S BIRTH MOM

“ If I could share something about Ryan and Ally it would be that they are CONSISTENT! The world lacks so much of that and I love that no matter how crazy my life is I can look at them and see stability. They are consistently kind, forgiving, generous, open minded to my needs, honest, supportive, accepting and consistent in their availability! I never have to wonder or question when I get to see Everett again or if I'm being too much. If I could tell an expectant family one last thing - it would be that they love you! They loved you before they knew you and they will never stop. Regardless of your decision, they love you and support you prayerfully!”



Everett and his birth mom at his basketball game

A note from EVERETT'S OLDER BROTHER (10)

“ They are good parents. They treat you well. If you don't listen there will be consequences. Things you do you will get rewards if you do what is right. Ally is a good person and that she loves the people that's around them. Ryan is a nice guy and is fun to play with!”



Home

SWEET HOME



First day at our home in Colorado

We love living in Evergreen! It feels like a mountain hallmark movie!

The small town vibe is real with a downtown street of cute little shops, restaurants and a lake as a focal point for summer paddle boarding and winter ice skating! Our home is less than ten minutes away in a golf community. A herd of elk make their way throughout our neighborhood and sometimes while grilling dinner outside it can feel like a Disney movie with all the birds, deer, elk and bunnies roaming! We love all the natural light in our home and the open floor plan for hosting family and friends! Our downstairs is full of games and a movie room! It's often full of kids!

Ally getting ready to host a dinner



Grilling out together



Ally's annual birthday crawfish boil





Everett & Ryan on 4th of July



At a Bronco's game



Golfing the course behind our house



We love the game room in our basement!

Things we love about our community

We can walk off our back deck onto the **GOLF COURSE** and to the **POOL** and **TENNIS COURTS!**

Our community has tons of **EVENTS** and concerts geared towards families.

We are 30 minutes to **DENVER** where we can attend sporting events, 20 minutes to **RED ROCK AMPHITHEATER** for concerts and an hour from many **SKI TOWNS!**

Our day to day we love not having the southern humidity and being able to **BE OUTSIDE AS A FAMILY!**

OUR Loved Ones



Above | Cousin time at the pool



With Ally's parents, sister, and brother-in-law



Ryan's dad, Papa, in town to watch Everett play baseball



Ally's parents with the grandkids



Rafting with Ryan's family

Ally's parents live in Dallas where they own their own company and as we often say - live together, work together and play together! Having been married over 40 years they have been a great example of commitment and hard work! They are fun, generous and the proudest of grandparents. They Facetime weekly to catch up with our son, send lots of gifts whether it's a holiday or not, and fly as often as possible to spend quality time with us! **Ally's sister and her family live in Pensacola, Florida!** They fly to us once a year and we fly to see them once a year! With them being at the beach and us in the mountains, it makes family holidays and hangouts really special! Our niece and nephew love spending time with Everett and teaching him how to play basketball, soccer and Mario Kart! **Ryan's dad, sister and her family live in Dallas.** They love hosting and making memories with delicious large meals and fun! We see them several times a year in Dallas and out here in Colorado! With our two nieces being close to Everett's age they love playing together! Our nephew is two and will be excited for a new cousin closer to his age! Ryan's mom sadly passed away in 2019 from cancer. Her legacy of generosity, hosting and cooking live on through Ryan.



Ally with her sister, Amy



Ryan with his nephew and nieces

We are both blessed to come from loving homes where family is a high value.

- **OUR PARENTS INSTILLED IN US OUR FOUNDATION OF FAITH AND WORKING HARD.** We hope to do the same for our children. We are committed to teaching our children to be truth tellers, look out for others, and to be humble and kind.
- **OUR HOME IS A SAFE SPACE** for our children to come to us with anything and everything. We listen, care and help with whatever is going on.
- **WE LOVE CREATING UNIQUE SHARED EXPERIENCES** and prioritize going to new places and trying new things!
- **WE LOVE CELEBRATING AND ENCOURAGING** each family member in big and smaller moments! This has looked like taking Everett to get donuts to celebrate after a basketball game, going around the table at dinner saying something nice about each person and baking a cake for random occasions!
- **WE HAVE FAMILY TRADITIONS** including a Christmas Gumbo Party and a birthday crawfish boil that we hope to pass on honoring Ally's cajun heritage.

A NOTE FROM OUR FRIEND, **Kacie**

“Knowing Ryan and Ally means having friends who will stop and listen, engage with good questions and care about others selflessly. They are show up people, meeting others right where they are without conditions. Their home is filled with peace and they welcome others in with graciousness and ease. To know them is to love them. They are the best of friends and even better parents.”

BEING IN OUR FAMILY MEANS BEING LOVED, PROTECTED, CELEBRATED AND HELPED TO BECOME THE BEST “YOU”.



Cousins hiking in our town



Ally getting gumbo ready for our annual Christmas party



THOUGHTS ON
Diversity
 AND
Openness



Our friend group has always been diverse, and that has been an even greater importance as we are raising a bi-racial son. We also intentionally have found amazing barbers who continue to share with us not only how to best care for Everett's hair, but also invite us into the black community. As Everett's birth mom shares things that are important to her, we've been intentional to include those in Everett's life. Examples: She loves horses, so we took him to experience that with her. She grew up on a beach on the east coast, so we took Everett out there to experience where she grew up!

We currently have an open adoption with our son's birth mom and big brother! She originally wanted it to be closed, but came back and asked if we would do open. We worked with her on what open would look like and have been faithful to follow through on our commitments. We prefer to under promise and over deliver meaning, we commit to what we know without a doubt we can follow through on and then hopefully over deliver by doing more than what is expected!

We would want to do the same in this adoption: finding out what your hope for open adoption would look like, learning how we can honor your family and faithfully following through on commitments we make!



Ally walked through a difficult season in life making some regrettable decisions. Once she experienced God's grace and love at a church when she was 25 years old it changed everything. She's been able to do ministry relating to many women because of her authenticity about her imperfections and grace that she's experienced. Ryan has been faithful, steadfast and an incredible leader of men. He sees people as Christ does with care, patience and intentionality. **We are both imperfect people who daily try to grow and love people in the way God has loved us.**

Family

INFORMATION

FATHER'S NAME Ryan

OCCUPATION Business

Coach / Owner

EDUCATION Oklahoma

University – Bachelors

RELIGION Christian

DATE OF BIRTH

12/03/1982

HAIR COLOR Brown

EYE COLOR Blue

HEIGHT 5'11"

MOTHER'S NAME Allyson (Ally)

OCCUPATION Wedding Planner /

Stay at home mom

EDUCATION Sam Houston State

University – Masters / Auburn

University – Bachelors

RELIGION Christian

DATE OF BIRTH 04/19/1983

HAIR COLOR Brown

EYE COLOR Brown

HEIGHT 5' 7"

DATE OF MARRIAGE: August 23, 2013

CHILDREN: Everett (11/27/16 – Adopted)

Everett is shy when he first meets people, and then becomes silly and fun! He is articulate, smart, crazy athletic and even received the "Sports Star" award at his school! He loves being a helper with anything we are doing and dancing around the house.

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES: Ryan has enjoyed golf for a long time and Ally just started playing the past few months since they are now living on the course. It's been fun to play together! You can often find Ryan grilling out and hosting friends over for meals, or playing a sport with Everett! Ally loves planning celebrations, going on a walk, dinner with friends and takes Everett weekly on little dates either to Chipotle, the movies or a hike!

HOME: We live in a 5 bedroom, 3 bath open floor plan home. The upstairs has lots of natural light, 3 of the bedrooms and Ryan's office. Our downstairs has two bedrooms and a large game room where we have a pool table, ping pong table, pop-a-shot (basketball), foosball, games and a movie room! We walk off our back deck onto the golf course and can walk across to the club house, swimming pool and tennis courts! Everett's school is less than a mile away and our small mountain town feels like a Hallmark movie! Something special is all the elk and different animals that roam around!

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?

We've always wanted to be an alternative for women who were facing unplanned pregnancies. We wanted to be that safe space where they could come as they are and care for women in any way that we could. As we have helped women over the last decade, one expectant mom asked us to parent her son. We walked that journey with her and adopted Everett. Our hearts are truly for the biological families and the baby. After adopting Everett, we walked the road of infertility, one that ended with Ally having to have a hysterectomy and unable to carry a child. We know the joy that adoption has already brought to our lives and are excited to grow our hearts and home again through adoption! Our son has been patiently and excitedly waiting to become a big brother!

OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S): We are currently in an open adoption with Everett's birth mom and biological brother. We know that each adoption is different, and we truly would want to hear from you what you would like that openness to look like! We previously navigated our adoption going from closed, to sending updates, to visits once a year, to having Everett's brother join us and more. We like having yearly check-ins to see if wherever we land is working, what could be better or should we do things differently. Our hearts are to meet you wherever you are and care for you in the best way. We understand in different seasons, you may desire different levels of openness.

CHILDCARE PLANS: Ally has stopped ministry and her wedding planning business to be able to be home full time. Ryan offices out of our home most of the time and occasionally flies to his office in Dallas. It is wonderful because he is home a lot and super hands on!

Thank You!

If you have read this far, thank you. Thank you for taking the time to read about our family. We can't imagine reading through profiles and all that you are processing. We hope that a takeaway is that we genuinely care for you - your life has value and dignity in the same way your precious child does. We would love the opportunity to just get to know you authentically, and learn more about your hopes for your child.

If we are the family you should choose to walk this adoption journey with, we would be humbled and honored. We would love your child abundantly! Honor you and your child's biological family faithfully, and follow through on our commitments consistently!

NO MATTER WHAT DECISIONS YOU MAKE PLEASE KNOW WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!

