



Steph and Ralph

“For I know the plans I
have for you, declares the
Lord, plans to prosper you
and not harm you, plans
to give you hope and a
future. Jeremiah 29:11



Hi,

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and to hear our story.
We are Ralph and Steph, and Maddie Grace.

We would like to say first and foremost that no matter what you decide we admire your courage and the deep love that you already have for your child.

If you do choose us to be the parents of your sweet baby, your bravery and love will always be instilled in them. They will always know who their 1st mama is and how special and important you are. We will do our best to fulfill the hopes and dreams you have for your child.

I was told in my early 20s that it would be difficult for me to get pregnant. I had been researching adoption for many years. Ralph was aware of this and when we got married we began testing for infertility. We had one specific test called a hysterosalpingography and one month later we were pregnant with our daughter Maddie. We started trying for a second child when Maddie was 8 months old. It soon became apparent that it would not be so easy the second time.

We did over 2 years of fertility treatments and have had 5 miscarriages. We truly knew after one miscarriage that God was calling us to adopt. Now that we are on our adoption journey we couldn't be more happy to find out what our next chapter will be.

All our love,

Steph and Ralph



About Steph



I was born and raised in West TN where I lived with my Mom and Dad and older brother. I was in the high school marching band and active in both school and community theater. After high school I went to college for 2 years and worked as a bartender, then decided to join the military. In the Army I served 4 years on active duty as a Combat Medic. I was stationed in Germany which was an amazing experience.

I did one 15 month deployment in Baghdad, Iraq which is where I made the decision to work towards being a Physician Assistant. I transitioned to the Army Reserves, moved back to Tennessee, and went to school for my Biology degree all while working full time. After graduation I was accepted to a PA graduate program in Jacksonville, FL. I lived there for 3 years while in graduate school. After graduate school I got a job as a Physician Assistant Hospitalist in Asheville, NC where I work currently, taking care of very sick patients. I absolutely love my job and loving taking care of people and their families during the most vulnerable of situations.



About Steph from Ralph

Stephanie makes me laugh out loud, a lot! She is loving, hardworking, selfless, strong, extremely brave. She is the life of the party. She is the friend that everyone wishes they had, caring and thoughtful. She always listens with her full attention. Stephanie is extremely patient. She loves animals, all of them. She is the best partner in life I could ever dream of. She challenges me and supports me to become a better person. Watching her with Maddie Grace melts my heart. She is an extraordinary mother. She makes it look so easy, it is a natural calling for her.

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About Ralph

Hi there my name is Ralph. I have three brothers including a fraternal twin. Your siblings are the longest relationship of your life. I think that is so very special and we wanted to make sure to give that to Maddie Grace and her future sibling. I have a very large family. Family is everything to me. After struggling for more than 2 years to have another biological child my wife and I knew adoption was our next step. Many prayers and growing together as a couple have led us to this moment.

I have worked in restaurants for over 20 years. Everything from Arby's to fine dining. I am a Certified Sommelier which is a fancy way of saying I know a lot about wine. It was not an easy achievement and I am very proud of it. Even more so I am proud that I worked my way up from an employee to a restaurant owner. I look forward to sharing this work ethic with my children.



About Ralph from Steph

Ralph is probably the kindest person I have ever met. He truly has a heart of gold. When he makes friends, it is forever and he works hard to keep those relationships strong and thriving. He is willing to put in the work required to have a healthy marriage as well. I could not have found a better husband and partner for this journey together. Seeing him with our daughter and what an amazing father he is, makes me fall more in love with him every day. He also works hard at our restaurant to provide for our family. I like seeing him be a role model to the staff there as well. His staff often comes to him regarding financial advice and I think that is pretty cool.



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Maddie Grace

Maddie is our daughter and she is three years old. She is a kind sweet child. She loves helping us cook and bake. She is compassionate with her friends at school. She ABSOLUTELY loves music. She loves to sing and dance and is already showing interest in musical instruments. One of our favorite things to do as a family is going to see live music.

And most importantly, Maddie is beyond excited about being a big sister. She asks us everyday if we are going to get our baby. She likes to tell us all of the things she and her little brother or sister will do together and what a big help she will be with the baby. A sibling relationship is the longest relationship you will have and we know the relationship between Maddie and her sister or brother will be special and full of love and friendship.



Where we live and why we love it

We live in Asheville, North Carolina - a small city in the Blue Ridge Mountains full of good food, good music, and good people. We fell in love here and made this our home. We love being outdoors as much as possible: camping, hiking, disc golf, playing in the river, you name it!

We live on a 4 acre property with Stephanie's parents. They built a house here and we just started the process of building a home on our land as well. In our home the kids will have the upstairs to themselves. They will each have a bedroom, a shared play space and a shared bathroom. We will also have a finished basement for lots of family fun and an outdoor area for grilling and yard time. Our property has amazing views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and we love to daydream about all the AMAZING memories we will make here.



Our Friends and Family

Like I mentioned before we live on a 4-acre property with my parents. They help with Maddie and are looking forward to adding another child to the fun. My brother, Zach and his wife Leanne live in Oakland, CA and come to visit often. They do not have children and are readily available to spoil our children rotten at every opportunity.

Ralph has a large and amazing family. Family gatherings with his side of the family are always a blast. His father is a professional drummer and he and his wife Ellen live in Nashville, TN. His mother is a school nurse who lives with her husband, Ken on a farm in South Carolina and raises horses, goats, and chickens. Ralph has 3 brothers including a twin brother. His Aunt is a comedian and his uncle is an actor. They live in LA. Again, family get togethers are ALWAYS entertaining!

We have a collection of friends from all over the United States and here locally in Asheville. Our friends are from all different backgrounds and we enjoy getting to see them for outdoor get togethers, river float trips, back yard BBQs, and of course, concerts or any live music, any time we get the chance.