
Gordon & Heidi



Dear Friend,

How do you write a letter to a mom that is considering the biggest sacrifice of her life? How do you express your love of family and deep gratitude to her?

We hope the following pages will show you all the information that you desire and give you a little glimpse into our life. Our hope is that you see love in these pages. Love of travel, love of adventure, but most of all love for family.

Family to us is not based on DNA. Being the second marriage for both of us, we have learned the importance of love and honesty. We've blended a family with Heidi's son Dominic with gentleness and care. We've opened up our family to foster care. We believe that we treat every child that comes into our home as family and we support their parents where needed.

We would love to show your child new experiences by traveling. We promise to love your child with all that we have. We will provide a home of safety, acceptance, and honor their history. The friends and family that continually support us would welcome your child with open arms and open hearts.

Love,

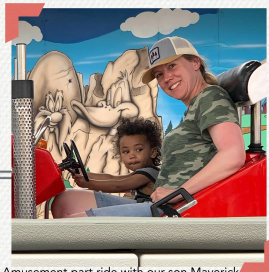
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Heidi



Heidi has her Bachelors degree in Business. She works full time as a Director of Human Resources. She loves the outdoors and specifically running. Heidi has run 8 marathons. Heidi also works for an organization called Young Lives which is an outreach to support teen moms. Heidi loves spending time with family on the weekends, BBQing, hiking, or just relaxing in the yard.



Amusement part ride with our son Maverick



Gordon has his Bachelors degree in Physical Education. He loves anything to do with sports, watching them, coaching them, playing them and reading about them. Gordon served three years in the military. Currently he coaches girls basketball at the high school. And in the off season from basketball he is a stay at home dad.



Gordon

Heidi's

FAMILY



Heidi has one older brother, Ryan, that lives with his family in Montana. Ryan has Bachelors Degree in Theology and recently received his Masters in School Psychology. Michelle works for their local church as a Youth Ministries Coordinator.

Heidi's parents, Mike and Debbie, live just two miles away. Mike and Debbie were licensed foster parents when Heidi was growing up and loved many children during that time. Heidi's dad has spent 40 years in education and loves it. They love spending time with their grandchildren.



Ryan, Michelle, Ryder, North and Hadley



Granny Deb reading to Maverick and our foster daughter

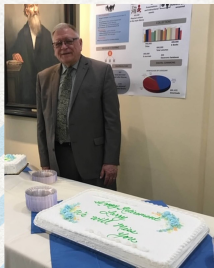


Thanksgiving 2019 (Papa Mike holding foster daughter)

Gordon's FAMILY



Gordon grew up an only child. His dad, Larry, just recently retired from being a Librarian for the last 40 years for a University. Gordon's mom past away when Gordon was just 20. His step mom, Anne, works for a University teaching Accounting. Anne and Larry have traveled the world extensively with many exciting adventures. Although Anne and Larry live out of state we see them a few times a year.



Trip to the Oregon coast with Gordon's parents

Dominic

Dominic was an only child for 8 years before we started our foster care journey. He's gentle, loving, and so sweet to the babies that have been in our home.



brother



"Having a brother or sister would be exciting because then I would have someone to share memories with. I wouldn't have to do things by myself anymore."



Maverick

Maverick was placed with us at six days old. We finalized his adoption November 2019. He has brought so much joy into our lives. We have continued contact with his birth mama. Maverick loves buses, trains, and trucks. H enjoys legos and playing any game with a ball.



We moved into our four bedroom home in 2019. We live on a quiet street with sidewalks for lots of bike riding. Our favorite part of our home is our backyard where we spend time barbecuing, playing baseball and badminton, and gardening.



*Our
Home*



Chicago



Hawaii



Waco, Texas

Family trip to Texas



Disneyland

Gordon and Dominic rode this roller coaster 4 times in a row. Heidi watched.

Our Adventures

We love new adventures and traveling. We are big fans of Disneyland and have been multiple times over Spring Breaks. We love to experience new places, people, and sights with each other.



Disneyland



Floating a local river



Glacier National Park, Montana



*Hiking
in
Oregon*

Our Community & Friends

Our friends and community is small in number, but the support that they give and the strength that they have is large. We've vacationed multiple times with long time high school friends. Gordon's coaching staff not only supports in basketball, but in our "off the court" life. We spend time outside with friends. Heidi and her friend Cara have spent many hours running and hiking talking about raising kids, health, and relationships. Our community has helped us along our foster care journey with meals, child care, kind words, and prayers.



Family dinner and baseball game



Heidi with her cousins



Disneyland with friends



Gordon coaching summer basketball

Photos left to right:

Heidi's hiking and running friend Cara



Heidi at Young Lives camp with teen moms and leaders



Aunt Michelle loving on one of our foster placements



Hiking with family



Friend Daphne that vacationed with us in Texas to help with babies



Papa Mike with Cousin Ryder



Petting zoo



Relaxing at the lake



Camping with Heidi's family



Camping with hammocks in Montana



Photos Top to Bottom:

Uncle Ryan enjoying waves in Hawaii.

Granny Deb adventuring with her grandkids

Papa Mike working on building a boat

Christmas Run 2019



Tulip Festival 2018



Adventured to the Tulip Festival with foster daughter, Maverick and Dominic



We promise to raise your child with love, respect, and honesty. We believe that no two families are the same and that uniqueness should be celebrated. We promise to be honest and heartfelt when discussing your child's background and heritage. We look forward to meeting you.