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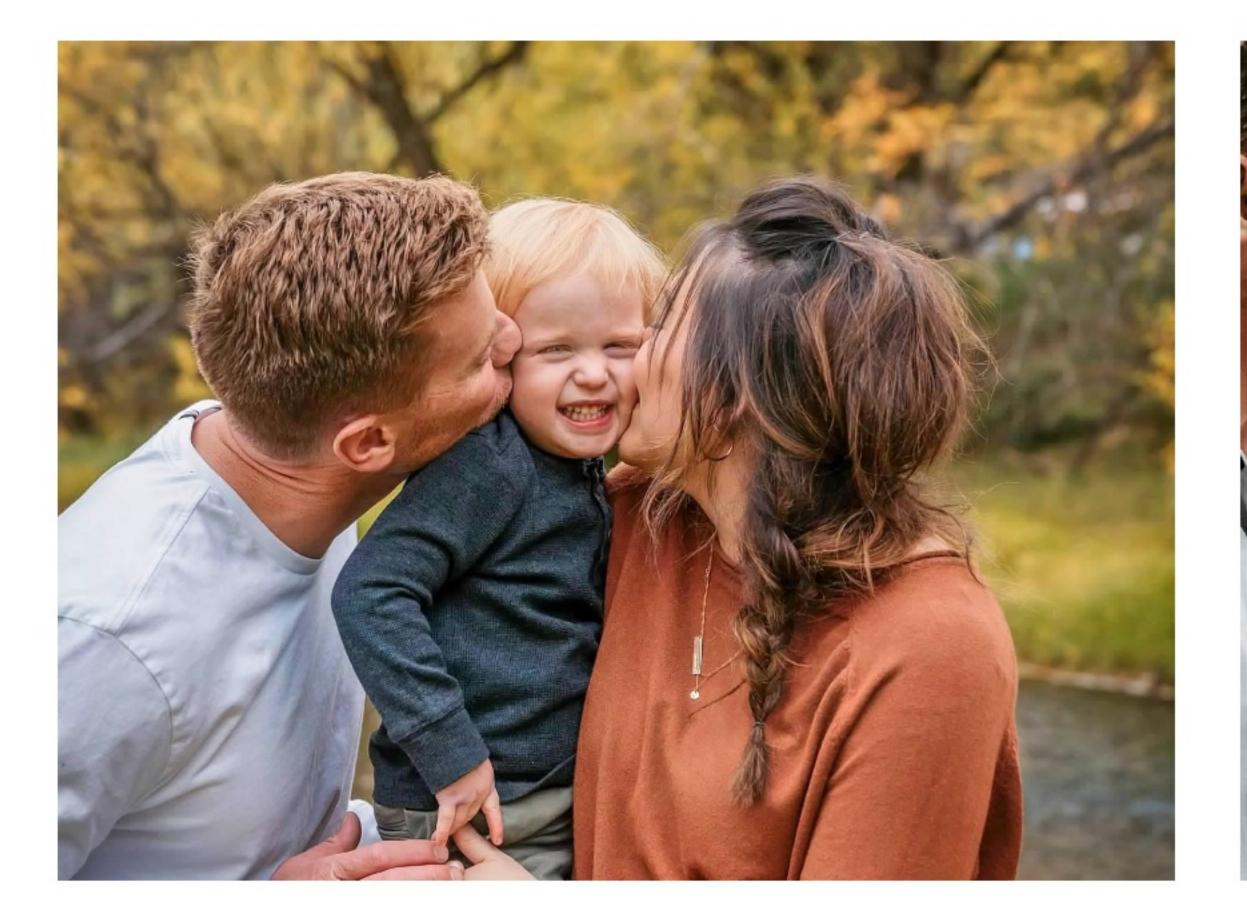
Thank you for taking the time to flip through our book. We are humbled and grateful that our book is in your hands. You don't know us yet, but we have been praying for you for a while now. Know that we think of you as an incredibly courageous person, and we are grateful for you, and what you are doing for a potential family. We understand that you want what is best for your child, whether or not you pick us or another deserving family.

We both knew going into our marriage that we someday wanted kids and after spending our first year of marriage together, we decided it was time. We tried for about a year and a half before realizing God intended for us to take a different path-adoption! We both had talked about adoption while we were dating and knew that our struggle to get pregnant was His way of guiding us in the direction that was best for us.

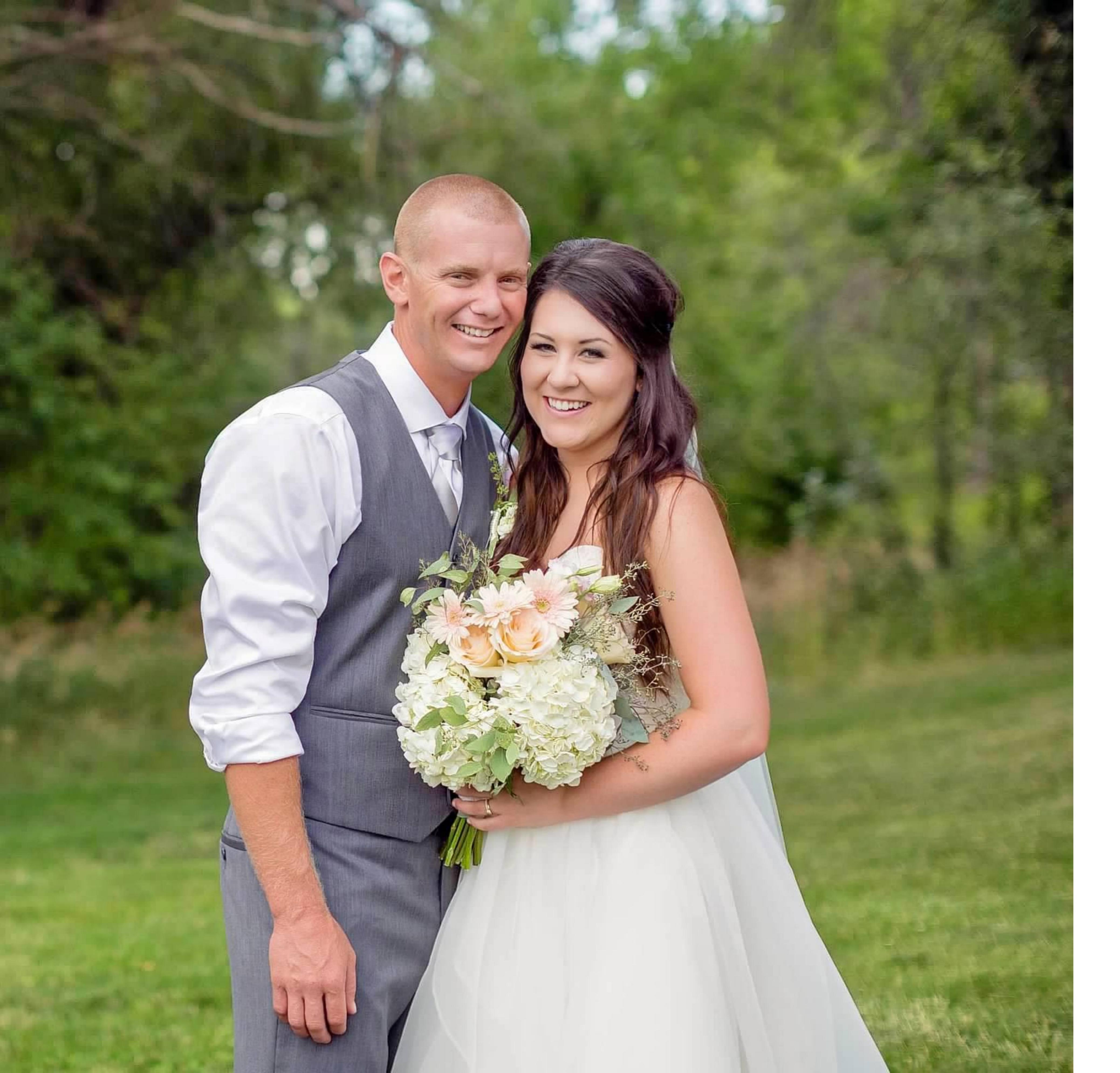
In 2020, our family grew through adoption. We were incredibly lucky to be matched with a woman we love with all of our hearts who gave us the gift of our son, Carson.

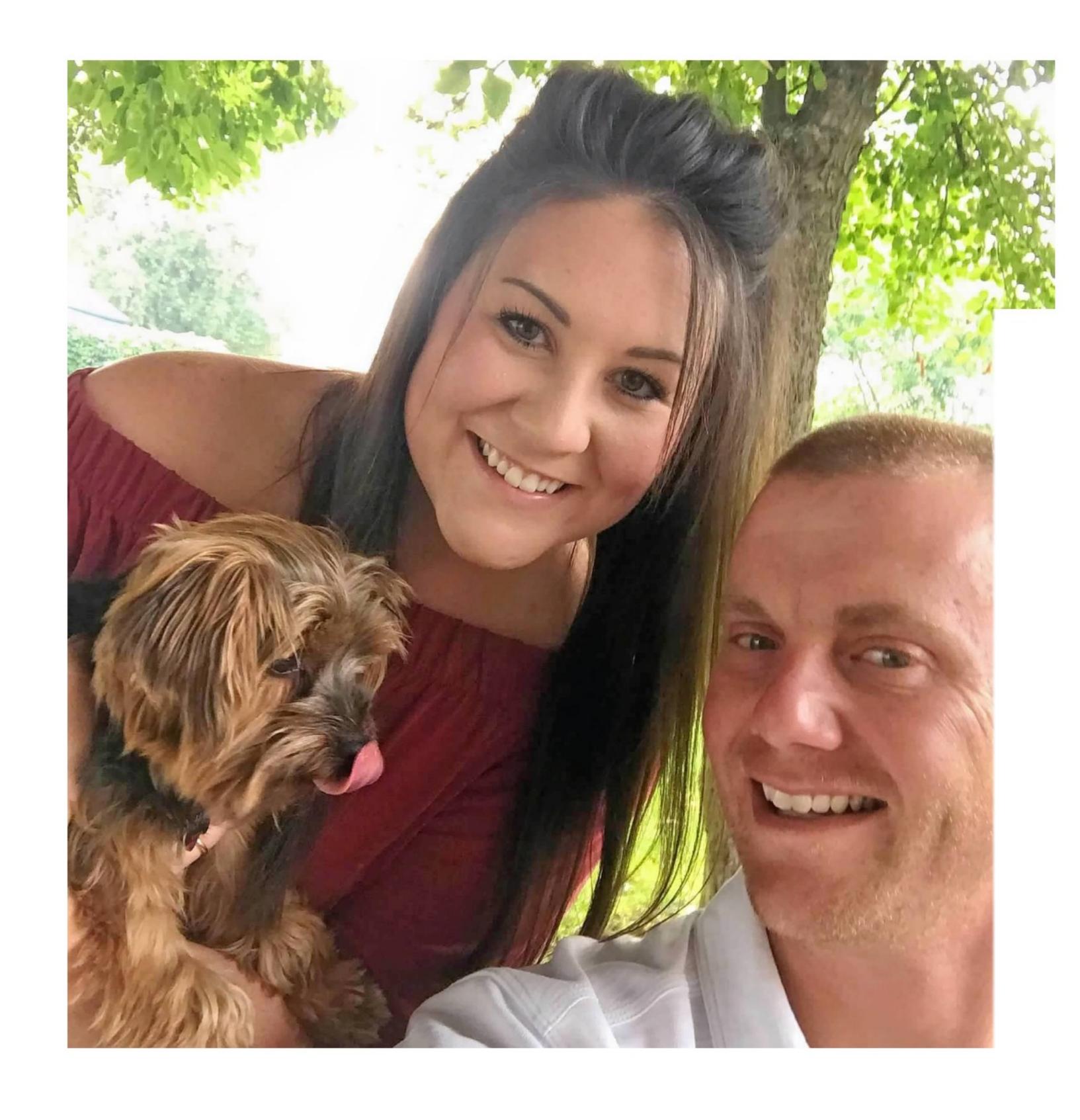
Our hope is that throughout this book you will be able to get to know a little about us and take a peek into our happy lives.

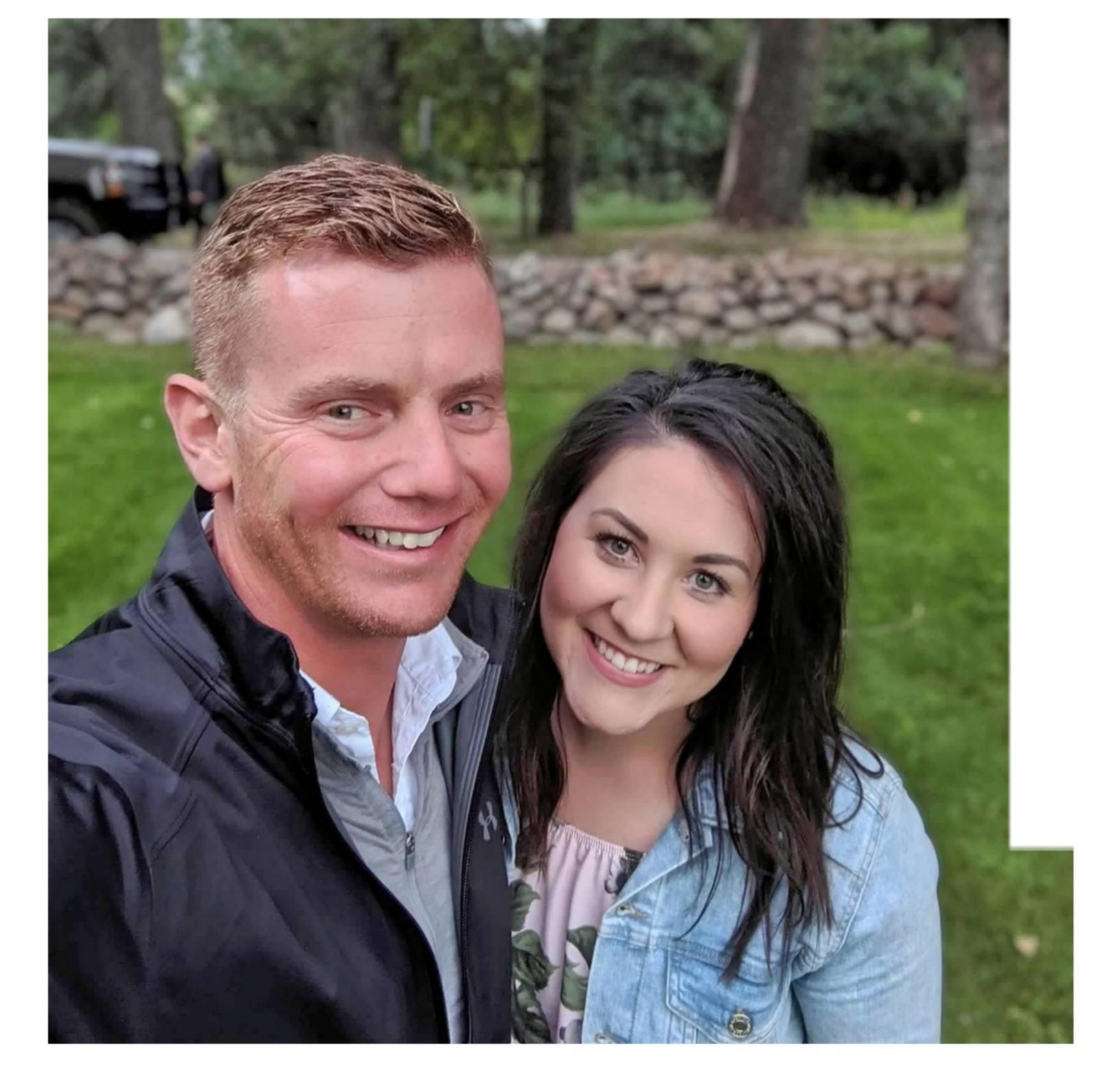
All our best, Aaron and Ashley











### OURSTORY

We met at a golf course in the middle of the summer. While we had known each other previously, it wasn't until Aaron made a bold phone call that really changed everything. Pretending to need a tee time from the pro shop at the golf course, he called the reality office where Ashley worked, fully knowing she would answer the phone. That phone call led to movie dates, golfing dates, rodeo dates, and a summer full of adventure. It was pretty obvious to both of us we were meant to be together, so we made it work long distance while we pursued our own adventures in school and work. Two years later, in the home we, finally, shared together, Aaron popped the question. We were married the next year and have been together for over eleven years.



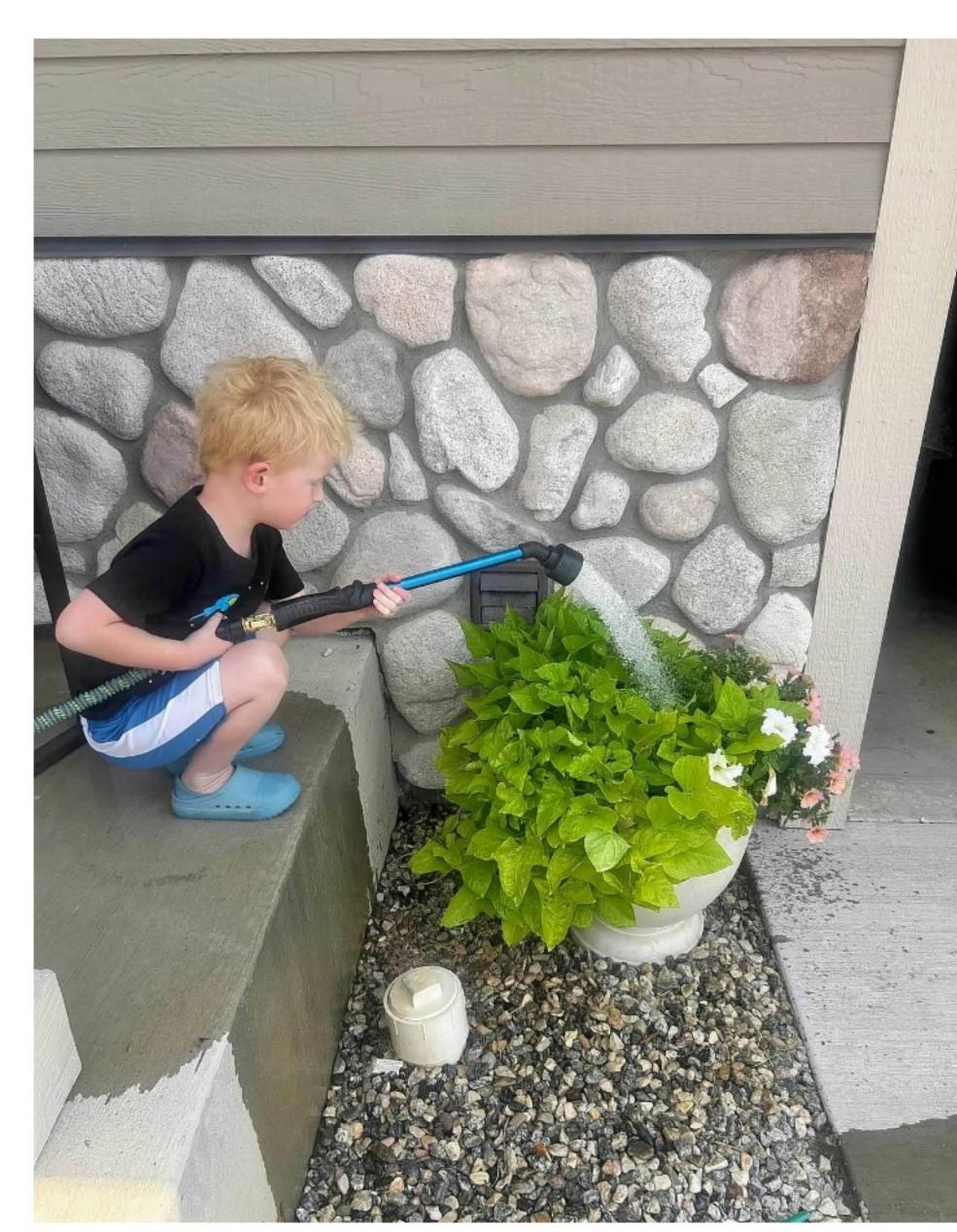
















#### MORE ABOUT

### CARSON...

Being parents to Carson is the greatest joy and privilege of our lives. He is truly a miracle, and we are thankful for him every day. His fun-loving spirit shines through his imaginative play, while his extroverted nature lights up every room he enters. Carson loves being around other kids and has been asking for a sibling since he could talk.

In parenting, we want Carson to feel safe and deeply loved. We set boundaries to protect him while fostering a strong connection that lets him know he can always count on us. We strive to be the bumpers in his life - providing the support and guidance he needs while giving him room to explore, learn, and grow. Our hope is to nurture his unique gifts and instill values like kindness, hard work, and curiosity, while always remembering to laugh and embrace life's silly moments together.

Carson is currently four years old and attends preschool in the same district where Aaron teaches. He loves school and is thriving in a creative and nurturing environment. We feel lucky to live in a community with such excellent schools, and we believe this will open many doors for Carson as he grows.

We are so excited to continue this journey of parenting and to see Carson grow into the incredible person he is meant to be. We believe being a big brother will be a role in which Carson will truly shine!











# THIS IS US...

We are a family that celebrates holidays with enthusiasm, looks forward to our dogs birthday, fishes on a Sunday afternoon, loves a good DIY project at the house, eats way too much popcorn and pizza, and likes to sometimes just stay home and watch Netflix on the couch.

We consider ourselves lucky to spend our lives surrounded by an incredible support system, including both our family and community. We love our life and cannot wait to share it with another little one!

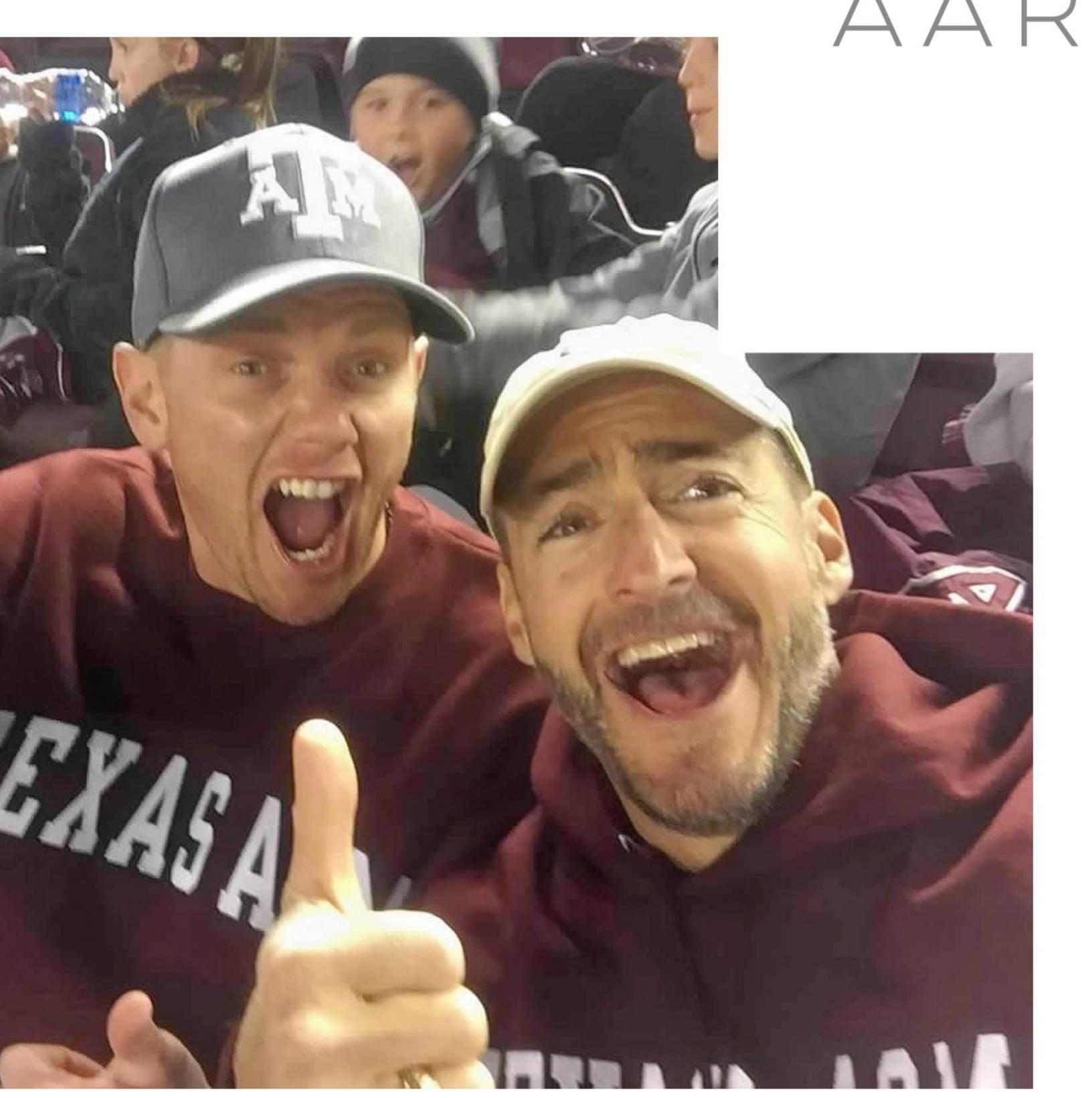


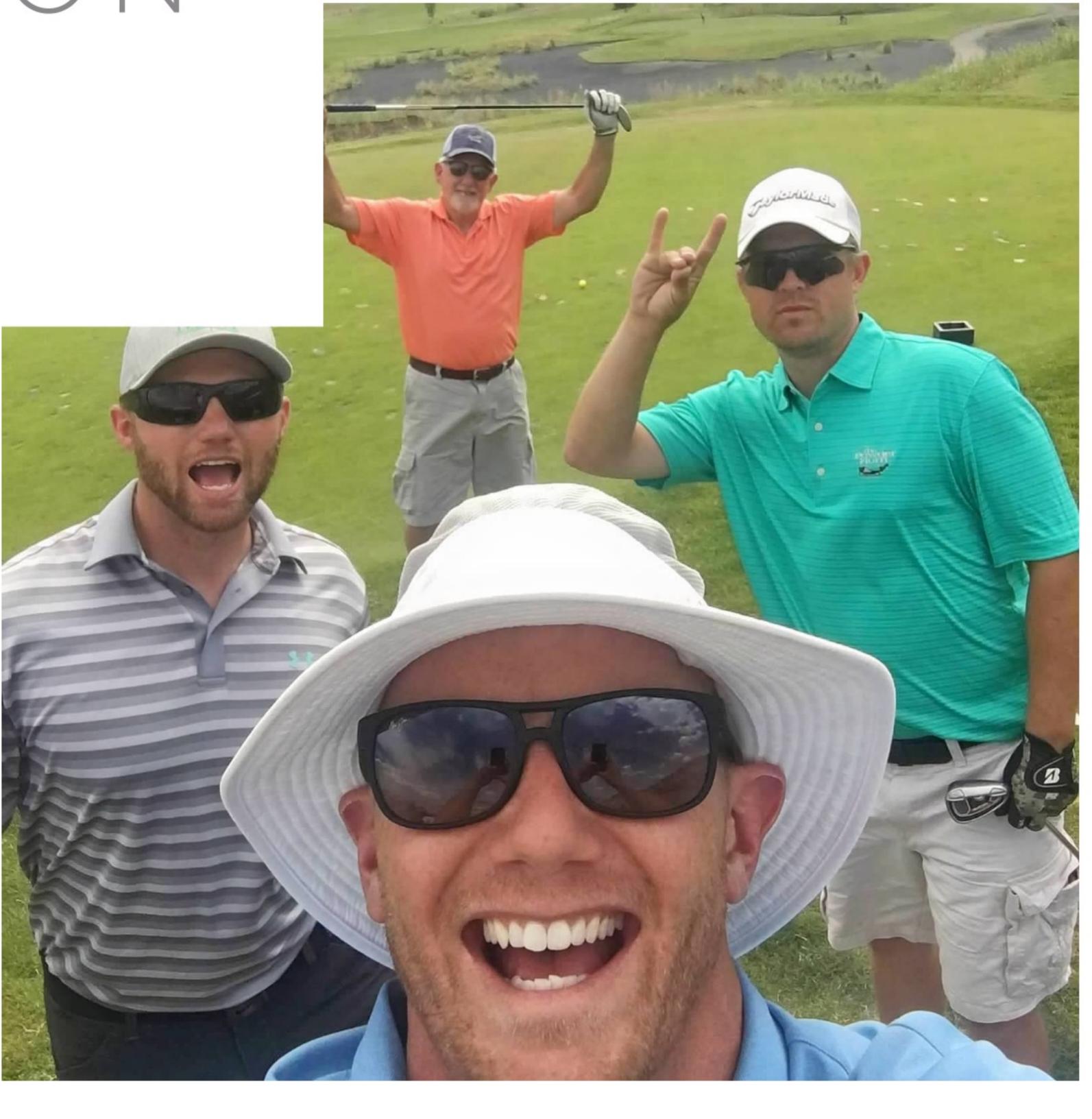






AARON





### MORE ABOUT AARON...

#### WRITTEN BY ASHLEY

I feel lucky everyday that I get to be a part of Aaron's life. He is one of the happiest people I have ever met, and he spreads his joy to those around him. One thing I love most about Aaron is his ability to make us laugh. He will tell us a joke, tickle Carson, or spin me around the kitchen to make our bad days better. For those reasons alone, he an incredible husband and father.

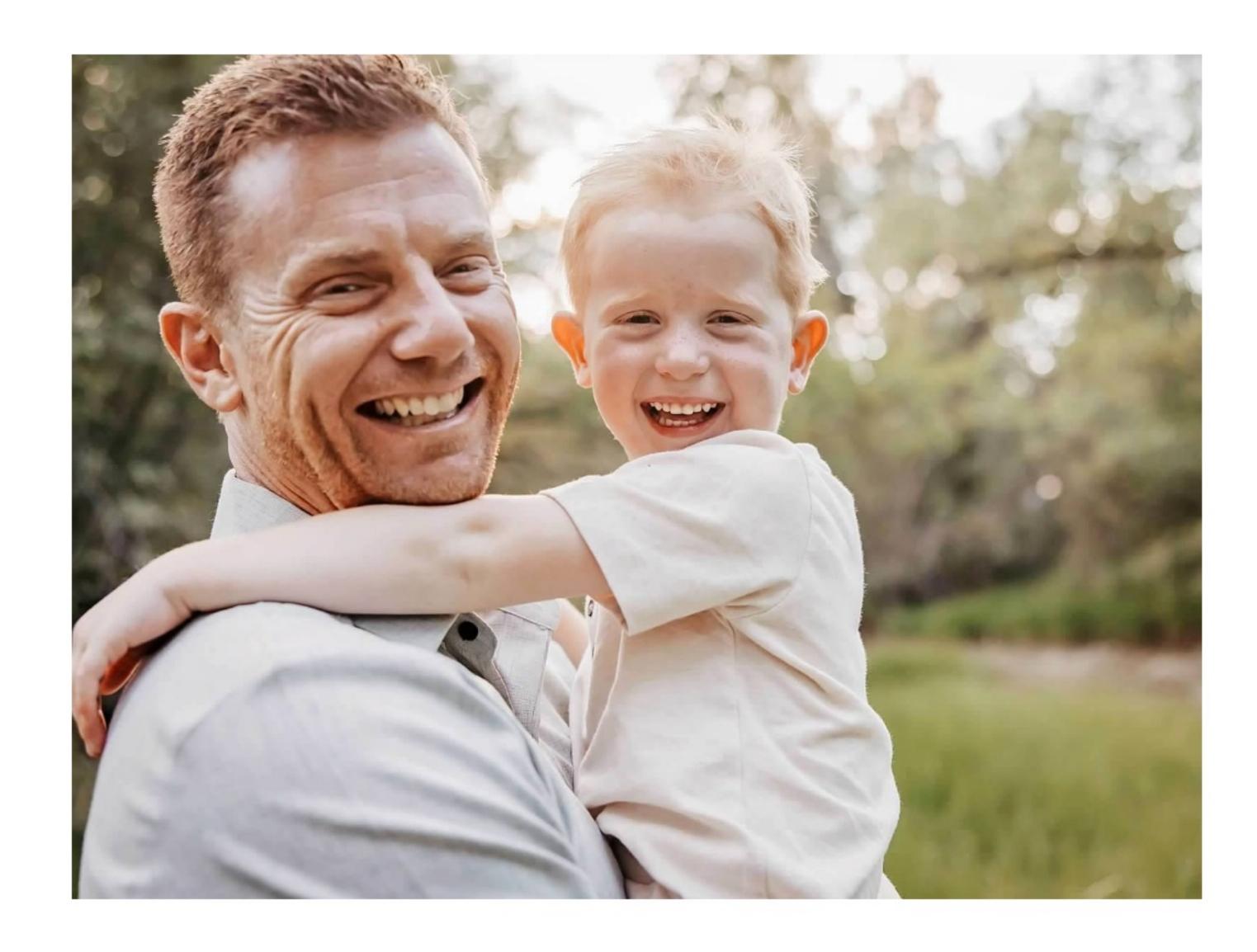
Aaron has a passion for his family and friends. He takes it upon himself to ensure that they are well taken care of. If someone calls him needing a favor, he puts his own plans on hold to help without hesitation. I love that he shares this with Carson and is the ultimate role model for him when it comes to hard work and helping others.

Aaron is the best teacher I have ever seen. He absolutely loves his job and does everything he can to make sure his students succeed. He thrives with his students because he is able to be his goofy self, and they love him for it. He even lets them break water balloons over his head as part of a review game. He was born to be a teacher.

When Aaron is active, he is happiest. He loves to go biking, fishing, running, and golfing in his free time and coaches basketball during the school year. He has high energy, and he is always finding ways to add some adventure to our lives. Carson LOVES getting to go on adventures with dad!

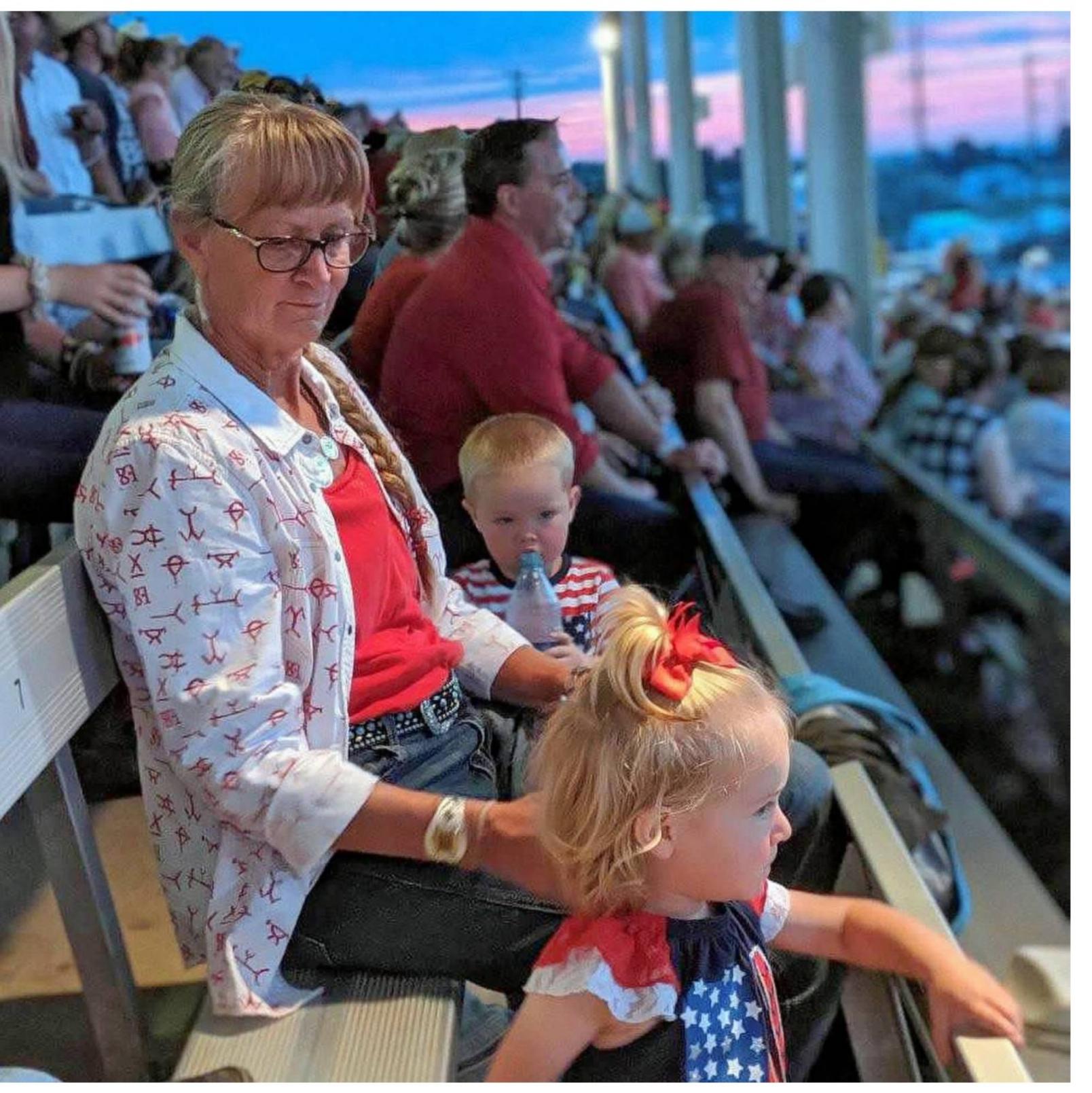
Aaron is my best friend, my rock, and everything I imagined my husband would be. He is an incredible role model for our son and a wonderful partner in parenting.

Fun Facts: He LOVES mint Oreo's, his favorite superhero is Batman, he cuts his own hair, and goes all out for Halloween every year.















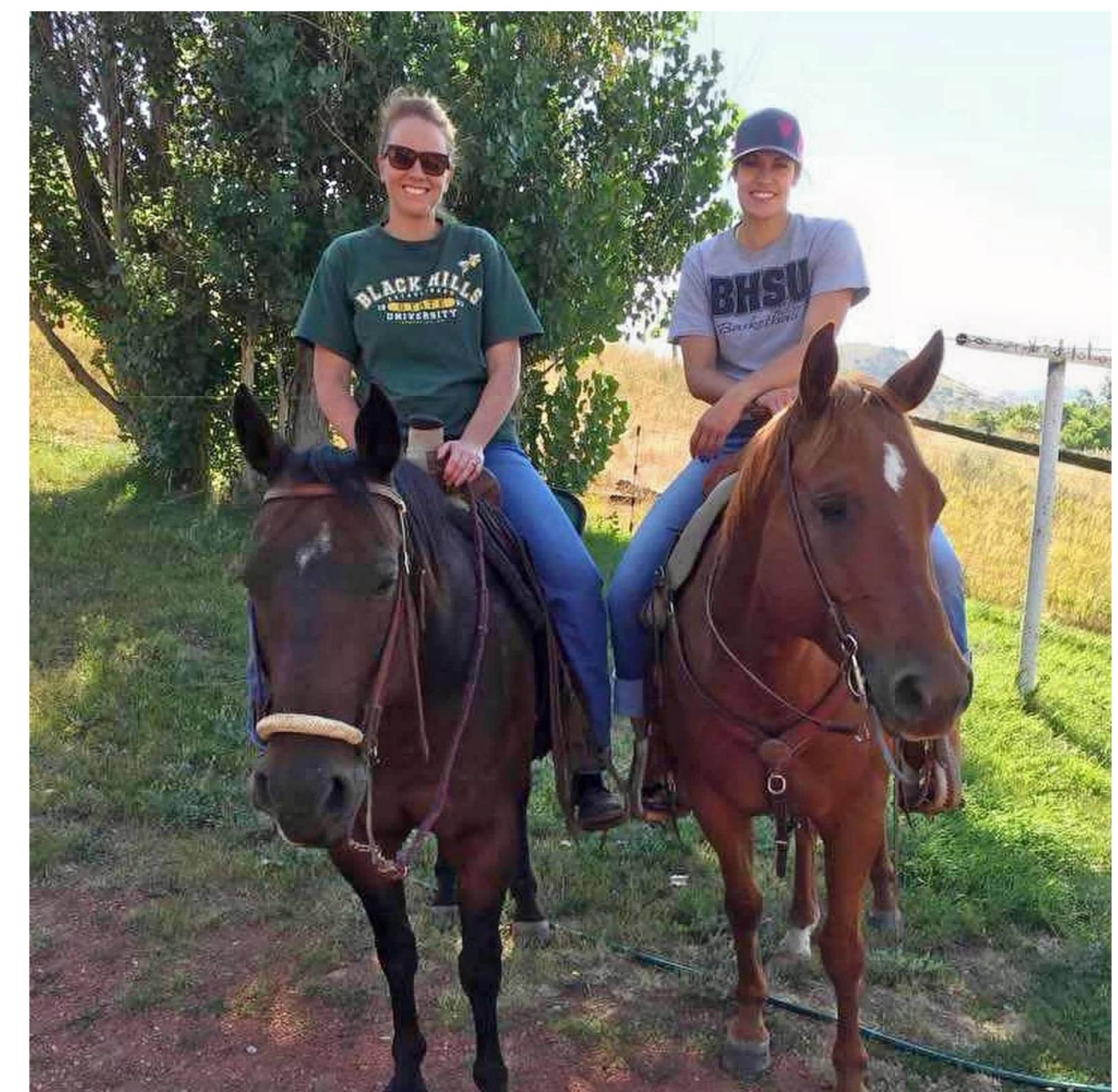












#### AARON'S FAMILY

My biological father was not in the picture for the first twenty five years of my life. I was adopted by a man who married my mom when I was five. I grew up with them in the country where we had a life full of horseback riding, taking pack horse trips in the mountains, and attending rodeos. I was also blessed to be the older brother of my two sisters.

My oldest sister is married with two kids. They live about two hours away on her husbands family farm. Their family loves the mountains and taking family hikes with their pack goats. They come to Sheridan often to visit, and we love it when they do!

My youngest sister is married with four kids. Her and her husband live about 30 minutes from us. We love to take their camper up the mountains or to the lake on weekends and attend family brunches on Sundays with them. Their middle son is the same age as Carson, and they are the best of friends!

My parents have a horse ranch about thirty minutes from our house, with 80 acres, and a fishing pond. They have a special horse for all the grand-kids to ride named Bean, who has become part of the family. Carson loves to visit to ride the tractor too!

I love being able to see my family often and that I am able to have such a close relationship with them.







### AARON'S FAMILY

I met my biological father and brother when I was twenty five, and have had a great relationship with this side of my family ever since.

My biological father and his wife live about eight minutes from our home, and we get together with them often. They just recently bought a cabin in the mountains with four bedrooms and six acres where they are excited to make memories with their grandchildren. The cabin is the new home for Christmas, Thanksgiving, and other special family events.

My brother is married with two kids and also lives very close by. They all love being an aunt, uncle and cousin. They hang out with Carson pretty regularly. They like to get Uncle Aaron and Aunt Ashley back for all the water fights, hair coloring, and food fights that we often instigate at their house before Carson. We feel incredibly luck to have them as such a big part of our lives. They never hesitate to help out in any way they



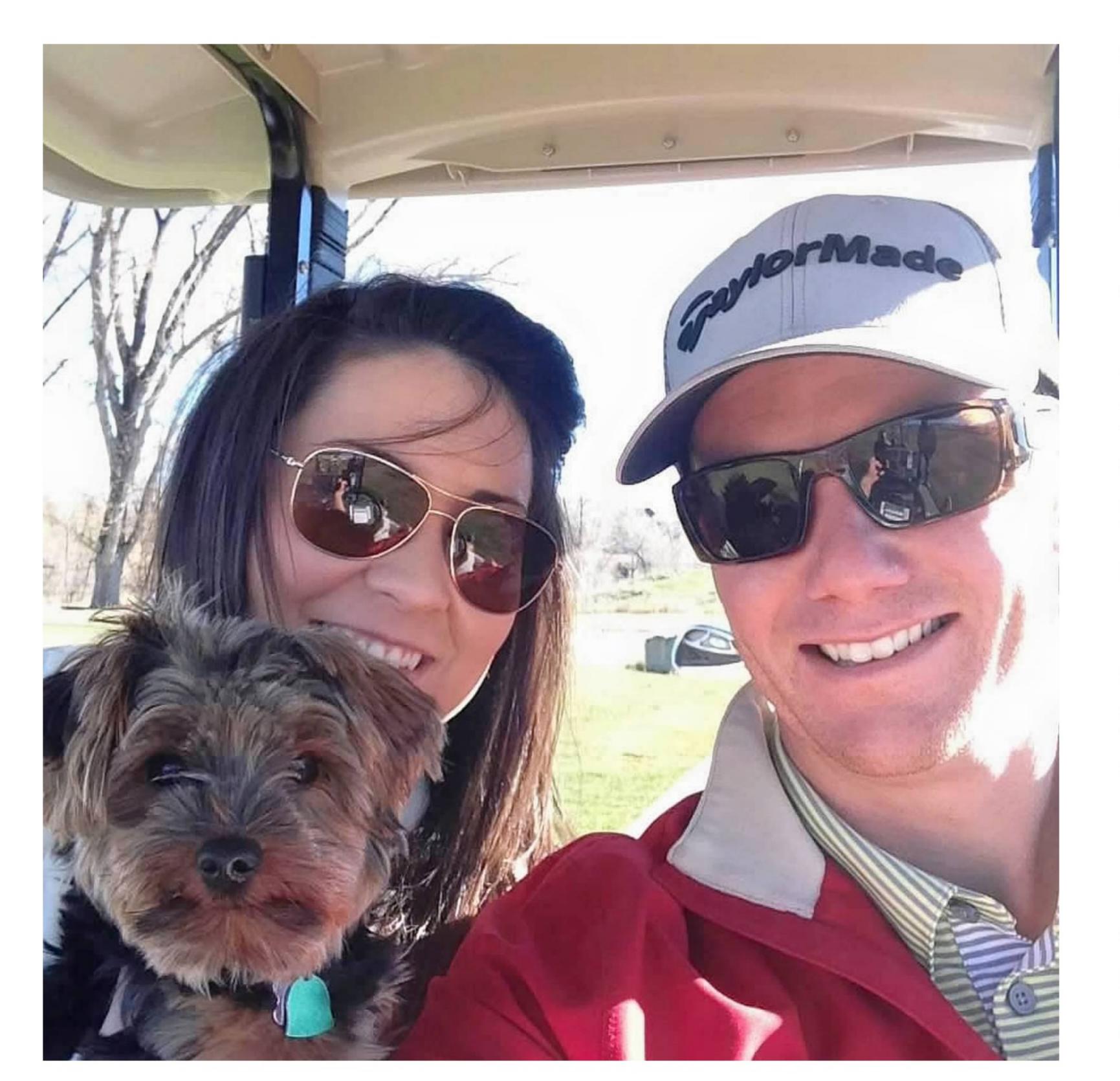












### MORE ABOUT ASHLEY...

#### WRITTEN BY AARON

Ashley has the most beautiful soul of anyone I know. When she commits to something she is fastidious. Her career, marriage, and family are all things she holds dear to her heart.

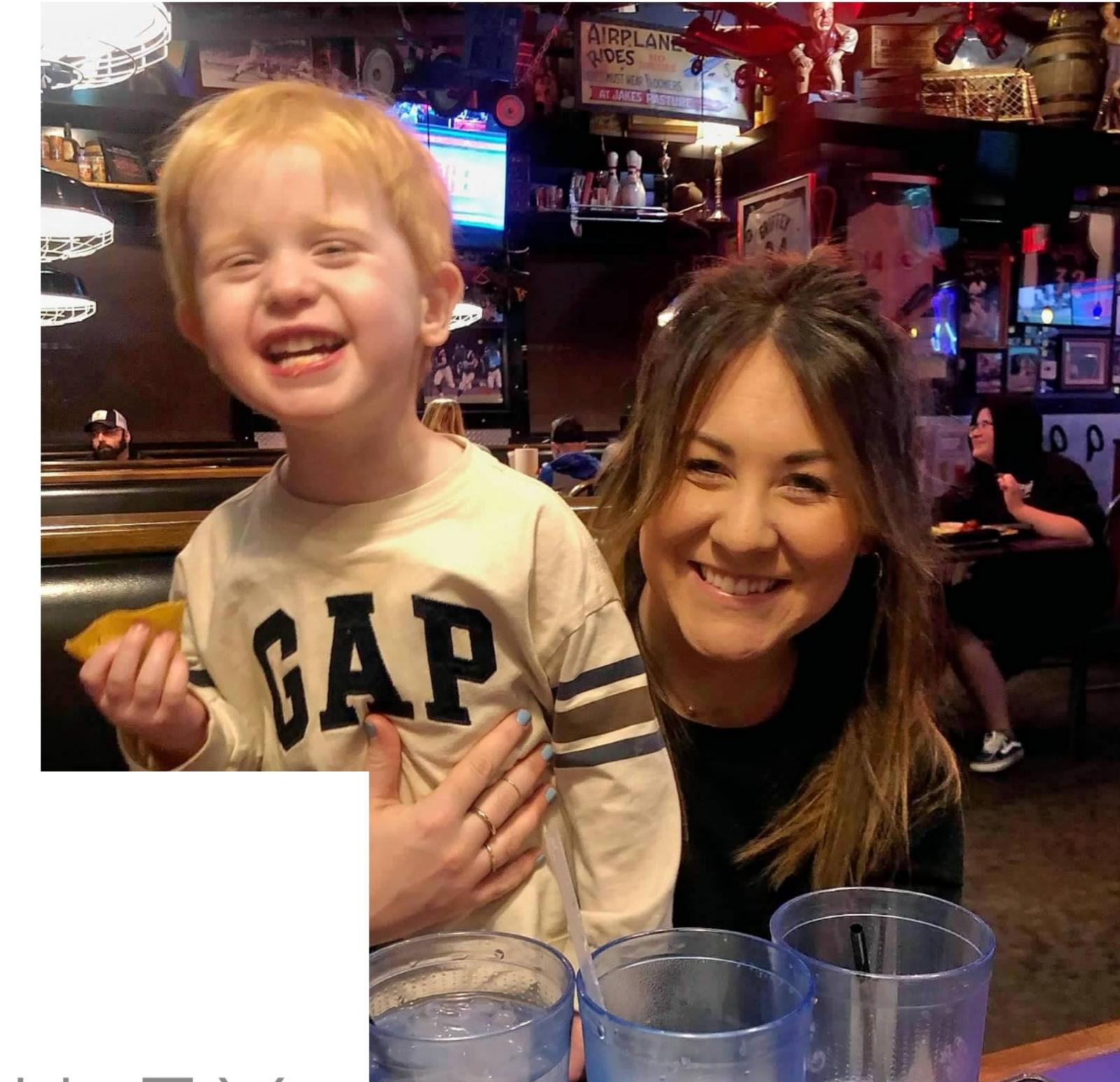
Because we use to teach in the same building, I got to see the relationships she has with each of her students. I use to always hear the kids say how much they love her and her reading class. She cares so much that if it were up to her, she would make herself available to each and every one of her students 24/7.

Family is sacred for Ashley. She will go to the ends of the earth to protect the members of her family and people she holds dear to her heart. When with her family, she is at complete ease. She lives in the moment and lets all other worries fade away.

The day Ashley said she would marry me, I felt my life become whole, but watching her become a mother has made me feel truly blessed. I've seen her step way outside her comfort zone, all just to see our son smile. She's dressed up for Halloween in a family costume, despite not loving it, faced her fear of heights to ride a Ferris wheel with him, squeezed through crowded Easter egg hunts to give him the best chance, and even sat on Santas lap just to make his day. In these moments, I see the depth of her love and how lucky we are to have her.

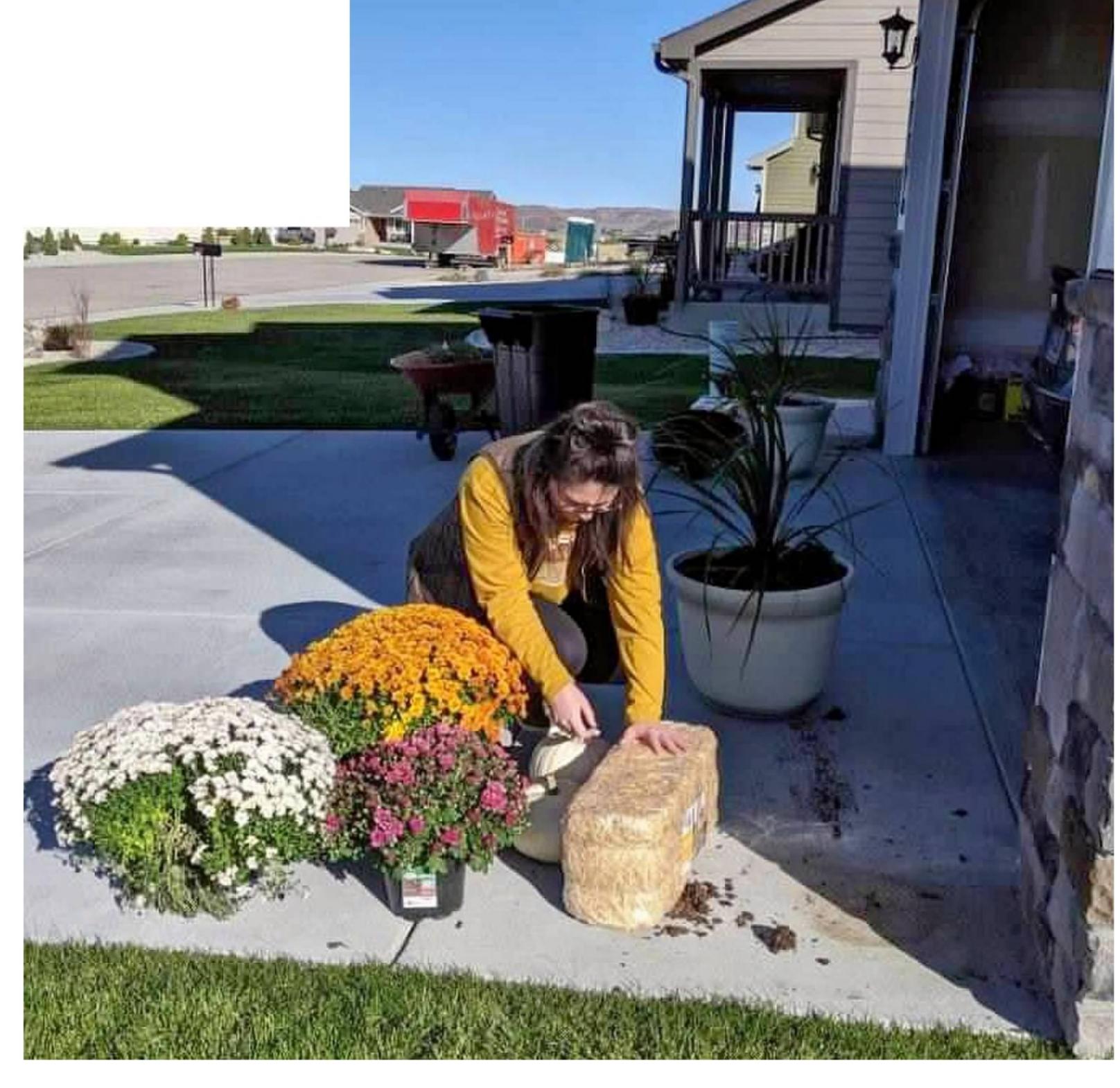
Fun Facts: She loves Harry Potter, her perfect morning is coffee, a blanket, and Max on her lap while watching Grey's Anatomy, her favorite candy is pretzel M&Ms, Christmas and birthdays are a very big deal to her.



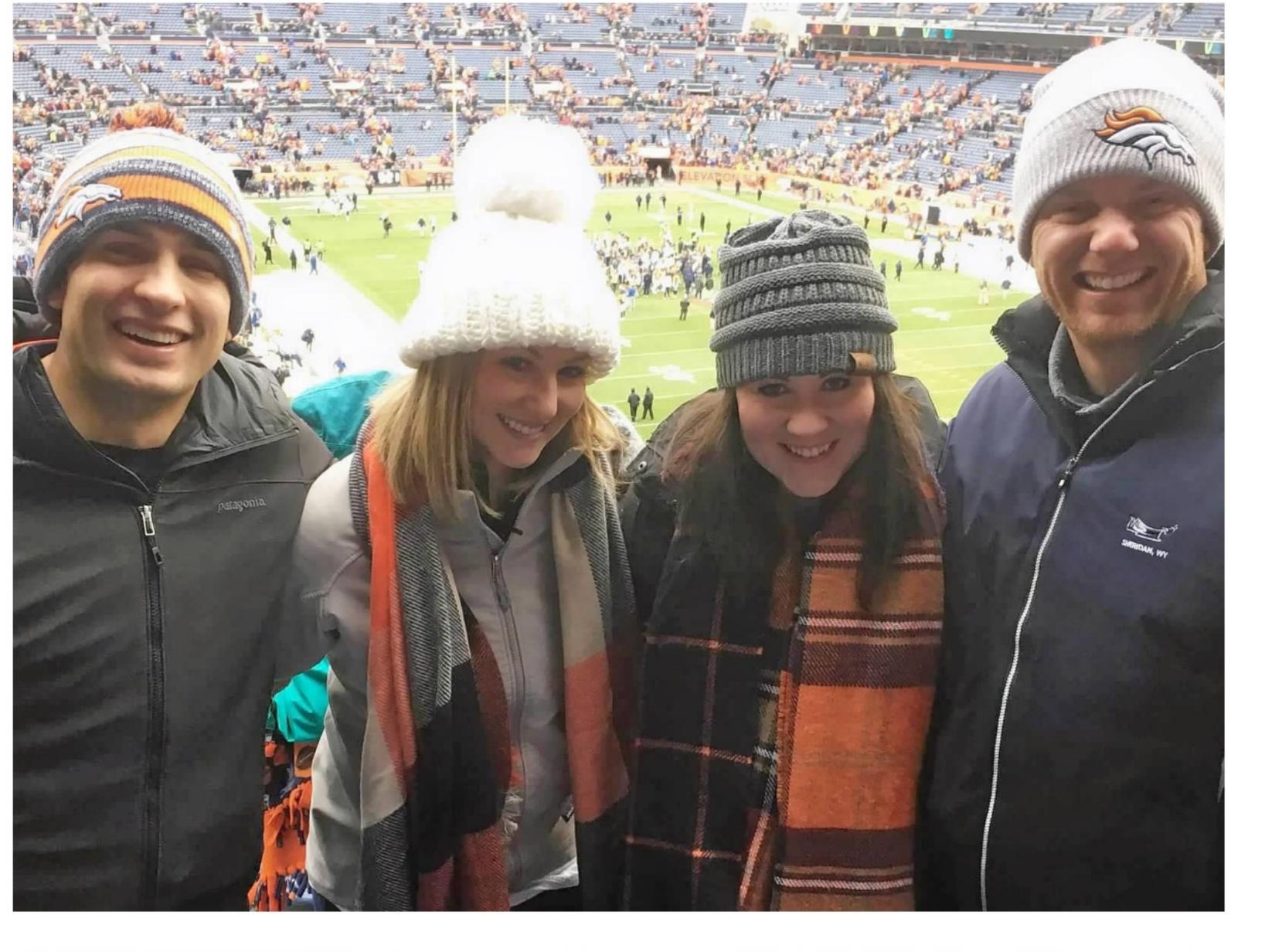




















#### ASHLEY'S FAMILY

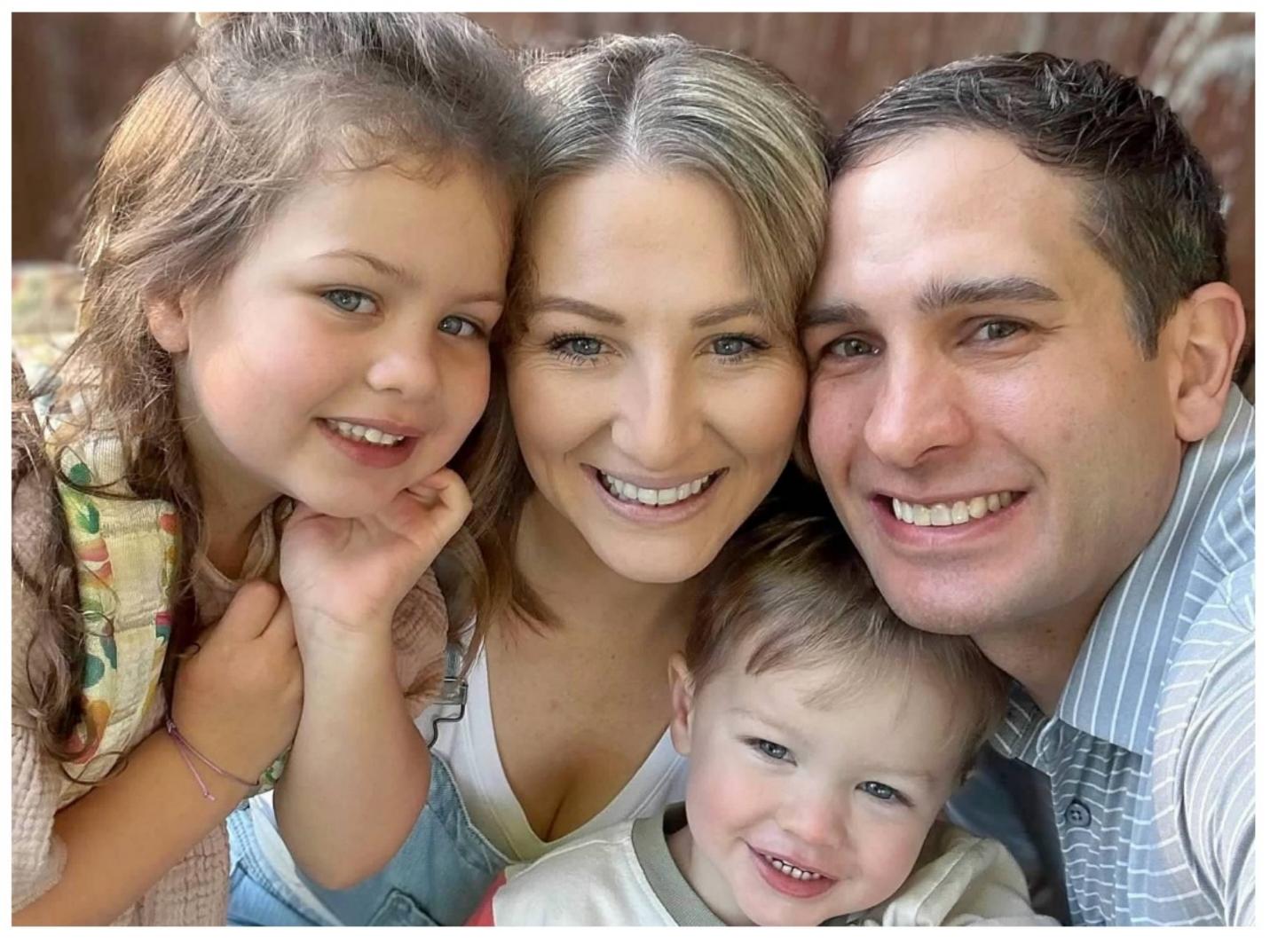
My family is very close and we spend a lot of time together. I have one older sister whom I am very close with. She is married to a wonderful man who is her perfect match. They have two beautiful children (ages 2 and 5) who play with our son almost every weekend. My sister is the queen of toddler activities, and she inspires me everyday to make our kid's childhoods magical.

My parents live on a golf course about fifteen minutes from us and are THRILLED to be a Mimi and Papa. My mom influences her grandchildren to be kind and caring people while my dad teaches them funny jokes and all about football and golf. They both would do anything for their grandkids and love making memories with them.

As a family, we have many traditions, and we can't wait to add another little one into the mix. We get together often for family dinners, football games, holidays, and love to travel together. They are an incredible support system, and we are so glad we live close enough to see them on the regular!

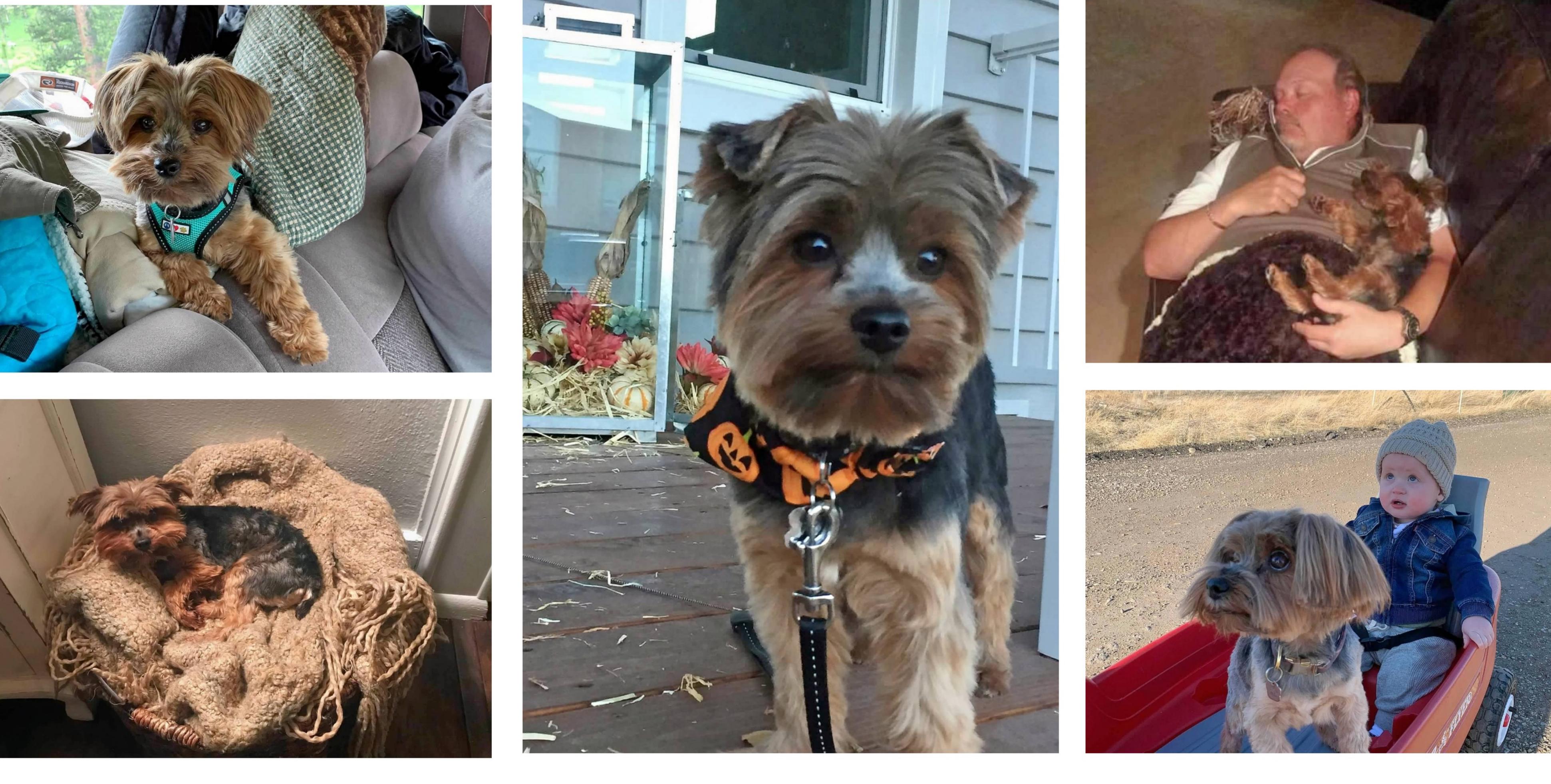




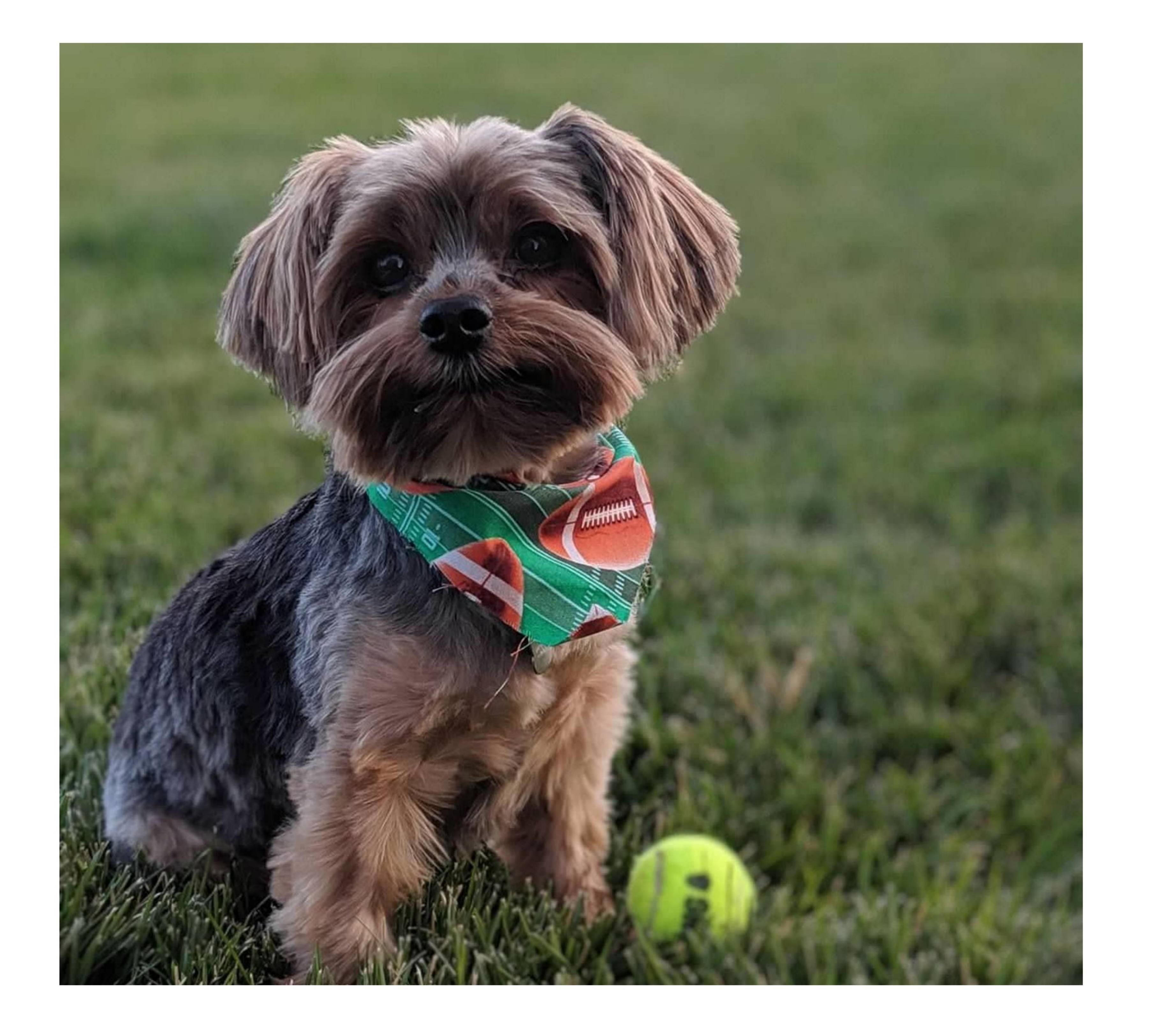




## MORE ABOUT MAX...



Our family profile wouldn't be complete without a page for our sweet little guy, Max. We often tell people that Max is five pounds of pure furry, but really he would love nothing more than to spend the day snuggling in our laps getting in plenty of kisses. His favorite things are playing keep away and going on long walks in the mountains. He has a sweet and playful personality and love watching him play with and be protective over Carson.

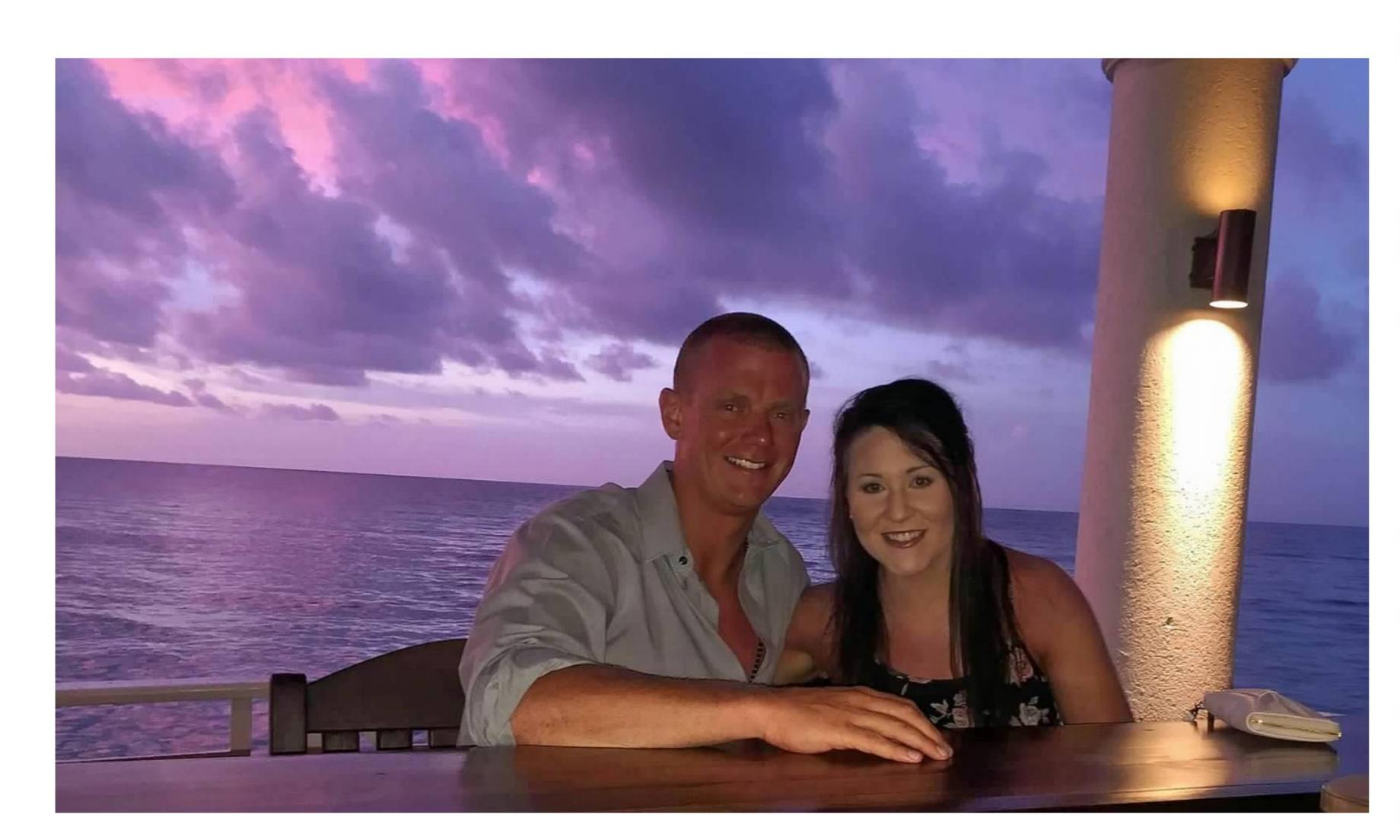




### OUR HOME

We bought our house about a year ago. We have spent a lot of time making our house a home. Ashley took care of most of the inside details, while Aaron put hard work into our yard. Together we think we were able to create a cozy, welcoming home where we can easily relax and also host friends and family for dinner. Our house is at the ed of a cul de sac filled with other kids, it is close to downtown, parks, and different walking paths. Moving to this home made us closer to our immediate family, making it the perfect location for us. We look forward to Saturday morning movies in the living room, playing tag in the backyard, and game nights on our dinner table.

## OUR ADVENTURES



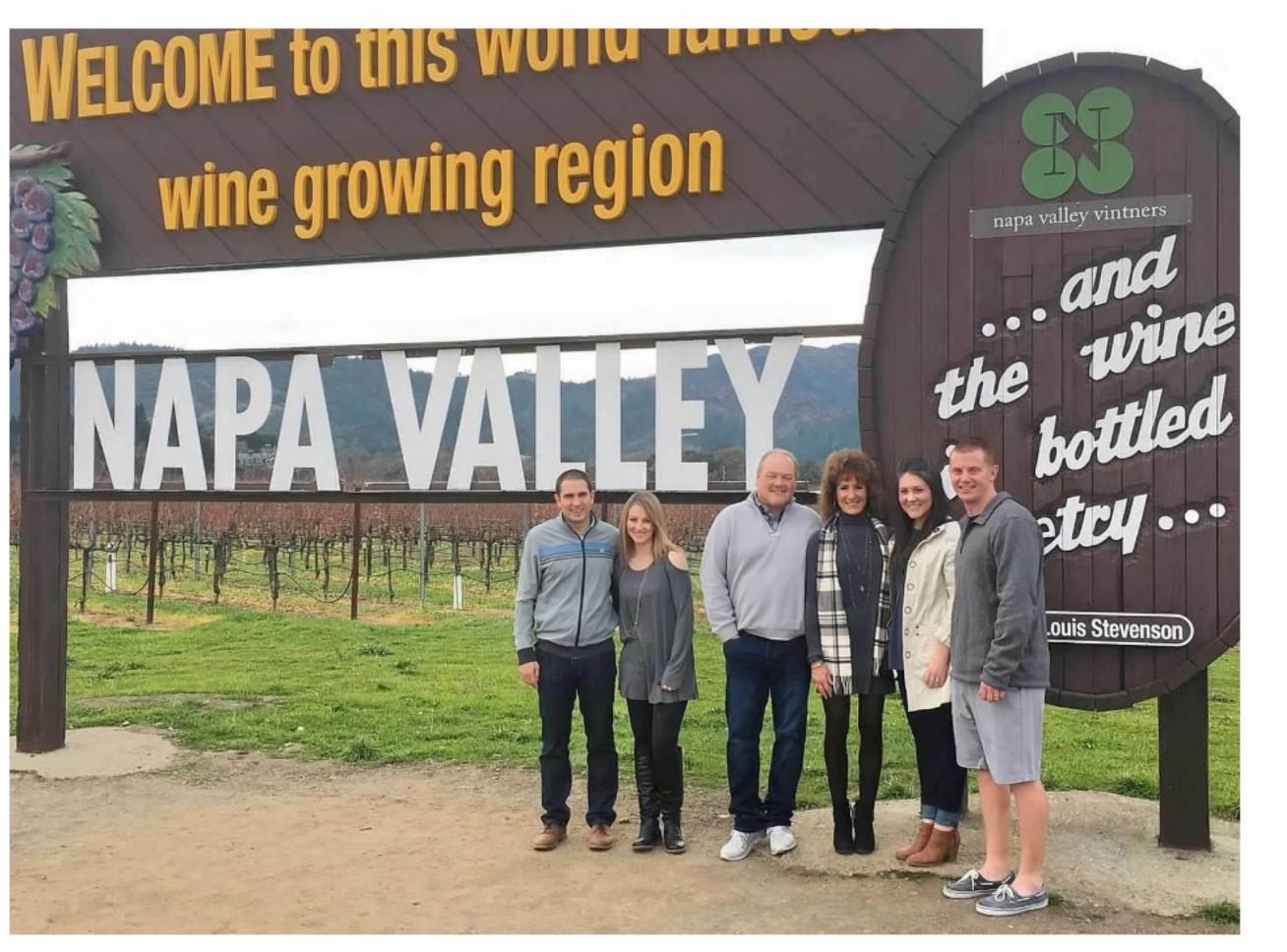






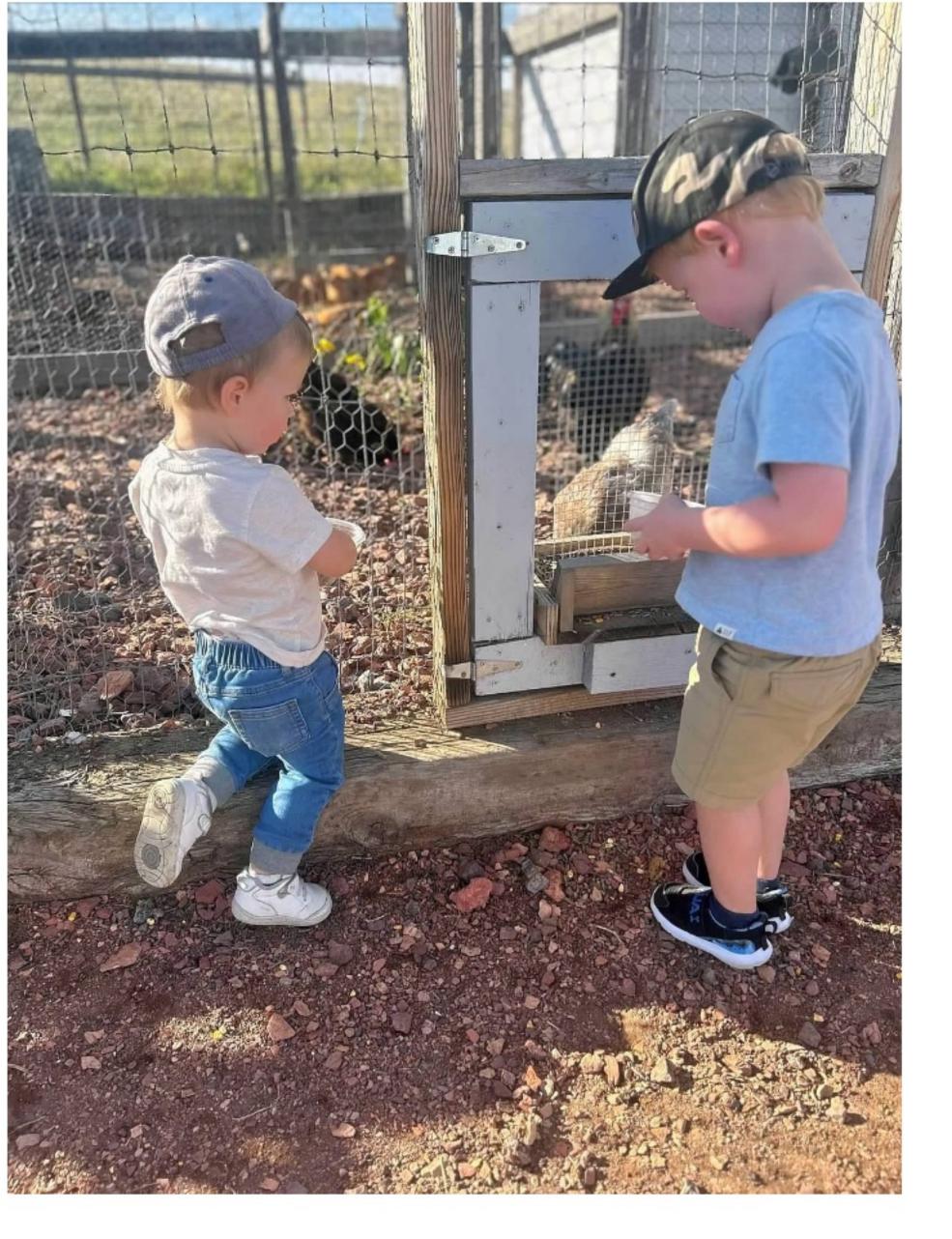
Travel and adventure is something we love to do together! We love going to college and professional sports games as well as exploring the world. Some of the places we have traveled together include Jamaica, Nashville, Napa Valley, Arizona, Colorado, and Hawaii. We love traveling with Carson and watching him experience things for the first time. We love to let him experience the wide world both near and far!









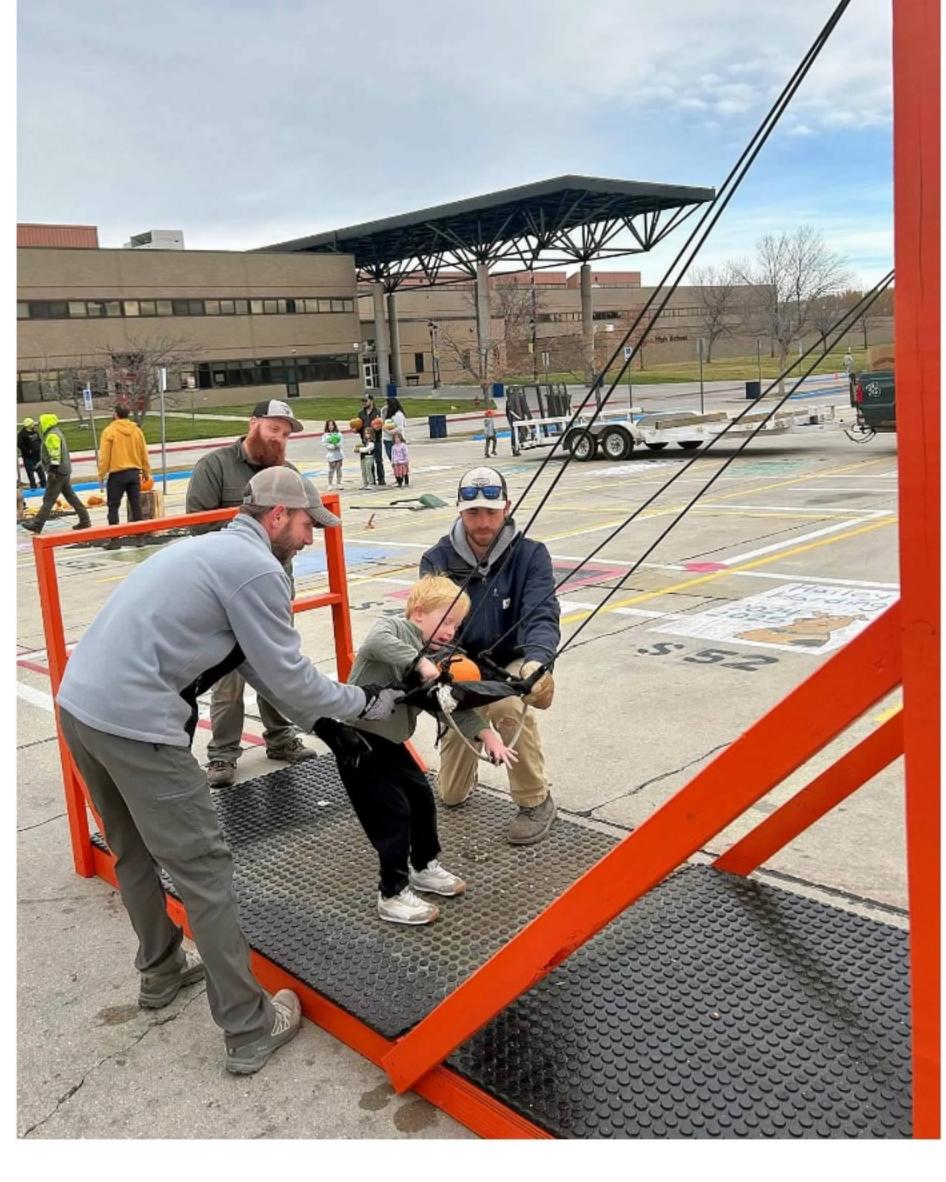




### OUR COMMUNITY



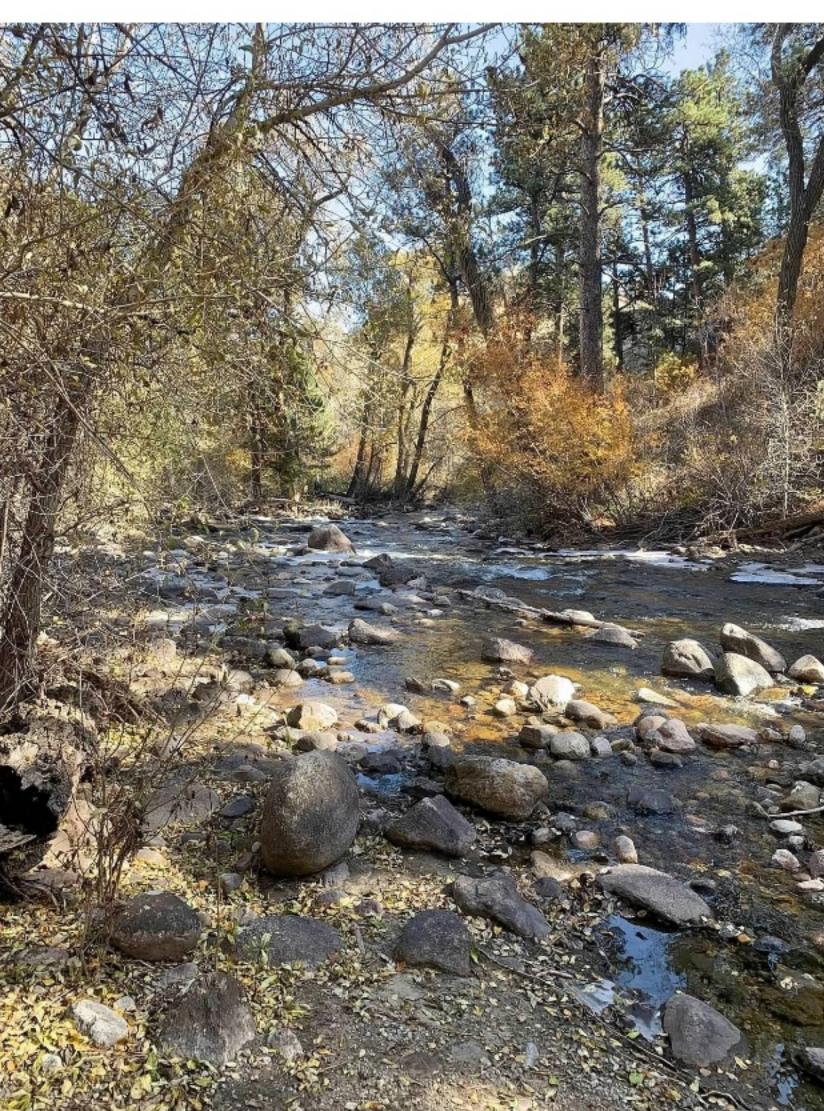














Our town is a small community at the base of the mountains filled with genuine people. It's the type of place where kids ride their bikes outside, everyone gathers for the Friday night football games, and you run into at least two people you know at the grocery store on a Tuesday night. As teachers and coaches we are involved with many of the community events. We have everything from Halloween parades, farmers markets, color runs, Christmas strolls, and much more. Carson enjoys the many activities the town puts on for kids. We have gone to air shows, fire station tours, pumpkin sling-shots, mighty-mites hockey, and much more!