



TODD & TERESA



Hello, *dear one*

You and your baby are deeply loved.

While we may not fully understand all the emotions you are feeling right now, please know that we are praying for you and honoring the strength and courage you're showing in this moment. This journey is uniquely yours, and our hope is that you feel supported every step of the way.

Adoption has been on our hearts for many years, and we have been incredibly blessed to grow our family through it. Our son, Dutton, came into our lives through adoption, and he has been the greatest gift we could ever imagine.

We now feel called to open our hearts once again and grow our family in the same loving way. Our deepest desire is to love, protect, and care for your baby with everything we have. We also want you to know that we care about you, too. In whatever ways you are comfortable, we would be honored to support you while always respecting your wishes.

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little about us. We are praying for peace and clarity as you make the decision that is best for you and your baby. Whatever you decide, we trust that your story and your baby's story will unfold just as they are meant to.

We're praying for you both,

Todd and Teresa



Hello, *I'm Teresa*

I am goofy and love laughing and having fun. I'm usually the one dancing, singing, and talking my friends into joining me. Life is simply better when you don't take yourself too seriously.

I'm fueled by good coffee and quality time with my hubby and Dutton. I love them something fierce, and I'd do anything for them. They are such a big part of who I am and truly everything I ever dreamed of.

All I've ever wanted is to be a mom and wife.

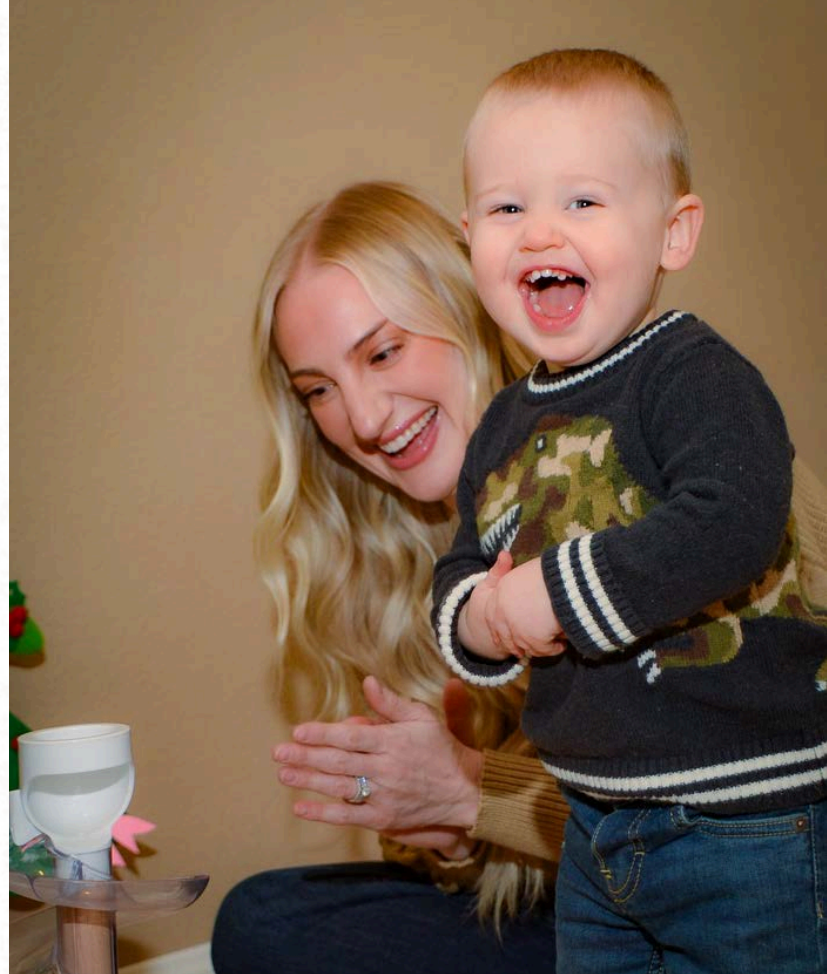
Above all else, I love Jesus. My faith shapes who I am and the way I love others. Music has always been one of my favorite ways to worship, and if you get me talking about it, I might never stop! I love serving in our church's music ministry, whether I'm singing with the choir or occasionally helping lead worship.

This year, I also auditioned for a local community performance choir, something I'd wanted to do for years. Outside of my family, you'll usually find me doing Pilates, spending time in nature, or making memories with the people I love.

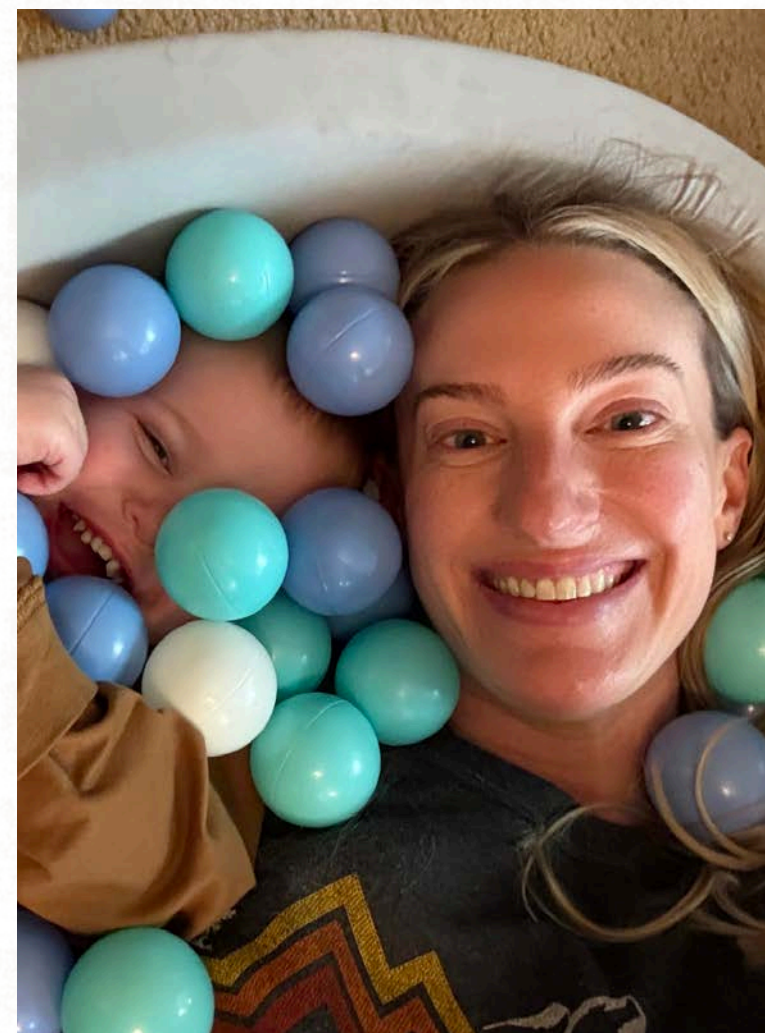
The thing I love most, besides a giant iced latte, is spending time with the people I love. I don't really care what we're doing. Give me good conversation, lots of laughs, and the people I love, and I'm happy.

My favorite part of being a mom is creating a childhood for Dutton and our future children that's magical, safe, and centered around enjoying life together. I hope they always know that home is a place where they are deeply loved and his dad and I would do absolutely anything for them.





TERESA



HOWDY, I'M TODD

The things that matter most to me are pretty simple: my faith, my family, and loving people well. I try to live each day with integrity, work hard, keep my word, and show up for the people I love.

I was born and raised in Arizona and grew up with four siblings in a close-knit family. Spending time outdoors has always been one of my favorite things, whether it's visiting my family's ranch in northern Arizona, riding horses, grilling in the backyard, or exploring somewhere new with Teresa and Dutton.

Reading has always been one of my favorite ways to spend a quiet evening, and our bookshelves have always reflected that. Teresa jokes that I own enough books to open a library. I enjoy learning, picking up new skills, and challenging myself, and I'd love for our children to grow up with that same mindset.

I never meet a stranger. I enjoy getting to know people, hearing their stories, and finding ways to encourage them. I also love volunteering at church, learning new things, and helping families make wise financial decisions through the business I started more than 25 years ago.

Becoming Dutton's dad has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. I love taking him on little adventures, teaching him new things, making him laugh, and watching him discover the world around him. I can't wait to welcome another child into our family, love them unconditionally, and create a home where they always feel safe, cherished, and deeply loved.

I'm happiest with a cowboy hat
on and my family nearby.





Our Story

how it all began

We are best friends
and feel so lucky to
do life together.

We met thanks to a mutual friend I had taught with years before. She knew both of us and was convinced we'd be a great match. She was right!

We started talking, and it didn't take long to realize we had a lot in common. We shared the same faith, many of the same values, and could talk for hours. When we finally met for dinner, that's exactly what we did. We laughed, shared our stories, and stayed until the restaurant closed. On our second date, Todd showed up at my door with flowers and took me to a cozy Italian restaurant. From that point on, we were pretty much inseparable.

A year later, Todd proposed over dinner, and I happily said yes. Three months later, we were married. We are best friends and feel so lucky to do life together.





Our marriage is built on faith,
trust, and friendship.

We genuinely enjoy spending time together, whether we're playing with Dutton, working on projects around the house, or simply relaxing together after a busy day.

Becoming parents through adoption has been one of the greatest blessings of our lives. Dutton has filled our home with so much love, laughter, and joy, and we are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to grow our family through adoption once again.

*So now faith, hope, and love
abide, these three; but the
greatest of these is love.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



TODD BY TERESA

If you ask me what first comes to mind when I think of Todd, it's this: he's the kind of person who makes you feel safe. He's steady, dependable, and always the first one to step in when someone needs help. He has a quiet strength about him that brings peace to our home, and I never have to wonder where his priorities are. He loves Jesus, he loves his family, and he lives those things out every single day.

One of my favorite things about Todd is the way he loves Dutton. Whether they're grilling together, exploring outside, reading books before bed, or making each other laugh, he's fully present. He's patient, playful, and intentional, and I love watching their relationship grow.

Todd never meets a stranger. He genuinely enjoys getting to know people, hearing their stories, and finding ways to encourage them. He works hard, keeps his word, and treats everyone with kindness and respect, whether it's a lifelong friend or someone he's just met.

And then there's his laugh. It's contagious. When Todd laughs, everyone else usually does too. He brings so much joy to our family, and I'm incredibly thankful that I get to do life with him. I truly can't imagine a better husband, father, or partner.

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Simply put, Todd is the best man I've ever known. I am beyond thankful to call him my husband and the father of our child and of our future children.

TERESA BY TODD

Teresa brings joy wherever she goes. She's the kind of person who's always laughing, singing, or finding a reason to celebrate, and she has a way of making ordinary days feel special. Whether she's dancing in the kitchen with Dutton, talking friends into karaoke, or planning our next adventure, life is simply more fun because she's in it.

Her faith is the foundation of who she is. She loves Jesus wholeheartedly, and that shapes the way she loves our family and everyone around her. She has an incredible ability to make people feel welcomed, cared for, and valued. Kids are naturally drawn to her, and I honestly think it's because they know they're loved.

The thing I admire most, though, is the kind of mom she is. She has always dreamed of being a mom, and she pours her whole heart into it every day. She creates a home that's filled with laughter, love, and unforgettable memories. Dutton absolutely adores her, and so do I. I knew when I married her that she'd be an incredible mom, and every day she proves me right.

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Teresa is an amazing person. She's smart, she's fun, and she's beautiful inside and out. I chose her because she's a genuine, loving person and I knew that she would be an amazing mother.



Our Adoption Story

One of the first things we discovered we had in common was how much we both wanted to be parents. In fact, we were talking about our future family before our appetizers even made it to the table on our first date. We also talked about adoption, and neither of us saw it as a second choice. We both saw it as a beautiful way to build a family.

When we eventually faced infertility, adoption wasn't a new idea for us. It was something we'd already talked about, prayed about, and believed in for a long time.

Then Dutton came into our lives.

Becoming his parents has been the greatest gift we've ever been given. He didn't just make us Mom and Dad. He gave us an even deeper love and appreciation for adoption than we ever imagined.

One thing we didn't expect was just how much our appreciation for birth mothers would grow. We always respected them, but after becoming Dutton's parents, that respect grew even deeper. We'll never take for granted the love it takes to make an adoption plan or the women who have given families like ours such an incredible gift.

Looking back, it's pretty amazing that one of the very first conversations we ever had became such a big part of our story.



Adoption has brought us more joy
than we ever imagined, and we'll
always be grateful that God led us here.



Meet Dutton

He is the greatest joy
in our lives.

Dutton is three years old, and keeping up with him is one of our favorite parts of life. He's curious, funny, and always ready for whatever adventure comes next. He has the biggest laugh, asks a million questions, and somehow has a way of making everyone around him smile.

Right now, he's all about cars, trucks, tractors, and anything else with wheels. He also loves horses and pretty much every animal he sees. Going to the zoo is one of his favorite things to do, and he could happily spend the whole day there.

One of the things we love most about Dutton is how much he enjoys being around people. He'll wave to just about anyone, loves making new friends, and isn't shy about handing out hugs. He's especially sweet with our dog, Lucy, who gets plenty of snuggles and attention every day.

Lately, he's become fascinated with babies. Anytime he sees one, he gets excited and wants to say hello. We honestly can't wait to watch him become a big brother. We have a feeling he'll be the first one making silly faces, sharing his toys, and inviting his little sibling to tag along on every adventure.

Dutton hands out hugs and kisses like it's his full-time job.
His little brother or sister is going to be one lucky kid.



Meet Lucy

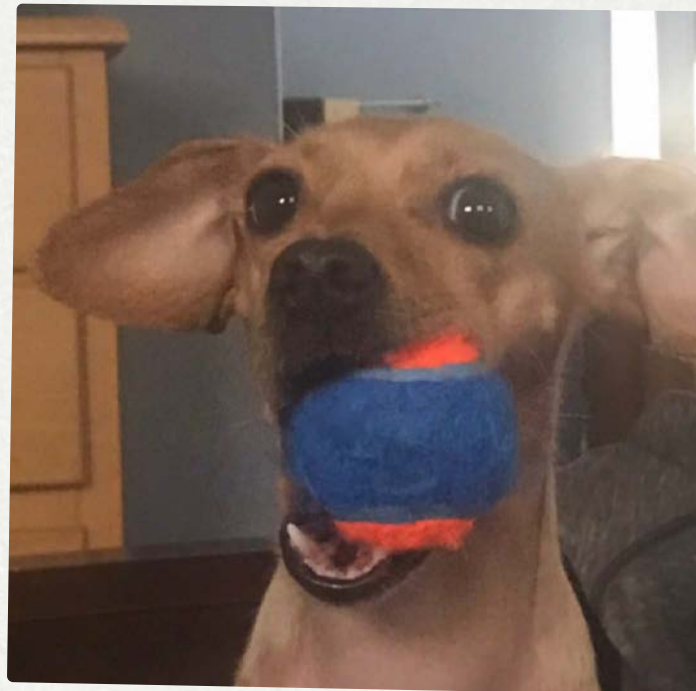
Lucy has been our cuddly little fur baby for over 10 years, and she's been spoiled from the very beginning. She loves being wherever we are and honestly thinks she's a lap dog, even when there's barely any room left!

If you can't find Lucy, there's a good chance she's curled up under a cozy blanket, soaking up the sunshine by the window, or following Dutton around the house. The two of them have the sweetest bond, and watching them grow up together has been one of our favorite things. Wherever Dutton goes, Lucy usually isn't far behind.

She has the gentlest personality and loves people almost as much as she loves snuggling. Whether she's greeting us at the door with a wagging tail or squeezing in for family movie night, she brings so much love and laughter to our home.

To us, Lucy is so much more than a pet. She's family. She's been by our side through so many seasons of life, and we know she'll be the sweetest little sidekick to another child someday. We can't wait to watch her share her cuddles, kisses, and unconditional love with one more little best friend.

*Every family deserves
the unconditional love
of a good dog.*



Our home is a place of
laughter, play, &
the best kind of everyday moments.



It is one of our favorite places to be. It's warm, cozy, and filled with reminders of the life we've built together. Family photos line our walls and always make us smile as we walk by. We love looking back on vacations, holidays, and everyday moments that remind us how blessed we are.

With three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a big backyard, there's plenty of room for little imaginations to grow. Dutton is getting ready to move from his fire truck bedroom into his new cowboy room, and we can't wait to create another special bedroom for the child we're praying will join our family.

Some of our favorite memories are made right at home. We love reading books before bed, baking cookies in the kitchen, building forts in the living room, and ending the day gathered around the dinner table.

Outside, you'll usually find us grilling dinner while Dutton rides his bike, digs in the dirt, pushes his trucks through the yard, or chases bubbles across the grass. Lucy is never far behind, hoping for a belly rub or sneaking into whatever adventure Dutton has dreamed up.

One of the things we love most is our neighborhood. It's a quiet, gated community where neighbors wave as they drive by, kids play outside, and people stop to chat during evening walks. It feels safe, welcoming, and like the kind of place where childhood is meant to happen.

Home is where we spend
our favorite days.

DAILY LIFE

It's the Little Moments that Matter the Most

Our weeks have a rhythm we really love. A few mornings each week, Dutton heads to his part-time Catholic preschool, and the rest of the time he's home with Mom. Our days are a mix of reading books, building train tracks, playing outside, library trips, dance parties in the kitchen, and whatever new adventure we decide to squeeze in.

Todd works from home, which has been such a gift for our family. Even on busy days, he'll come out of his office for lunch, a quick game with Dutton, or to see the latest masterpiece built out of Magna-Tiles. We love having him close by.

Our faith is simply part of who we are. We love serving at church, where Todd leads a men's Bible study and faith formation program, Teresa leads a women's Bible study and sings in the choir, and Dutton happily hands out high-fives to just about everyone he sees. We joke that he's already part of the welcome team.

Fridays and weekends are all about family time. We love finding fun things to do together, whether that's hiking, exploring a local festival or farmers market, trying a new restaurant, or finding the next adventure we know Dutton will love. Some weekends are busy, while others are spent grilling in the backyard while Dutton rides his bike, plays with his trucks, and Lucy follows him everywhere.

Most days end with snuggles and a Disney movie. We love showing Dutton the old classics like 101 Dalmatians and eating some ice cream. It's a simple life, and we wouldn't have it any other way.



Our Amazing Community & Friends

We absolutely love the community we call home. It has that small-town feel where people are genuinely kind, families are always out and about, and there's something fun happening almost every weekend.

We love spending Saturday mornings at the farmers market, walking around local festivals, listening to live music on the courthouse square, and making memories at the annual rodeo and Christmas parade. One of our favorite traditions is visiting the Courthouse Lighting each Christmas. It's one of those nights we look forward to every year.

One of the things we love most is how family-friendly it is. There are always kids at the parks, neighbors out walking their dogs, and families enjoying time together. It's been fun watching Dutton make friends and explore everything around him.

We've also made some really great friends here who have become like family. We spend a lot of time together, and our children get to grow up together. It's just been a really special part of this season of life, and we're so thankful this is where we're raising our family.



Endless outdoor adventures



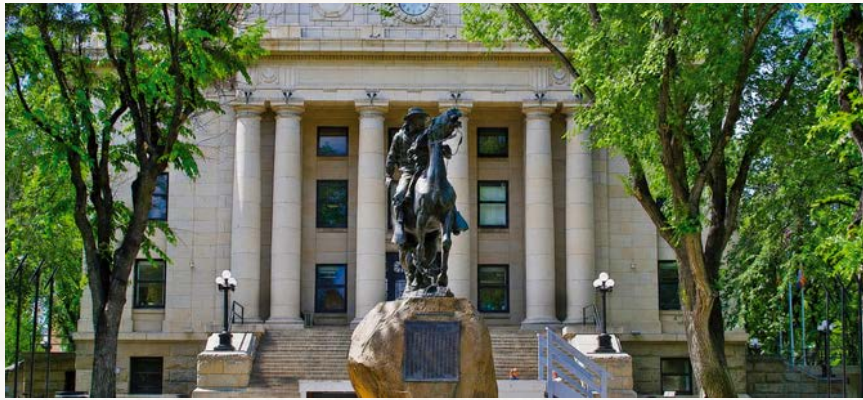
Farmers markets & local shops



Concerts, parades & community events



Friendly neighbors who feel like family





Todd has always been incredibly family-oriented and stays close with his parents, siblings, step-siblings, and extended family. With a brother, sister, stepbrother, and stepsister, he's often the one bringing everyone together and making sure no one feels left out. Family traditions are important to him, and he loves creating opportunities for everyone to spend time together.

We spend a lot of time with Todd's father and stepmother, enjoying family dinners, holidays, and weekends together. Although Todd's mother and stepfather have passed away, the love they poured into their family continues to shape the way he values and cares for the people he loves.

One of Todd's favorite traditions is organizing our annual family reunion, which recently brought together more than 220 relatives—including a 103-year-old family matriarch! It's a wonderful time for cousins to play, stories to be shared, and new memories to be made.

Todd's family has completely embraced Dutton from the very beginning, and they love being part of his life. They have been such a wonderful source of love and encouragement throughout our adoption journey, and we're incredibly grateful for the close-knit family that surrounds us.



TERESA'S FAMILY

Teresa is incredibly close to her family and talks with them every day. They genuinely enjoy spending time together, whether it's celebrating holidays, taking their annual family vacation, or simply catching up. Her parents, Terry and Beverly, have been married for 50 years, and their marriage has been a wonderful example of love, faith, and commitment.

Teresa and her two younger sisters, Anndrea and Cathleen, have always been the best of friends. They laugh a lot, cheer each other on, and are always there for one another. Growing up with sisters was one of Teresa's greatest gifts, and it's a big part of why she's always hoped her children would have siblings to share life with.

As "Auntie Teresa," she absolutely loves spending time with her nieces and nephews. Whether they're together for birthdays, holidays, or family vacations, there's always a lot of laughter, playing, and making memories.

Dutton is adored by the whole family, and everyone loves watching him grow. Spending time together is something they never take for granted, and some of their very best memories have been made simply by being together.

TODD'S FAMILY



Holidays are *Special*

Some of our favorite memories are made during the holidays. They're a chance to slow down, celebrate our faith, and spend time with the people we love most. Whether it's a big family gathering or a cozy evening at home, these are the moments we treasure.

Easter is especially meaningful to our family. We begin the day at church celebrating Christ's resurrection before gathering with family for a special meal. Dutton's favorite part is the Easter Bunny and racing around the backyard hunting for eggs, and watching his excitement makes the day even sweeter.

Halloween is all about fun. We love picking out costumes, laughing our way through our church's Trunk or Treat, and watching Dutton proudly show off his costume and collect candy. It's always an evening filled with smiles.

Thanksgiving is all about gratitude and togetherness. We gather around the table with family, enjoy a delicious meal, and reflect on our many blessings. For the past two years, we've loved hosting Thanksgiving in our home and filling it with laughter, conversation, and the people we love.

Christmas is our favorite season of the year. Our home fills with Christmas music, twinkling lights, and the smell of fresh cookies. We decorate the tree, ride the Santa train, look at Christmas lights, sip hot cocoa, and celebrate the birth of Christ by attending Christmas Eve Mass, one of our most treasured traditions.

Sharing these traditions with both sides of our family makes every holiday even more special. Watching Dutton experience the wonder of each season has become one of our greatest joys, and some of our happiest memories have come from these simple moments together.



Core Values

Faith & Love

OUR FAITH IS AT THE HEART OF OUR FAMILY
AND SHAPES THE WAY WE LIVE EACH DAY.

When we think about the core values we hope to pass on to our children, one stands above all the rest: we want them to know how deeply they are loved. We hope they remember laughing often, praying together, showing kindness to others, and learning to be grateful for the life God has given them. Those are the values that shape our family.

Our faith is the foundation of our family. We love praying together, serving at church, and teaching Dutton about God's love. More than anything, we want our children to grow up knowing they are deeply loved by us and by God.

Family is something we never take for granted. Our home is full of laughter, grace, encouragement, and plenty of silly moments too. We hope it's always a place where our children know they belong and where they can always come home.

We also want our children to know that life is a gift. We hope they'll find joy in ordinary days, be thankful for the blessings around them, and never lose their sense of wonder. Whether we're baking cookies, playing outside, or laughing around the dinner table, we want them to enjoy this life God has given them.

We certainly aren't a perfect family, but we laugh often, ask for forgiveness when we need to, and do our best to keep our eyes on Jesus. If our children leave our home rooted in their faith, grateful for the life they've been given, and eager to love others well, we'll consider that one of life's greatest blessings.



“ Keep God's commands in your heart and diligently
teach them to your children throughout the day.”

Deuteronomy 6:6–7





Thank You

We can't imagine all the thoughts and emotions you might be carrying right now, but we want you to know we're praying for you. Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family. We don't take that gift lightly. Whether or not you choose us, we hope this book has given you a glimpse into our hearts, our home, and how much we love being a family.

Our Promises to You



We will honor you.

Your child will always know their story and how deeply they are loved by you. We'll speak about you with gratitude and respect because you'll always be an important part of who they are.

We will love your child with everything we have.

Your child will grow up surrounded by love, laughter, encouragement, and lots of hugs. We'll read bedtime stories, cheer them on at every milestone, make family memories, laugh often, and remind them every single day just how deeply they're loved.

We will raise them to know Jesus and love people well.

Our faith is part of our everyday life, and we'll do our best to lead by example. We want our children to know God's love, extend that love to others, and grow into kind, compassionate people.

We will never stop praying for you.

No matter where this journey leads, you'll always hold a special place in our hearts. We'll continue praying for you and trusting that God is gently leading you each step of the way.

Thank you so much for the time, reflection, and courage it takes to consider our family. We hope you feel loved, supported, and find peace as you make this decision.

Todd and Teresa



Cradled
in
Grace
ADOPTION CONSULTANTS