

# LAUREN & JASON



## OUR MESSAGE TO YOU

THANK YOU for taking the time to learn more about our family. We understand that this is an incredibly emotional journey, and we deeply respect the love and strength it takes to consider adoption. As a couple who wishes to share our love, life, and blessings with a child, we are genuinely honored to have the opportunity to share more about ourselves with you.

We are open to discussing what an openness plan might look like, as we truly value your feelings and wishes in this process. Your courage in facing this decision inspires us, and we would be grateful to learn more about you and your hopes for the future while also sharing our story with you.



With heartfelt gratitude,  
*Lauren and Jason*



# OUR STORY

IN MARCH of 2012, we went on our first blind date, and we quickly became a couple, building a strong relationship that supports us through life's ups and downs.

On Christmas Day 2015, we got engaged in front of the restaurant where everything began. We had a lovely wedding the following October and bought our first home in 2017, where we still live. Eager to start a family, we faced challenges in having children. After much reflection, we realized that being parents mattered most to us, and that we didn't need to be biologically related to experience the joy of being mom and dad. In August 2024, we adopted Lucy, a one-year-old rescue dog who brings us lots of laughter and joy! We love spending time with her, going on walks and playing with her.



*Lucy's Birthday*



*Boating in the Great Lakes*



*Our first anniversary*



*Our pup, Lucy*



*Lauren at the Ohio Stadium*



*Jason visiting West Virginia*

## LAUREN ENJOYS:

- Reading
- Pilates
- Cooking
- Shopping (mostly for Lucy!)
- Traveling
- Watching TV & movies

(HomeTown and other HGTV shows, Call the Midwife, Stranger Things, baking shows, true crime shows, etc.)



## JASON ENJOYS:

- Working out
- Playing video games
- Traveling
- Watching college football  
(especially the West Virginia Mountaineers)
- Spending time with my Dad at our West Virginia cabin
- Watching TV & movies

(The Mandalorian, Stranger Things, supernatural shows, documentaries, historical shows, movies on Netflix)



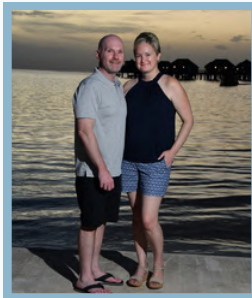
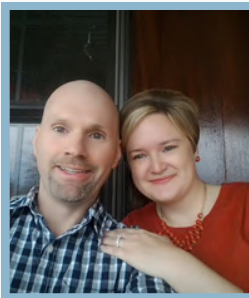


## ABOUT LAUREN

*Written by Jason*

LAUREN is my favorite wife, and I always tell her that! All joking aside, she is the sweetest and most thoughtful person I know—caring, patient, understanding, and organized.

Growing up, Lauren loved traveling with her family, spending time at her family's cabin in West Virginia with her brother, Karl, reading, and playing with her friends in the neighborhood and at the pool. She was also on the swim team and later became a lifeguard. Eventually, she became the neighborhood babysitter and coached youth swimming for five years at the local YMCA. She is proud to be the fifth member of her family to attend The Ohio State University. For the last 20 years, Lauren has worked in community outreach at a non-profit organization.



## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ALTHOUGH we each have our personal interests, we enjoy many activities together as a couple. We support locally owned restaurants a few times a month by going out to eat. We love to go out for breakfast or dinner at an Italian restaurant or a steakhouse.

We also like to explore local attractions, such as festivals or seasonal activities like pumpkin picking, hiking, visiting local breweries, and sporting events. Travel is important to us, and we aim to discover new places yearly. Our first trip was a cruise to the Bahamas. Since then, we've visited Jamaica, Las Vegas, Asheville, and various towns in Alabama, Michigan, Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio, and Florida.

## ABOUT JASON

*Written by Lauren*

JASON is a loyal, kind, funny and hardworking man. Jason is my biggest cheerleader; I can always count on his love and support. He would do anything for me or our family. He was raised in a small town in West Virginia with his sister, Missi. Jason spent his childhood boating, fishing, hunting and working on projects with his Dad. I know he looks forward to sharing these experiences with our child. Jason also spent time with his friends, played sports and worked. After high school, he worked full-time while putting himself through college, and he is now a Pre-Construction Senior Manager at a global logistics firm.



We always like to find unique experiences during our travels, like kayaking in the ocean, visiting the world's largest Salt and Pepper Shaker Museum, going river rafting, and watching "Dancing Flamingos" (which, believe us, don't actually dance!). We look forward to traveling with our child one day and exploring new places and doing fun activities together!

While we enjoy vacationing, we truly cherish our time at home. We love watching our favorite shows together, and most weekends, we spend extra time with Lucy, walking her in the neighborhood or relaxing on our deck. We hope to spend quality time with our child at home, playing games, watching a fun movie, cooking and baking together or playing with Lucy.

# OUR FAMILY

OUR GOAL would be to raise a child to be self-sufficient, an independent thinker, and a caring person with a strong work ethic. We know parenting can be challenging sometimes, but we'll be successful if our little one feels loved, cared for, and happy.



We have caring friends and family who would be excited to welcome a child into our family. Our child will be the only grandchild on both sides of the family, which means they will receive a lot of love. They will have a family who will cherish them, and we will honor your role in our child's life and talk openly about their adoption both with our family and child.

As our child grows, we will adjust the conversation to be age-appropriate and share as much information as you want, leaving us to determine together what our relationship will look like.

## OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

OUR HOME, built in the 1970s, is in a small town near a larger city. It has three bedrooms upstairs and a large office near the family room, which is helpful when we work from home. Since buying our house, we've updated nearly every room and the front and back yard. We work together to maintain our house and share household duties. Our peaceful neighborhood features big lots and mature trees. We have a nice front yard, perfect for spending time outside and a nice deck to relax on in the backyard. We live near restaurants, shops, parks, and libraries, and the local schools are diverse and highly rated.



### As our child grows, we're excited to share our life with them

1. Spend time together as a family.
2. Go on vacations & explore new places.
3. Join sports teams or activities.
4. Adventures at the zoo, parks, pool or museums.
5. Visits to the library & reading together.
6. Enjoy local events with friends.



*Christmas in our home*



*Our home*



*Our backyard*

We appreciate you taking the time to learn more about us, and we hope to have the opportunity to learn more about you.

With gratitude,  
*Lauren and Jason*