



MARY & RYAN



DEAR EXPECTANT PARENT/S

Thank you so much for your consideration of us to become your child's adoptive parents.

We admire you for the important and courageous decisions you have already made.

As an adopted child herself, Mary has a unique perspective on adoption. She was placed at birth and has had a very positive experience growing up in an adoptive home.

We also understand the importance of a child's relationship with his or her birth parent(s). It is our sincere hope that through our profile you see our desire to love, nurture, encourage, and guide your child for his or her entire life!

~ Mary & Ryan ~

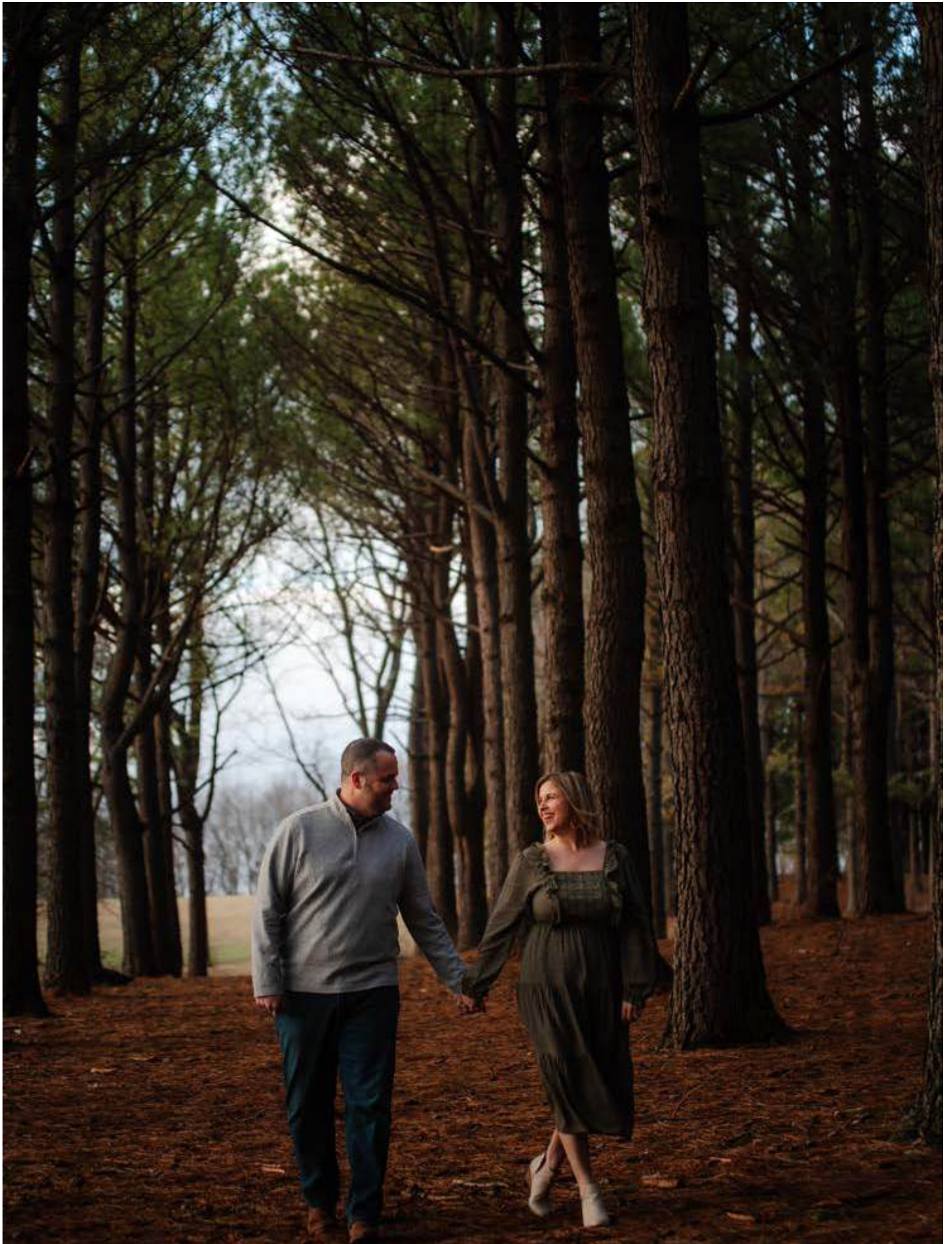


WHY WE WANT TO ADOPT

We are excited to grow our family through adoption! In our hearts, the journey of adoption isn't just a decision; it's a deeply rooted part of who we are. Mary's personal experience of being welcomed into a loving family through adoption has helped shape our understanding of love, family, and belonging.

Furthermore, Mary longs to have the experience of raising a child and Ryan is eager to again experience the joy of fatherhood.

With each step of our lives, the desire to expand our family through adoption has only grown stronger. We are ready to open our hearts and home to a child, to shower them with the love, support, and opportunities they deserve. Our home echoes with laughter, warmth, and a readiness to embrace a new member into our family. Our greatest desire in adoption is to provide a loving and nurturing home for your child.



OUR STORY

Our story is one of hope and new beginnings. Ryan lost his first wife unexpectedly, but later found love again with Mary.

We have known each other for several years and re-connected a few years ago through a conversation about Mary's work. One short conversation led to lots of longer conversations and the rest is history!



Serving fried oreos to local college students on campus



We have a strong marriage and are deeply committed to each other. We share a love of travel, sports, music, and serving others.

Our life is filled with lots of laughter, love, and mutual respect for one another.



We love traveling! This pic was from a recent trip to London

MEET

Mary



Teaching at a local event for women

Mary grew up as an only child in an adoptive home in a small town in central Kentucky. She currently works as an Administrator at the local church we attend. She loves her job and the opportunity it gives her to interact with so many people. Another perk of Mary's job is that it gives her the chance to work from home and have a flexible schedule.



Mary loves kids! She has had lots of opportunities to interact with kids in the her work and within her friend group. You can often find her attending sporting events, birthday parties, and school programs of her friends' kids, some of who even call her Aunt Mary!



Mary helping kids with crafts at Vacation Bible School.

Below: Mary and Ryan on a recent trip to Peru



HOBBIES

*Sports & Fitness
Traveling
Music*

FAVORITES

*Food:
Chicken-n-Dumplings*

*TV Show:
The Office*

*Movie:
The Proposal*

*Holiday:
Christmas*

*Place to Travel:
Santa Rosa Beach, FL*

Mary's love of travel has led her to many countries, where she's gotten to explore new places and serve others.

She is also a people-person who enjoys hosting others in her home.

As a lover of coffee, it's no surprise that one of her favorite places is the local coffee shop where you will often find her working or meeting with friends.



Hiking in Utah



Hanging out at the coffee shop with my friend's child.

MEET

Ryan



Ryan also grew up in central Kentucky. He works as a senior manager in a global marketing group at a large tech company. He loves his job and the people he gets to work with. Ryan's job allows him to have a flexible schedule often working from home.



MY CAREER

Senior Manager, Product Marketing

MY HOBBIES

Travel

Music

Sports

FAVORITES

TV: ESPN

Movie: O Brother Where Art Thou

Book: Band of Brothers

Holiday: Christmas

Place: Home

Travel Spot: Hilton Head Island, SC



Ryan is a devoted father to his two daughters. As a widower, and before, he always prioritizes his family- not missing out on key moments of their lives.



Ryan has a love for music! He is a musician who sings and plays guitar and keyboard. He has led the music programs at a few of the larger churches in the area.

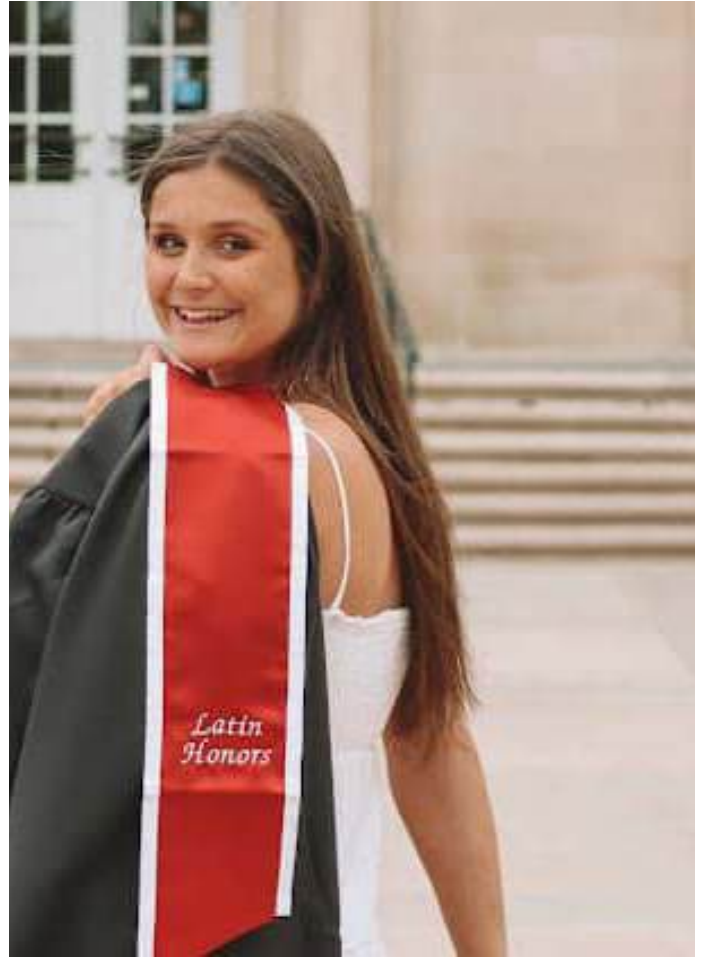


Left: This pic was taken on one of several trips to Disney World with his daughters.

MEET OUR DAUGHTER

Kaitlyn

Kaitlyn is our oldest daughter. She and her husband, Eric, were recently married and live in the same city as us. Kaitlyn graduated from college at age 20, earning a degree in Business and Marketing. She loves kids and recently spent a summer working at an orphanage in South America . Growing up, Kaitlyn played sports and enjoyed playing music, which is still one of her hobbies today. She is our family comedian and a ton of fun to be around!





MEET OUR DAUGHTER *Lauren*

Lauren is our youngest daughter. She started her first year of college in 2023 and plans to get a degree in Elementary Education. Lauren loves kids and still babysits occasionally. She was on dance teams since Pre-K. She loves to bake and has had a successful baking business since age 15. She is our tenderhearted kid!



Things Ryan Loves About *Mary*

Mary is an amazing wife and will be a great mother! She's the glue that holds everything together. She has a loving heart. Mary is incredibly organized and selfless, always putting others first. Every day, she rises early, starting with coffee and Bible reading, followed by exercise and caring for our home before work.



Mary pictured above with our friends' kiddos

Mary is very dependable. She will provide great care and will watch out for her child.



Mary is loads of fun, and her child will adore their time with her. A former athlete, Mary still enjoys sports.



Mary is a role model for many women, dedicating her time to others, whether meeting for coffee or checking in through calls or texts to ensure their well-being. She's always looking out for others.



Mary is a wonderful host and loves inviting people into our home. On holidays, she is the one that always makes sure that people know they are welcome to celebrate and have a meal with us.

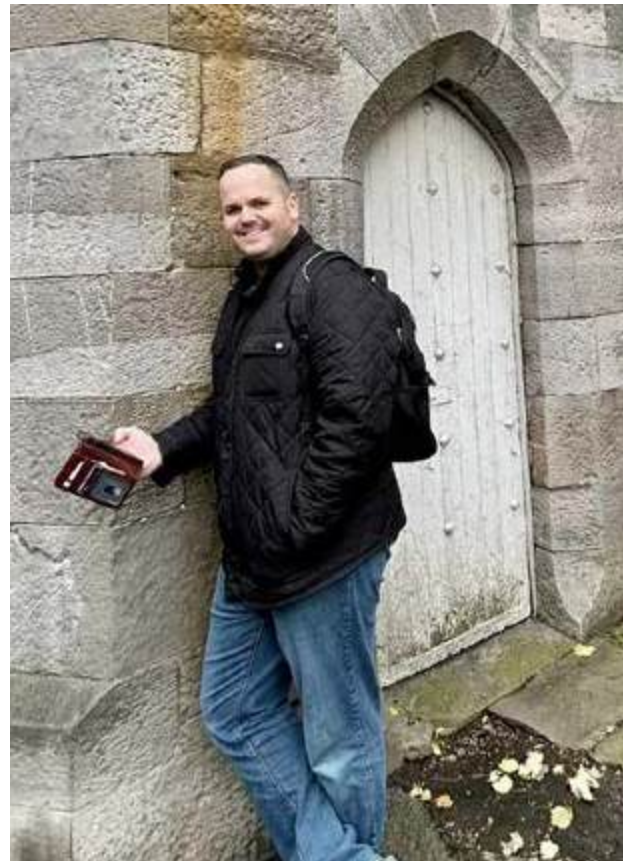


It's hard to fully describe Mary in just a few words, but whatever I say would be an understatement. She cares deeply for others and takes action to help them.

THINGS MARY LOVES ABOUT

Ryan

Ryan is extremely generous, kind, and sacrificial. He is a committed husband and father, always putting the needs of others before his own. He works hard to make sure his family is provided for and protected.



Ryan in Ireland (above) Peru (below)



Ryan in the Philippines meeting with the management team there

Whether in his family, work, or church, Ryan leads others with humility and grace.



One of Mary's favorite qualities about Ryan is his sense of humor. It's hard to have a bad day when he's around!



When not tending to his family or job, Ryan dedicates himself to serving others. Whether helping neighbors or leading music at church, he eagerly lends a hand whenever needed.



As our family vacation planner, Ryan is always up for an adventure and values taking time to see new places and experience new things. He desires for our future kid(s) to see and experience the world.



One of Ryan's greatest qualities is that he is a dad who is present and involved in the lives of his daughters and I know the same will be true for our future children. They will never doubt that they are loved and cherished.

On a cruise with his daughters



OUR HOME

We live in a large, two story house with a finished basement in one of the larger neighborhoods in the city where we live.

We love our neighborhood! It is safe and very family-friendly. We live here because we are surrounded by so many close friends.

In addition to lots of space on the inside, we also have a large fenced-in backyard where there's lots of room to play and entertain.



Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating



Our home is a place where friends and family gather for all sorts of fun activities! We love to host family dinners, movies nights, cookouts, and holiday gatherings.



Right: Hosting international friends for lunch

(Top Right & Below) Our friends' watching Christmas movies at our annual Christmas Eve party





Kitchen



Dining Room



Master Bedroom



Formal Living Room

Our house has five bedrooms and 3.5 baths. Our main floor is our primary place for hosting friends and family. It is a very open space with a deck where grillmaster Ryan spends lots of time on the grill.



One of the newer additions to our house and one of our favorite places to hang out is in our finished basement where there's a projector for movies, a workout area, a cozy sitting area, a bedroom, and a bathroom.

MEET OUR *Family & Friends*

We are incredibly thankful to have a close-knit family and friend group! We see or talk to our parents on a weekly basis. They will be involved and present in your child's life.



Our family loves to get together for family dinners, holidays, and to celebrate birthdays and other special occasions.



Lauren's high school graduation



Ryan's parents, Larry and Karen, aka Poppy and Grammy



Mary and her mom, Gail , aka GiGi



Eric is the newest (and great) addition to our family. He married Kaitlyn last year. He is a college graduate and runs one of the franchises of his family's businesses. He works really hard and is handy with tools and cars.



This is Cam. She is like a sister to Mary. She is known as "Aunt Cam." She is an Occupational Therapist and is a ton of fun to be around!



Above: A family trip to Hilton Head Island



Above: Ryan and his daughter, Lauren, at church.

Below: A wedding reception with friends



Above: Mary and some of her friends on a girls' trip



Left: family and friends at our house for Easter lunch.

Below: Ryan and his daughter, Kaitlyn, leading worship



Above: Mary and one of her best friends, Amanda.



Looking at Christmas lights with our friends Clay and Melissa and their kids



Mary on a quick trip to the beach with her friends



We often host special holiday events at our home, such as a cookie decorating party with friends!



We love watching local high sports with friends

Within our friend group there are lots of children, including other kids who have been adopted. Our friends are a big part of our support system. We have no doubt that they will love and cheer on your child like one of their own.

MEET OUR

Pups

Ellie is our chocolate Labrador Retriever. She is gentle and loves to cuddle!



Ruby is our Boxer. She is very sweet and also loves to snuggle!



LIFE WITH

Ryan & Mary



We hang out with friends often. This is a picture from a college football game we attended in the Fall.



Kids sports have been a part of our lives for a long time. Mary pictured here with one of our friends' kids.

We are active and like to travel when we can, but our favorite things are really simple--being together with family and friends, serving others, and being involved in our local community.



Here is a picture from a family-friendly event we attend each year on July 4th. Doing fun things in our community is something we value.



Family Easter egg hunt at the farm



With our daughter and friend at a football game

We love hosting events at our home! Each year we gather with neighbors and friends and pass out candy to 300-400 trick-or-treaters in our neighborhood. We show a kid-friendly movie on our projector in the driveway and serve coffee and hot chocolate to families who stop by. It's always a fun time!





OUR PLEDGE



From Ryan:

I want to express my deepest thanks for considering us. I know this decision isn't easy, and I am grateful for your courage. You've learned about me and the joy of raising my two daughters. I've been there for every moment - from rocking them to sleep at night to cheering them on through life.

My wife, Mary, is an incredible blessing. She's not only a wonderful wife but will be an amazing mother to your child. Together, we are ready to welcome them into our family and love them. Please know that I am fully committed to giving your child the best life possible. I'll be there for everything. Your child will be cherished, loved, and protected with everything I have to give.

From Mary:

I sincerely want to thank you for taking the time to get to know us and to consider us as your child's adoptive parents. While I cannot imagine all you are going through, please know your bravery and love in considering adoption are deeply seen and respected. Just as I admire my birth mother's courage, I admire your courage in making this decision.

Growing up in an adoptive home myself, I have experienced the love and opportunity it provides. My adopted parents showed me unconditional love and care throughout my life. It is my heartfelt commitment to do the same for your child. I will love, support, and do whatever I can to make sure they thrive.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

