



CHARLIE + STACEY

THIS IS US





HELLO

we are so happy to meet you

We want to express our appreciation for you as you consider making an adoption plan for your child. While we will never fully understand your unique experience, we have the utmost respect for your courage. This is a selfless and brave decision you are making to give your child a life that you dream of for them. Our family has already experienced adoption's heart-wrenching courage, powerful beauty, and unimaginable transformation for all involved. **We cannot comprehend the enormity of the emotions that come with this decision, but please know that we are for you and want the best for you.** We know you may have important roles other than as a mother; you may also be a sister, daughter, friend, aunt, coworker, and many more. We hope to get to know you through this process and look forward to maintaining a relationship with you after placement if you desire that. We lovingly welcome you into our family and hope you can imagine your place in our story and the life that will unfold for your baby as you read on.

We want you to know that your child will grow up with boundless love and will be delighted in. We believe our family and community will provide her with a life of being known and loved for who she is in all circumstances. **As you read our story, we hope you can see the great joy we have in loving our family, our friends, and our community. Your daughter will live a life that is constantly nourished with the fullness of love.**

We are praying for your assurance and peace in this decision. We know your life and your child's life are valuable and precious. We hope to one day tell your child her story and build on the life you have already provided her. Our hearts are full of expectation for what the future holds for you, her, and all of us.

with love
Charlie + Stacey





WE KNOW THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE SACRIFICE YOU ARE MAKING AND WE HOPE TO HONOR YOU IN THE WAY THAT WE LOVE, CHERISH, AND RAISE YOUR DAUGHTER. SHE WOULD GROW UP TO KNOW AND LOVE YOU FOR YOUR DECISION TO BRING HER INTO OUR FAMILY. WE PRAY THAT YOU CAN SEE THE CARE AND LOVE THAT WE HAVE FOR YOUR FAMILY. WE ARE SO HOPEFUL FOR ALL THESE OUTCOMES IF WE ARE CHOSEN BY YOU.

growing our family through

ADOPTION



In July of 2022, we suffered a miscarriage at around ten weeks. We were excited about growing our family, but unfortunately, we found out that the baby was not growing as expected. This is still very difficult to comprehend because all lives are so precious and we looked forward to adding to our family. We also understand that our adoption doesn't solve this heartache and does not fill the void of our loss. However, your child will be lovingly welcomed and cherished.

Our family has three different generations of adoption!

Charlie was adopted by his grandparents, Stacey's mom was adopted from an orphanage in South Korea, and our oldest daughter, Morgan, was adopted by Charlie when she was a baby. As children, each of them could have never imagined how their story would unfold but each has lived out a beautiful story of adoption. We want another child to know about adoption and the love that comes from so many in an adoption story.

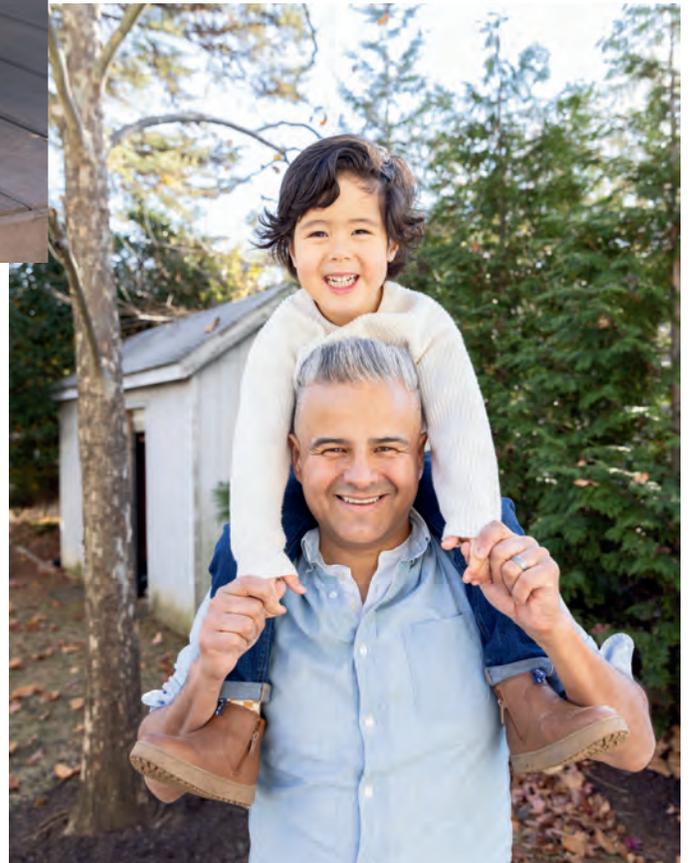


From the time we got married, our family has been a blended family. Stacey became a stepmom to Morgan and Gabi, and they also have a stepdad and little sister through their mom's second marriage. All four parents have worked hard to collaborate and come together to support Morgan and Gabi, even when it was hard or uncomfortable for us. We have worked on our relationships with one another so that we can always strive to do what's best for the girls, their needs, and their success.

our thoughts on

PARENTING

We love being parents because it gives us opportunities to show love and grace to our kids the way that we have been shown through Jesus. We feel incredibly grateful to know that we don't have to earn love or acceptance and want a younger generation to experience that. As parents, we feel it is our job to teach our children these values and to guide them to become people who will extend them to others. We try to parent out of a place of grace and understanding of who each child is, their strengths and abilities, what they need, and how they perceive the world around them. This enables us to be more relational rather than primarily following a set of rules or expectations, although we have those too.





OUR STORY

we have been married for seven years

When we met, we were friends first through our church community, serving together and doing things with a larger group of singles. We spent a lot of time together with other friends, having weekly dinners, and training for races. When we began dating, we worked hard to not impose on Charlie's time with his older daughters, Morgan and Gabi. This sometimes meant creatively scheduling dates for early morning workouts followed by coffee, or waiting until the girls were spending time with their mom on the weekends. When possible, we tried to include Morgan and Gabi in things we did together so that they felt valued in this new relationship. This family-centered approach is part of what helped us fall in love with one another. I saw Charlie as a devoted and extremely capable father who worked hard to love his daughters. Charlie saw in me someone who could be an integral part of the family, who took on the responsibilities of another parent, and who put the girls' needs above my own.

When we did have time together just the two of us, we tried new restaurants and experienced new foods. Charlie loves planning food dates and would often surprise me with reservations to a new restaurant we hadn't yet tried. We also enjoyed going to concerts at night and morning coffee dates. I introduced the experience of hosting friends for dinner - something I had grown up with and valued in my own family. We often opened our home for long, lingering dinners where friends could have a place in our home and lives.

We dated for almost two years that were filled with coffee dates, Saturday Bible studies, food, music, and adventures. Our engagement day was filled with each of these. It started with our regular coffee date and Bible study but then Charlie gave me a Bible verse card in a sealed envelope to open. Next, we went for a tasting and a tour, and I was given another envelope. We then drove through a National Park with several overlooks. During the drive, music was playing from playlists we had created together. On each overlook, I would open up a verse and we would talk about what that verse meant for each of us. At the sixth overlook, I opened the card that asked me to marry Charlie. I was so surprised because, even though this seemed like an extravagant, thoughtfully planned day, it was not uncharacteristic of Charlie. So as the day unfolded, I didn't think it was anything out of the ordinary, and I was totally surprised!

*We were attracted to each other because of our shared desire to seek out others, care for them, and give them a home to be welcomed and known in.
We also enjoyed doing a lot of the same activities - running, trying new restaurants, traveling, reading, music, and hosting.*

happily ever after

We often look back on our wedding day and wish we could do it all over again just to have all of our favorite people in one place at the same time! We got married in July in Charlottesville, Virginia. This place held special significance to us because we had spent a lot of time there while we were dating. Our pastor had become one of our close friends, so he officiated the ceremony and we had other friends from different parts of our lives involved in the wedding as well. Morgan and Gabi were part of the wedding party and it was so special to have their blessing as we joined our lives together.



We believe our relationship was the design of God and we desire to outdo each other in our expressed love for each other. We have a community of friends who love our marriage as much as we do. These friends help us work through issues, speak into our daily lives, and give us models of what it means to have a Christ-centered marriage. We resolve conflict by keeping a short account of each others' wrongs, working together towards a common good, and asking for forgiveness.



OUR FAITH MAKES OUR MARRIAGE STRONG



my husband

CHARLIE

**DEPENDABLE
GENEROUS
COMPASSIONATE
GREAT DAD**



Charlie is a gifted people person even though he would describe himself as introverted. He has the ability to connect with others instantly by showing interest in their lives, asking thoughtful questions, and interacting in engaging ways. This has also made him a good manager in his professional life. Charlie is a relational person by nature and works hard to make his friends and family feel valued. Friends have often said that he feels more like a brother than a friend and that they feel safe coming to him for advice and support when life gets difficult. Charlie is also funny and often has an entire roomful of people laughing at jokes and witty comments.

There are a number of things that make Charlie a good husband, but I think the one that sticks out the most is his willingness to work hard for our family. He puts forth a lot of effort to show each member of our family that he is in our corner. He has learned from experience how to best love me and our children, and he works hard each day to contribute to our happiness.

Charlie is an amazing father to our son, Grayson. He finds resources to teach Grayson about Jesus so that he can grow up learning gospel truth. They spend time together reading Bible stories and talking about how we can point others to Jesus. Charlie is adept at recognizing patterns in people, and children are no exception. With Grayson, for example, he noticed that he needs to have physical play to release his energy after a day at preschool. He will take Grayson for a run, wrestle with him, play tag, or take him to a nearby field to kick a soccer ball so that Grayson can get his energy out. Because Charlie had the experience of raising two girls largely on his own, he is a capable father who has learned from parenting mistakes. He has learned that his children's behavior is not necessarily a reflection of him and that they are sometimes free to make their own choices. He has also learned which battles are important to fight and which ones can slide so that the child is not constantly hearing that they are doing something wrong.

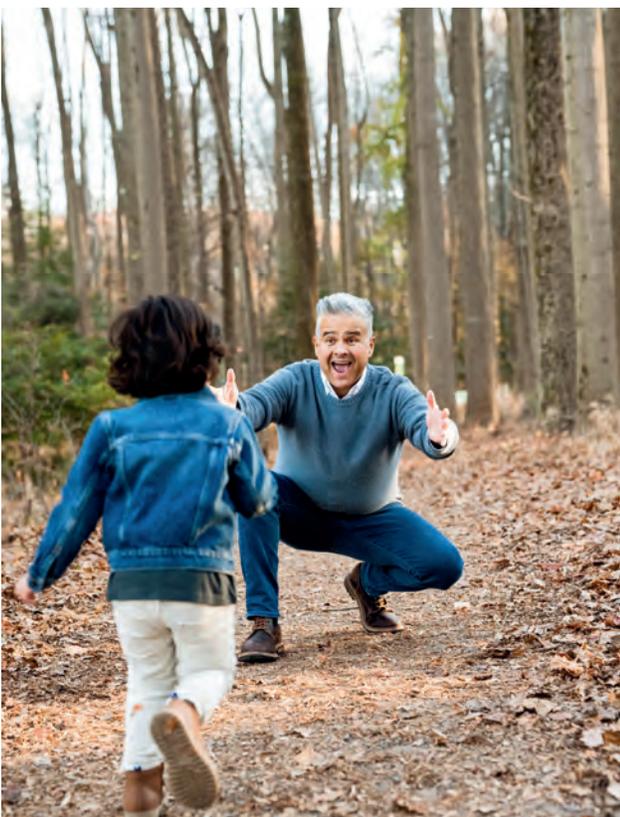
I have worked for the same company for twenty-seven years as a financial advisor. In the last year, I moved to a new role which has been so rewarding as I have become a critical part of families' lives to help give them advice that gives them peace of mind and security. One of the reasons I moved to my new role is because of the personal and professional balance it has allowed. My time is self-scheduled and has flexibility during the work day. It also allows me to work remotely 85% of the time. This has allowed me to dedicate more time to Stacey, Grayson, my counseling degree, and church. Additionally, my company has outstanding benefits such as six weeks paid time off annually, adoption financial assistance, and twelve weeks of paternity.

I am first and foremost a dedicated and intentional husband and dad so that is my priority in time spent. Next, is my church. I am a part of the Leadership Team at my church and help with the support of our pastors and church members. If I do have time just for myself, I am just over halfway through the completion of my Masters of Counseling degree - it's been more than an education as I have found all of the content of these classes to be incredibly ministering to me. You can also find me listening to music, which I find soul-quenching, reading books that are focused on spirituality, and consuming several hours of podcasts filled with sermons, parenting, counseling, and current events.



My childhood was hard and I didn't have any loving parental relationship beyond the age of eleven. My grandfather, who died when I was eleven, always spent time with me, took me camping and fishing, and took me everywhere he went. In many ways, after his death, I saw myself not just as unloved but as an outcast. Those circumstances formed me to become a present, genuine, loving father and I want to provide a life for my kids that produces in them a desire to love the outcast. At eighteen years old, I left my childhood home and town and became a first-generation college graduate, worked towards a successful career, married and built a family, helped hundreds of work associates start successful careers, remarried and extended my family, and always served others before myself.

I love being a dad! I raised my daughters as a single dad from the ages of nine and fourteen and wanted to give them a stable and loving home filled with my dedicated presence. I very much enjoy my adult relationships with my girls. I also absolutely love being a boy dad - to be a father again later in life has provided a way to be an even better, more intentional dad. I look forward to holding, loving, and raising another child with Stacey who will know peace, love, and joy. I also imagine the fun and loving interactions between our youngest and Grayson and her older sisters. I am excited to introduce her to our loving community of family and friends who will accept her as their own.



my wife

STACEY

KIND
GENEROUS
FUNNY
DETERMINED



Stacey is an absolute gift from God and an answer to all my prayers. When Stacey came into my life I was a single dad raising two girls on my own. I have always known Stacey to love others before herself. I saw this in how she interacted with others but also experienced it myself - she spent time with us, she made us meals, she did fun activities with us, and she constantly put our needs above hers. Her love came into our lives and gave us joy. She modeled in so many ways the way I needed to love others. She has always been so conscientious about doing the right thing and bringing justice to any situation. I can see how Jesus has shaped her life and she is a fantastic partner in wanting to meet needs and love others. She modeled for me and my daughters the relentless love of a woman and modeled for them a positive female role model.

Stacey knows and loves Jesus and loves others. She is selfless and has a high capacity to do all things that show her love for others. She is a great wife who is consistent, accountable, and dependable. She is a great planner who is always thinking about our future. Stacey is a great counselor to me and full of wisdom on how to navigate work, life, and personal situations. She is my best friend and she gives life to our home.

Stacey is a fun mom who spends meaningful time with Grayson. She takes him on special dates, coordinates playdates with his friends, and is so loving with him. Grayson admires his mom so much and he would tell you that she is his favorite parent. If she is out of the house or out of town, Grayson constantly asks when she is coming home. She can't go too far or too long out of Grayson's presence before he misses her! Stacey would love to have a daughter in our home and be a girl mom. She got to experience some of this with Morgan and Gabi but she came in when they were already becoming teenagers. This is an opportunity for her to experience all the earlier years that she is getting with a son, but with a daughter. She is excited to foster a sibling relationship with Grayson and his sister.

I'm a reading specialist in a public school system, working with struggling readers. My occupation is family-friendly and flexible. I have summers off as well as various days and weeks throughout the year. I can take sick leave when needed to care for our children and I plan to take maternity leave as it is offered by my school district. After that, we hope to send our child to the same daycare that Grayson went to. We've had a wonderful experience there and know they would be well cared for while we are at work.

One of my favorite things to do is gather close friends or family around our dinner table and feed them. I love the feeling of a long, lingering dinner where people are free to laugh until they have tears rolling down their cheeks, where they can be themselves, and where they can have a safe space to share their fears and struggles. It is my hope that our children grow up knowing our friends and family and being known by them in this sacred space.

I enjoy being outside and exercising - bonus points if both can be done at the same time! I like traveling, trying new restaurants, and taking Grayson to a new museum or playground. Grayson and I often meet his friends and their families at a local park on the weekends or after school and we enjoy those friendships immensely. Recently I've rediscovered my love of reading and have been doing that to wind down at the end of my day. We also enjoy cooking together as a family. Charlie refers to himself and Grayson as my sous-chefs!



I thoroughly enjoy being a mom - so much more than I even imagined I would. I have a special bond with Grayson. We love to be together, even if it's just building a Lego creation or doing a puzzle while we talk or snuggling on the couch. I've been surprised by many aspects of motherhood, not the least of which has been the immense love I feel for my son. It is because of this love that I can empathize with the thoughts, feelings, and worries you may be experiencing. While I can't possibly know exactly how you may be feeling right now, I can appreciate that your choice to consider adoption has been motivated by sheer love. Although I was around for part of Morgan and Gabi's childhoods, I missed out on their early, formative years and desire to raise a girl as well. I have felt for a long time that our family is not yet complete.

My mom and dad were amazing parents who did the best they could with what they knew and I always knew their love for me. However, in the process of seeking counseling over the last few years, I've learned that there are things I'd like to do differently with my children. I was raised to be tough, work hard, and never give up. These aren't bad things, but somewhere along the way, I internalized them to mean I couldn't express how I felt and I couldn't do things less than perfectly. I've learned the importance of naming my emotions so I can process them, accepting failure and imperfection, and not expecting unrealistic things from myself and others. I've started learning how I can do things differently in my own family now and I think this has helped me approach parenting in a healthier way.



time together

AS A COUPLE

We continue to enjoy traveling and trying new restaurants together; sometimes this happens alone or with other family members or friends. We really enjoy exploring new places, new sights, and new foods. When we are home we try to have a regular date night so that we can spend dedicated time together. We are lucky to have family and friends close by who watch our son to make this possible. When we can't find a babysitter, we take turns planning date nights in; one of us plans and executes it while the other one does Grayson's bedtime routine. Sometimes we do dinner and a movie or a game night.

REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE DO TOGETHER, WE HAVE LEARNED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO STAY CONNECTED AS A COUPLE RATHER THAN SIMPLY TRUDGING THROUGH DAILY LIFE.



OUR FAITH IS SO IMPORTANT TO US



WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO KNOW THAT THEY WERE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD AND THEY ARE SO DEEPLY LOVED THAT CHRIST CAME TO SAVE THEM FROM THE HURT, HEARTACHE, AND SIN OF THIS WORLD. GRAYSON CONFIDENTLY KNOWS HE IS LOVED BY THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE AND IS REMINDED OF THAT EACH DAY. BECAUSE OF THIS AFFECTION THAT GOD HAS FOR OUR CHILDREN, WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT THEIR RESPONSE WOULD BE TO LOVE GOD, LOVE THEMSELVES, AND LOVE OTHERS AND FOLLOW HIM IN THOSE THINGS.



OUR KIDS

*our kids are so excited to add
another sibling to the family*

Grayson is four years old and full of life from the moment he gets up. He has super-charged energy and is full of happiness, joy, and fun. He also loves being the life of the party when we have friends or family over. He loves to learn and turns that into fact-sharing and conversations at every moment. He is active and enjoys swimming, tennis, soccer, and running. At school, they say that Grayson is the ringleader of all the kids and is kind and friendly and always quick to make sure everyone gets a turn and things are fair.

Morgan was adopted by Charlie when she was one. As a student, she achieved the International Baccalaureate in high school and attended and graduated from the University of Virginia. She loves sports and has played soccer and basketball, and always could be found with her close group of neighborhood friends. She now lives in Washington, DC and works in finance. Morgan's personality is always peaceable, quick to forgive, a great friend, and very social. At work, she loves helping customers and has achieved several awards in just a few short years. We get to see her a few times a month, most often for Sunday night dinner. Grayson loves to make Morgan laugh at any cost and he calls her "MoMo."

Gabriella's personality is marked by wanting to give mercy to those who see the least of it. From an early age, she always served the community. She is always willing to pitch in and help. As a student, Gabi was very successful and was accepted into Northeastern University. She loves playing soccer and basketball and enjoys swimming. After graduation, she stayed in Boston. She currently works for an organization that helps homeless people get shelter, food, and medical care and her role is to befriend and know the homeless in a specific part of the city. We get to see Gabi during the holidays, random visits, or times when we head up to Boston. Gabi loves snuggling Grayson and being motherly and he calls her "GaGa."

Morgan and Gabi see the love and powerful effect of adoption in the world because of all the ways they see adoption in our family already. They both have lovingly accepted Grayson and their sibling sister from their mom, Livi. They know that this fits into our family narrative to love others and accept all. Grayson has been talking about a baby sibling for the last two years and is very excited about the idea of a new friend!





making family

MEMORIES

We have a second home that is two hours from our city house on five acres with a pool that we enjoy retreating to. It is in a more remote area and has more space where we can relax and recharge. We enjoy exploring that area together by going to parks, farmers' markets, and eating at new restaurants. We bought the home with a vision to bring others out to experience peace and rest. Besides just going out as a family, several times a year we bring other families with us to have a long weekend and all be together. It has been used for celebrating special events, family gatherings, church staff retreats, or just solitude. The house has been a blessing to us and gives us an opportunity to love others. We love to travel and enjoy taking a big family trip once a year. This usually happens in the summer when Stacey is out of school. Grayson loves going on planes and the whole travel scene - his airplane snacks, watching movies, reading books, and building Legos in the air.

We have family at the beach in Florida whom we visit at least once or twice a year. This is always a fun trip because it's a familiar place that feels like home but is also a relaxing getaway from our normal, busy life in the city. We love spending time in the sand, going for walks along the beach, building sand castles together, and just soaking up the sun. Grayson loves hours in the heated pool even in the colder winter months at the beach.



We love to have slow Saturday mornings together, staying in pajamas, making breakfast together, and just having a relaxed start to the weekend, especially if it's been a particularly busy week.



Thanksgiving and Christmas are our family's biggest celebrations. We typically gather at Stacey's parents' home for these holidays and we are often joined by her brothers as well as Morgan. On Christmas morning, we open stockings while eating bagels, which is a tradition that started in Stacey's family as she grew up in New York. In the early afternoon, Stacey builds a big charcuterie board for everyone to graze on. Often one or both of Stacey's brothers cooks Christmas dinner and we all gather around the table for a restaurant-quality meal that they've created.

Because we got married the week of July 4th, we often celebrate with family and friends and make time for an anniversary date. Sometimes we are at our second home to enjoy the pool, grill, and outdoor space. Mother's Day and Father's Day are also opportunities for us to recognize each other for the important parenting work we do together. We try to help Grayson, Gabi, and Morgan verbally recognize the other person for how hard they work for our family and for the love that is shown through that work.

Stacey absolutely loves to throw birthday parties and to gather the guest of honor's favorite people and things together for an epic day of celebration. For Grayson's birthday this year, he had a Lego-themed party with a giant Lego person cutout greeting people at the door and oversized Legos made from cardboard and paper plates. In addition to these bigger celebrations, we also try to celebrate quietly together with a favorite meal or treat on the actual birthday. Charlie and Stacey have a particular restaurant that they like to go to for birthdays, anniversaries, and other celebrations. It is one we've enjoyed for years and we have a lot of happy memories there of long, unhurried dinners together.

We love to host an intimate dinner party at our home for a friend's birthday or book reservations at a fun restaurant to celebrate a job promotion. Recently, we've really enjoyed the time we've spent with Morgan and her boyfriend, Anthony, as we celebrate their successes at work together over delicious food.



HOLIDAY FUN

WE ENJOY CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE WE LOVE





OUR FAMILY

STACEY'S FAMILY

My parents are Chris and Ramsay. I have two brothers, Chase and Casey. Casey lives in New York. My parents and Chase live about forty-five minutes from us. We spend a significant amount of time with my parents. They come over for weeknight dinners, we spend the weekend with them, and they are Grayson's favorite babysitters. Grams and PopPop have really taken to their roles as grandparents and they have been eagerly anticipating the arrival of another grandchild. They get to be the fun, energetic caretakers but also know our family's routines and schedules so they are incredibly helpful and supportive. Grayson also loves his time with his uncles who will play sports with him, show him how to do new things, cook with him, and get on the floor and play games with him.

CHARLIE'S FAMILY

My biological mom, Kathy, lives in Utah and in the last five years I have established a relationship with her. Because of COVID, it was just this last summer she came to visit and meet Grayson for the first time. She immediately showed him affection, played silly games with him, and she showed him how to make tortillas for a traditional Mexican dinner. By the end of the visit, Grayson began calling her "Grandma MoMero." We plan to have her out a few times a year. My siblings, Jess and Jake, are my half-brother and half-sister.



OUR HOME

We live on the East Coast in a Mid-Atlantic state.



Our townhouse has three bedrooms and three and a half bathrooms. It was built in the 1980s and parts of it have been renovated over the years. We purchased it in 2004 and it was the house that Morgan and Gabi grew up in. It is an open space concept on the ground level living space and in the basement. The basement is a family gathering space with a big couch, a large TV, and a place to spread out with Grayson's toys. On the ground level, we wanted to be able to be in one room with family and friends when we gathered or hosted. You can see from the kitchen all the way to the backyard. Whether in the kitchen, at the dining room table, or on the couch we are all together talking, laughing, or enjoying. Grayson can often be found sitting on a kitchen counter stool talking to us while Stacey is cooking and Charlie is unloading the dishwasher. The backyard is fairly small but has a large deck with seating and a stone patio just off of that where we grill or use to gather us around a fire pit. When Morgan and Gabi were young, our house was considered a fun place to gather their friends and was conveniently located in the same neighborhood as their schools. We love having people in our home and using it as a space to gather people together while cooking great food, having conversations, and lots of fun.

Our city and its surrounding areas are considered one of the most ethnically diverse in the country. It is an area that has some of the best schools in the country from elementary to college. We live just a few miles outside of a large metropolitan city and from our home, you can walk to parks, libraries, trails, and schools. The major transportation system is just two blocks away so you can be in the city for a sporting event, a museum visit, or other city events in a twenty minute train ride. Grayson has a favorite park, loves the turtle pond on the trail, train rides to the city, runs the track at the school, and takes swim lessons at their indoor pool. Our church moved into a new building that is just one mile from us. Our church community group has seven families that meet during the week and gather at a family's house that is just two miles away. **We love our home and neighborhood and we're excited to open it up and welcome another child to all the peace, love, fun, and togetherness it offers.**





our family

VALUES

LIVE CHRIST-REDEEMED LIVES

To us, this means that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to save us. Because of that, we have been given God in us to live a life that follows Him in all that we do, think, or say.

LOVE GOD AND OTHERS

To us, this means that Jesus was merciful and generous in giving His life to save us and in affection for Him we praise Him and show the love of Christ to others.

SHOW PEACE, GRACE, AND MERCY

To us, this means that we try to be the peacemakers, where we and others are fully known, fully loved, and that we show ourselves and others love and mercy because every person including us was made in the image of God.

BE COMMUNITY BUILDERS

To us, this means that they contribute to their community in such a way that it helps to bring about the perfect design that God had in mind when He created the world.





thoughts on our

FUTURE

We love our home and plan to stay here as we continue to raise our family. We both have jobs we enjoy and we have been attending the same church for over ten years. We do love traveling - besides several domestic locations and major cities, we have been to the Caribbean Islands, Italy, France, and Greece. We just began traveling with Grayson last year. His first spring break trip was to St. Lucia and he still talks about the volcanoes and waterfalls he saw there. This last summer we went on a three week vacation to Croatia, Spain, and England. We love to experience new cultures, new food, and explore. Last summer Charlie went on a church mission trip to Tanzania and Malawi in Africa and he hopes to take us all back one day. As our younger kids get older we hope that we can do a mission trip each year and meet, serve, and love people across all different continents.



our plans for

EDUCATION

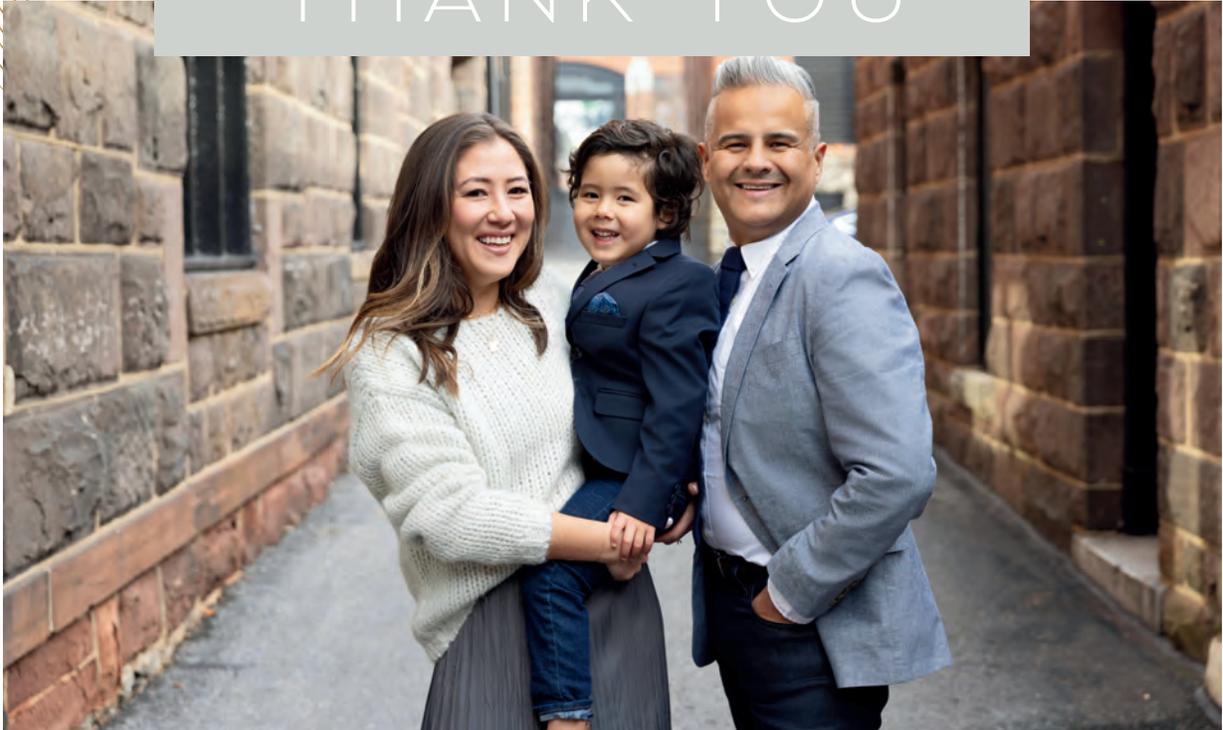
We believe education depends on the specific child, the needs that child has, and the equipping of that school. Charlie attended both public and private schools but lived in a setting that had poor to failing public schools. Stacey attended public school in an academically advanced setting and attended a prestigious college. She teaches in a public school that has a diverse ethnic and socio-economic population with high academic standards. We see the value in having a diverse group of children and educators. We also know several teachers in our area and we have a deep respect for all educators. We want our children to be around educators who have not just a heart to educate, but a heart to love their students and help equip them for lots of life's circumstances.

Grayson attends a public school type setting at his pre-school. He is in a classroom environment that balances learning, working on social skills, becoming emotionally aware, and having fun. We have become part of the parent network in Grayson's classroom. We believe we can find the right setting for Grayson and our future child in either a public or private school setting.

Our preference would be for our children to attend college given Stacey's profession, her completion of her Masters of Reading Education, Charlie being the first in his family to attend and complete college, and Charlie pursuing his Masters of Counseling. Morgan and Gabi each went to prestigiously ranked schools and we are so proud of them but it wasn't something that was pressed upon them. We do hope that college will be where our younger children continue their education, both academically and socially. We hope that it will be a place where they will discover what they love and what they want to pursue later in life. However, we also know that continuing school beyond high school is not for everyone and that our children may choose other paths. We hope to help guide them by talking through these decisions and giving them our perspective to help them decide what's right for them, their desires, and needs.



THANK YOU



Thank you for reading through our profile and learning about us and our family! We are grateful for the time you are spending to carefully consider your options for your child's future. We hope you now have a clear picture of the unwavering love your daughter would be surrounded with, the kind of family and community she would experience with us, and the hopes and dreams we have for her.

We have spent many weeks and months thinking about you both and praying for you. While we are hoping to be chosen by you, we know this is a heavy decision and we are praying for the best future for your child, even if that may not end up being with us.

If you do choose us as your child's adoptive family, it is our hope to honor you throughout her life, reminding her of your immense love through your choice for her. When Grayson was a baby, a close friend's youngest child often said, "I love you the whole world!" to communicate the magnitude of her love for the people around her. We started using this phrase with Grayson when he was a baby. Now, he tries to express his love in the biggest terms he can by saying, "I love you a whole big sky bunch of a planet!" We look forward to the day we'll get to tell our youngest child that we all love her the whole, big, wide world and all the sky bunches of planets.

We wish you all the best during this time and as you decide what is best for you and your child.

with love
Charlie + Stacey

