



MARK & THERESA

our story



ABOUT US

We are Mark and Theresa! We met 14 years ago through a mutual friend and had an instant connection. We both have a love of adventure, and family and faith are very important to us. After seven months of dating, we were engaged and got married in 2009. Mark is a first responder, and Theresa is a stay-at-home mom to our five-year-old son after teaching elementary school for 16 years. Mark has a big heart and is patient, kind, and hardworking. He enjoys cycling, reading, and working on projects around the house. Theresa is caring, outgoing, and fun-loving. She enjoys photography, crafting, drawing, and reading a good book. We also enjoy going on hikes and cooking together, but most of all, we love spending time with family.

OUR HOME + PET

We live in Virginia in a rural neighborhood that's 20 minutes away from the city and great museums. Our ranch-style home is located on five acres with a garden and lots of room to play. We love playing on the playset, bike riding, flying kites, exploring around the pond and woods, feeding the ducks, and playing in the sandbox we built for our son. We can't wait to have another little one join in our fun! We're close to several fun playgrounds, the library, and a beautiful national park that's a five-minute walk from our house. We have a golden retriever who's great with children. She loves to play fetch, run around outside, and even sits and listens to our son "read" his books.

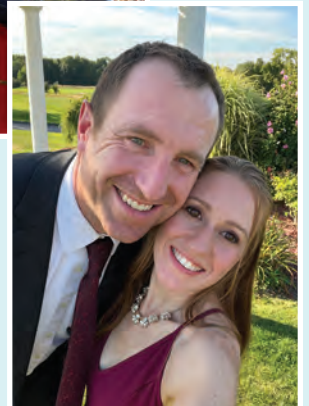


WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Adoption has been on our minds and hearts for a long time. When we first got married, we wanted to grow our family but struggled with infertility. We talked about the possibility of adoption, but then we were blessed with our little miracle. Theresa had complications after childbirth, which ultimately led to her not being able to conceive again. After a lot of time and prayer, we know adoption is God's plan for our family. We both know the love and bond siblings share, and we want to give that to our son and another child. We have so much love to give, and we can't wait to meet the newest addition to our family.



Family Adventures



Date Night



Smile!



get to know...

OCCUPATION: First Responder

EDUCATION: BS in Anthropology and Natural Resources

RACE: Caucasian

SPORT: Cycling

FOOD: Sushi

HOBBY: Hiking, cycling, cooking

TRADITION: Annual family beach vacations

MUSICAL GROUP: Wilco, Jason Isbell

DREAM VACATION: Australia, New Zealand, African safari

TV SHOW: Expedition Unknown

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Anthropology



MARK



THERESA



OCCUPATION: Stay-at-home mom

EDUCATION: BA in Elementary Education & Early Childhood Education, Master of School Librarianship

RACE: Caucasian

SPORT: Cycling, roller blading, gymnastics

FOOD: Homemade pizza

HOBBY: Crafting, drawing, photography, hiking

TRADITION: Making Christmas cookies

MUSICAL GROUP: Ed Sheeran, Florida Georgia Line

DREAM VACATION: Fiji, Australia, African safari

TV SHOW: New Girl, This Is Us

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Language arts, art class

OUR EXTENDED family

Family means the world to us, and we're blessed to have close relationships with both sides of our family. We have a very large extended family filled with love and they're all so supportive and beyond excited to meet and welcome our newest family member.

We both have three siblings, and we both have one sister who lives close by. Our families get together frequently for trips to the park or zoo or family dinners and cookouts. We have 18 nieces and nephews (ranging from newborn to 22), so there's always someone to play with!

We always have a wonderful time with our family, whether we travel to New Jersey for Theresa's family or to Tennessee to visit Mark's family. We spend all our holidays with our extended family. We have big family dinners, play games, and enjoy being together. One of our favorite traditions is renting a beach house with Theresa's family, where we enjoy a week of playing in the sand and waves, night walks on the beach to look for crabs, games, kite flying, and more. We can't wait to share these traditions and more with our new child.



Family fun



Making memories





Dear
EXPECTANT MOTHER

What do you say to a woman you've never met but who is considering giving you the most precious gift ever? It's hard to think of the right words to say, but when we think of you and the baby you're carrying, we're filled with gratitude. We're grateful for you and for the loving, selfless act of adoption you're considering. We cannot imagine what you're going through, thinking, and feeling at this moment, but we want you to know we have so much respect for you and raising your child would be a blessing to our lives.

If you choose us, your child will be loved beyond words. They'll be raised in a home filled with love, joy, guidance, and unlimited opportunities to help them grow and thrive. They'll also have a large, loving extended family supporting them as they grow. There are so many things we're excited to experience with our new child, from family vacations and trips to the park and zoo to the simple moments we share as a family, like the spontaneous dance party or snuggling on the couch while reading books.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this and learn about us. We can't wait to grow our family and for him or her to meet their big brother.

With love,

Mark & Theresa



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