

hello

we are mike, ally, little ally and aubree



We extend our love to you and your child. We admire what a loving decision you are making, and one day when the time is right your child will come to understand what the strength of your love means to him/her. Infertility has led us down the path to adoption a second time. While it hasn't been easy it has solidified our love and shown us how much support we have around us. We already know that we, our extended family and friends have so much to offer a child. We look forward to the next chapter in our journey.

**We're ready to give a lifetime of love & happiness
to the newest member of our family.**

our story

Our story begins on a summer's eve in 2009. Little did we know that a friendly game with mutual friends on the softball diamond would lead to a diamond engagement ring a little over a year later. When we were married on 9.11.2011 we not only promised a lifetime commitment to each other, but Ally made a promise to Mike's daughter, Little Ally. She promised a loving home and to share the huge responsibility of being a parent in her role as step-mom. While our little family was as happy as ever we always knew that there was a special place in our hearts waiting to be filled. After years of pursuing our dream at infertility clinics we came to the mutual realization that it didn't matter how we became parents again, just that we wanted to offer our unconditional love to a child. We adopted Aubree in 2017. She lights up our world every single day. We cannot wait to extend our love and add to our family once more.



ally

I was born and raised on Long Island, NY. My sister, 3 brothers and I have always been close and still are. When I'm with my siblings we're like a bunch of big kids. We still drive my parents crazy! :) I'm close with my parents and they are a shining example of the love & strength that grows over time in a big family. When I was 19, I moved to Ohio to help out with my young nephew. I love my job at a nursing home. From working in child-care early in life to my nursing career as an adult, caring for others has always been my passion. Mike says: What first drew me to my wife was her love for children. She bakes with Ally & Aubree, takes them to the zoo with friends, decorates their rooms like something out of HGTV, and designs matching t-shirts for them to wear. She puts our family first.

We are on this journey together, once again, because I know she has so much love to offer another child.



mike

I grew up in a small Ohio town and believe my humble beginnings have shaped the man I am today. I work hard in both my career as a school maintenance-man and in my role as father and husband to make sure my daughters and my wife know how much they are loved each and every day.

Ally says: When I first met Mike I was immediately drawn to the way he was with his daughter, Ally. At the time she was 4 years old. She was the center of his universe. Today his universe has expanded into a beautiful family of four. Mike is a doting and devoted husband and father and I know he's just as excited as I am to have another precious child to love.





our girls

We have two daughters. Mike's daughter, and Ally's step-daughter, is Ally. What a coincidence! And so the nickname "Little" Ally has stuck! :) One of her many aspirations is to one day be a teacher. Ally is sweet, sensitive, and a little shy like her Daddy. She loves going to NY to see her cousins, shopping, and girly movies. Aubree became part of our family in 2017 as the happy ending to our first adoption journey. She is strong, sassy and will dance her pants off at the sound of her favorite songs. She loves taking dance classes, gymnastics, and being a mommy to all her baby dolls. She's going to love being a big sister! (The other "Big Sister" in our home is our sweet dog, Zoey. Our family wouldn't be complete without a dog to share our home & hearts with.)

extended family

Children are treasured in our family. We know from experience that it takes a village to raise a child, and we have family and friends we can depend on. We both have parents nearby and not a weekend passes without spending time with at least one set of parents. Mike and I both have siblings with children nearby, so your child will be welcomed into a life of cousinly love from the start. We're up to 20 nieces and nephews and still counting! When our family gets together it is never quiet. You can count on kids running, toys galore, and plenty of tickles and hugs. Family dinners play a central role whenever we're all together. It's a good day when we have Grandpa Tony's famous pot of sauce and meatballs for dinner! It's not uncommon to have 2 or 3 of the grandkids spending the night with Grandma and Grandpa because they quickly learn, "What happens at Grandma's House stays at Grandma's House." :) Summertimes are filled with water fun, fireflies, and ice cream. Fall weekends will be spent watching OSU football with friends and family or pumpkin picking and bounce houses at a fall festival.



happy travels

Because Ally grew up on Long Island, visiting family there for birthdays and holidays are a big part of what we love to do as a family. There's nothing better than crossing the George Washington Bridge to the land of the best pizza on earth, most mouth-watering bagels, and open arms of loved ones. We usually spend a week at a time on Long Island. In that time there is so much fun to be had; beaches to explore, ice cream down-port, or a fishing adventure out on the Long Island Sound. We typically make the journey 4 to 5 times a year. We recently took a family cruise to the Caribbean and had a fairytale vacation to Disney World in 2018. We can't wait to return as a family of 5. Our other favorite vacation spot we have is Myrtle Beach, SC. We honeymooned there and try to make it back every September when the crowds have subsided and the beaches and shopping are there for the taking. We dream of another set of sandy little toes and salty kisses at our favorite beach hotel.



ally's

favorite foods:
long island pizza & bagels

hobbies:
shopping & decorating

favorite show: this is us

favorite movie:
a walk to remember

favorite place to be:
Long Island

favorite family tradition:
pumpkin picking and carving

annoying habit
(according to mike):
thinking she's always right :)

home and community

We have a beautiful 4 bedroom home on a quiet suburban cul-de-sac. We are close to shopping, restaurants & very good schools. We live within 45 minutes of a zoo, waterpark, sports arenas, theaters, museums & a major Ohio downtown.

We love raising our family in the community we call home.

mike's

favorite foods: Italian

hobbies:
football & movies

favorite show: the league

favorite movie: rocky

favorite place to be: my brother-in-law's basement on game day

favorite family tradition:
buying my wife a meaningful ornament every year for Xmas

annoying habit
(according to ally): watches too much football :)



we want you to know

We have so much love to give. We, our family and friends cannot wait to open the floodgates. There are bedtime stories waiting to be read, a crib waiting to be filled, many arms of one big family waiting to rock your little one. We will protect and cherish your child, support his/her individual interests and provide an environment of learning and play. He/she will know that they are loved every day as they drift off to sleep. We want him/her to always know who they are and where they came from. We have experienced the heart-warming beauty of adoption once before and we cannot wait for our family to grow by one more. Thank you for getting to know us. We are praying for you now, and we hope you can feel the love we already have for you and your little one. Peace be with you.

♥ *mike, ally, little ally and aubree*