





From a fun loving, ice cream eating family,

THAT WILL LOVE YOUR CHILD FOREVER AND ALWAYS!

It is so nice to meet you! Thank you for taking the time to learn about all your options as a mother and thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We are so humbled by your bravery and selflessness. Our hearts are so ready to welcome another little one into our family. Adding another child to our family is a gift that we have been praying for. We promise to not only continue your example of love for this child, but also provide a safe and understanding environment for him or her to grow in. We appreciate you and hope that you can see and feel our sincerity and readiness to love this child with our whole heart.

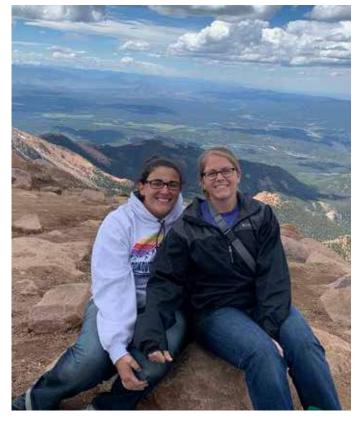
No matter the journey you have been on to get to us, **WEARE HONORED AND READY TO JOIN YOU, IF YOU WILL HAVE US,** 

Lauren, Lauren & Madi

## STORY

We met through a mutual friend about II years ago, and have been in a loving, committed relationship for the last ten years. We feel so lucky to have found our person in one another! We have so much fun together everyday.

Parenting has been the best thing we have done together. We have become a team and always present a united front to Madi. It hasn't always been easy, but we seem to get stronger and grow closer through honest communication and working through challenges together.

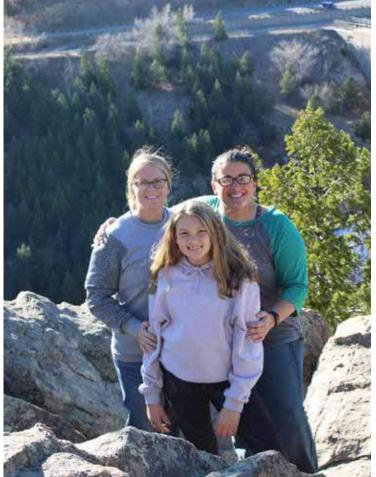






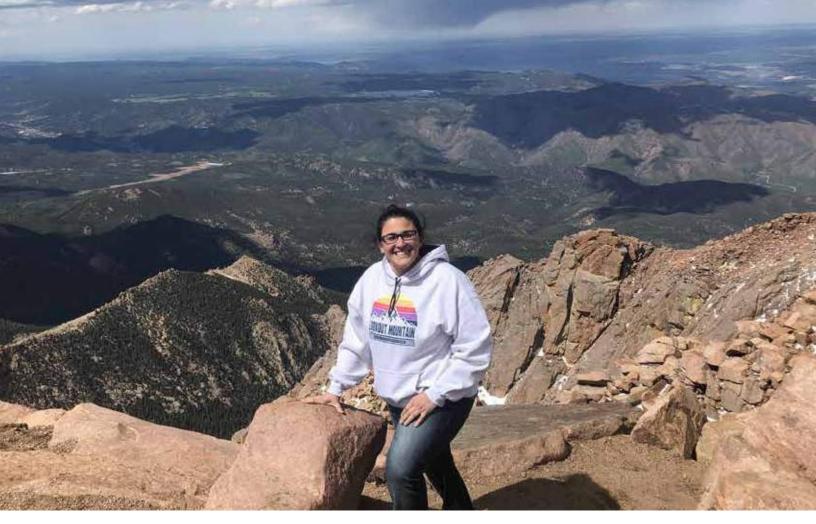






Through this adoption journey, it has been amazing to see how we balance each other out. Lauren M lifts me up when I feel discouraged. Lauren V makes me smile and laugh through the waiting.

We take turns being encouraging for the one who feels defeated. No matter what, we make sure to remind one another of our dreams to grow our family and how much love we have to give to one another and our children. We are so hopeful and ready to adopt again.



## Lauren M.



I was born and raised in Northeast Ohio by a strong, loving, and hardworking family. I am the oldest of two, with one younger sister. My father recently retired as an engineer, and my mother owns her own Italian restaurant. It is through my parents that my sister and I learned a strong work ethic and how to take care of family.

I love watching sports, especially in person. One of my favorite memories was being at game #6 of the NBA Finals when LeBron James brought a championship to our hometown Cleveland Cavaliers. I'm an avid Cleveland fan, from the Indians to the Browns. I love sharing these games with Madi and Lauren L. I look forward to bringing the baby, too! I also enjoy taking long walks with our family, and riding bikes at an awesome towpath IO minutes from our house. I like to relax by watching a movie, playing video games or watching the sunset on our back deck with our family and best friends.



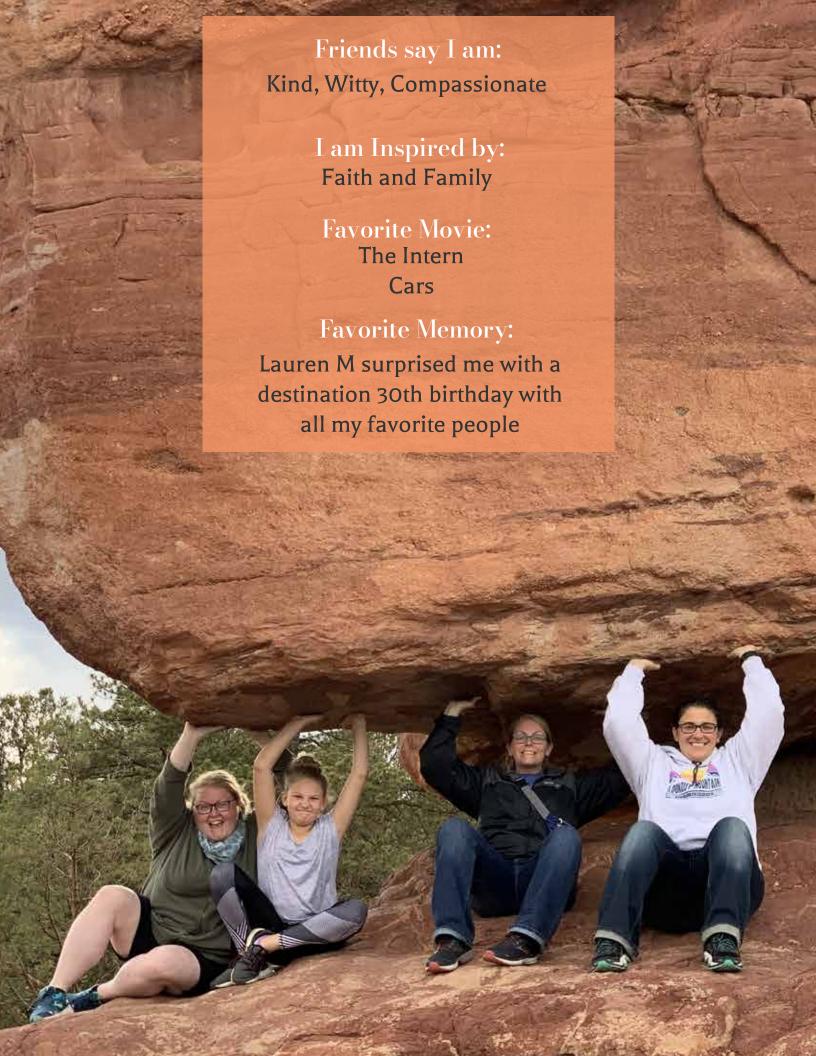


## Lauren V.



I was born and raised in Northwest Pennsylvania. I am the middle of three daughters. My parents set a great example of hard work and diligence for my sisters and me. My favorite memories growing up are centered around family birthday parties and summer nights at the beach cooking out.

I love to problem solve and work with my hands. I enjoy mowing the lawn, weeding, and putting furniture together. Since Madi has such a passion for music and dance, I have really enjoyed taking her to concerts. My favorite concert as a family was watching Pink fly through the audience in Pittsburgh. My favorite concert as a couple was Bruno Mars in Las Vegas! I also love soccer. I really love going to see the US women's national team play in person. If not watching soccer, I am coaching it or challenging Madi to soccer games in the backyard. To relax, I like to sit on my front porch and listen to music or take our dogs for a walk.





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Madi has a huge heart! She is thoughtful and kind like Lauren V (she calls her Mama Bear) and works hard in softball and school like Lauren M (she calls me Mama Kiwi). Madi loves being busy and has tried volleyball camps, basketball, softball and soccer leagues, but she is most passionate about dancing, singing, and crafts. She also loves to bake with Mama Bear and have sock matching wars with Mama Kiwi. She cannot wait to help us with the new baby.





## meet Our Boys

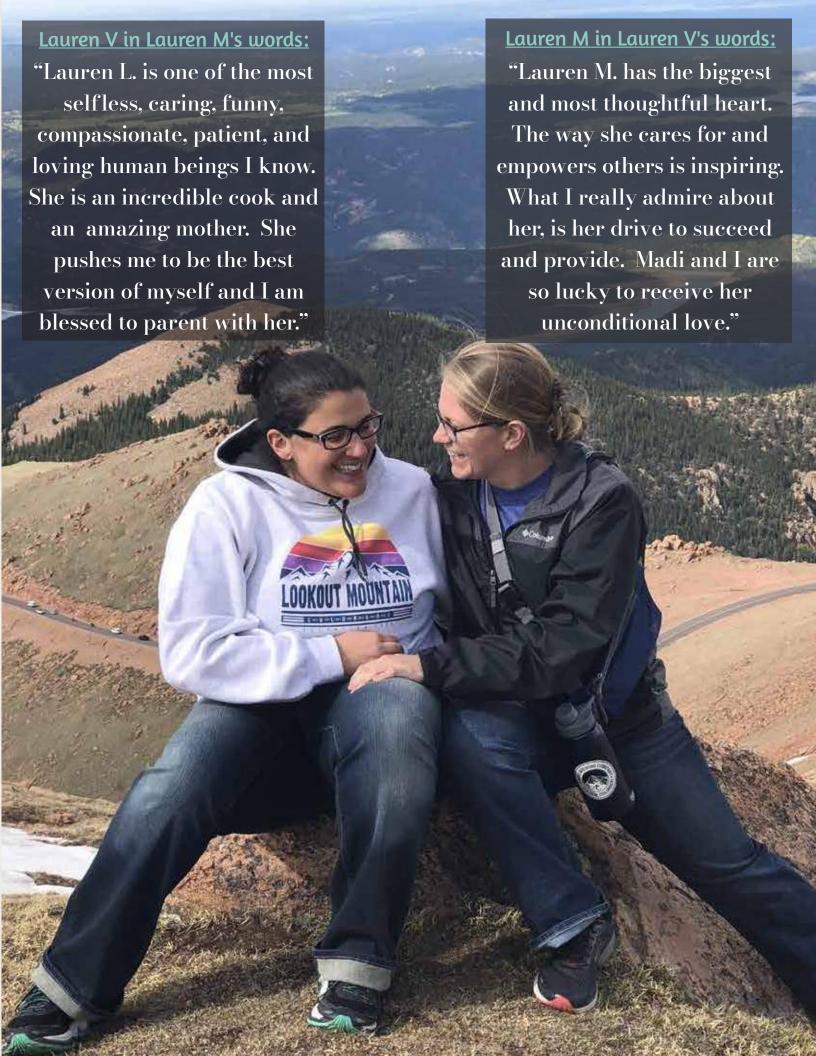






We have two wonderful dogs. Our oldest, Frank, is a 6-year-old black lab, Boston terrier mix. He is very loving and protective. In the morning, he will not go downstairs until everyone is out of bed.

Max is a 5-year-old terrier mix. He is very playful and independent. He loves the sun, and you will find him sunbathing wherever it shines through our windows. Both dogs are great with kids, and love to give loads of kisses.





### our Home

In 2019, we were blessed with the opportunity to expand our home and build a new home in the same neighborhood we had fallen in love with and lived in for the last 7 years.

Our new home has not only given us an extra bedroom (for all the friends and family we have anxiously waiting to welcome this baby), but also a great backyard that Madi and her friends love to play in. We can't wait to add a swing set for the baby.

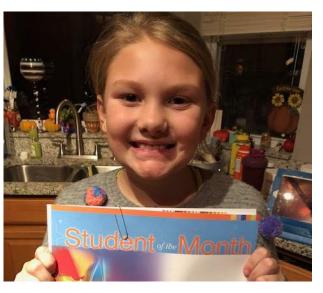




### Community

We love our neighborhood because it is young, diverse and friendly. During the summers, we have s'mores nights or cookouts in each other's driveways. We may even play a game of cornhole or basketball. Don't worry, we let the kids win sometimes! In the winter, we have snowman making contests. It's not about the biggest snowman, but more about how you decorate the snowman!

Our school district is amazing and offers many different learning opportunities. We are lucky to live in a school district that Madi loves, and that believes investing in the arts is as important as investing in books.







## Family

#### **Lauren M says:**

I have a very tightknit and large Italian family! My parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins all live in the same city I was raised and live in. My parents met in a bowling league and have been married for 38 years. They have set an incredible example, for my sister and I, of the importance of loyalty and compromise in a relationship.

My sister is my best friend. We work for the same company and get together every Christmas to help make Italian cookies at my parents' restaurant. Even though she lives in Charlotte, she comes back to Ohio frequently and makes us all laugh like no one else can.

My family cannot wait to welcome another baby into our family. We are looking forward to adding another vacationer on our spring family vacations. Madi usually gets to pick the destination, so it will be nice to have someone new get a turn to pick!

#### <u>Lauren M's favorite family tradition:</u>

My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because it's the only time it's totally acceptable to eat as much turkey as possible, take naps, and then watch football the rest of the day! My cousins from New York come to town and it is tradition for us all to play multiple games of basketball the morning of our Thanksgiving feast. We are so blessed to be able to pick up right where we left off, and just enjoying laughing with one another. They are overjoyed to meet the new baby.







### tamily is Forever



#### Lauren V says:

My parents were high school sweethearts. My dad worked his way up from the floor of a manufacturing company to a management role that has him running his own building and managing over IOO employees. He is retiring at the end of the year and cannot wait to shower the new baby with love. My mom is an in-home nurse's aide. She has passion for caring for the sick. She can't wait to take the baby for walks in the stroller.

In 2019, my older sister, Madi's mom, lost her battle with additction. She was bright, funny, and beautiful. We miss her dearly every day. My younger sister, lives in Colorado with her husband and their 4 cats. She is studying for her master's in family and marital counseling. She is Madi's favorite person in the world, and the best person I know.

We are all so excited to welcome another baby into the family. My family has shown me the importance of giving and receiving help. It is through them, that I have learned the power of unconditional love. We believe we are stronger together. My favorite thing about my family is their ability to make all feel welcome at our table.



#### Our Milestones

<u>Lauren V's favorite family tradition:</u>

My favorite holiday is Christmas. I always look forward to making and decorating Christmas cookies. I have passed this excitement on to Madi. She loves rolling out the dough and is very creative with sprinkles. She may eat more than she decorates though! My mom, Madi and I also decorate the house inside and out with lights, glitter, garland and Christmas spirit every year.

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### Hobbies and Interests

- \* Playing and being outdoors
- \* Working out
- \* Going to live sporting events
- \* Playing cards and board games
- \* Walking our dogs
- \* Baking
- \* Maruel Mouies/TV Series
- \* WE LOVE TO TRAVEL
- \* Our favorite day of the week is Sunday, because we get to enjoy a family dinner with both sets of grandparents, aunts and cousins.











# PROMSE



From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU, for picking up our book and considering us to walk with you through this journey. In the days moving forward, we promise to provide your child with a safe, loving, honest, and fun household to grow up in. We will make sure to support all the needs and wants of your child. We will decorate and celebrate holidays and we will surround your child with the best role models. We will show your child the world on our family vacations, and never let a day go by without reminding the child how much they are loved by all, ESPECIALLY YOU!

#### Before you go...

We know that all the information in this profile can be overwhelming and we admire your courage in exploring all the options for you and your child. Should you pick us, we would love to develop an open relationship with you today and each day moving forward.

Thanks so much for your courage and consideration,

Lauren. Lauren & Madi

