



Tyler & Heather



HELLO

We would like to take a moment to introduce ourselves! We are Tyler (Dad), Heather (Mom), Kyle, Sami, and Nate. We look forward to you reading and learning about our journey!

A Letter to You



Words will never be enough to share the way our
family feels
But with every breath we breath we want to tell
that
**NOT A DAY IS EVER THROUGH ILL WE THANK
THE LORD FOR YOU**
And sweetness lingers here
In our hearts and thoughts and prayers.
You gave more than just one life
When you made of this man and wife a father and
a mother
And you gave the gift we could not give each other
You have changed our lives forever.
Only you could give the gift of love,
We could not give each other.

Lyrics: "The Gift We Could Not Give Each Other"
Michael McLean



Dear Expectant Family,

First, we just wanted to wish you the very best as you make this very important decision in your life, with whatever you chose. You're decision will be what is right for you and your child. We hope you will find the peace and assurance you need as you make these courageous decisions. We also want to thank you for taking the time to get to know our little family.

Adoption has changed our lives so much and we are so happy that there are wonderful people out there who are willing to explore adoption. We have so much love and respect for those expectant mothers and their birth families. Here's just a little fun fact about both our families, they have both been touched tremendously through the power of adoption. Tyler and his two siblings are adopted from different families, Heather's sister is also adopted, and our little Nathan is adopted. We feel we will be able to help this child understand and know the love you have for them and why you made this courageous decision.

We will talk and let your baby know as much about the adoption that you would like us to. We would love an open adoption and look forward to talking with you.

You are probably thinking to yourself, they already have three kids, why would they do adoption now? Well, even before we were married we knew that adoption would someday come into play and was something we knew we both wanted to do. We feel that our family is not complete and our final piece is waiting for us. When we talked about having kids we knew in our hearts that we were to have 4 kids, and adoption was going to be a part of building our family.

Lastly, we want you to know that we cannot even comprehend the emotions and challenges that you are facing, but we want you to know that we are there for you and we love you. We want you to know that although we have never met, we pray for you daily, and are here for you during this time. We have so much respect for all you are trying to do in your life and for considering adoption as a parenting choice for your baby.

With all our love,

Tyler, Heather, Kyle, Sami, and Nate

our story



It was love at first sight; well at least for one of us (Heather). We met in March of 2010, it took us ten minutes to realize that we were sitting across from each other waiting for the other one. After talking, Tyler walked Heather to her car and she knew that she was going to marry him, but sadly it took a little longer for Tyler to realize that. A couple of months went by and Tyler finally asked her out again, this was in May of 2010. In October we made our engagement official and in March of 2011 we got married in Salt Lake City. Some may say that we didn't know each other for that long, but we knew that we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together.



In August of 2013, after a year and a half of fertility meds we were lucky enough to add Kyle to our family. He is such a joy and full of life. Not long after that, in November of 2013 we found out we were pregnant again.



In August of 2014 We added Samantha (Sami) to our family. She is a spitfire and full of life.

2018 hit and we knew our family was not complete... we were missing something. After not being able to have a successful pregnancy, we knew adoption was where we needed to head. In January of 2019 Nathan was placed into our family.

We love animals and over the 11 years we have been together we have added two dogs and a cat.



Heather is a school counselor at a high school and loves it. Tyler works in IT. Kyle is in the 2nd grade and loves math. Sami is in 1st grade and is learning to read. Nate is a busy toddler who loves to explore. During the school year Nate gets to go to work with Heather and play in the childcare there. Heather is home with the kids every school break and all summer.

We love where we live. There is so much love here! We live in a wonderful area full of kids, parks, and plenty of space to be a kid.

We know that we are meant to have 4 kids and are excited to add another one to this crazy bunch!





a little about
TYLER

My name is Tyler I grew up in Washington where it rains almost every day. I was raised in a home with a mother and father. I have great siblings that I treasure. Our family was built through adoption. My older brother, myself, and my sister were all adopted as newborns. We all have different birth mothers and all came from different circumstances. I treasure many family traditions. For example every year we went to the same pumpkin patch to get pumpkins to carve Jack o-lanterns, we also went to that same farm every year to cut our own Christmas tree. Family is the single most important thing in my life. I believe that true happiness can only come from and through the family. I love being a dad and to take my wife and kids camping, hiking, and continuing/ adding family traditions.



a little about
HEATHER

Hi, I'm Heather. I grew up in Utah and love it here. People describe me as a fun, silly, bubbly, genuine person. I love kids and being around them, which led me to get my masters in school counseling. I have one sister, who is adopted, and we are best friends. I love being a mom and having a house full of kids. I love to make them laugh and be silly. "Smile and be happy" and "always do your best" are my mottos for life. I hope that I am the mom that my kids can come to when they have questions and needs. Family is everything to me.





Kyle

Kyle is our little sweetheart. He is so caring and wants everyone to be happy. We joke that he will be the class clown. He loves to explore and figure out how things work. He is full of energy and always has to be doing something. He is such a great big brother, very protective and loves showing them how to make things work.

What are your nicknames? Bubba and Ky
How old are you? 8
What is your favorite color? Blue
What is your favorite animal? Penguin
What is your favorite book? Dr. Seuss Books
What is your favorite TV show? Lego Star Wars
What is your favorite movie? Hotel Transylvania 3
What is your favorite song? Pokemon Theme
What is your favorite food? Chicken Nuggets
What is your favorite drink? Sprite
What is your favorite breakfast food? Sausage
What is your favorite snack? Nilla Wafers
What is your favorite outfit? anything Roblox
What is your favorite game? Minecraft
What is your favorite toy? Legos
Who is your best friend? Benjamin
What is your favorite thing to do? Roblox
What is your favorite thing to do outside? Soccer
What is your favorite holiday? Christmas
What do you like to take to bed with you at night? Baby Penguin
Where is your favorite place to go? Kongaroo Zoo
What is your favorite restaurant? Chilis
Where do you want to go on vacation? Oregon
What do you want to be when you grow up? Scientist



Sami is our diva, and we love it! She is her own person. She love to dance and shines on the stage. She is Heather's mini me, she love to be my helper and be a "mommy". She also has a ton of energy and can be found singing and dancing around the house. She is so excited to be a big sister and show younger ones how to "be a big kid".



Sami



What are your nicknames? Bug and Sweets
How old are you? 7
What is your favorite color? Pink and Purple
What is your favorite animal? Panda
What is your favorite book? Peppa Pig
What is your favorite TV show? Vet shows
What is your favorite movie? The Little Mermaid
What is your favorite song? Part of your World
What is your favorite food? Mac and Cheese
What is your favorite drink? Lemonade
What is your favorite breakfast food? Cereal
What is your favorite snack? Cookies
What is your favorite outfit? Dress and leggings
What is your favorite game? Uno
What is your favorite toy? Dolls
Who is your best friend? Haylie
What is your favorite thing to do? Jumo
What is your favorite thing to do outside? Monkey bars
What is your favorite holiday? Valentines Day
What do you like to take to bed with you at night? Elephant Blanket
Where is your favorite place to go? Zoo
What is your favorite restaurant? Red Lobster
Where do you want to go on vacation? Legoland
What do you want to be when you grow up? Zookeeper



Nate

Nathan is the most chill toddler we have ever met. We were blessed to have him placed with us as a newborn. He has brought so much joy and laughter to our family. He tries so hard to keep up with his older siblings and can be found copying everything they are doing. When we asked him about a little sister, he got a huge smile.

What are your nicknames? Nater Tots, dude, buddy
How old are you? 3
What is your favorite color? Red
What is your favorite animal? Cat
What is your favorite book? Wheels on the Bus
What is your favorite TV show? Thomas the Train
What is your favorite movie? Shrek
What is your favorite song? Baby Shark
What is your favorite food? Cheese
What is your favorite drink? Milk
What is your favorite breakfast food? Cereal
What is your favorite snack? Fruit Snacks
What is your favorite outfit? Baby Shark
What is your favorite game? Chase
What is your favorite toy? Cars and Trains
Who is your best friend? my Grandpa Scott
What is your favorite thing to do? Run
What is your favorite thing to do outside? push my lawn mower
What is your favorite holiday? any
What do you like to take to bed with you at night? Mickey and Minnie stuffed animals
Where is your favorite place to go? grandma and grandpas
Where do you want to go on vacation? Mom wants to take me to Oregon
What do you want to be when you grow up? Mom says I love firetrucks so maybe a firefighter
(Answered by Mom)



Family Traditions



Birthdays are a big deal!



Annual pass to the Zoo



We love the 4th of July! Parade, swimming and BBQ



We love water activities



Parties at Great Grandma's



Lights at Temple Square



HEATHER'S

family

Heather's family is really close. The amount of love that is there can be seen from miles away. Heather's family consists of her mom, dad, herself and her sister. Her sister was adopted and was the best thing that happened to their family. Heather and her sister are super close, best friends. The kids also have a very special relationship with their aunt and uncle. My sister helps watch the kids while we are at work and the kids love it!

We love to do things together and spend time talking, laughing, and playing games. We love traveling together. The kids have wonderful relationships with both of their great-grandparents, and all of Heather's extended family (there are a lot of them!) One of their favorite things to do is spend time with them. We love to have family parties any chance we get!



TYLER'S

family

Tyler and his family are very unique. All 3 siblings were adopted from different birth families. Tyler's family consists of his mom, dad, older brother, himself, and his younger sister. The siblings all have a good relationship and get along, however Tyler is very close with his sister. They even work together! The only cousins our kids have are on this side and they love to get together with them almost every week.



Tyler doesn't have much extended family, so his immediate family is very close. We love to have game night together and try to have dinner as a whole family once a month. Tyler's dad does a fun thing every week and holds "Grandpa Day". This day all the grandkids get together and they play at grandma and grandpa's. Grandpa just retired and loves to spend as much time as possible with his grandkids.

to hold you!
To watch you
grow up
♥ Heather
(mom)

I can't wait
to hold you
and play with
you.
I will always
be here for you
-Tyler (dad)

have you here
and teach you
how to talk
& sing!
\$Y10

to help you
learn new
words
Sami



Grandkid
Sleepovers
Grandma Linda

To Spoil you
ROTTEN!
♥ Aunt Caitie

to have another
grandchild in
our family
-grandma
Carey

To have another
grandchild
to watch his/her
personality grow
blossom
Grandpa Scott

Our promise to you...

We promise to LOVE her everyday!
She will always know about you, we would love an open adoption.
We will provide her with a safe life,
We will provide her with as many opportunities as we possibly can.
Our home will be filled with love and laughter.
We will always be there for her.
Love Always,
Tyler, Heather, Kyle, Sami, and Nate

