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We are Lauren and Max! We met in 2019, got married in 2021, and had our first biological son in 2022. We are extroverted, which led us to each other. Max operates heavy equipment, and Lauren is a CT technologist at a hospital. We both enjoy golfing and spending time on the water in the warmer months. We are in a bowling league and like to downhill ski in the winter months. We have an almost four-year-old we love to spend the majority of our time with and find that whatever we are doing, he just comes with. He's getting good practice with his golf club and hockey stick; he takes after his father. Max works full-time, and Lauren works part-time so she can be home with our kiddo. She wouldn't trade that for the world.

## **OUR HOME & PETS**

We live in a very quiet neighborhood mixed with retired people and young adults our age with children who are around the age of our toddler, so there is always someone to play with. Max grew up in a house just down the street from where we live now, so we are well known in the neighborhood. We see all four seasons, so there are plenty of activities to do all throughout the year, whether it's riding bikes, going swimming, raking leaves in the fall, building snowmen in the winter, or even puddle jumping in the spring. We have two dogs we walk while our toddler rides his bike with us and gives all the neighbors high fives.

## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We have two biological sons together, one of whom will be four in January; the other unexpectedly passed away when he was three months old. Seven weeks after our second son was born, we were very happy with the little family we had created, so Lauren decided to have a complete hysterectomy due to her high risk of ovarian cancer. When our second son was three months old, he unexpectedly passed away. That left a giant hole in our hearts, and we knew we had more room in our hearts to have another child. We agreed that since we couldn't have any more children, we would love to adopt a child and bring another bundle of joy into our lives.

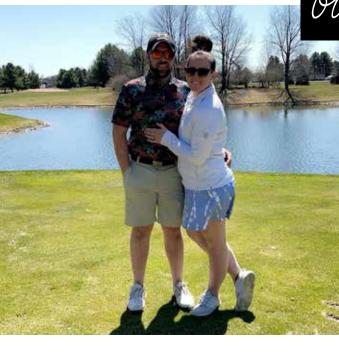


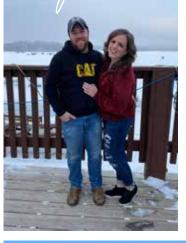


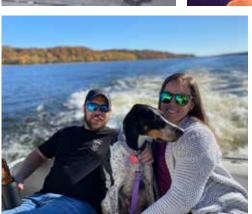
















Occupation: CT technologist

Education: Associate degree

Race: Caucasian

Sport: Swimming, skiing, golf

Food: Sushi, tacos

Hobby: Reading, golf, bowling

Family Tradition: Decorating the Christmas

tree together

**Dream Vacation:** Aruba

Holiday: Thanksgiving

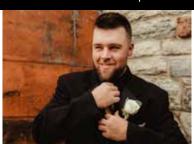
TV Show: Anything on Food Network

Subject in School: Physics











Occupation: Heavy equipment operator

Education: Associate degree

Race: Caucasian

Sport: Hockey, golf

Food: Pasta

Hobby: Golf, hockey

Family Tradition: Golfing

**Dream Vacation:** Famous golf courses

Holiday: St. Patrick's Day

TV Show: South Park

Subject in School: Social studies

**OUR FAMILY** 





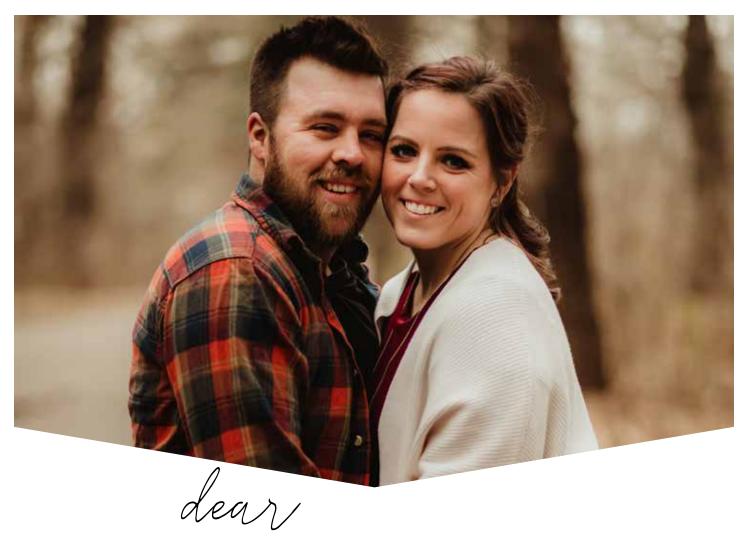






We grew up in two completely different home settings. Lauren grew up with her mother and father, and at the age of four, her parents got a divorce; her mother remarried, and she has a stepfather. She has one older sister and one younger half-sister. Her older sister has a daughter, so there are a lot of girls in her family. She comes from a very large family with aunts, uncles, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and there was never a dull moment over the holidays. Her mom loves to bake, and Christmas was always her favorite because each of the kids got to decorate a gingerbread cookie.

Max grew up with his mother and father. He has one older brother who is very close in age, so they grew up doing everything together. He grew up playing hockey and golf and would spend hours practicing hockey in the basement or riding his bike to the golf course to practice. His favorite family memories were spent on the golf course. His father passed away three years ago, and we now have a golf outing we host in his honor as our own family tradition.



## **EXPECTANT MOTHER**

## Dear Expectant Mother,

We cannot begin to imagine the thoughts that are running through your head. You've created the miracle of life, and it's by far the best blessing in the world. You are so incredibly strong for going through the journey of pregnancy and bringing this miracle into the world. The amount of courage you have to explore the adoption journey is incomprehensible. We can't even begin to imagine the decision process you've had to endure on this journey; it probably hasn't been an easy one. We are trying to put ourselves in your shoes, and it just breaks our hearts even thinking about it. We know you are doing what is best for the baby and yourself.

We cannot begin to explain how grateful we are for this opportunity. Ovarian cancer is very prevalent in Lauren's family, and deciding to get a complete hysterectomy was one of the most difficult decisions she's ever had to make. We never thought in our wildest dreams that we would endure the loss of our child unexpectedly, and after having a huge surgery, it hit even harder. We want nothing more than to add one more bundle of joy to our family because we have so much more love in our hearts to give to another baby. Just know this child will be welcomed with nothing but love in our family.

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