



OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION

Kaleb AND Marika



## ABOUT US

Our story together began when we both moved back to where we grew up in the state of Washington. We felt like we found our home in each other on our first date. Our conversations come easily and we make each other laugh often. We are both the third child out of four and our siblings are similar in age. Family is such a big priority for us both. We love playing games together or sitting by a campfire telling stories. We both enjoy the peace we feel when we are out in nature. Marika is a Registered Nurse working in the Oncology field. She can be shy in groups, but is empathetic and calm. Kaleb is retired military and maintains the home. He is dedicated, personable, and vibrantly cheerful.

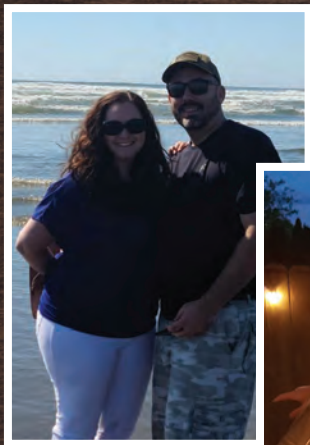
## OUR HOME & PETS

We live in an area that is close to big cities but has a small-town feel. We can walk to two elementary schools around us. The school district is great here and something we researched prior to buying our home. The house is big because we knew we always wanted to grow our family. There are several different fairs we enjoy going to throughout the year, small farmers markets around us, and parks that are all the more fun to enjoy with our dogs! Our pets have gone through training and have experience being around children of all ages. They enjoy being outside and cuddling.

## WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Family is more than genetics. Marika has several family members who were adopted, including a grandparent and cousins. We know that family isn't always blood related as we have several chosen family members. When we love someone, we love them with all our hearts. We have wanted nothing more than to be parents. Adoption is an amazing opportunity to be a part of a child's life, share their experiences, and provide mutual support and love. Our story is meant to include embracing bonds that are not genetic and we are so excited to start this next chapter in our lives.

our photos



# Raleb

**RACE:** Caucasian

**OCCUPATION:** Retired military/  
hopeful stay at home  
dad!

**EDUCATION:** High school diploma

**RELIGION:** Christian

**SPORT:** Football

**FOOD:** Seafood

**HOBBY:** Painting miniatures

**TRADITION:** Opening one gift  
at a time on Christmas

**MUSICAL GROUP:** Above and Beyond

**MOVIE:** The Hobbit

**DREAM VACATION:** Hawaii

**HOLIDAY:** Christmas

**TV SHOW:** Game of Thrones

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** History



## GET TO KNOW

# Marika

**RACE:** Caucasian

**OCCUPATION:** Registered nurse

**EDUCATION:** Master's degree  
in nursing

**RELIGION:** Christian

**SPORT:** Swimming

**FOOD:** Tacos!

**HOBBY:** Reading, hiking

**TRADITION:** Choosing birthday  
dessert!

**MUSICAL GROUP:** Rachel Platten

**MOVIE:** The Mummy

**DREAM VACATION:** Visiting Greece

**HOLIDAY:** Christmas

**TV SHOW:** How I Met Your Mother

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Science



# our family AND traditions

Each of us has three siblings. Our families are a bit spread out, but we are all very close. This means when these family members come to visit, we take every opportunity to spend quality time together. Yard games like ladder ball and corn hole are a favorite pastime with nieces and nephews. Card games are an evening pastime with the adults. We get together when we can on long weekends in the summers. Birthdays can be simple celebrations but one where the birthday person gets to decide what is for dinner—regardless of what it is! This is a fun tradition to share when there are unique foods chosen by children.

Although it might be cliché, Christmas is a holiday full of family traditions. Christmas Eve is a night dedicated to a church service, driving around to see decorated houses, and an old classic movie. Christmas Day is focused on being together and sharing in individual delight as each gift is opened one by one with great food in between!





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EXPECTANT MOTHER,

It feels as if thanking you for looking at our page is insignificant, but we want to acknowledge your journey and say thank you with all our hearts for considering us. We have not walked on your path and cannot imagine what you are going through while reading our profile. The decision to explore adoption is something we don't think we can fully comprehend. Gratefulness does not even begin to cover our emotions surrounding this. We recognize how difficult this process is, and we want to share a bit of our hearts with you.

You will always be the person who gave this wonderful human being life. They will know of you and any part of your story you would like shared. Any child will know how honored you made us feel in choosing us to raise them. We would make this child our priority, sharing in their delight and their sorrows. We will strive to be their safe place and their support throughout their life. We want you to know a child in our home will be cherished. Their hopes and dreams will be our hopes and dreams. They will feel secure in our love for them. We want nothing more than to expand our family. If you find your heart opening to us, we would love the opportunity to get to know your personal story.

Warmest Regards,

Kaleb and Marika



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