

BUILDING OUR FAMILY



Hillary AND Sarah



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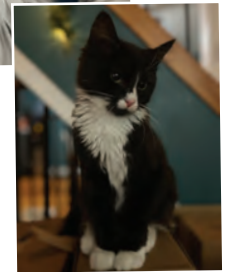
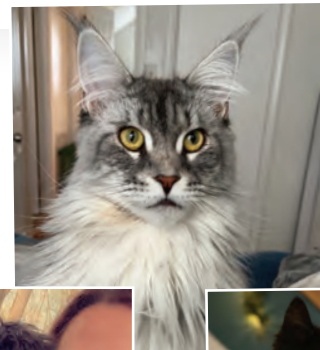
ABOUT US

We met online three years ago in California (beginning of the pandemic). We texted and video chatted for months before we were able to meet in person. Once we met in person, we spent the summer together playing Xbox games and getting to experience the quarantined life together. Sarah took a job in DC, and we took the cross-country drive together. Shortly after arriving back in California, we had Hillary move to DC. We got engaged on Christmas Eve and got married in April 2023. Sarah is a Navy veteran. She served eight years on active duty. She works for the government doing Navy ship acquisition. Hillary works in the education field as a special education assistant. In the summer, she works for a professional baseball team. In our spare time, we love camping, playing games, movie days, puzzles, floating the river, beach trips, and cracking a good dad joke every now and then.

OUR HOME + PETS

We live in Southern Maryland where we have a 4 bedroom 3 bath ranch style rambler on a corner lot with a huge fenced in yard. We live down the street from an elementary school. There are a lot of children from diverse backgrounds in our neighborhood.

We have a mini goldendoodle named Chief, a Maine coon cat named Scout, and a black and white kitten named Skipper. Chief is the friendliest dog; he loves children, adults, cats, and even squirrels. His perfect day includes cuddles on the couch with his mamas. Scout and Skipper's perfect day includes a big breakfast and sitting in the sunny windows watching Mama work.



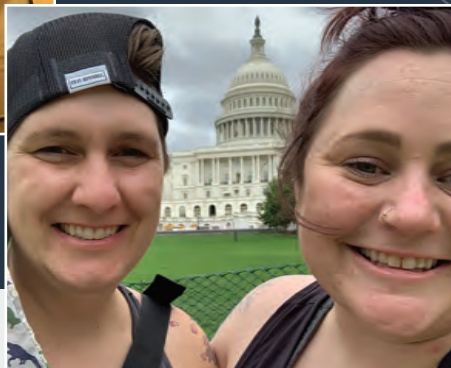
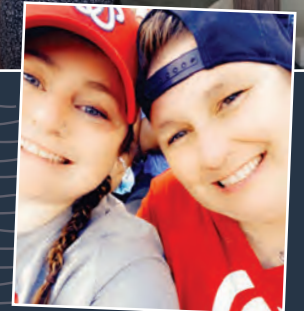
WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Since we met, we've always talked about how we would eventually want children. Adoption was something that was always on the forefront. We decided we wanted to explore IUI/IVF, but due to a medical condition, we were unable to conceive. Adoption is a special choice to be able to consider, and we are excited and hopeful for this journey to expand our love not only with each other but as a child as well.



OUR LIFE

Together



MORE ABOUT

Hillary



OCCUPATION: Special education assistant, professional baseball staff

EDUCATION: Some college

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Football - Seattle Seahawks

FOOD: Salmon teriyaki

HOBBY: Writing poetry

FAMILY TRADITION: Matching Christmas Pjs

MUSICAL GROUP: Taylor Swift

MOVIE: *27 Dresses*

DREAM VACATION: Greece

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: *Criminal Minds*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: English

BOOK: *We Were Liars*



MORE ABOUT

Sarah

OCCUPATION: Government Navy ship acquisition

EDUCATION: BA in criminal justice, BS in construction management

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Football - Minnesota Vikings

FOOD: Pizza

HOBBY: Woodworking

FAMILY TRADITION: Matching Christmas Pjs

MUSICAL GROUP: The Mamas and the Papas

MOVIE: *A League of Their Own*

DREAM VACATION: Ireland

HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving

TV SHOW: *The Mandalorian*

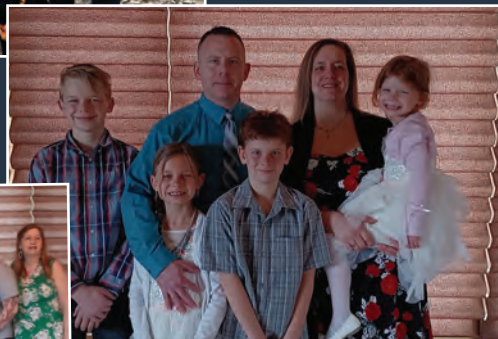
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Math

BOOK: *The Lord of the Rings*

our family AND traditions

Sarah's family is as large as it is fun! She has two sisters, two brothers, two brothers-in-law, and a sister-in-law. She also has three nieces and three nephews. There are a lot of cousins, uncles, and aunts. Every year the whole family gets together in North Dakota at the farm, spending countless hours either playing in the snow, enjoying the fire pit at the campsite, swimming, or playing board games. A family tradition we have is that when we are all together, we all break out in song while we play instruments in the music room/studio.

Hillary's family is slightly smaller and diverse but just as fun! She has two sisters, one nephew, one niece, and a brother-in-law. Her parents are also still happily married. She also has a lot of cousins, aunts, and uncles. Her favorite family tradition is opening one present on Christmas Eve, which is always matching Christmas pajamas.



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EXPECTANT MOTHER,

Hello!

First and foremost, we want to thank you for your bravery and consideration during this difficult time. We are honored and hopeful. We know this is an unnerving time in your life, and we hope we can bring a little bit of hope to you and your child.

There are many things we cannot promise you, but what we can promise if you choose us is that your child will grow up in a home where love and safety are number one. They will never go a day without knowing how much we love and appreciate them. We promise to let them learn through exploration and curiosity all while being safe. We will provide a safe and nurturing environment for them to thrive in.

We will lead with our best foot forward and will keep you in our thoughts daily. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering giving us this amazing opportunity,



WITH GRATITUDE,

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