

maddie & joey



let's start with hello

We want to start by thanking you for taking the time to learn more about us and our family. We can only imagine the incredible strength and selflessness it takes to consider adoption for your child and we deeply respect and honor the difficult decision you are facing.

If we are lucky enough to be chosen as adoptive parents, we will honor your child's story, their heritage, and the incredibly important role you play in their life. Your child will always know where they came from and how deeply they were loved from the very beginning by us and by you.

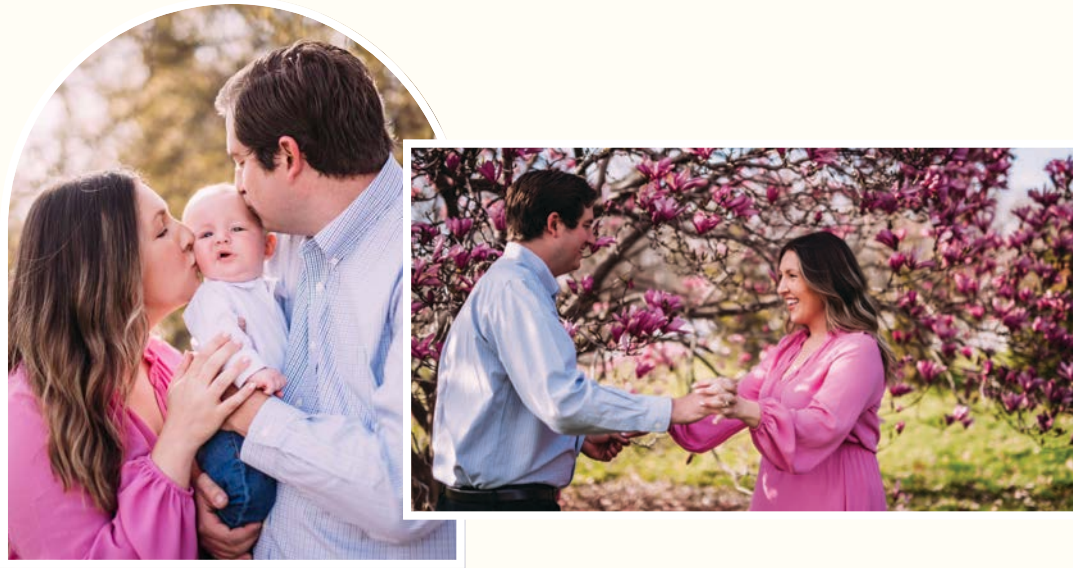
We are committed to building an open and respectful relationship between us all, in whatever way feels right to you. No matter what you decide, we wish you peace and clarity as you move forward. We know that the choice of adoption is rooted in pure love and connection, and we are ready to walk this journey with open arms and open hearts.

KNOW THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE RAISED IN A HOME THAT IS SAFE,
JOYFUL, AND FILLED WITH LOVE. WE WILL CELEBRATE THEIR
UNIQUENESS AND SURROUND THEM WITH SUPPORT THROUGHOUT
EVERY STAGE OF THEIR JOURNEY.



Joey, Maddie, & Henry

why adoption



growing our family

Even though we have been blessed with a biological child, we have always felt strongly called to grow our family through adoption. This has been on our hearts for a long time, and through prayer and reflection, we've come to see adoption as an important part of our future family.

While trying to grow our family naturally, we have faced challenges of infertility through miscarriage and stillbirth. These experiences have certainly been difficult, but they have also strengthened our relationship and deepened our desire to grow our family. We've learned that family isn't just about how a child comes into your life; it's about the love, safety, and belonging you give them every single day.

our connection to adoption

Adoption has touched our lives in deep and personal ways. Some of our closest friends have grown their families through adoption, and we've seen firsthand the incredible joy and healing it can bring. We've also had close family members who have made the courageous decision to place a child for adoption. Through them, we've gained a deep respect for the strength and sacrifice that choice requires.

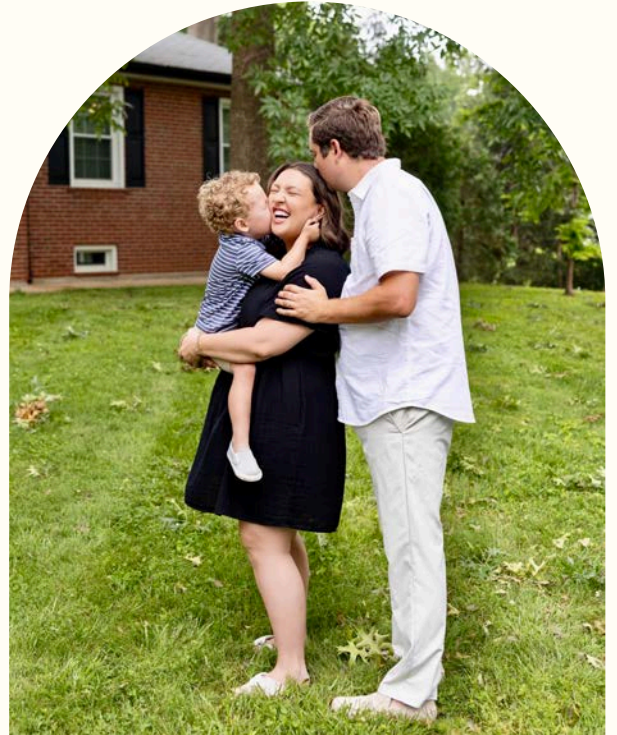
our values

1. Quality Time

We truly value time as a family. Whether it's cooking meals together, playing games at home, or taking weekend adventures, we try to make the most of our time with each other.

2. Celebrations

Holidays and family traditions are a big deal in our home. We love decorating for the seasons, celebrating birthdays with extra joy, and creating unique traditions that we hope our children will remember forever.



3. Faith

While our approach to faith is personal and ever-evolving, it remains a guiding light for our family. We believe in the importance of practicing gratitude and teaching our children about God's unconditional love for us.

In our home...

We have two core sayings in our family: "You only get so many sunsets" and "Don't sweat the small stuff." Both remind us to focus on what truly matters because life is so short and precious. These simple phrases help ground us and encourage us to be present with each other. They remind us to lead with kindness, forgiveness, and an open heart every day.

this is us

9-1-2014

THE NIGHT WE MET. IT WAS JOEY'S 21ST BIRTHDAY, AND WE ENDED UP CELEBRATING WITH A GROUP OF MUTUAL FRIENDS. WE BEGAN A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY BLOSSOM INTO SOMETHING MORE.

11-2020

OUR FIRST OFFICIAL DATE. WE DROVE AROUND AND LOOKED AT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, GOT HOT COCOA, AND WATCHED CHRISTMAS VACATION— WHICH HAS NOW BECOME AN ANNUAL TRADITION.

5-31-2021

SURPRISE! WE LEARNED WE WERE EXPECTING A CHILD TOGETHER. WE WERE SO SCARED AND ALSO SO EXCITED FOR THIS JOURNEY AHEAD. WE WELCOMED OUR SON, HENRY, IN DECEMBER OF THAT YEAR.

3-5-2022

WE GOT ENGAGED DURING OUR MORNING WALK THROUGH THE PARK AS A FAMILY. IT WAS VERY SPECIAL AND INTIMATE— THE PERFECT WAY TO START THE NEXT STAGE OF OUR FUTURE TOGETHER.

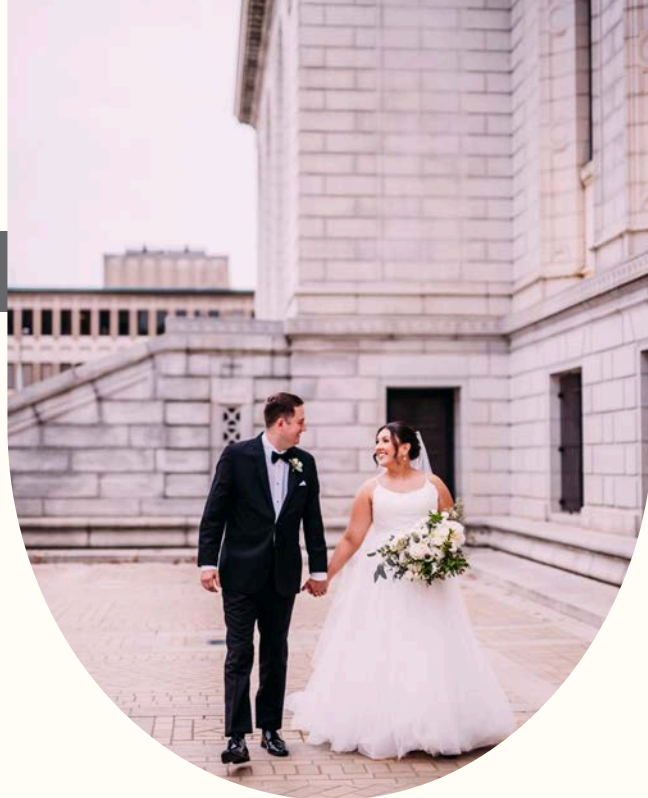
11-12-2022

WE GOT MARRIED IN A BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY AT A LOCAL CHURCH AND CELEBRATED ALL NIGHT LONG WITH OUR CLOSEST FAMILY AND FRIENDS. OUR SON WAS OUR RING BEARER!



how it started

We met at a time when neither of us was fully expecting love, but God knew exactly what we needed. Through friendship, laughter, and honest conversations, we built a deep connection. Our relationship is rooted in shared values, mutual respect, and a desire to build a life and a family founded on our shared faith.



how it's going

We've been married for almost three years now, and throughout life's challenges, we've learned to lean on each other, to hold space for sorrow and for hope, and to find beauty even in the unexpected turns. We now stand in a place of deep gratitude for each other, for the life we've built together, and for the opportunity to grow our family through adoption.

adding adoption

We believe in the power of chosen family and in raising children to feel valued and deeply loved for who they are. Our home is rooted in kindness and respect, and we're ready to welcome another child into that space. If you choose us, please know your child will grow up surrounded by love, connection, and a deep sense of belonging.



get to know Joey

ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT BEING A FATHER IS WATCHING HENRY GROW AND LEARN. I CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME A NEW BABY INTO OUR HOME AND WATCH OUR FAMILY GROW IN LOVE.



MY FRIENDS SAY I AM

FUNNY, LOYAL, & HARDWORKING



my career

I own a property management company and am also a licensed real estate agent. I genuinely enjoy my work; there's something incredibly fulfilling about helping people find a place to call home. One of the biggest advantages of my career is the flexibility it provides. Because I'm self-employed, I'm able to set my own schedule, which means I can be very present for my family. I have the ability to take time off whenever it's needed and be there during the most important moments. At the end of the day, I love waking up for work, and I'm grateful that my profession allows me to blend career and family life in a way that supports both.



in Maddie's words

Joey is the kind of partner I feel lucky to share life with. He's thoughtful in ways that matter: whether it's checking in on how I'm feeling, stepping up when things get hectic, or just making me laugh when I need it most. He respects me and somehow always knows when I need a little extra love (or space!).

What I admire most about my husband is his kindness. No matter what's going on, he shows up with patience and a willingness to help anyone who needs it. I also admire how Joey handles responsibility without complaining, how he stays grounded when things get stressful, and how he never stops trying to grow and be better.

Joey is an amazing husband and parent. He cares for us so deeply and unconditionally. It's the little things he does, like making my morning coffee or bringing me flowers "just because I love you," that remind me every day how lucky I am to have him. Watching him with our son has made me fall more in love with him as well. He's not just a father, he's a role model, a teacher, a playmate, and a safe place all in one. The way our son looks up to him and lights up when he's around says it all.



ALL-TIME FAVORITE THING:

SPENDING TIME WITH MADDIE AND HENRY AT OUR FAMILY'S LAKE HOUSE



- WATCHING & PLAYING SPORTS
- HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
- GRILLED CHICKEN AND GREEN PEPPER PIZZA
- TV SHOWS: SUITS & SOPRANOS

things I love

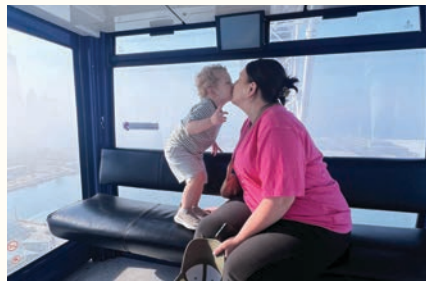
get to know Maddie

THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A PARENT AGAIN IS SOMETHING I TRULY CHERISH. I CAN'T WAIT TO FEEL THAT KIND OF LOVE AGAIN THAT STRETCHES YOUR HEART BIGGER THAN YOU EVER KNEW IT EVER COULD. BEING A MOTHER HAS BEEN THE GREATEST JOY AND THE BIGGEST HONOR OF MY LIFE.



MY FRIENDS SAY I AM

COMPASSIONATE, DEPENDABLE, & FUN-LOVING



my career

I am very fortunate to work in a role that allows me a great work/life balance. I work for a Christian outreach ministry organization as their Senior Marketing Manager. My position is work-from-home from 9 am to 3 pm. I love that I get to feel connected to the important work we are doing. I plan to take three months once a baby joins our family to focus on bonding and then our moms have offered to help with childcare when needed.



in Joey's words

Maddie is the kind of woman who pours herself wholeheartedly into everything she does. She approaches life with energy and purpose. She listens without judgment, stands beside me in good times and challenges, and offers me encouragement when I need it most. Her loyalty is unwavering. She is fiercely independent, strong-willed, and not afraid to speak up for what she believes in. One of the things I value most about our relationship is how we tackle problems together. Maddie is an exceptional listener and a critical thinker. She is always willing to work through tough situations instead of avoiding them. She is a true partner and grounds me. I am the type of person who is always go, go, go, and Maddie is very good at remaining present. She reminds me to be content and grateful for what we have right now, while still remaining hopeful for the future.

Maddie is a very loving, empathetic, wonderful mother. She is always researching different parenting techniques or even just creative ways to get our son to eat his fruits and vegetables. She is patient, caring, and sets a great example for our son of what it means to be a good human being.



FUN FACT:

I WAS BORN ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND AM OF IRISH DESCENT



- COOKING & BAKING
- LIVE THEATRE
- GOING ON WALKS WITH A GOOD PODCAST
- I LOVE BEYONCE AND HAVE BEEN TO 5 OF HER CONCERTS!

things I love

meet our
son

Henry

full of life

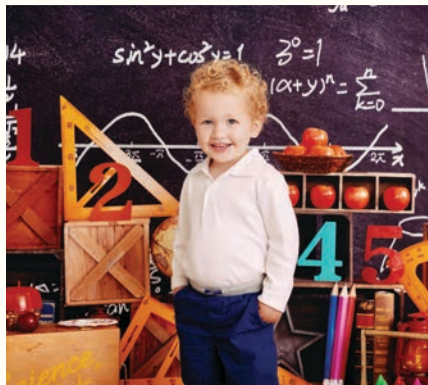
independent

fun-loving



Henry is our three and a half year old son. He loves to play with his train set, read books in bed with mom and dad, and play on the playground at the park. He always wants to get together with his cousins after school and loves playing and spending time with them.

We know he will be the best big brother. Even at three, he has already expressed a deep desire for a baby brother or sister. We know he would care for and love them wholeheartedly.



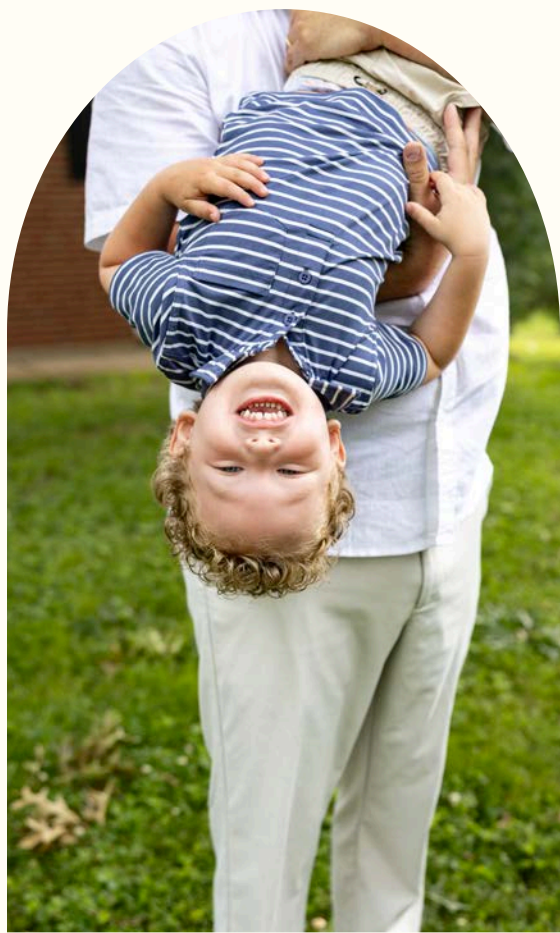
our family

Our biggest hope is to build a family rooted in love, laughter, and belonging. We want our home to be a place where our kids feel safe to be exactly who they are and know that they're unconditionally loved. Whether it's adding another child through adoption (and hopefully a dog someday!) or simply soaking up the everyday moments with the one already in our arms, our plan is always to keep showing up for each other and for our family.



our faith

Faith is the foundation we lean on when life feels steady, and especially when it doesn't. It's woven into our everyday life. It guides how we treat each other, how we face challenges, and how we try to parent with grace and patience. We pray together every night before bed, we give thanks together before meals, and we try to model the kindness, forgiveness, and compassion of Jesus. Our faith isn't just something we believe; it's something we try to live.





our life together

We love to spend time as a family. We try to get out when we can and go to the park or attend local events with neighbors and friends. When the weather is bad or we are feeling a little less energetic, we love to cuddle up together and watch a movie on the couch. We also try to have an occasional date night so that we can make sure we are prioritizing our marriage. Henry loves this opportunity to spend time with his grandparents or cousins while we're out.

traditions

We take holiday traditions very seriously around here! We love to decorate and celebrate any and every holiday we can. Ironically, all of our birthdays fall on major holidays so it feels very meant-to-be. We try to make birthdays feel very special, especially for our son. We want to make lasting, meaningful memories that he will cherish as much as we do. A somewhat unique tradition of ours that we love is putting up our Christmas decor the day after Halloween and decorating new ornaments together to add to the tree each year.



travel

We also take bi-annual trips to the beach in Seaside, Florida, with Maddie's family and annual family reunions with Joey's family at a local lake lodge. We love being able to travel with our extended family!





our home
*in the
Midwest!*

We truly love where we live. Our community feels like home, and we plan to stay here, even if we move into a new house. It's the kind of place where neighbors wave and kids play in each other's yards. We've built strong relationships here with friends, family, schools, and our church, and we feel incredibly grateful to raise our family in this place.



We live in a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom ranch house on an acre of land. We love having a large yard that our son can play in or for hosting backyard barbecues. Our house is filled with unique architectural charm and lots of family photos on the walls. One of our favorite features is the covered front porch, where we often sit in our rocking chairs and watch the sunset.

We love living in the suburbs of the Midwest. Our city is filled with rich diversity and a proud history. We have great sports teams with dedicated fans, lots of amazing family-owned restaurants, and plenty of places we can take our son to keep him entertained. Our local community is very supportive of one another and always uplifts its residents. There are frequent, free local events like concerts and farmers' markets that we love to attend. We both grew up in the area and always knew this was where we would want to raise our family one day.

Joey's Family

Joey's parents are Julie (JuJu) and Joe (PawPaw). Joey's oldest brother, John, is married to Emily, and they have three kids: Francis (5), Julia (3), and Michael (newborn baby). Joey's brother, Tom, is engaged to his long-time girlfriend Lucy.



Maddie's Family

Maddie's parents are DeeDee (GiGi) and Tom (Pops). Maddie has two sisters: Caitlin and Emma. Caitlin is married to Mitch and they have one daughter, Olive (3). Her sister, Emma, is engaged to Nik and they have one son, Tommy (1).

family is a blessing

We are so blessed to have an amazing, close-knit extended family on both sides. They all live close by (all within a 10-minute drive!), and we get to see them weekly, usually multiple times a week. They have been so supportive of our decision to adopt, and I know they will help carry us through the highs and lows of this journey ahead.



FAMILY IS NOT DEFINED BY OUR GENES, IT IS
BUILT AND MAINTAINED THROUGH LOVE.





our promises to you

If we are chosen to be part of your child's story, we promise to honor that gift with our whole hearts.

We promise to love your child unconditionally through every stage, every question, and every challenge.

We will celebrate who they are and support their dreams.

We promise to raise them in a home full of warmth, laughter, stability, and respect. A place where they'll always feel safe and accepted.

We promise to speak about you with love and honesty. Your role in their life will never be hidden or forgotten. We will honor your story, your courage, and the love behind your decision.

And most of all, we promise to show up every single day, ready to parent with grace and a deep gratitude for the life you've entrusted to us.



HOME IS WHERE THE  IS

before you go...



thank you

*from our hearts
to yours*

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family.

There truly aren't enough words to express how grateful we are for your consideration. If you choose us to be part of your child's journey, we will carry that responsibility with deep gratitude and unwavering commitment. Please trust that your child will be cherished beyond measure in our family. We will honor where they came from and always speak of you with the love and respect you deserve.

We don't take any part of this process lightly. We know adoption involves grief as well as love, loss as well as hope. And because we've seen both sides, we carry this journey with deep empathy and reverence. We feel called to be part of an adoption story, not only because we want to grow our family, but because we believe in honoring the truth and love that adoption holds for everyone involved.

We want you to know that no matter what decision you make, we're rooting for you. We are praying for peace in your heart. We hope you feel supported and surrounded by care in your journey.



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our hearts
for you... 

We want you to know that we see you. We may not know your exact story, but we can imagine you are carrying an incredible weight right now that is filled with love, uncertainty, hope, and unimaginable strength. We hold so much respect for you and the journey you're walking. We want you to know that you are not alone. Whether or not we walk this path together, we are praying for your peace, your clarity, and your healing. You are already showing what it means to love deeply and sacrificially, and that is something sacred.

you are so loved

