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# HELLO,

We would like to start by saying that we cannot begin to imagine the thoughts racing through your mind or the emotions you are coping with during this time.

We admire your courage and willingness to travel down what we can only imagine is one of the most difficult paths of your life. We are honored that you want to learn more about our story.

Having children has always been a part of our plan. Our journey to adoption started several years ago when we realized that we couldn't have biological children. It wasn't until God brought us our foster son that we realized we were walking down the path He had always intended.

Jason and I met while attending college and were married in 2008 surrounded by our family and friends. We are fortunate to have very loving and big families. Our weekends are usually spent enjoying time with our parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins that live close by.

When we aren't surrounded by family, we spend time at home. Jason enjoys playing video games and loves to cook. Erica enjoys baking chocolate chip cookies and loves to watch reruns of Friends and Grey's Anatomy.

Our neighborhood is located north of Dallas and has tons of walking trails, green spaces, and lots of young families with kids. We're blessed to have close friends in our neighborhood with young kids and spend time with them often.

When God grants us the gift of a child to love, we can promise that our family will provide a home filled with silly fun, unconditional love, fishing trips at the lake, books to read, home cooked meals and plenty of hugs, kisses, and encouragement. We also believe that it's very important for our adopted child to know about their birth family and have a relationship with them.

We want to again express that while we will never be able to comprehend the choices you are faced with or understand your situation, we understand the importance of this decision for you and your baby. You have our thoughts and prayers as you continue down this path. Thank you for taking time to learn about us and we hope to meet you soon.

With Love,

*Jason and Erica*





## OUR STORY

Jason first saw me on his cousin's social media page and knew he had to meet me. I was working at a restaurant and he came in with his flip phone in hand to ask for my number.

A year later he asked for my father's permission to marry me and bought the perfect ring. He had the ring on the top of a mountain in Denver looking over the city, but didn't propose. Then on a family vacation in Cancun, but didn't propose.



He waited until we were alone to literally throw the ring box at me. It was the perfect proposal and set the tone for our lives together. We fly by the seat of our pants, roll with the punches and stand by each others side no matter what!

Over the past thirteen years, we've been blessed, struggled, and experienced great joy and sadness that has brought us to our knees. We are each other's best friend and wake up everyday knowing that the other one is by our side for whatever the day brings.

# ABOUT JASON

By Erica

Jason is a fun loving guy with a huge heart! He would give the shirt off his back to help out a stranger and can always bring a smile to your face with a silly joke or comment. Everyone who is around Jason loves him immediately.

He is an amazing husband and the love of my life. He puts everyone before himself. He is a great uncle to our nieces and nephews and was an amazing dad to our foster son.

Star Wars, Star Trek, Harry Potter and super hero movies are always at the top of his "what movie do we watch list".

When he's not watching movies or playing his favorite video game, he's working on his 1973 Camaro, attempting to catch a fish, grilling steaks and burgers or just enjoying time with family.

He is my rock and light of my life. I can't imagine life without him by my side.

My favorite thing about Jason is that he makes me laugh everyday.





# ABOUT ERICA

By Jason

Erica is my everything. Without her, my world wouldn't spin. She is the most driven, headstrong, and dedicated person I know. She grounds me in every way imaginable.

Once Erica is motivated toward something, it simply happens. Her drive and dedication encourages others like myself to be and do better at everything!

Erica loves spending time with our family and very close friends more than anything, but especially when it involves skiing, being in the mountains or even just outside in "hoodie-weather" sitting next to a fire pit. Her family and her career are her passions in life. Our foster son showed me what I already knew; God put her here to love, guide, teach, and cherish a child.

She is one of the most loving people in this world. Having helped with her older sisters' kids, and being an aunt for 21+ years, she has experience loving and being loved and adored by kids for most of her life. Watching her interact with each of them demonstrated early on for me that she is an ideal role model for all of the 8 nieces and nephews God has blessed our lives with.





## OUR FAMILY

We are both blessed with large close-knit families. Jason has a VERY large extended family and grew up playing with his cousins, who lived close by. We are also very close with Jason's parents, siblings and their children.

Erica is the youngest in her family with two older sisters and three older step siblings. She also grew up with cousins and enjoyed time with them during the summer and around the holidays.

We are fortunate to have LOTS of family living less than one hour from our home and Erica's mom lives very close by.

In short, we love our family and consider them an influential and important part of our lives. They support us, show us immense love and are always willing to lend a helping hand.

Every family gathering is filled with excellent BBQ or Mexican food and great times.





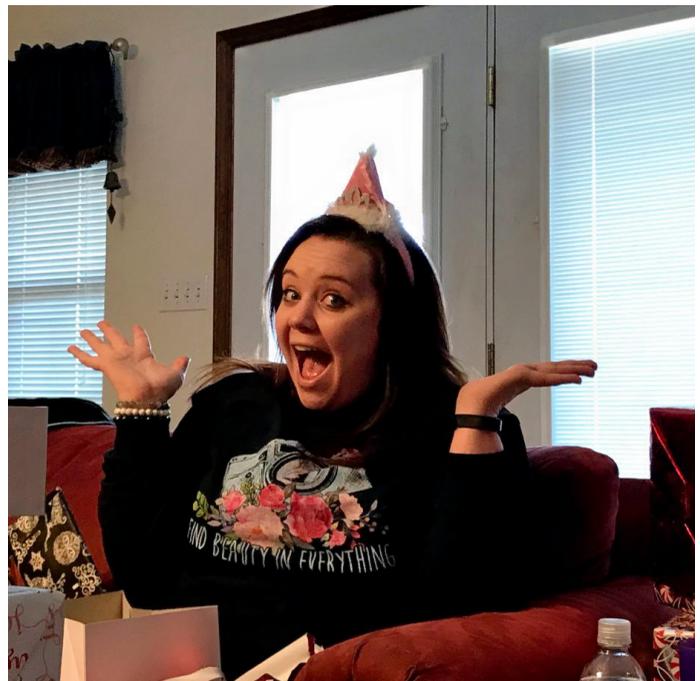
## FUN TRADITIONS

Every Christmas is spent with 25+ family members. We always prank our nieces and nephews with funny gifts.

One year we had them wear funny headbands and send us pictures before giving them their real gifts.

They had a great time goofing off with the headbands and we were able to capture some amazing pictures of our family.

In addition to Christmas with family, we enjoy ski trips and celebrating July 4th at the lake.

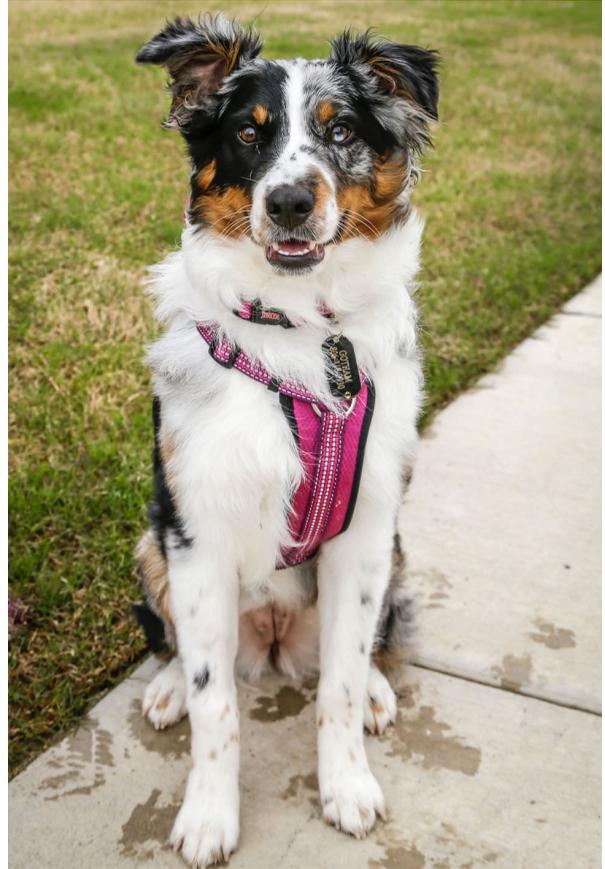




## OUR PETS

Gotham came to our home in October 2019. She immediately captured our hearts.

Erica grew up with Aussies and has always loved the breed. Jason had dogs during his childhood as well and loves having someone to keep him company at his home office.



Atlas joined our family in 2014. We got him as a kitten and enjoy his fun personality.

He loves to play with Gotham. He plays well with our niece and nephew when they come to visit.

Atlas enjoys snuggling with us in bed and adjusts well when around small children.



# HOBBIES & ADVENTURES

Our free time is almost always spent with family and friends. Every weekend you will find us enjoying Mexican food, eating BBQ or at the lake fishing.





# FUN FACTS ABOUT JASON

- He is an amazing cook
- Picture taking without making a goofy face is a challenge
- Shooting guns at the range is a favorite hobby
- He can fix almost anything
- His sense of humor and good nature is contagious
- He hates onions and is overall a "picky eater"
- He loves fishing, but doesn't always have the best luck catching fish
- He has 10,000 Star Wars trading cards from the 1990's



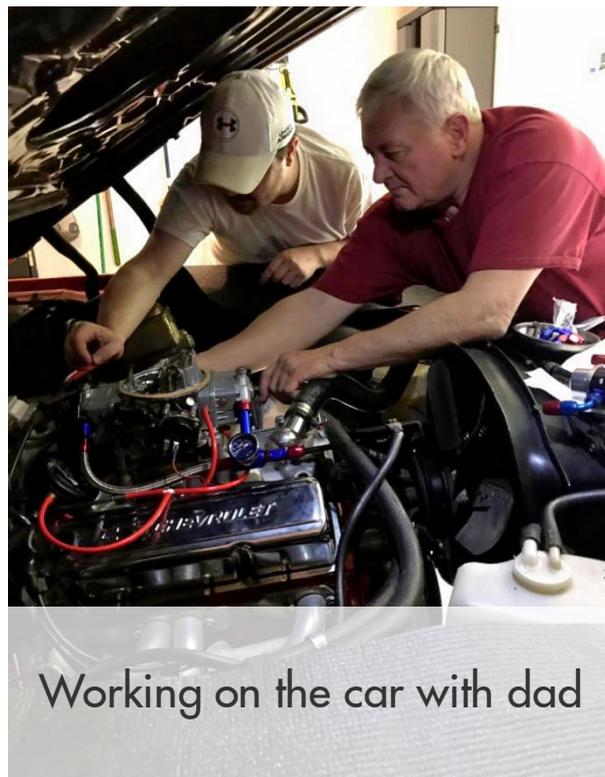
# FUN FACTS ABOUT ERICA

- Her favorite place to go is the mountains and skiing
- She can quote every episode of Friends
- She is better at fishing than Jason but doesn't enjoy it as much
- She loves weekends around water
- She loves shrimp but can't have it anymore due to allergies
- Binge watching a TV series on a quiet evening is a favorite pastime
- She loves dressing up and taking pictures with family and friends





# FUN WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS





Visiting Erica's sisters & nieces



Enjoying time with Jason's family at our home



# OUR HOME

We love our home! It's an amazing place to gather with our loved ones and is located in an amazing community filled with caring people.

Since moving here in 2019, we've become very close with several neighbors. We consider them some of our best friends and love that we have someone close by if we ever need anything. We see our neighborhood friends often for game nights and backyard get togethers.

Our favorite part of our home is that there is room to grow our family. We look forward to many years in this house and can't wait to create new memories with family and friends who visit often!





## WHAT OTHERS SAY...

"Erica is kind, level headed and smart. Where as Jason is creative intelligent and loving. They both complement each other very well."

- Cara

"Jason and Erica's relationship is loving, stable, alive, growing and committed. They complement each other and encourage the best in each other. For as long as we have known them, they have felt strongly about God's call to parenting. "

- Heidi & Chris

"Erica and Jason are devoted and loving. Either one would do anything for the other."

- Erica's Dad & Stepmom

"Jason is funny, laid-back, level headed and responsible. Together they are responsible and good at working through life's challenges as a couple."

- Kevin & Calli

## FAMILY INFORMATION

**Father's Name:** Jason

**Occupation:** Sr. Electrical Designer

**Education:** Bachelors in Project Management

**Religion:** Catholic

**Date of Birth:** May 18, 1985

**Hair Color:** Brown

**Eye Color:** Brown

**Height:** 6'1"

**Mother's Name:** Erica

**Occupation:** Marketing Director

**Education:** Bachelors in Business Administration

**Religion:** Catholic

**Date of Birth:** November 19, 1986

**Hair Color:** Blonde

**Eye Color:** Blue

**Height:** 5'7"

**Date of Marriage:** July 5, 2008

**Pets:** Dog - Gotham & Cat - Atlas

**Interests & Hobbies:** Jason loves working on his car, fishing, and playing video games. Erica loves skiing, watching re-runs of Friends, and binge watching her favorite shows. We both enjoy time at the lake and spend as much time as we can with friends and family.

**Home:** Our neighborhood is full of families and has several green spaces, a park, and walking trails. We enjoy backyard gatherings with neighbors and participate in neighborhood events often.

**Adoption Interest:** After years of infertility issues, our hearts were opened up to adoption. We began our journey with foster care and were blessed with a foster son. It was him that solidified our desires to adopt and be parents of an adopted child.

**Openness:** We believe that our adopted children should have a relationship with their birth family. We are committed to annual visits and hope that over time our adopted child's birth family becomes a part of our family.

**Childcare Plans:** There is a church daycare five minutes from Erica's work place. We plan on enrolling our children into that childcare program.