

Sally and Joe



This is Us

Hi! We are Sally and Joe. This all started back in college where we met and became best friends. Sally was finishing a math degree, and Joe was heading off to medical school. We fell in love, got married, and moved away to start life together. Joe was an eternal student for a while but now is happy practicing anesthesia in Northern New Mexico. Sally worked for the first few years of marriage, but then we started this amazing journey of adoption, and she has thankfully been able to be home with the kiddos ever since.

We have 6 kids! Each has a unique story that has been miraculous and beautiful. Early on, Sally had a clear feeling that we should adopt and that we were going to have 7 children. We never looked back! We have felt God leading us to each of our children in simple yet clear ways, and we are sooo excited to find our little baby to complete our family. So, if you feel like a big family with tons of fun and tons of love is what you are hoping for your child, keep reading! We know our happy chaos can be overwhelming, but we also know each of us are ready to share this awesome life we have together with one more beautiful child.



Sally

by Joe

Sally is a gentle soul who loves being a mother with all her heart. She is truly my best friend. She is someone who loves and respects others and loves helping people out. I often get a text from her asking me who I think she should take a meal to because she just wants to do something nice for someone. She loves watercolor painting, dabbling in music lessons, and plants. She likes trying new foods and exploring beautiful places. But what I love the most is that her family always comes first for her. She starts almost every day sitting on the couch reading books to our littlest kids and finishes every day in the same way. She loves reading on her own too. Sally has a deep love for God and relies on Him for guidance and support every day. She inspires me to be a better husband and father. I can't imagine life without her. She knew early in our marriage that adoption was how we should grow our family, and she has never looked back. Her children are her best friends, and she is great at encouraging them in their own interests and pursuits.



Joe

by Sally

Joe is my best friend. Period. When I first met him, his enthusiasm for life and people made him stand out. He still has both!

Joe loves doing so many things, and he loves to try new things. Currently, his passions include amateur carpentry, mountain biking, hiking, and gardening. He also loves pickleball, and is pretty dang good at it! He plays the game with friends as often as time permits. He also wants to learn more about fishing, and takes the kids along on just about any adventure. He loves to take the family camping, or just on any road trip! He grew up playing tennis, and now he gets to cheer and support our kids as they learn the sport. He is so good at supporting his family.

Joe is so much fun to be around and also such a hard worker. I'm so grateful my kids have his example in that. He loves his job, but I know that the first and biggest reason that he goes to work every day is because he loves his family. And he takes such good care of me. We sure feel special to be so loved by this guy!



Caleb

Caleb (16) is our relaxed, affectionate oldest. He is the best at giving his mother hugs anytime and sometimes all the time. He is so great at playing with his younger siblings! He's also our musician and fills the house with his own creations on the piano, melodica (ever heard of that?!), guitar, handpan, and really any instrument he can get his hands on. He started driving this year and has been an awesome help getting siblings where they need to go.



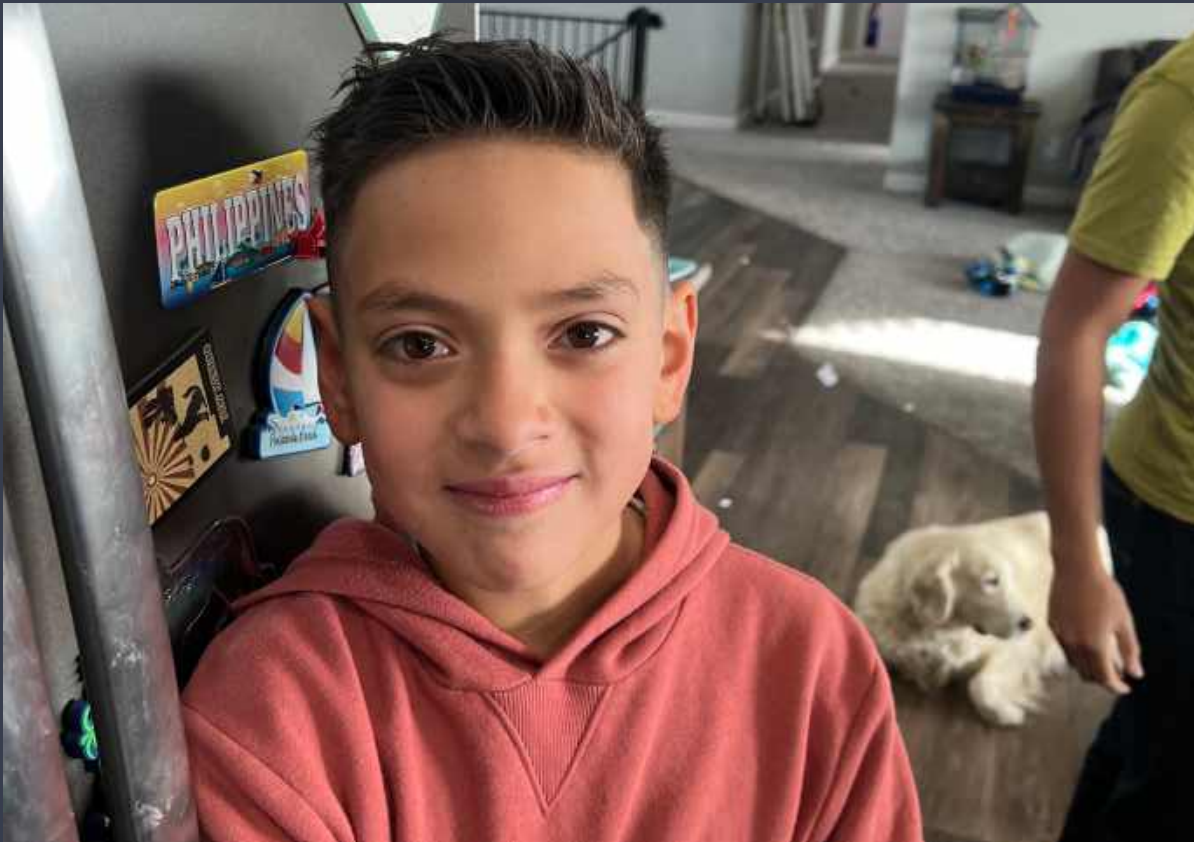
Ella

Ella (14) is our rockstar big sister who helps us with fashion, decorating, music, dance moves, and generally staying up with the times. We love her spunk and passion for life. She's an athlete and definitely her little sister's favorite person. She wants to be an interior decorator and a mom someday. When Caleb and Ella get singing and dancing together, they could win any reality talent show, however neither is very interested in performing in public. They have been best friends since the day Ella was born.



Keelan

Keelan (12) is our intelligent, thoughtful, hard-working son. He has got an awesome imagination and can build a killer fort for the littles. He loves mountain biking, jogging in the mornings with mom, drawing, painting, and is a hard-core bookworm. He loves friends, camping, and is also getting into hiking the southern Rockies with Dad. Keelan thinks deeply about life and ideas, and despite being a 12 year old boy, he still loves talking with mom at night. He introduced the 5-second hug to the family years ago which still is one of our best solutions to conflict at home.



Riley

Riley (9) is the best helper and plays like his life depends on it. He is definitely the best at getting out of chores. Whenever he gets caught, he flashes that smile, and it's hard to stay mad at him for long. He's our sensitive soul and can snuggle up to listen to a book with Mom or Dad all day and sometimes late into the night. He is our goer and doer and wants to be a part of everything! He's Dad's best helper when it comes to outdoor work in the garden, mowing the lawn, or digging holes. We can see him becoming a general contractor, landscaper, or culinary artist someday. He is the first kid to show up and last to leave whenever Sally starts to cook and bake. He loves airsoft and wrestling, and if he could, he would spend all day playing with his siblings or friends.





Annie

Annie (5) is our sweet youngest daughter. She also has some fire in her soul and loves being in charge. She is mom's awesome helper in the kitchen making everything from homemade bread to cookies to empanadas or anything else we are trying out. Annie is a fast runner and bike rider. She loves being outside in the grass and sand but definitely isn't a fan of prickles. She loves listening to books and is starting to learn to read and do math which she is very proud of. She loves her Aunt Melissa (Sally's younger sister) and all of her cousins. She is our social butterfly and will talk with anyone. She has a sweet streak and seems to know just when you need a big hug or kiss. She can't wait to be a big sister!



Isaac

Isaac (4) is all boy and can play all day with Riley and Annie. He never passes up a chance to wrestle with Dad, and unlike all our other kids, he can handle being tickled for 5 minutes straight. We are pretty sure he just loves laughing more than anything else in the world. Cars are a close second, though, and he can do car parades and pretend outside, inside, in the tub, in the shower, at church, and anywhere else he can sneak a hot wheels car to. Isaac is a good friend to everyone and has more energy than anyone else in the family. He could spend all day bouncing on the trampoline, digging in the sand, climbing on rocks, or playing pickleball or ping pong with Dad. He is going to be the funnest big brother this world has ever known.



Our Home



We love our home. We moved to New Mexico a little over 3 years ago and the change to a smaller town has been so amazing for our family! Our town has tons of opportunity to be outdoors. There are walking, jogging and biking trails as well as mountain and BMX biking skills parks. We head one hour North into the Southern Rockies and ski, hike, and camp in the mountains. Our house is on one of the many hills in town, so we get to see beautiful sunsets each night. We have a fun yard with an in-ground trampoline, pickleball and basketball sport court, a large garden area around our chicken and duck run. We also have a nice grassy space to play on together. Our home has 6 bedrooms and a couple large gathering areas. Joe enjoys some carpentry and has built bunkbeds, book shelves, end tables, and is currently working on a large family dinner table. We truly were blessed to find such an awesome place for our large family when we moved here. There are a lot of other families with kids in our neighborhood which has been awesome for our kids to play and explore with friends.

Family Life

We are true dabblers in everything that interests us! We haven't become experts in much, but we LOVE exploring new ideas, activities, projects, and places! Here are some:

- Gardening - Sally loves plants!!! And Joe is trying his best to develop a green thumb. Watermelons were the big success last year. Blackberries and grapes are the new year's project. Flowers are always a part of the garden!
- Watercolor - Sally loves painting. It's one of those relaxing things. She doesn't spend a lot of time on it, but she is actually quite good! And best of all, she always seems to get a few of the kids in on the fun too.
- Music - Everyone got new instruments this Christmas. Some were weird (the handpan, thumb harp, and melodica), but we just love listening to and making music!
- Landscaping - The yard is Joe's happy place. Next project is a water feature stream/pond that flows through the chicken and duck run for aesthetics and as a clean water source. We might even toss in some koi for fun!
- Mountain biking and hiking - The trails here truly are amazing to explore. Everything from desert to mountains with plenty of gorgeous waterfalls and lakes and rivers. Joe just got the 3 oldest boys to summit the tallest mountain in New Mexico with him last Summer.
- Reading - We read together a lot, and all the kids love the time to snuggle and enjoy good stories.





What to Expect from Here on Out

We can't imagine how hard this experience has been for you so far. We want you to know that we love you! You really can do what you feel is best for your child even though it may be hard. We are happy to be there and support you in whatever ways we can. We have developed sweet friendships with 3 of our 6 birth moms and 1 birth grandmother. The other 2 requested closed adoptions for personal reasons that we respect. Whatever you feel our relationship with you needs to be, we are open to working it out with you. In our experience, these relationships change over time based on life's unexpected happenings. But whatever happens, we love our birth mom's forever! We are so grateful for your sacrifice and selflessness as you pursue this path of adoption. We look forward to getting to know you better!

Please reach out to us if you feel we may be the forever family for your little one! We love you!!