



Carter & Caitlin



Hello!

We are Caitlin and Carter! We can already tell **you're an incredible person** because of the courage and strength it takes to navigate the complex emotions and choices that come with deciding on an adoption plan. We have the utmost respect for you and we express our deepest gratitude for considering us as potential adoptive parents for your precious child.

We want to share a little about who we are and the home we hope to provide for your child. We have created a warm and loving home, filled with laughter, support, and a deep commitment to nurturing a child's growth. Our families and friends are an integral part of our lives, and they eagerly await the opportunity to welcome a new member into our close-knit circle. We value **education, individuality**, and the importance of developing a strong sense of **self-worth in a child**.

We understand the importance of **maintaining a connection between a child and their birth family**, and we are committed to ensuring that your child grows up knowing their unique story and the love that surrounds them from all sides. We are open to discussing and establishing a level of contact that feels comfortable for everyone involved, respecting your wishes and boundaries.

We have longed to grow our family, and after losing a baby halfway through pregnancy, we felt called to begin our journey to adopt. We are ready to give your little one unconditional love, support, a safe and stable home, and many opportunities. **Your child will know how your profound love and bravery made us a family of 4.**

Sincerely,

Carter & Caitlin

Our story

It all began with a little nudge from destiny when we were set up by our best friends to be junior prom dates. Fast forward 9 wonderful years, and we found ourselves celebrating our marriage in September of 2019. A year and a half later, our family expanded with the arrival of our son, Milo. Parenthood brought a new dimension to our love. He brings immeasurable joy to our lives and we are better together because of him!

One thing that defines us is our love for travel and experiencing new cultures. We are fortunate to have many cherished memories from all over the world. In addition, we also savor the simple pleasures of life. From coffee & donut dates, to leisurely walks as a family with our dogs, we find happiness in the little things.

For us, family always comes first. We are the type that sit down for meals at the table together to talk about our days, give daily affirmations to our son and always say "I love you" to each other!





Meet *Caitlin*

Most people call me Cait! I was born and raised by hardworking parents in the heart of Kentucky. I am the youngest of 3 and we grew up raising many rescued animals. I was raised in a Christian household where we attended church on Sunday's and went on a few mission trips over the years.

After graduating with my Bachelor's from the University of Kentucky, I became a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse and have been there almost 9 years. I have always wanted to work with tiny miracles since I was little, so I feel very lucky to have my dream job!

After the arrival of our son, I went part-time to spend quality time raising him. Our days together usually start with making something yummy for breakfast, like heart-shaped waffles, then going on a walk. We will do an activity before nap time, like the zoo, and then go to a nearby playground after nap. I feel very fortunate to have the freedom and flexibility to spend so much time with our son and I look forward to sharing this with our future child. I love being a mom more than anything!

Beyond my familial roles, I enjoy baking, reading, and running. I also like organizing and planning things, like parties, crafts for Milo, and vacations!

FAVORITES

TV Show:
The Office

Food: tacos &
chocolate

Color: green

Sport:
I just want
both teams to
have fun!

Movie:
Bridesmaids

Book: Where
the Crawdads
Sing



MY FIRST MINI MARATHON!

Meet *Carter*

I was originally from North Carolina but moved to Kentucky at the age of 2. As the middle child in a tight-knit family with an older brother, Dylan, and a younger sister, Molly, my early years were defined by sibling love and shared adventures.

I graduated from the University of Kentucky with a major in marketing and a minor in economics. I now work for a healthcare company whose primary goal is to create health equity for all populations.

I enjoy a variety of hobbies, including reading, working out, playing pickleball and golf, church group and tending to yard work.

Above it all, I love being a dad. From teaching our son how to play sports, to saying a funny dad joke, I feel like fatherhood has made me into a better version of myself.

FAVORITES

TV Show:
Yellowstone

Food: pizza

Color: blue

Sport:
football

Movie:
Catch Me If
You Can

Book:
Outliers



Meet *Milo*

Aka Miles or Milosaurous! He's our spirited dinosaur enthusiast, roaring with excitement for his future sibling. He currently attends preschool at a Baptist church, which has been a very positive and heart-warming experience seeing him thrive. He loves his teachers and classmates and we have displayed his artwork from school all around our house!

Milo is happy, outgoing, curious, and caring. He loves exploring outside, playing with his trucks, reading books, and singing songs. He is so polite and says please and thank you for pretty much everything!

He has such a big heart that is evident by the amount of hugs and kisses he gives to each of us. **We know he will be a sweet, protective, and helpful big brother.** He will love having a built-in best friend!





FUN AT THE FARM



SAY CHEESE!



A FAMILY TRADITION!



HIS FAVORITE SUPER-HERO



HAVING FUN AT THE STATE FAIR



HELPING DADA MOW THE LAWN

FUTURE BIG BROTHER!

Meet *Our dogs*



Lennon and Bennett, aka Lenny & Benny, are our sweet and loving Australian Shepherds. They were both rescued from different organizations and they are very good with kids! Lenny is our smart, protective and loving girl. When we had our son, she was always nearby to keep him safe. Benny is our calm and gentle boy. He has to be curled up next to his humans and gives the best kisses. It makes our hearts so happy seeing Milo and the dogs interact and love one another!

Lenny



Benny







Our hearts for adoption

As we sit here and write this, we are filled with excitement and emotion because we know how much lives can change because of adoption. Though we struggled after losing a baby halfway into pregnancy, our desire to adopt has always been etched in our hearts. **We have so much love to give** and cannot wait to watch another child grow up. We can picture our son showing his sibling all of his toys, teaching them how to slide down a slide, and kissing their forehead before bedtime. We think growing up with a sibling is so important and you will always have someone to share in all the fun!



Five things

WE WANT TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN



Be kind and respectful. You never know what is going on in someone's life. Kindness goes a long way.

Be uniquely you. **You were created perfect,** just the way you are.

You are so loved! We promise to stand by you and love you unconditionally.

"If at first you don't succeed, try and try again". **Don't give up!**

Be honest. Telling the truth is important and brave. You can talk to us about anything. We are always here to listen and help in any way we can!



H O M E
Sweet
H O M E



We absolutely love our home! We live in a 4 bedroom 4 bathroom home that was recently renovated to suit our light and airy style. Outside we have a spacious yard where often times we will be playing T-ball and coloring with chalk. We were drawn to our neighborhood because Caitlin grew up here and knew first hand how friendly and safe it is. Milo has fun riding his jeep a few houses down to his grandparents house and we love that he gets to see them almost every day. We also live within a couple miles of his other grandparents, which makes him one lucky boy to be surrounded by so much love. We prioritize eating meals as a family at the kitchen table, and cuddling up on the couch together while watching a good movie. In the playroom, we let Milo's imagination take the lead while we paint, build blocks, and "cook" food on the stove.



FAMILY ROOM



KITCHEN



DINING ROOM



FUTURE BABY'S ROOM

NURSERY THEME:
cozy garden with florals and butterflies



THIS DRESSER WAS CAITLIN'S MOM'S CHILDHOOD DRESSER. WE REFINISHED IT OURSELVES AND ADDED BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY KNOBS!



READING IS ALWAYS PART OF OUR NIGHTLY ROUTINE. FOLLOWED BY SINGING LOTS OF SONGS, SUCH AS:

**YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE
TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR
ITSY BITSY SPIDER
MR. SUN
E-I-E-I-O**



PLAYROOM



MILO'S ROOM



MILO'S FAVORITE HIDE-AND-SEEK SPOT!



WE LOVE HAVING MILO'S ARTWORK DISPLAYED AROUND THE HOUSE. WE ARE SO PROUD AND IT BRIGHTENS UP ANY ROOM!



OUR *Community*

On warm summer days, we load up the wagon and walk to the neighborhood pool where we meet up with neighbors, get popsicles at the snack stand, and watch our kids splash in the water. We can also enjoy a nice pickleball match or go on long walks. The clubhouse hosts parties for certain holidays, such as a neighborhood parade for the Fourth of July. These amenities create opportunities for us to come together, build connections with our neighbors, and enjoy the outdoor spaces that make our neighborhood so vibrant.

Within our community, there are many parks and playgrounds for picnics and play. We frequently go to the Zoo, Science Center, local library, and local farms. **We think it is very important for children to explore, learn and socialize, and we love being able to join in on these experiences.**



ALL-STAR PICKLE BALLER



MONTESSORI PLAY CAFE



FARMER MILO!



HEADED TO THE POOL



FEEDING LORAKEETS AT THE ZOO



VISITING A LOCAL MARKET



BIKING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM



HOLDING BABY DUCKS AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD EASTER PARTY



POPSICLES AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD POOL. A SUMMER STAPLE!



HELPING OUR NEIGHBOR WATER HER PLANTS



FARMER'S MARKET
SATURDAYS TO GET OUR
SPRINKLE MUFFINS!



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



HOME DEPOT'S
MONTHLY CRAFT DAY

Our Family Traditions

Our weekend rituals kick off with pizza and popcorn movie nights on Fridays followed by pancake Saturdays. We find so much joy in these simple yet meaningful traditions! They create lasting memories and strengthen the bonds that hold us together.



PROUD PANCAKE
MAKER!



MAKE-YOUR-OWN PIZZA NIGHT WITH NANA
AND GRANDBOB

OUR *Holidays* AND Celebrations

The holidays are a time of **joy** and **togetherness** in our family. Every year, decorating the Christmas tree is a collective effort, while Christmas music is playing in the background. We get together with grandparents to bake chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies. The Grinch, Elf, and Christmas Vacation are played on repeat during the season, but we quote them year round. Decorating gingerbread houses was a tradition carried over from Caitlin's childhood. However, our son enjoys eating the decorations, more so than putting them on the actual house :)



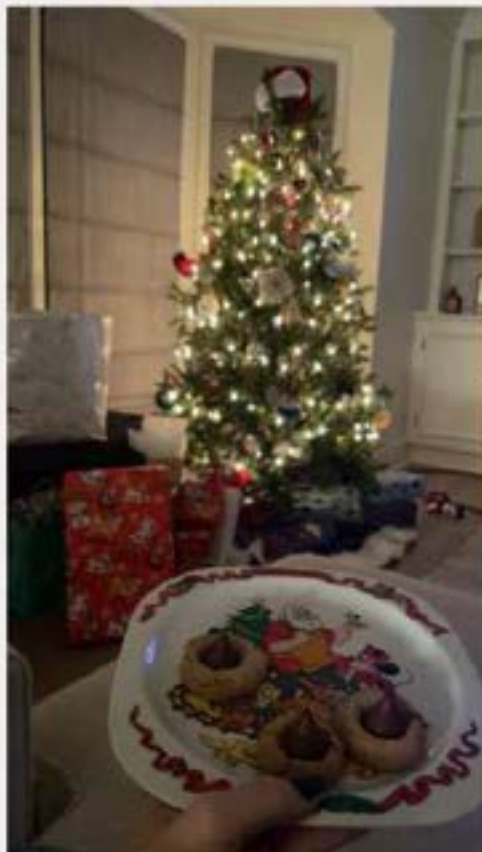
WE LOVE TO DECORATE OUR HOUSE FOR EACH HOLIDAY



CHRISTMAS WITH NANA AND GRANDBOB



THE INFLATABLES ARE A BIG HIT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



COOKIES FOR SANTA



GINGERBREAD FOOD TRUCK



BAKING WITH GRANDMA



SANTA COMES DOWN THE CHIMNEY



WE LOVE HOSTING FOR THE HOLIDAYS! HERE, THE TABLE IS ALL SET FOR THANKSGIVING



EASTER TIME FUN! CAITLIN'S PARENTS ALWAYS HAVE AN EGG HUNT IN THEIR BACKYARD AND THEN WE DYE EGGS



Making Memories



RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH OUR FRIENDS, HAMPTON AND HARPER!



HALLOWEEN FUN WITH SPIDERMAN!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Birthdays in our family are celebrated with enthusiasm and thoughtfulness. The tradition of blowing out candles on a homemade birthday cake, surrounded by the melody of the "Happy Birthday" song, is a moment that never fails to bring smiles all around. For Milo's birthday, we take a special trip to Build-A-Bear so he can make his birthday bear!



PAPA AND GOGO



NANA AND GRANDBOB



GIGI AND MR. LAMB



THE GIFT OF *Family*

We love our family to the moon and back. Since we conveniently live near the grandparents, we get together with all sides of our families often. Beyond family dinners, we enjoy brunch on Sundays and Packer parties on game days!

We are very fortunate to have three sets of active grandparents who are loving, silly, fun, and very involved in our son's life. Caitlin's parents, Robin and David, are upbeat, sociable, and avid travelers. Carter's dad, Bob, and stepmom, Susan, are artistic, creative, and pickleball enthusiasts. Carter's mom, Mary, and stepdad, Tim, are adventurous and amazing cooks. We also have family in North Carolina, Iowa, and Wisconsin who we see for holidays.

We are thankful to have a family that is very supportive of our adoptive journey. Our parents have loved every second of being grandparents and can't wait to love on their new grandchild!

WE ARE SO
THANKFUL
FOR OUR
SUPPORT
SYSTEM

THANKSGIVING WITH THE FAM



OUR NIECE, EVELYN



UNCLE DYLAN & AUNT LEIGH



GRANDPARENTS' NIGHT AT SCHOOL WITH PAPA & GOGO



GOT GRANDBOB'S NOSE!



EASTER FUN



MEET OUR *Friends*

We are incredibly lucky to have such an amazing set of friends. Some of our friends have been in our lives since elementary school, others came along in college and at work. We are one of 4 couples who were all high school sweethearts. We have grown from playing sports together, to raising our little ones together. We frequently have playdates together and it has been so heartwarming seeing our kids form friendships. Our friends are supportive, and excited for us to add another child to the crew!

"There are friends, there is family, and then there are friends that become family"
-unknown





Sight seeing in Prague!



Oktoberfest



Charleston, SC

OUR *Adventures*

We love any opportunity to travel to new places! A few of the places we have been together are: Florida, where we relaxed on the beach. Asheville, where we visited family and hiked up beautiful mountains. Charleston, where we visited an aquarium and an amazing children's museum. Germany, where we went to Oktoberfest, and Prague, where we enjoyed local parks and stunning architecture. We think it is important for our children to experience new cultures and cuisines and see how beautiful our world is!

We also enjoy family-friendly events around town. We are always down to try new things!



JOHN LENNON WALL



ST. LUCIA



BACKPACKING IN
MITTENWALD, GERMANY!



HIKING IN ASHEVILLE, NCI

TOUCH-A-TRUCK FUN!



PIG ISLAND IN THE BAHAMAS



BOO AT THE ZOO WITH MIRABEL AND BRUNO



WATCHING A SCUBA DIVER AT NEWPORT AQUARIUM



THANK

YOU

Our Promise to You

...is one of **unwavering love, continuous support, and a commitment to providing a safe and nurturing environment for your child to thrive.**

We wholeheartedly believe that the love a child receives from various sources only enriches their life, and **we will honor and respect you** throughout your child's life.

We promise **your child will always know their story** beginning with you and your selfless love for them.

Know that **we will honor and cherish them every day,** and your child will be surrounded by love, opportunities, and a lifetime of memories.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your time and consideration. We look forward to the possibility of welcoming your child into our hearts and home.

With heartfelt sincerity,

Caitlin & Carter



Thank You