



AARON + HOLLY



HELLO

We are Aaron & Holly

This is a glimpse into our life. We love one another deeply, laugh a lot, and dream of welcoming a child into our family whom we will love unconditionally.

What is best for you and your child is our highest priority and we promise to be honest and transparent as we navigate adoption together. Your child will always know their story and that their adoption was a choice of love. Our goal is open adoption, but most importantly, we hope to work with you to create the best situation for you and your child. Please know that we wish peace and comfort for you during this time in your life.

WITH LOVE,

Holly & Aaron

This is our story...



We are an active couple who live with our dog Moose in Salt Lake City, Utah. We met in 2009 while we were working at an outdoor gear shop in Vermont. On our first date, we clicked right away over the best pizza dinner with a brownie sundae dessert. We fell in love with each other while hiking, kayaking and skiing. We married in 2013 and are best friends. In our time together, we have moved across the country, purchased a home and had a lot of fun adventures and travels along the way. Holly now works as a Physician Assistant and Aaron continues his work in the outdoor industry.



Life isn't all about work. In fact, we both love our jobs for the amount of time they allow us away from work, both at home and outside. We still enjoy mountain biking, hiking and downhill skiing together and have easy access to these activities where we live. We seek both small and big adventures - an overnight camping trip in the nearby mountains, biking in southern Utah, and traveling as far as Nepal to backpack and volunteer with healthcare teams. But the simple gifts of life are often experienced and enjoyed in the quieter moments - like nightly walks around the neighborhood with our dog, after dinner treats at a local ice cream shop, impromptu dinners with friends, snuggling on the sofa to watch a show, or sitting down to breakfast and a cup of coffee together before work.



WHY

WE ARE ADOPTING

Years ago, we knew we wanted children, but this proved challenging. Through our infertility struggles, we realized we wanted a child to love and we would be incredibly fortunate to love a child who came to us through adoption. Boy or girl, we want to welcome your child with open arms into our fun and laughter-filled home. We have so much love to give a child, as do our extended families.

We dream of nurturing a baby into a happy healthy child and then a well-balanced adult. We look forward to walks around our block and hikes, story time, holiday traditions, teaching a child to ski and mountain bike and showing them the importance of kindness in everything they do. We cannot wait to introduce them to the activities we love but will encourage them to develop their own interests and passions. We are committed with our whole heart for our whole lives to raising and loving a child unconditionally.

It is naïve to believe that we as parents will be doing all of the teaching and nurturing. We are eager to learn from our child and experience life through their lens. A child is unencumbered with the world around them and they are honest. We believe we have so much to learn from our child as they grow.

Our extended families are equally as excited to welcome a new member to the family. They anticipate endless hugs and kisses, quilting baby blankets, introducing them to the beach and outdoors, enlisting a new home improvement helper, participating in bedtime baths and stories and trips to Disneyworld to list a few. We feel so fortunate to have families that will love and support our child.

We know that adoption will have challenges, but we believe that in growing our family this way, we are committing to working together for the benefit of all of us. Your child will always know their adoption story and the love of both of their families.

We will always show your child that they came from a place of love and that the greatest gift ever bestowed on us is being their parent.



MEET

Holly

AS TOLD BY AARON

Holly is inclusive, thoughtful, kind and humble. I fell in love with her freckles, her laugh and her ability to balance having a good time with achieving her goals. She is the engine of our household, making sure our home is warm and inviting (i.e. adequate supply of Ben & Jerry's ice cream and chocolate chip cookies) and keeping in touch with our friends and family. She can make anything fun, from a rainy weekend hunkered down in our house to even building Ikea furniture. Her compassion and empathy for me, Moose, our families and her patients in the Emergency Department where she works as a Physician Assistant make me proud to be her husband. I feel lucky to have married my best friend; she is the best part of my life.

"Her selfless and loving nature will make her a wonderful mom."



HOLLY LOVES:

Any form of skiing, warm chocolate chip cookies, long walks with Aaron and Moose, getting lost in a book, cooking our favorite meals together as a family.



meet

AARON

AS TOLD BY HOLLY

Aaron is a selfless, loyal and fiercely funny person, my best friend and favorite adventure partner. I fell in love with his southern charm and slight accent and never looked back. He is always looking out for those he loves; my coworkers are jealous of the breakfast sandwiches and milkshakes he is known to deliver to work. He once rode his bike 26 miles alongside me as I ran a marathon to support me and moved across the country to be with me while I attended graduate school. I look forward to sharing the many rewards and joys of parenthood as well as the trying moments and challenges. There is no one I would rather experience these emotions and adventure with than Aaron. I can't wait to see him fall in love with our child.

AARON LOVES:

The thrill of mountain biking, cheesy pizza, casual weekends, snuggling with Moose and Virginia Tech Football







OUR HOME

We live in Salt Lake City, Utah in a cozy bungalow built in the 1920s that has four bedrooms and two bathrooms. Our home has plenty of room for a child to grow and a bedroom waiting right next to ours. We love spending time in our living room listening to music or watching a TV show - 30 Rock and Parks and Recreation are our favorites. Once in a while we find ourselves dancing to our favorite songs. Our fenced-in backyard is perfect for grilling dinner and playing fetch with the dog. We love our neighborhood and most evenings you can find us walking the dog and stopping to chat with neighbors.



We frequently have impromptu dinners and dog play dates with our friends in the neighborhood. We are surrounded by a mixture of young families, retirees and everyone in between. Nearby, there are restaurants and ice cream shops to walk and bike to. There is a playground a few blocks away and a larger park with more swings, a splashpad and an aviary nearby. The zoo is a short drive from our home and offers memberships that will provide lots of fun family time and education.

MEET MOOSE

Our dog, Moose, has never met a stolen sock, dog or person he doesn't love. Moose is always by our side; he goes to work with Aaron when Holly is working. An office and neighborhood favorite, he makes friends easily. Some of our young neighbors call our home "Moose's House." Old and young neighbors alike look for Moose when they walk past our house. When he's not milking the clock, on a stroll around the neighborhood, or out on the trail, he can be found napping on the sofa or one of the guest beds in our home.

MEET

OUR FAMILIES



HOLLY'S FAMILY

I grew up in Massachusetts and my parents still live there - though we are hoping they will move to Utah in the future! They are thrilled to add a second grandchild to the family through adoption. My sister, who is 5 years older, lives in Maryland with her husband and has a little girl that was the first grandchild in the family. Geographic distance doesn't keep us from one another - I talk to my parents nearly every day, even if it's a quick call on my way to or from work or a funny text. We also make time to visit each other a few times a year and those visits are always fun - lots of cooking as a family, trips to see Christmas lights, or days spent skiing. My Godmother, who I affectionately refer to as my "fairy Godmother," has been a constant in my life since birth and we often celebrate holidays and visit with her.

I was supported, encouraged and loved by my parents and adults in my life growing up. They were always present at softball games, gymnastics or cross country meets and spelling bees and willing to sit down and help me with a tough homework assignment. I dream of supporting a child in this same way. As a family we skied together, did scavenger hunts on holidays for our holiday treats and spent time at the beach with both sets of grandparents. Thanksgiving staples were roast chicken and chocolate pie. At Christmas, we always cut down our Christmas tree. Aaron and I have continued these traditions while also forging our own traditions like skiing on our birthdays. We can't wait to continue these traditions, build new ones, and incorporate some of our child's birth family traditions and culture into our family.

AARON'S FAMILY

I grew up in a house with parents who treasured their children. My older sister, younger brother and I were best friends growing up and I am still close with them. My siblings and I were encouraged to play sports (soccer was my favorite), act in plays, practice instruments, sing, and work hard in school. I am proud to tell friends about my father's role in the Army Reserve because his work ethic provided opportunities for his children and service to others. My mom was a Midwife for decades and cherished the opportunity to help expectant mothers bring children into the world and her commitment to community service is inspirational. My family is excited to add another family member through adoption.

As a parent I will give my child many of the opportunities that I was lucky enough to experience growing up - camping and sailing with my dad and summer road trips with my mom. My parents instilled a sense of adventure in me and I hope to do the same for a child one day. Throughout my childhood I knew that I was loved, and I could depend on my parents. I know that being a parent will be challenging at times, but I believe my upbringing can help guide the journey.

IN
OUR FAMILY



- *We eat cake or pie for breakfast on our birthdays*
- *We practice forgiveness*
- *We believe a dog makes a house a home*
- *We believe in kindness*
- *We believe in serving others*
- *We love adventures, whether big or small*
- *We say “I love you”*
- *We believe hugs are important*
- *We think pizza and tacos are perfect foods*
- *We are grateful*

BEFORE YOU GO

We want your child to know that they can trust our unconditional love for them. We want them to learn and appreciate the importance of honesty and forgiveness. Education is important to us and we will do our best to make learning fun and ensure your child has access to the resources they need to succeed. We hope to teach them how to respectfully and successfully advocate for themselves. Our goal is to raise a kind, respectful and responsible child who always knows that the greatest gift ever bestowed on us is being their parent.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO MAKE AN ADOPTION PLAN WITH US, WE MAKE THESE PROMISES:

- We promise to honor you in this journey.
- You will always be the center of your child's story and we will always remind your child how much you love them.
- We promise to protect your child and their story.
- We promise to be present and enjoy the little moments, as well as the big ones.
- We promise unconditional love to your child that will never sway or falter.
- We promise to work with you to find the best way to be involved in your child's life.

*If adoption feels like the right choice for you and your child, we hope to hear from you.
Know that whatever you decide, we wish you and your child all of the best in life.*

With Love, Holly & Aaron



***“Between every two pine trees is
a door leading to a new life.”***

-JOHN MUIR

