

Taylor and  
Nicole





Thank you so much for taking the time to read about our little family.

Hey! 

**We are Nicole and Taylor, along with our two kiddos Tayson (6) and Sawyer Jane (4).**

Our little boy Tayson is 6 and our little girl Sawyer Jane is 4. Tay and I have been trying for over 2 years to grow our family. We have been diagnosed with unexplained infertility which has led us down the path of adoption.

We are aching for another family member, not just a baby, but a toddler, a child, a teenager, and eventually an adult. They will be treasured, raised in love and always included.

We are hoping for an open adoption at whatever comfort level, you the birth mother would like.





We love to take the family boat out whenever possible



Ten year anniversary celebration



# Our Story

## Written by Nicole

Taylor and I met in college, I was smitten pretty quickly. I boldly asked him why he wasn't making any moves. He responded, "I'm so sorry, I thought you knew I just wanted to be friends."

I like to joke that I "won" the game of dating by eventually winning him over.

The truth is before we could be good together, I think we both had 3 more years of growing to do. We found our way together again and it just clicked. We just had our 10 year anniversary and I can confidently say we are more than "just friends". He is my absolute best friend.



## Taylor speaking about Nicole

The kids' life and mine would be in disarray without Nicole. She is the glue that holds our family together.

She is the perfect blend of loving, fun, teaching and organized mom. She runs the house, does the budget and plans the fun trips.

Nicole has the biggest heart of anyone, she is everyone's best friend. She has a rule to never turn down a cuddle if the kids ask, no matter how busy or what she is in the middle of. Nicole is also the biggest animal lover I know.

Being a mom is what Nicole loves to be, but she is so much more.



She has made her health a major priority, and exercises and eats well often. She makes amazing home cooked meals or yummy treats from scratch. She loves getting us all loaded up to go on outdoor adventures to the lake, parks, mountains or bike rides. Nicole also finds so much joy doing newborn photography.

Walking in the woods with the kids



# Fun Facts

## **Favorite Vacation Spot:**

**McCall, Idaho** - We look forward to it all year!



## **Favorite Animal:**

I am obsessed with **Tigers** -  
I used to want one as a pet



## **I Can't Live Without:**

**Music** - Whether we are dancing in the kitchen or playing our piano, our home is full of music



## **Seasonal Activity:**

We do a **secret Santa** project every Christmas and it is SO fun planning and organizing that. Last year we helped 20 families.



## **Place to Take a Child:**

My kids are obsessed with going to the mall. There is a free play place and afterwards we get some pretzel bites to share.



## **Source of Inspiration:**

**My faith** - I have had several friends and loved ones pass away in my lifetime, most tragically my youngest brother. Because of that I cling to my Christian religion and feel peace knowing that I will see him again. I live life a little more deeply and savor all the good, nothing is guaranteed. I also know that the hardships and trials will pass and to hang on until then.





# meet Taylor

Nicole speaking  
about Taylor

**Something important for me to portray to you is how wonderful of a Dad, Taylor is.**


He is the most hands-on and involved dad. He is an equal part of our team. His daily goal is to get home to us, his family as soon as he can. I want you to know this, because having a loving and involved dad can make all the difference.

Taylor is easy going. He is everyone's biggest cheerleader. Taylor is unbelievably patient and fun. My favorite thing in the world is to watch him play with the kids.

**Taylor is into all things sports.**



When he has free time he loves to golf, play basketball or watch football. When our son and daughter shows interest in anything active he dives all in and encourages it. Whether it be Ballet, soccer or golf, Taylor shows up to every practice and cheers them on. I feel so lucky to get to parent with him.





## Fun Facts

### **Favorite Hobby:**

I love golf so much because I get to be outside in a beautiful area, while playing something that brings me joy. My 6 year old has shown interest the past few years and its my favorite thing in the world to have that one-on-one time with him.

### **Favorite Vacation Spot:**

Cancun - Where Nicole and I honeymooned.



### **Musical Instrument You Play:**

Piano - Nicole bought a piano for our home this year and I have enjoyed teaching myself.



### **Languages You Speak:**

I speak Spanish - I served a 2 year mission in Argentina.



### **Dream Job:**

I would love to be a professional golfer.



### **Favorite Sports Team:**

Michigan Wolverines .. Go blue!



### **Source of Inspiration:**

My religion, Christian



### **Seasonal Activity:**

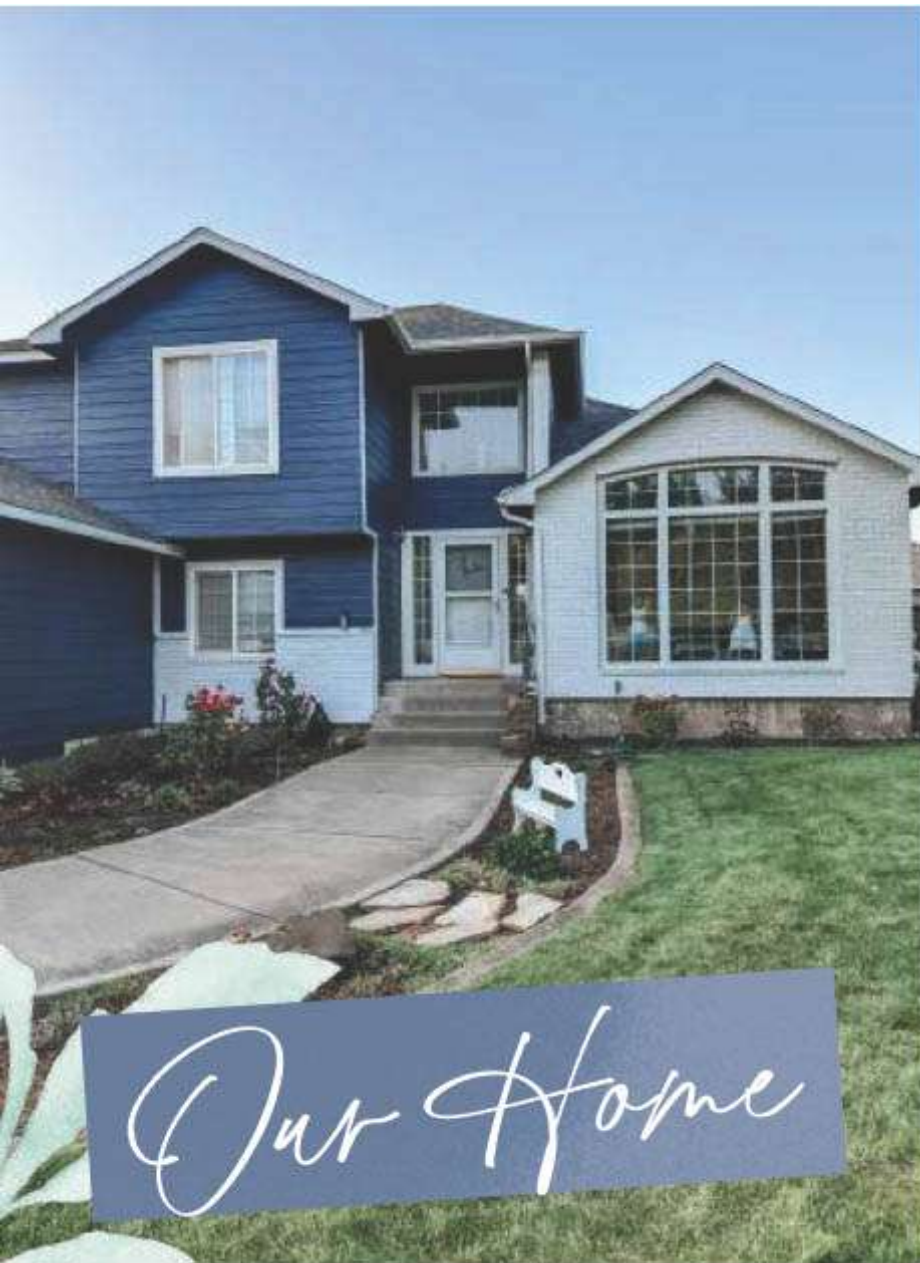
My mom has a boat that we borrow often and take it out in the summer.



### **Dessert:**

Pazookies - It's a giant cookie with ice cream on top.





# Our Home



Nearby river with trails that we love to explore



Our dog Skye is a low energy cuddle bug, she's amazing with the kids and we love her so much!

## We live in a suburban neighborhood in Spokane, Washington.

The weather here is usually amazing. There are several lakes nearby and beautiful mountains where we do hikes and nature walks.

In the winter we get some good snow. We love to do things like sledding, snowboarding and building snowmen. Nicole loves to get out and find fun with the kids, no matter the weather.

We are so lucky to live close to family. There are 7 cousins that live just down the street. We are

actually 6 minutes away from grandparents and other adult siblings, with kiddos as well! We have a big loving family here and love spending time together.

Nicole also has a really great "stay-at-home mom" community, with all different races and lifestyles represented. They meet up weekly for play dates. Having such a loving and supportive community has been the biggest blessing for Nicole and the kids.

We live in a very family friendly area. The community hosts things like Easter egg hunts, Halloween and Christmas parties, as well as more low key things like the local library story time.





**Tayson is our 6 year old boy. He is silly, brave and careful.**

Tayson is kind and so easy going. We all joke that he is a mini version of his dad.

Tayson will play for hours if he has toy cars, trains or monster trucks.

He is the best big brother in the world to Sawyer. He plays so sweetly with her.

**Sawyer is our 4 year old girl. She is our light.** She is stubborn and determined to figure everything out by herself. She is the most loving and nurturing child.

She carries toys around with her everywhere, and calls them her babies. Her imagination is so fun to witness.

She begs us to ask if we can babysit others babies. She will be the absolute best big sister.



Nicole's immediate family

# Our Loved Ones



**We have 2 sets of very fun, loving grandparents. All 4 grandparents are very fit, healthy and active people.**

Nicole's parents, "Mina and Boppa", live in another state. They are so obsessed with their grand-babies, that they fly here or we go there to visit every month. Our kids have a beautiful relationship with them. They are so supportive of us in all our parenting choices and talk often and excitedly about us adding another member to the family through adoption.

Nicole has two siblings who both, just got engaged this year. They have yet to dive into the parenting world, but love to play with our kiddos.



Tay's parents, we get to see them often



Girls annual Christmas party

Story time with Mina and Boppa, Nicole's parents





Taylor hanging out with his family

Taylor's parents, "Nana and Grumpy", live 6 minutes from us. Nana is someone who never sits down. If she isn't hosting parties with her grandkids, she is golfing or volunteering. Grumpy loves his garden and studying. He excitedly teaches the grandkids life skills anytime they show interest.

Taylor has 2 brothers living here as well, and together they have given our kids 12 cousins to play with. Its a big loving family that revolves around kids and making fun memories together.

**All the cousins know we are hoping to adopt and cannot wait for a new baby to love on.**



Friends- another source of our happiness



Annual pumpkin patch outing with Taylor's family

# In Closing

We have prayed and thought for days what the best things to write down would be, to portray our family fairly.

Our life is a beautiful mess, full of laughter and lots of relaxing. We love hard, and are quick to apologize.

We would love for you to be as involved in your kiddo's life, and ours as much as you would like. We want what would be best for your child, and the most healing for you.

**We wish you the best in your life's journey and are so thankful you took the time to read about us.**

