

# Jackie & Mel





## about us

We're Jackie and Melissa, and we live in Wisconsin. We have very different careers and work as a pharmacist and restaurant manager. Like our careers, our personalities are totally opposite, but we balance each other out great. We met on a dating app during COVID, dated for about seven months, got engaged, and moved in together. Now we have been married for almost two years and are ready to expand our family. We both absolutely love the outdoors and take every opportunity to hike, kayak, or swim. We try to explore as many state parks as we can, especially parks where we can bring our dog. We enjoy backyard bonfires and pool parties with our neighbors, friends, and family. We both love to travel and try to plan a couple big trips and plenty of little weekend getaways. We're huge Milwaukee Bucks fans and love to watch our team.

#### **OUR HOME & PET**

We live in a nice neighborhood in Wisconsin. Our neighbors have become some of our closest friends, and we couldn't be luckier. We have a one-year-old dog named Wrigley we rescued. He is a great Pyrenees/husky mix, and he is a sweet boy filled with lots of energy. Our neighbors have dogs as well, so we have plenty of puppy playdates. Our goal with our home is to make everyone feel welcome. We love to host our family and friends in our home, and we always try to keep our home decorated for whatever holiday or season is coming up. We both are pretty crazy with keeping our house clean and organizing everything and anything.



#### WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We were both raised in very close-knit families, and we want to raise our own family the same way. We decided to enjoy a year of married life, just the two of us, before exploring our options. Adoption is our opportunity to grow our family and fill in that missing piece. We have lots of love to give and can't wait to share it. Wanting to be parents was something we immediately shared in common. There is nothing in this world we want more than to become mothers and grow our family.



#### **Jackie**

Occupation: Pharmacist

**Education:** Doctor of Pharmacy

Race: Hispanic

**Hobby:** Hiking, kayaking

**Tradition:** Making tamales for

Christmas

Musical Group: Fallout Boy

Movie: Night at the Museum

Holiday: Thanksgiving

TV Show: This Is Us

School Subject: Spanish

**Book:** The Outsiders



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## Mel

Occupation: Restaurant Manager

Education: High school

Race: Hispanic

Hobby: Hot yoga

Tradition: "Spa day" with nieces

Musical Group: Selena

Movie: Pretty Woman

Holiday: Christmas

TV Show: 90 Day Fiance

School Subject: English

**Book:** A Million Little Pieces



Jackie was lucky to be raised in a large, supportive family. Both of her parents are one out of six siblings, so she has lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Although she only has one brother, the bond between "the cousin crew" is more like siblings. They all grew up together and would spend every weekend at their grandparents' house. In the past couple of years, the cousin crew has had several engagements and weddings to celebrate, and now come the babies!

Melissa also comes from a big family, and she has always wanted to have a family of her own. She is the oldest of six siblings. Growing up, Melissa's family didn't have much, so she learned that family means love, comfort, support, and appreciation of each other. That meant that even though they didn't have a lot of money, they always had each other and that was enough.





#### dear expectant mother

At first we weren't exactly sure what to say because we know what you're going through can't be easy. But know that both you and your baby will have our support. To us, you are truly a hero.

We are hopeful for the opportunity to make our dreams of raising a baby come true and make our home feel complete. They say it takes a village to raise a baby, and we are very fortunate to have big, supportive families. If you choose us, your baby will grow up surrounded by loved ones and will get to grow up alongside cousins just as we ourselves did. You are the hero who can allow us to have family dinners and family vacations, develop new family traditions, and create a lifetime of memories.

We cannot begin to understand how difficult this decision you are making truly is. Whatever the reason may be, you can rest assured that we will strive to be the best mothers possible. Your baby will be raised in a home filled with endless love and positivity. We are grateful to be considered. Thank you for taking the time to read our story.

WITH LOVE,

JACKIE AND MEL

