PARKER & MARY PAT




hello and welcome

DEAR Mama

We want to start off by saying thank you. Thank you for taking the time to even look at our profile book. Whether you are just starting your day or at the tail end, we are honored that you would even flip this book open. In both of our eyes, you are amazing. You are taking a huge step right now in considering who will raise your child, and we can't even imagine all the emotions that you are feeling as you make this decision. We admire you for carrying this baby for 9 months. The exhaustion that you feel day in and day out, the aches and pains, and the crazy cravings (Mary Pat's were fries). You could have chosen another path for this baby, and we are so grateful you chose life. There is nothing more admirable, and we are proud of you. We know that you may initially flip through these pages and think, "This family is complete." We hope that by reading about our family and learning about who we are as parents, you will change your mind. We would love nothing more than to add your child to our family. Your child would have three amazing siblings who are going to care for and love them unconditionally. We would raise them to know that they are a part of a team and that life is full of amazing joys and opportunities.



our promise to you

- We will always speak of you with kindness in our home.
- We will tell the truth about who their birth mom is.
- We will raise your child to know that they are loved by us and God.
- We will raise them to feel included always.
- We will teach them and integrate important aspects of their culture.




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Why Adoption?

We are incredibly moved by your act of selfless love and want to come alongside you on this journey. We would be honored to open up our hearts and our home to your child and raise them as our own.

We have seen the beauty of adoption through many families in our community, but didn't know it would also be a part of our story. As a family of faith, it was pressed onto Parker's heart to explore what adoption could look like. **We began to pray as a couple and found ourselves wanting to learn more, and each small step has led us here.** We have always wanted a large family so that our children can have a team that celebrates all of their "wins" and comes alongside them when the troubles of life hit. **We are so excited that adoption will be a part of our family's story.**

Our heart for you is that you would feel comfort and peace in this choice. You are making a decision to give your baby to a family that you do not know, but our hope is that after reading about ours, you would feel comforted. Adoption isn't easy, and the decision that you are making is harder than anything we have ever faced. We admire you so much for choosing this path. **Our hope is that we get to meet you and talk about the dreams and desires that you have for your baby.**



Encouraging . Outgoing . Driven

MEET *Parker*

WRITTEN BY MARY PAT

What I admire most about Parker is how he makes everyone feel like they are the most important person in the room . He takes the time to listen to others, ask questions about them, and genuinely get to know them. I was attracted to how kind he was and how much of an interest he took in genuinely learning about my life. Parker is extremely outgoing and fun. He has a great sense of humor and can get people excited for what is to come. Parker is extremely driven in everything he does. He is an early riser, always trying to learn new ways to be an incredible business leader and father.

As a Dad, he is the best one I know. He walks in the door after work and is immediately on the floor with the kids wrestling, laughing, and playing games. He is so creative with the kids always getting to know what interests them and making fun games out of it. We have many nights in our house where he turns into Spidey, Mayor Humdinger from Paw Patrol, or a Knight for his Princess. Parker is incredibly patient with the kids and intentional with each of them in his own way. Parker shows up every day for the kids and is always there with an energy that is contagious!

MY ROLE AS A FATHER

Being a present husband and father is one of the most important things in my life. Being a great father is more important to me than any job accomplishment, as I have unfortunately seen too many successful businessmen have sad family lives.

I believe that quality time is the most vital way to love and care for my family. I intentionally have date nights with Mary Pat every month, and we do the same with our kids to give them individual care. For instance, I will take our oldest to Waffle House once a month for a breakfast date and plan special time for each child, doing something they enjoy.

I love my kids unconditionally, no matter what they do, and that will be the same for our future child. **I want them to know they are loved by their father and I will always be there to support them.**



THINGS I ENJOY

I have several hobbies. I love to do anything active, such as exercise, taking walks, or playing a sport. I also love college football and enjoy taking our family to the games. Lastly, I really enjoy being with friends and using our home as a place to host. For instance, this year we had a bunch of friends over before we trick-or-treated to eat pizza, and we also hosted a big family-friendly New Year's Eve party to watch an 8 pm Ball Drop.

My greatest prayer...



I pray that our children will turn into the most confident adults as they live in a home where they feel loved and protected. From that safe space, they will gain confidence and be able to love others and make a great impact in their community.



MY CAREER:

I am a self-employed insurance agent and have owned my business since 2017. Because I have a team of employees, it allows me to have a flexible job where I can help with my kid's activities. For example, I was my son's YMCA basketball coach this past Spring and I have also been able to attend a lot of our kids' school activities. Most importantly, my job's flexibility will lend me the extra time when we adopt to help and connect with our future child.



Welcoming . Funny . Kind

MEET Mary Pat

WRITTEN BY PARKER

Mary Pat is the most incredible wife and mother. I was attracted to her fun-loving spirit and how everyone wants to be around her. She is also so thoughtful and considerate of others. Examples include taking meals to those going through a hard time, celebrating with those accomplishing a big milestone, or even sending a sweet text to encourage someone. Mary Pat is a great host and is always inviting others over to our home. She really values making our home a place that people feel welcome and is always down to throw a party.

Mary Pat loves our kids unconditionally and enjoys her time at home with them. She is always on their level, playing a board game, putting together a puzzle, or helping them pick out markers for their coloring paper. She also spends time teaching them admirable qualities such as respect, honesty, and manners at the table. Our children will one day look back on how Mary Pat sacrificed so much of her time, energy, and effort to give them every opportunity and feel loved. Our kids are Mary Pat's world and she would cherish our future child with the same exact kind of love.

MY ROLE AS A MOTHER

Becoming a parent has been the greatest joy of my life! With a 5, 3, and 2-year-old, I get to see each of them grow and learn new things every day. I absolutely love getting to teach my kids new things and see them grow and learn. I love to be outside with my kids, spending time with our friends at parks, and watching them get to experience firsts. For my children, I don't always get it right. Motherhood is hard, but it is beautiful. Even the moments when I recognize I'm not a perfect parent, there are opportunities to model humility, honesty, and asking for forgiveness. These moments create healthy communication and a culture of grace in our home. I am so grateful God entrusted me to raise such sweet children and that honor is not something I ever want to take for granted. I strive to be someone they can always trust will be in their corner.



THINGS I ENJOY

I love to exercise, eat yummy food, and spend time with friends! One of my newest hobbies is a game called Mahjong. It is a fun tile game that is played with four people. It has been a great way for me as a mom to enjoy some time with other moms, use my brain in a different way, and laugh and have fun!

My greatest prayer...



My greatest wish for my children is that they know they are deeply loved by us as parents and God.



MY CAREER:

I am a stay-at-home mom. My older 3 are at a mother's morning out program, so this will allow me some special time to bond one-on-one with the baby. I am grateful to get to be home with my children and will continue to do so once the baby is here.

OUR *love* STORY







SPRING 2012	SPRING 2012	FALL 2014	SUMMER 2015
Met	First Date	Engaged	Married

HOW IT ALL BEGAN:

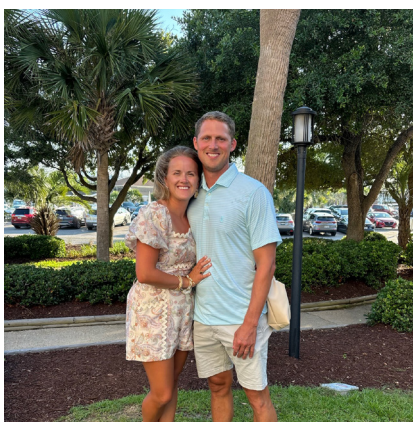
Mary Pat and I met at our local university through mutual friends. We were attracted to each other because of our outgoing and fun personalities, and started dating shortly after. We were married three years later in Mary Pat's hometown. We had so much fun during our early years of marriage as we were learning more about one another and spending time together. We then relied heavily on one another as we moved to a new city for my job and had to make new friends.

Our marriage became stronger as we took a leap in Parker, starting his own business, and worked together as a team to build a strong foundation for our future family. Having our first son, Curtis, changed our lives for the better, and we got to watch each other become parents. We quickly realized how important it was to still prioritize ourselves as a couple and strong friendships that can encourage and support us. We became a part of a home group at our church, meeting a lot of other great young couples who are still some of our best friends 8 years later.



As a couple, we have still prioritized date nights even more than we used to- cherishing the time the two of us have one on one. We love watching movies together, traveling to new places, attending the theater, and eating lots of ice cream! We are the best version of ourselves when we spend quality time with one another and focus on our marriage first.

While our life is a lot more chaotic than it was 10 years ago, we wouldn't change it for the world! Just recently, we talked about how, as a couple, we have grown stronger and take on challenges together. We have laughed a lot of the way through these years, and we believe that is the secret sauce to making our marriage work. Having fun and not taking life too seriously!







Meet Our Kids



CURTIS

5 years old

- Energetic
- Caring
- Athletic

Curtis absolutely loves football, baseball, basketball, and soccer. He is a born leader, and we have gotten to witness firsthand by visiting his school classroom, how he leads others. In our home, he helps out in big ways by caring for his siblings and helping around the house. He is full of energy and can carry on a conversation for hours!



MARY BROWN

4 years old

- Artistic
- Kind
- Nurturing

Mary Brown loves to dance and create. She could color all day long, and we are amazed at her beautiful artwork! She is so caring, always looking out for her brothers and wanting to help others. She is my little nurturer and helper, always tucking in her babydolls and making sure they are in a safe and warm place.



WALKER

2 years old

- Hilarious
- Sweet
- Strong-willed

Walker is exploding with his vocabulary right now, always telling us about "Elmo, Mickey, and Olaf." He loves riding his scooter and anything that involves a ball. He absolutely loves a good snack and always notices babies. He loves them, and it makes my heart smile to see him interested in other children.















Family Time

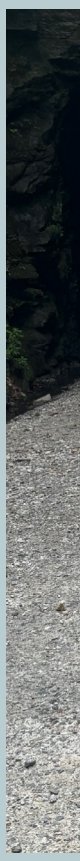
Our favorite activities as a family include playing in our backyard, Saturday morning movies, going out to eat, visiting the beach one or two times a year, and taking our kids out for fun experiences. A typical evening in our family always includes laughter, dancing, and lots of talking! We try our best to sit down as a family 2-3 nights a week and share our dinner together while talking about the day. It is such a fun time to learn about what our kids are thinking and what they remember from the day. If the weather is nice, we will play in our backyard, bathe, and take a golf cart ride around the neighborhood to unwind.

Our Family *Values*



1. Faith

Our Faith is very important to our family and how we make decisions in and outside the home.







2. Family

Our family is a huge part of our lives. We involve them in the big and little moments.



3. Friends

We have built strong friendships and found people who have held us up during the hard times and cheered us on during the fun.



4. Kindness

We know what it feels like to receive kindness, and it is our hope to show that to others.

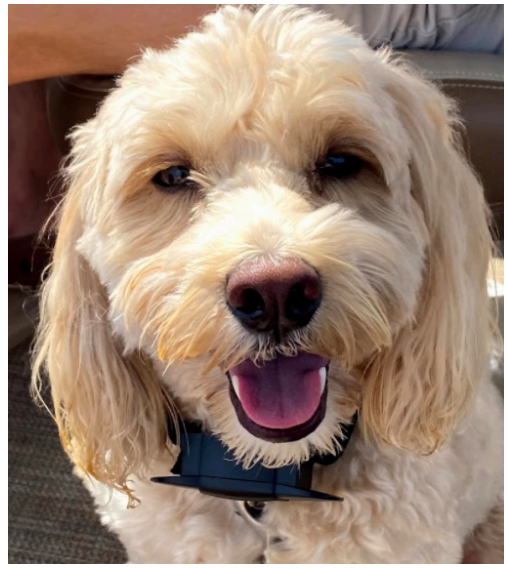
THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE *home*

Our home is a two-story brick home with 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Parker and I drove by our current home for years, never dreaming we would one day live in it. We pull up everyday so grateful that it's where we get to raise our family. Our favorite space in the house is our backyard. We have a covered patio where we love to invite friends and family over. In the spring and summer, we spend a lot of time outside playing together and with our dog, Harvey. Harvey is an 8-year-old goldendoodle. He loves taking walks around the neighborhood and chasing after squirrels. He is an energetic, active, and fun-loving dog. He is amazing with our children, and they love giving him back scratches and treats. We live in South Carolina. We were both born and raised in this state, so we have called it home our whole life. We absolutely love the weather here! We have 1-3 cold months, but it is nothing unbearable. The state is thrilled when we get snow, which is usually once a year! The summers are beautiful, and we have the lake, mountains, and beach all within driving distance. We live in an amazing community to raise a family! We are close to mountains, the lake, and plenty of outdoor activities for our family to enjoy. It is an affordable place to raise a family, with a variety of neighborhoods and strong public and private schools in our area. In our city, we have a few great festivals throughout the year and fun events for the children. We have chosen our city because of its proximity to larger cities and the overall quality of life.









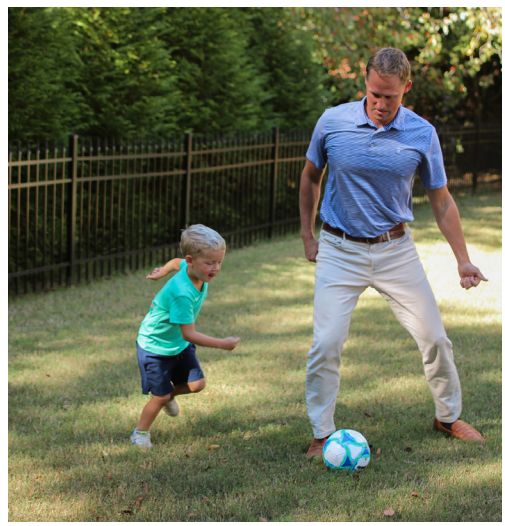
















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Mary Pat's Family

My parents, Don and Mary Ellen, are wonderful grandparents, and their names are Mae Mae and Caddy. I have one brother, Lee, who is married to Katie, and they have two girls named Larkin and Cholls. Our kids love to play with them. They all live in a town 30 minutes away, and we see them very regularly, and they come to see us as well. We have a great relationship with my family and I know they will welcome this child with open arms!

our families

My parents, Mike and Anna, go by "Gigi" and "Granddad" for their grandparent names. My brother, David, is married to Alex. David and Alex have one boy, Barrett, and one girl, Camden. They also live in the same town, 30 minutes away from our other family, and we see them regularly. My family is very supportive of us adopting! I know they will be ready to jump in and help if and when we need it.





Parker's Family





TRADITIONS + CELEBRATIONS

For **Easter**, we do an Easter Egg hunt in Gigi's front yard and the first grandchild to find the golden egg wins a prize! For **Halloween**, we invite neighborhood families over for pizza and the head to trick or treat in our adjacent neighborhood. One of our favorite family traditions has become **New Years Eve**. We spend it with some close family-friends. The house is full of kids and we do an early ball drop at 6:30 p.m. The night is filled with smores, pizza, and a blow up for the kids in the backyard. **Christmas** is full of all the fun! We love to drive around in our pjs at least once to look at Christmas lights and we visit Santa. We decorate the tree as a family and the kids get so excited to pull out their special ornaments. We spend Christmas Eve opening gifts at Gigis house and a candlelight Christmas Eve service at our house. Christmas Day, we invite the grandparents over for breakfast and they get to see what Santa brought the kids. We then spend Christmas night with cousins at Mae Mae and Caddy's house. Our **summers** are spent at the pool with friends and at Mae Mae and Caddy's pool. Some of our favorite memories with the kids so far are watching them eat an ice cream sandwich by the pool and jumping in a million times to make cannon balls! Once or twice a year, we will take a trip to the beach. This is a time for our kids to get to experience the ocean, swim in a pool, and spend time with their extended family. These trips are always some of the best cousin memories!







ABOUT OUR *Parenting*

We would describe our parenting as intentional. We try to instill values like unconditional love, making wise choices, kindness, bravery, and respect. We like to teach them in ways that are fun and memorable for young kids. **Repitition, fun shouting, laughter, and family commradarie are all tools we use in our parenting.** Each morning, we have a family huddle that we say together. We circle around and hold hands and say, "Dear God. Let us have a great day. Let us love you and others. Amen!" More recently, with our kids, we ask them every night these series of questions. Even for Parker and I it is a reminder that no matter the good or the bad, God loves us! "Do you know that I love you?" (Yes!) "Do I love you when you do good things?" (Yes!) "Do I love you when you do bad things?" (Yes!) "Who else loves you like this?" (God!) "Now rest in his love!" **We have seen great fruit from our efforts and hope they will grow up remembering how much fun they had while soaking up wisdom from a young age.**



our hopes & dreams

While plans can always change, we want to stay in our community and raise our kids here. We dream of our kids growing up with their neighbors and building strong friendships with friends at their school and in the community. As our kids grow older,we would love to take them to travel for extended periods in the summer so they can experience different cultures. We are not closed off to continuing to add to our family after the adoption.





Our hope is to cultivate a joyful life with our children through each and every stage.

THOUGHTS ON EDUCATION

We value our kids getting an education and will do everything we can to ensure they get the best teaching for them. We plan to send our children to public school. We both had an amazing experience in the public school system, although it may change depending on what each child needs to learn best. We have begun saving for each child to attend college. We want our kids to choose a career that they're passionate about. We plan to support them financially through college to get there.

FAITH AND PARENTING

Faith is a very important part of our family. We were raised in Christian homes, and as we grew older, we matured into adults to follow Jesus on our own. We made it a priority to start attending church when we got married, and it has changed our lives for the better. We have built friendships with amazing families who are walking through the same stage of life, and our children have made great friends. We pray during meals with our kids, talk about Jesus often, and share how God has changed our lives with our kids.



from our hearts

It means the world to us that you would read through about our family and have made it to the end! While we could never find all the words to say, we pray that through our family pictures, you can see the joy, love, laughter, and excitement our family shares for life. Our family lives with an expectancy and an excitement for what is to come, and we are thrilled to know that your baby could be a part of our family. We have been praying for you and your baby and support whatever you decision you believe is the best for your child. Your child will be loved, cared for, and know that his mom made the bravest and most selfless decision.

Mary Pat & Parker


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