

## **Emily & Blake**





#### OUR HOME

We live in a rural city. There are multiple school districts in our city and in the surrounding small towns. Our home is a ranchstyle house in a peaceful neighborhood. The heart of our home is our spacious living room, where we spend hours playing games. We have an awesome pool that is securely gated and locked for added safety. It will be perfect for teaching future little ones to swim! During the summer, our friends and families often gather at our place to swim. We're also fortunate to have a park just seconds away from our house, making outdoor adventures very accessible. While we currently enjoy the conveniences that come with living in town, we one day hope to move to Blake's family farm. The farm is just a short 15-minute drive away.

#### WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

## about us

Hello! We are Blake and Emily! Our story began in 2015 when we were introduced by mutual friends. Within three months of dating, we knew we had found something special, and we were engaged. We were married on New Year's Eve, surrounded by all our friends and family. Blake is a farmer and works with his dad on the family farm. They are mainly crop farmers, but they also help out his grandpa, who has some animals. We are incredibly lucky as Blake is able to set his own schedule. Emily is a CPA and works as the business manager of an educational agency that supports local school districts. Blake is the jokester, always providing entertainment with his humor, singing, or dancing! Emily is the go-getter of the family, always setting new goals for us. We love spending time with family and friends. You can often find us playing board games in the winter, at the golf course in the summer, or traveling the globe! We love dessert and never say no to a Dairy Queen Blizzard!



From the very start of our relationship, adoption has been a part of our family vision. When we decided it was time to grow our family, we discovered infertility challenges that made conceiving naturally unlikely. Deciding not to pursue fertility options, we wholeheartedly embraced adoption as the route for us to build the loving family we've always dreamed of. This journey feels deeply personal to us as Blake's mom and some of her siblings were placed in foster care or adopted as children, significantly shaping our perspective on adoption. Family is about more than biology; family is about unconditional love. We are excited to share our love with our children, biological or adopted!

# OUR LIFE together









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### Emily

Occupation: Accountant Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Race: Caucasian Religion: Christian Hobby: Traveling, reading Movie: Mamma Mia

Holiday: New Year's Eve

Dream Vacation: Catamaran around the British Virgin Islands Musical Group: The Chainsmokers TV Show: Friends, Emily in Paris School Subject: Spanish Tradition: Family sleepover on Christmas Eve



#### LEARN MORE ABOUT ...



## **Blake**

Occupation: Farmer Education: Associate degree Race: Caucasian Religion: Christian Hobby: Golf, bowling Movie: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation Holiday: Christmas Dream Vacation: Golf at St. Andrew's in Scotland Musical Group: Zach Bryan TV Show: Game of Thrones School Subject: History Tradition: Sunday family dinner

# our FAMILY & traditions

Our families are a big part of our lives. Both our immediate families live nearby, and we spend a lot of time with them. We are lucky we are able to gather for all birthdays and holidays! We each have one sister. Both of our sisters have their own families with little ones who eagerly await new playmates.

We are very close with Emily's parents. We often travel with them, and we have enjoyed taking them to see the world with us! Emily's sister and her little boy live just a couple streets over. They frequently come over for playdates and meals.

Blake's family is also incredibly close, with a group of aunts, uncles, grandparents, parents, and his sister all living within a four-mile radius of each other. His first cousins are essentially siblings, having grown up side by side and sharing all sorts of adventures. Because they're all so close, we're always getting together. Now that tradition is continuing with the next generation, and we can't wait to see our children join! Blake's parents have a home in Arizona, and we often take family trips down there in the winter.







### dear expectant mother

Thank you so much for taking the time to read about our family! We can only imagine the emotions you're experiencing and the strength it takes to make this decision. Your bravery in considering adoption for your baby is inspiring. We're incredibly thankful for the chance to embark on this journey with someone as remarkable as you!

Should you choose us, your child will be welcomed in a home overflowing with love, laughter, and endless support. Our dream is to give them a life with experiences and to show them the world and all its wonders.

We would be deeply honored if you were to entrust us with the incredible responsibility of nurturing and raising your precious child. Your act of love would forever be the foundation of our family, and we'll cherish and honor it every single day. We want to assure you that your baby will always know about the incredible love and sacrifice that led to their adoption story.

WITH LOVE AND RESPECT,

EMILY AND BLAKE



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