



*Nicole & Kurtis*



# Hello,

We are honored that you are taking the time to get to know more about us. We know how overwhelming this time must be for you as you make such a difficult and emotional decision, and we are in awe of your bravery and have the utmost admiration for you. Please know that we are here to walk through this journey together.

For us, adoption is not our second choice. It is our first choice, and we feel that we are meant to grow our family through adoption. Raising a child in a loving home has always been the most important thing to us, whether a child has our genes or not.

If we are chosen as adoptive parents, we promise to give your precious child everything we have – love, emotional and financial support, excellent education, encouragement to pursue their dreams, and a safe and stable home. They will be respected, celebrated, and valued every day.

We would open our hearts not only to your baby but to you as well. If you are open to being a part of the child's life, we welcome you as part of our family and would love to have an open and long-term relationship with you. However you choose to be involved, you will always be a significant part of their story as they grow up.

We wish you all the best with this difficult decision. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

-Nicole & Kurtis

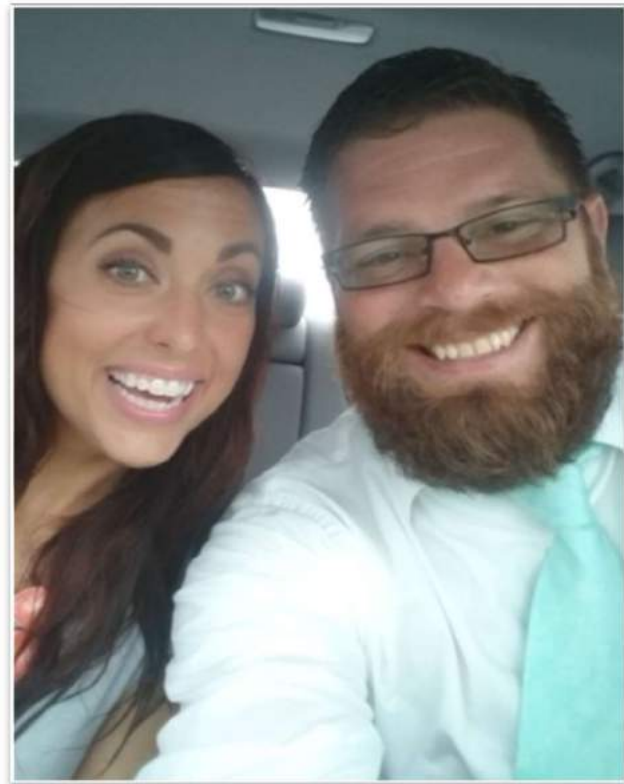
# This is Us.

We met in 2006 when we worked for the same telecommunications company. Nicole was a recruiter and Kurtis was in the Account department. Our offices ended up being right next to each other. We started out as friends and when Nicole was willing to help Kurtis move into his new place on the fourth of July, he knew he wanted to be more than just her friend and we started dating. After about six months of dating, we decided to become fur parents to not one but two puppies at the same time and we have had fur babies in our home ever since. As our love grew, we knew we wanted to spend our lives together, and we were married in 2008.

We like to think of ourselves as loving, intelligent, responsible, and funny people and, unless our friends and family have been lying to us, we are not far from the mark.

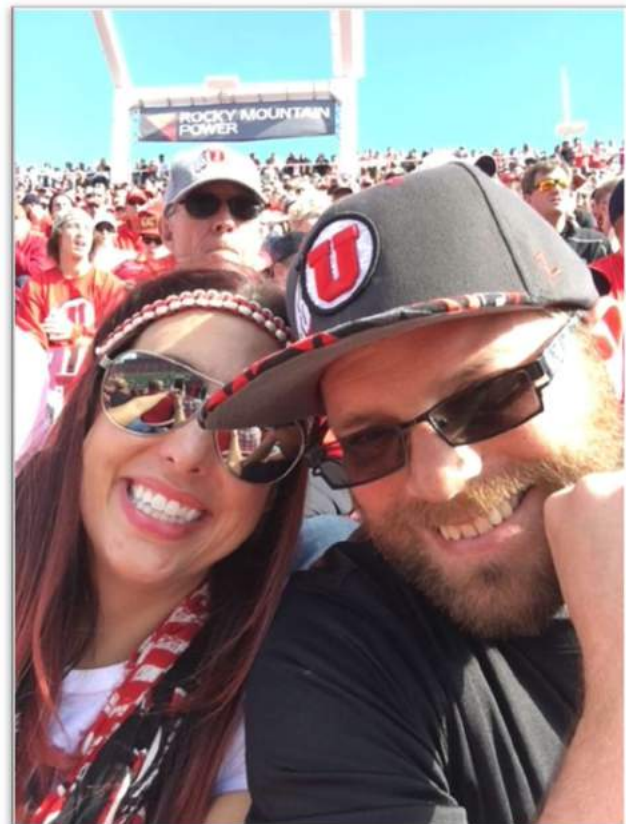
Humor is our superglue. We know the best way for us to stay connected throughout the week is with humor and thoughtful gestures.

We are lucky enough to have flexible jobs. Nicole fully works from home and Kurtis works from home 3 days a week and when he's at the office it's a close commute. This allows us to have more time to spend together and will allow us to be more present as parents. When we are not working, we enjoy going on walks with our dog, going on scenic drives, eating ice cream, going to concerts and spending time with family. We have a lot of fun together and really enjoy being around each other, even if it's just to go grocery shopping.



## Favorite things

- Halloween
- College Football games
- Traveling
- Playing with our dogs
- Going on drives in the mountains







Huntsman Cancer 5k walk



Maui, Hawaii



Trip to Oregon



Ghost hunting in Las Vegas



College football – Go Utes!



Dressing up as grandparents  
For Halloween



Outdoor concert



Black Sand Beach, Hawaii



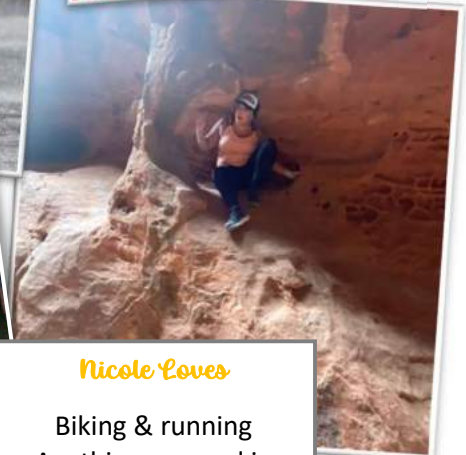
## MEET NICOLE

{through Kurtis's eyes}

Nicole has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and is currently working on her Master's in Business Administration. She has worked at the same company for over 15 years and is a Regional Director of Financial Aid for a private college group.

Nicole has a big heart and a very inviting personality.

Her sense of humor is sharp, her work ethic is strong, and her heart is full of love for her family and friends. She has always wanted to raise a family, and she would make an amazing Mom. She grew up in a northern Utah town with a wonderful family and they spend a lot of time together (weddings, graduations, birthdays, holidays, etc.). She is an animal lover (especially dogs) and thinks that a home isn't complete without a pet. She likes to exercise and is proud that she has completed a marathon.



### Nicole Loves

Biking & running  
Anything covered in  
dark chocolate  
Chips & guacamole  
Hawaii



## MEET KURTIS

{through Nicole's eyes}

Kurtis has an Associate's degree in Accounting and has worked in the field for almost 20 years. He loves watching any kind of sport, but his favorite to watch is volleyball. He loves the outdoors whether it's just being outside in the backyard, going for drives in the canyons, or visiting Yellowstone, he just enjoys the outside. Kurtis has a laid-back and fun personality. He is not the type to get angry and will instead talk about things in a calm, rational manner. He is so sweet, patient, and caring to all our nieces and nephews. He is always willing to help friends and family members and has such a good heart. He has a great sense of humor and makes everyone around him laugh! Kurtis is very smart and works hard to support us.

I knew that Kurtis was special when we first met. His sense of humor was apparent right away and it matched my sense of humor. We get along so well and are on the same page with most things. He helps me not take things so seriously and reminds me that we don't always have to have things planned out perfectly. He is the person I want to be around all the time. Kurtis is so cute around the children in our family and is so excited to have a chance of raising a child. He will be an amazing dad!



### Kurtis loves

Playing & watching  
sports  
Good short road  
trips  
Disneyland churros  
True crime podcasts



## CHARLES & DOUGLAS

{Our fur babies}

Charles is our 2-year-old English Bulldog. He is a ball of energy, unlike what many people expect of the breed. He loves every person and dog he comes across. He is goofy and loves to follow us around from room to room. He loves to snuggle. He loves to play around and wrestle with us, loves his tennis balls, and likes to play keep away with his ball and other items he gets ahold of. We have had him since a puppy and he's such a fun dog to have in our home!

Douglas is our French Bulldog puppy. He has a lot of spunk and loves to play tug of war and chase Charles around the house. He loves toys and treats and is learning new tricks. He needs to always be near us and Charles. He has a large personality for his tiny body, and we adore him!

We both grew up having dogs and know how much fun it is to have a four-legged playmate as a child. We love being fur parents and believe that a family is not complete without a dog.



## Family Life

We are fortunate to have loving and supportive families on both sides who all live so close by. Both sides of the family can't wait to have another person to love. Kurtis is the only boy in his family with four sisters, three older and one younger. We get together with them every few months for birthday celebrations, barbecues, and holidays. We have a large Halloween party with his family where there are costume and pumpkin carving contests for prizes. We get really into the costume competition and try to outdo everyone each year. Kurtis's parents enjoy having grandchildren and love spending time with them.

Nicole is the oldest with three siblings: 1 brother and 2 sisters. We get together with her family often as they all live within 20 minutes of us. We have a lot of family dinners together and in the summer, her parents have pool parties and barbecues. Nicole's parents love going on family trips with everyone, and many memories have been made and will continue to be made. Nicole's parents adore being grandparents and like to plan fun activities with the grandkids, including one on one play dates. They are constantly saying how they would love to have more grandchildren to spoil.

We were raised and strongly believe in putting family first. We plan to have regular family dinners together, go on family walks around the neighborhood, and are excited to be able to make memories and have experiences seen through the eyes of a child. We are committed to showing our support in any activities the child would like to participate in and plan to help him or her be the best he or she can be in life.



# Our Home & Community

We are both from what started out as smaller towns in northern Utah and love the feeling that comes with living away from all the noise. When we moved to Syracuse we fell in love with the community. We live close enough to the larger cities for a child to visit the zoo, museums and events while still living in a safe and comfortable area with a small-town feel. We live in a newer four-bedroom 2.5 bath home that is comfortable and inviting with plenty of room for a growing family. One of the bedrooms is completely empty and ready for a child to claim it. We also have a bonus room ready to be made into a playroom and filled with toys. We live on a 1/3 acre with a large fenced-in backyard with a small vegetable garden and fruit trees. We enjoy sitting out there under our gazebo with our outdoor fireplace going in the evenings when it's not too hot.

We live in a quiet, suburban area and our neighborhood is diverse and full of children! Our neighborhood has its own community pool, and it is a hot spot to gather in the summer. We also have big block parties each year for Easter, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Halloween where there are a lot of activities for the kids. We live in a safe area where kids are always riding their bikes and scooters around, setting up lemonade or sucker stands, and just having fun playing around. We are located very close to walking trails and several parks. The many schools in the area are excellent and are all very close by. We are also not far from a large amusement park that is open during the summer months and is very popular for families.



## Thank you!

Thank you so much for taking the time to take a little glimpse into our life. We hope that you have a good idea of who we are, the life we live and what is in our hearts. We are honored that you would consider us to parent your child and help our dream of growing our family through adoption come true. Our hope is we give the child the same opportunities we have been blessed with through unconditional love, support, and encouragement. We dream that the child learn to be kind, to be empathetic, to be brave, and most importantly, be themselves. You are such a large part of who they are and we want to welcome you into our lives and our hearts. We are so excited and ready to begin this journey with you!

