

BUILDING OUR FAMILY



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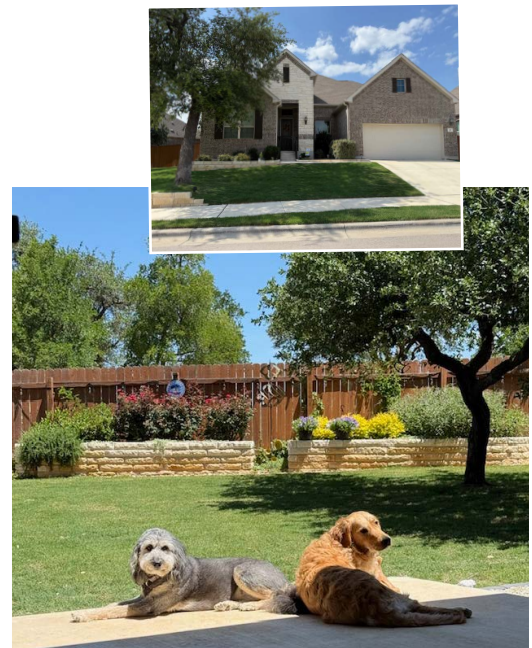
ABOUT US

We met serendipitously in 2019 through a dating app. We initially bonded over a passion for sports, exploring new cities and events together, road trips, and hours of laughter. Shortly after meeting, we each faced some large, unexpected, life challenges, and truly believed God put us in each other's lives at the exact time we needed each other the most. Going through the hard times together solidified our commitment to each other, and we have been married since 2023.

Jen grew up in North Dakota and found her way down to Texas through her job in tech. Lauren grew up in Texas and is a high school teacher and coach. Together, we still enjoy watching and attending sporting events, traveling together, and spending time with our family and friends. Lauren enjoys playing music and occasionally plays gigs locally. Jen works from home and enjoys spending quality time with our pups.

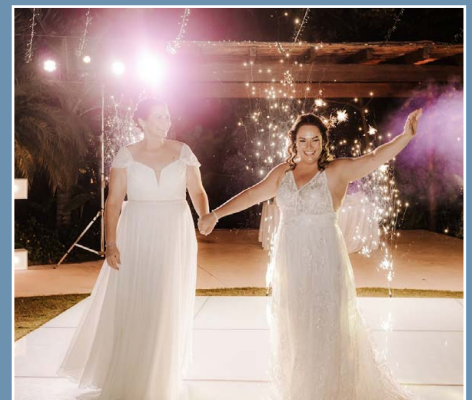
OUR HOME + PETS

We live in a nice, new suburban neighborhood in Texas filled with families, a pool, a park, and walking trails. Our street and neighborhood host many events and activities, especially during the holidays, and our neighbors are always ready to lend a helping hand. We absolutely love our large, three-bedroom home. The spacious backyard is perfect for our pups, Lambeau and Rawley. On the weekends, we love spending time at home, watching a game, and grilling on the patio. Our home is our happy place, and we enjoy hosting friends and family. The town we live in has a wonderful small-town feel with parks and walking trails, a lake close by, and a quaint town square that looks like a Hallmark movie at Christmas.



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Family means unconditional support and love, and that is what we want to be able to give to a child. Early on in our relationship, we realized we wanted to have a family together and provide a child with a home filled with love, stability, and happiness. We both had such wonderful families growing up and have been eager to start our own and share that gift. We pursued the IVF route initially; however, we were both unable to carry. Our hearts are open and ready to pour out love for a child, and what better gift could there be than to be able to do that through adoption?





OUR LIFE

Together



MORE ABOUT

Lauren



OCCUPATION: High School Teacher & Coach

EDUCATION: Bachelors Degree in Biology

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Softball, baseball, football, golf

FOOD: Tex-Mex & steak

HOBBY: Playing guitar, singing, exercising, golf

FAMILY TRADITION: Thanksgiving with family & watching football

MUSICAL GROUP: Brandi Carlile

MOVIE: *A League of Their Own*

DREAM VACATION: Scotland & Ireland

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: *Friends*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Biology

BOOK: *The Hot Zone*



MORE ABOUT

Jen

OCCUPATION: Technology Sales Manager

EDUCATION: Bachelors Degree in Business

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Softball, Baseball, Football, Soccer

FOOD: Steak

HOBBY: Swimming, exercising, playing with our dogs

FAMILY TRADITION: Family vacations

MUSICAL GROUP: The Eagles

MOVIE: *We Bought a Zoo*

DREAM VACATION: Norway

HOLIDAY: 4th of July

TV SHOW: *Friends*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: English

BOOK: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

our family AND traditions

We truly believe that family is everything, and that we would not be the people we are today without the love and support from our families. Jen grew up with her parents, her older brother, and her older sister with special needs. Growing up, they enjoyed many road trips together, playing sports, and visiting their extended family in the Midwest. Lauren grew up in Texas with her parents and younger sister. They celebrated holidays with their extended family, enjoyed many road trips and vacations, and created wonderful memories at their deer lease in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. We both grew up playing multiple sports and enjoyed spending time with our grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

We are still very close to our families today and enjoy sharing holidays and events together. While Jen's parents have both passed, Lauren's parents live closeby, and we get to see them often. Jen's sweet sister, her hero, also lives just 10 minutes away at a special needs group home. Jen's brother, sister-in-law, and three-year-old niece and nephew live in Minnesota. Lauren's sister, brother-in-law, and almost one-year-old nephew live in Texas. We love spoiling our niece and nephews.



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EXPECTANT MOTHER,

First and foremost, thank you. Thank you for your courage, your strength, and your willingness to even consider entrusting the life of your precious child to someone else. We can only imagine the weight of this decision and the depth of love it takes to put your baby's future above all else. Please know that we see you, we honor you, and we do not take this moment lightly.

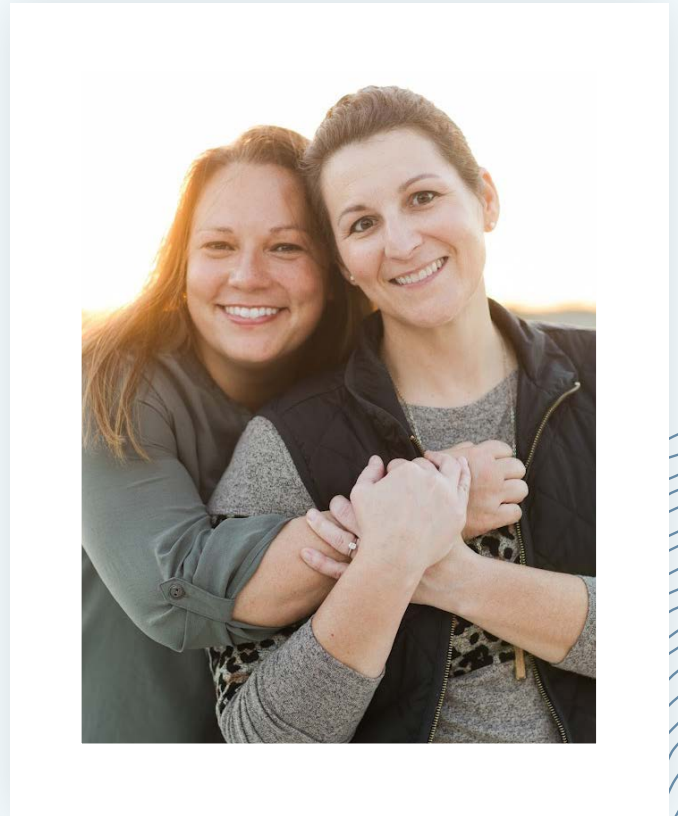
We want you to know that if you choose us, your child will be welcomed into a home filled with warmth, laughter, and unconditional love. From the very beginning, they will be surrounded by people who will cherish and celebrate who they are. We are committed to giving them every opportunity to grow into the person they are meant to be—supported, encouraged, and deeply loved every step of the way.

We are not perfect, but we are deeply committed to building a life that is nurturing, safe, and full of joy. We promise to speak of you with respect, gratitude, and love—to make sure your child knows just how brave and selfless you are.

No matter where this journey leads, we are humbled by your strength and grateful for the opportunity to walk beside you during this time. Thank you for considering us and for giving us a chance to make the dream of having a family come true.

WITH APPRECIATION,

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