

MIRANDA & SEAN

our story







— hello —

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We may not know you yet, but we do know it takes a very strong and courageous person to get here. It also shows the immeasurable love you have for your baby to want to give them the best. If given the opportunity, we promise to do that. They are already very loved - and so are you!

After having two children, we both feel we are done having biological children. We decided adoption is the way we want to grow our family. It is a decision that has come from a lot of thought, discussion, and prayer. We know there are babies and children who need caring, loving, and nurturing homes, and we want to help! We are ready and very excited to open our doors and welcome more children.

It's an honor to be considered as adoptive parents for your child. We are praying for you as you make your decision!



Sean & Miranda



OUR HEARTS FOR YOU

We know this decision did not come easily. We can only imagine all of the emotions you must be experiencing. We are here to help you and encourage you, and we would love to walk with you through it, as much or as little as you're open to.

You have carried and loved this baby throughout your pregnancy and know them better than anyone else. You are an important part of this baby's life, and we want to hear your dreams and desires for them. Ultimately, we hope and pray that you would see your worth and know how much you are loved and cared for - as well as your baby!



OUR CONNECTION TO ADOPTION

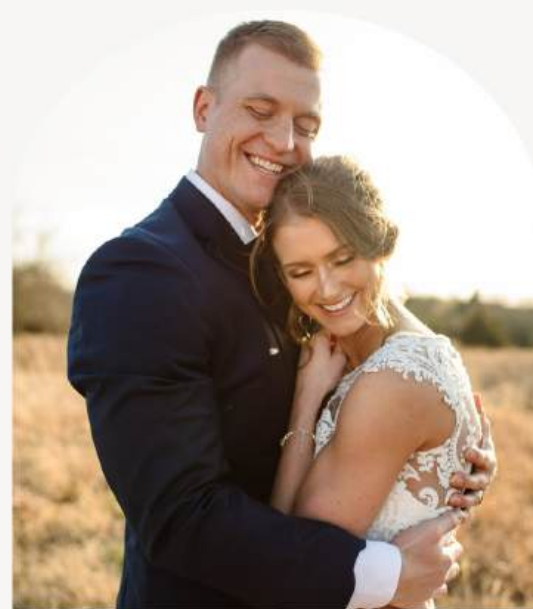
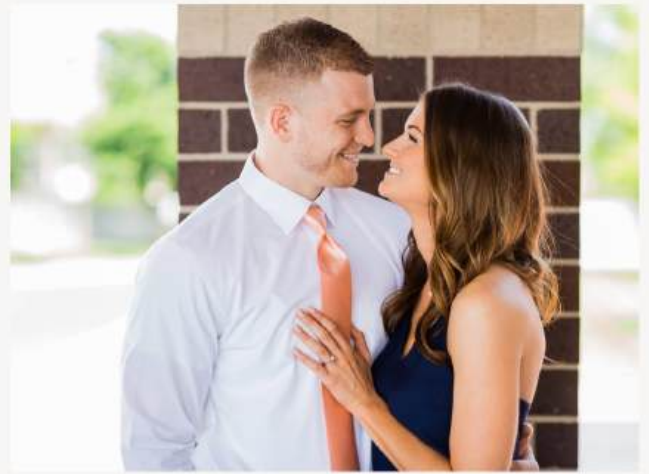
We've been blessed to witness many of our friends grow their families through adoption. It has been a huge encouragement and inspiration to us, and it has given us more confidence to do it ourselves!

We see adoption as a beautiful picture of family being more than blood. We believe family is not about genetics, demographics, or simply having the same skin/eye/hair color. Our family is built on our connections and unconditional love for one another, choosing to love one another through the ups and downs, highs and lows, similarities and differences.

OUR STORY

how we met

We first met in high school through some mutual friends (we laugh because Sean doesn't remember the first time we met - apparently it wasn't Miranda's best first impression). We both went off to college and many years later reconnected through social media. After we got to know each other a little better, we went on our first date out to eat (although we were both so nervous, there was not a lot of eating happening). Following dinner, we finished the night watching some true crime - so romantic! Despite the nerves, we had an instant connection. A year later, we were engaged, and a second year later, we were married!



“—
| We've been married for
8
amazing years! —”



— — — we work as a team

Ever since, marriage has felt effortless and natural to us. We are very compatible with each other; we enjoy being together, share similar interests, have shared values, and trust and respect one another. We truly are each other's best friends! At the same time, we do have our differences. For example, Miranda likes to plan ahead, and Sean is more go-with-the-flow. However, like sweet and salty, we balance each other out.



we're excited for the future — — —

The past eight years have been full of ups and downs - but there is no one else we would rather do life with! We can't wait to see what God has in store for us in the years to come, and we are thrilled for the opportunity to add more children to our family.

MEET

Miranda

caring

Thoughtful

sweet



at home

I am currently working as a stay-at-home mom. I manage the daily care of the children while also keeping the household running. It is a beautiful mess! I do my best to create a stable and loving home. I love what I do, and I am so blessed to have the opportunity to be with our kids every day and watch them grow up. Is it nice outside? Let's pack up and go to the zoo! Or what about a picnic at the park? It is so much fun getting to create our own adventures each day!

BEING A MOM HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM. AND IT HAS GROWN ME IN MANY WAYS... IT CONTINUALLY TEACHES ME PATIENCE, STRENGTHENS MY RESILIENCE, AND SHOWS ME THE MEANING OF TRUE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. IT IS SUCH A SWEET SEASON, AND IT WOULD BE THE BIGGEST BLESSING TO BRING MORE CHILDREN INTO OUR FAMILY. WE DO NOT FEEL OUR FAMILY IS COMPLETE, AND WE HAVE MORE LOVE TO GIVE!

IN SEAN'S WORDS...

The thing I admire most about my wife is her ability to make others feel loved. Some of her greatest gifts are warm-heartedness, kindness, and how welcoming she is to others. These are the first things I noticed and continue to admire in her to this day, which she displays in our neighborhood, church community, and with anyone else we cross paths with. Our faith has become the primary focus in our life, with our marriage and parenting naturally following suit, as it gets stronger and stronger.

Miranda does have a very competitive side to her as well. I really enjoyed the couple of years we played on a sand volleyball team together and got to see the fiery side of her come out. She loves to give her best, whatever it is that she's doing! It was even more rewarding watching her coach a girls volleyball team and the way she built relationships with the players and got them all bought into the team and supporting each other.

To see my wife and the joy, energy, and interest she has in children is a true blessing. She loves tenderly, praises them quickly, and lovingly gives correction when needed. I thank God for blessing me with her and the two biological children we have today.

My Passions



BAKING



HEALTH & FITNESS



VOLLEYBALL



SPENDING TIME OUTSIDE

MEET Sean

My Career

kind

funny

serving



I work for a company that produces food and work as the Director of Supply Planning. My team works to make sure we're producing the right things, in the right places, at the right time. Because we work with so many different groups and people, the thing I enjoy most is all of the interaction. It is a great place to work as it's very family-friendly, as it allows me to have time off to welcome a new child into the family, and the health benefits are top-notch. A normal week is roughly 40 hours at work with the usual option to work from home one day a week, which is especially nice to be home an extra day with Miranda and our children.

I AM SO EXCITED TO ADD ANOTHER PERSON TO OUR FAMILY. AS A CHILD, THE THING I REMEMBER MOST ABOUT MY OWN PARENTS WAS HOW PRESENT THEY WERE: AT SCHOOL, AT SPORTING EVENTS, ALL THROUGH COLLEGE, AND TODAY AS GRANDPARENTS INTERACTING WITH OUR CHILDREN. THAT IS SOMETHING I HOLD DEAR AND TRY VERY HARD TO BE WITH MY FAMILY.

IN MIRANDA'S WORDS...

It is hard to put Sean into words. From the moment I met him to now, he just keeps getting better! When I first met him, I was drawn to his warm presence. I remember on our first date, I loved how much he smiled and laughed. He was (and still is) so refreshing to be around! People are drawn to his friendly, easygoing, and positive personality. His loyalty and determination make him extra special. At first, I noticed his loyalty to his friends. Many of them have been around his entire life. They have deep bonds, and he loves them as if they were brothers. Quickly into dating, and now with our own kids, I see this same devotion to our family. He would do absolutely anything for his family and friends! But this doesn't stop with his relationships; I also notice similar tendencies in his determination in work, faith, challenges, and his goals and dreams. He holds himself to a high standard and is always looking for ways to improve.

It has been amazing to watch him become a father! He has the perfect balance of firmness and tenderness. Sean is big, tough, and super strong. He is steady, consistent, and will follow through and correct behavior in a gentle way when boundaries are crossed. But he is also so silly and playful with the kiddos. The kids love to play chase, tickle, and wrestle with him. He is the only one who can really get the belly laughs out of them. Safe to say, he is all of our favorite person! He is the rock to our family, makes us smile the biggest and laugh the hardest, all while making us feel loved and protected. We couldn't ask for any better!

My Passions



TIME WITH MY FAMILY



THE OUTDOORS



HEALTH & FITNESS



BASKETBALL

MEET OUR KIDS

Tatum



We joke that we want to be like Tatum (our five-year-old daughter) when we grow up. She is our fearless, fun, strong-willed, social butterfly. She marches to the beat of her own drum and is not afraid to be different. She can walk out of the house in the craziest outfit, but carries herself with such confidence that she makes it cool. People love being around her, and kids flock to her! She can often be found climbing a tree or dancing and singing around the house in her princess dress! The girl can do it all!

Arie



Arie (our two-year-old son) has such a big personality for such a little body. He is our lovable, cuddly, sweet, and happy boy! He is always smiling, is a goofball, and keeps the whole family laughing. His presence can brighten anyone's day, and he brings so much joy to our lives. Arie loves anything that involves a ball or wheels - his eyes light up at cool cars driving down the street, and he can hear a motorcycle from miles away!



siblings

Tatum and Arie fight as brothers and sisters do, but they love even more! They are inseparable, each other's best friends, biggest cheerleaders, partners in crime... Seeing these two interact with each other has us even more excited to add more children to our family. They cannot wait for that to happen either! We know they will immediately welcome and love another brother and/or sister!

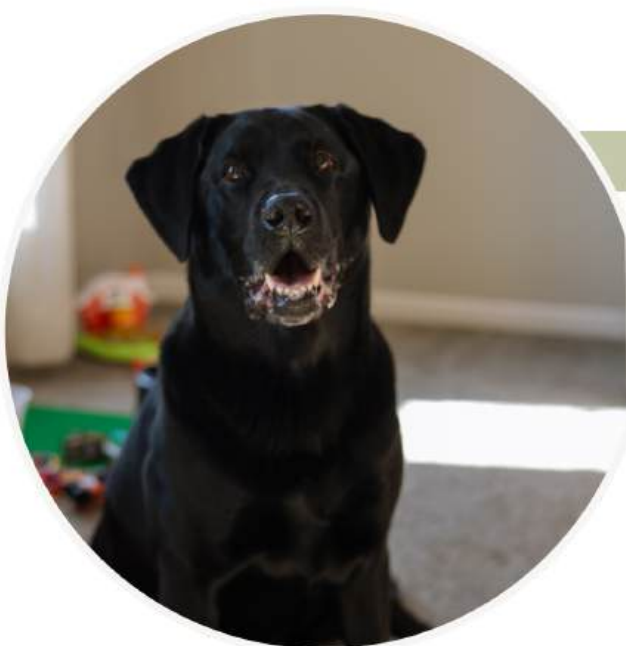


OUR LIFE

Together

Our family loves to be active and outdoors! We both played sports growing up and love getting to share that passion with our kids in some friendly backyard play. We both have a bit of a competitive side, but don't worry, we take it easy on the kids... for now. We enjoy family bike rides around the neighborhood, and Tatum has become a pro at her roller skates!

As far as indoor activities, our family really enjoys making/baking food together, playing board games, dance parties, movie nights, and more! Pizza nights are always a hit - we all make our own pizzas - from shaping the dough to picking our favorite toppings.



our dog, Duke

Duke is an eight-year-old black lab. The best part about him is how great he is with the kids! The kids love to play with him - chasing him around the house, taking him on walks, and playing fetch. Our kids tend to play a little rough with him, but Duke does not mind; he would never hurt a fly. He is a great family dog.

we love to explore!

If we're not home, we love to explore other places around town, too! Some of our favorites are the zoo, park, library, museums, and pools and splash pads in the summer. Our city is full of family-friendly activities!

As much as we love our home and town, we love to get out and explore other places as well! The sandy beaches and majestic mountains are some of our favorite vacations. But in addition to these "bigger" annual trips, we look for any opportunity for a mini weekend getaway. We're not afraid to make the extra drive to check out a new park or zoo. And in the fall, we always look forward to our annual trip cheering on our favorite college football team, the Kansas State Wildcats! Once our kids are a little bigger, we are excited to fit in some family camping trips too!





OUR HOME & COMMUNITY

in The Midwest

We live in a 5-bedroom and 3-bath house. Our home is warm and welcoming - with the kids' artwork hanging all around and many cozy spots to chat or curl up with a good book. Our favorite part of our home is the backyard. We have a big deck where we love to have picnics, do arts and crafts, or simply have long conversations. We love our yard with plenty of room to run around and play games. Our home is our favorite place and is filled with love and laughter and holds memories in the making.



Our town has a strong reputation as a family-friendly city with plenty of options for kids and parents. It has many parks, playgrounds, splash pads, libraries, zoos, museums, outdoor spaces, and more. One of our favorite places to go is an interactive zoo only a few minutes from our house. Not only can you feed the animals at this zoo, but they also have a huge playground and a splash pad for the kids to play in! We visit it at least a couple of times a month.

We love where we live for many reasons. First of all, it is close to our families. Getting to raise our children around their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins is something that has always meant a lot to us. We love our neighborhood and our neighbors. We have lots of younger families that we have become friends with, and our kids enjoy getting to play together. There are many days when Sean will come home to extra bikes in the driveway. These are just a few of the reasons we love our community!



our values

1

STRONG FAITH

Our family values our Christian faith over everything else. It is the foundation of who we are, and it guides the way we live. All our other values flow from this faith. Because of the example Jesus set for us, we strive to live with love, grace, and humility (just to name a few). Our faith helps us to love each other unconditionally, offer kindness and forgiveness even when it's not deserved, and put others before ourselves.

2

TIME TOGETHER

Family time is another of our highest priorities. We believe strong relationships and deep connections are built with time and in everyday moments. Whether it's dinner around the table, dance parties in the kitchen, or a friendly water balloon fight in the backyard, it is important to us to have that intentional time together. Plus, life is just more fun together!



3

TRUE COMMUNITY

We also value community, and we feel our family is stronger when we are connected to and supported by people around us. The celebrations are bigger, the laughing is louder, and milestones and accomplishments are even sweeter when you get to share them with others. Along with the highs, having community in the lows makes all the difference. It is a beautiful thing not to have to carry everything alone, to have someone to cry with, show up, and help without needing to be asked. We believe we are not meant to do life alone!

love never fails...



MIRANDA'S FAMILY

Miranda's mom only lives five minutes from us on a few-acre farm and Arie and Tatum are always begging to go to Nana's! They love going out there to ride the four-wheeler, pick berries, go fishing, and camp out when the cousins are in town. Since Miranda's siblings live further away, we only get to see each other a few times a year. But we make the most of it in that short amount of time we are given! We still talk to their uncles, aunts, and cousins on a weekly (if not daily) basis. The kids love getting to FaceTime with their cousins!

SEAN'S FAMILY

Sean's parents also live in our town. The kids love going to their house for the assortment of toys, yummy food, and for the playground and pool that is right across the street. Since Sean's brother lives at home, we get to see him when we are there as well. And now that Sean's sister is moving back, we will get to see her and her family a lot more often too. We are thrilled to have them here and for our kids to be closer to their cousins!

WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH A TRULY
INCREDIBLE EXTENDED FAMILY. THE KIDS ARE
ADORED BY THEIR GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, AND
UNCLES, AND ALL THE COUSINS ARE THE BEST OF
FRIENDS. EVERYONE IS SO EXCITED TO ADD MORE
CHILDREN TO OUR CREW!



our faith

Our faith shapes who we are and how we live. It gives us identity, purpose, hope, and peace. We rely on our faith to guide us through life, which includes parenting. As parents, we want to reflect the love of Christ with our children. We practice our faith together through reading Scripture, praying, serving others, and being in fellowship and community with our church.



education



There are so many different schooling options to choose from these days! Our oldest will start school in the next year or so. Right now, we are leaning towards a hybrid school where she will spend a couple of days in school and a couple of days learning from home. We like how it blends classroom learning with homeschool-style flexibility. We plan to take it year by year and see how things go. If it doesn't work for her/us, we will try something else! We are also aware that each of our children's needs will be different. A school that works well for one, may not work well for the others. We will do our best to meet each of the children's individual needs – even if it means two different schooling routes. And we plan to continue this even into their adulthood/careers.

WE WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT OUR KIDS IN THEIR DREAMS,
HOWEVER WE CAN.



our future

Our main goal is that our children would feel and know how much they are loved. We want them to see this in the big moments, like vacations, celebrations, etc. But we believe it's just as important and maybe even more significant to see it in the small, everyday moments. We want to make the most of every opportunity we have with them!

We can't wait to see what God has in store for our family's future!





Thank you

We cannot thank you enough for taking the time to learn more about our family. We hope from these short little descriptions and photos that you can see – we are far from perfect, but the love we have for each other is unconditional and unwavering. Our family has learned the importance of saying “I’m sorry,” forgiving quickly, laughing at our mistakes, and celebrating our differences. We are a team and won’t stop cheering each other on – win or lose! We are overwhelmed with the chance of adding another member to our team through adoption, and to be even considered as the parents for your child is a true honor.

We can only imagine what a big decision this will be for you. You have carried, nurtured, and loved this baby throughout your pregnancy. You are and always will be an important part of this child’s life. We know you want to do what is best for your baby – and if chosen, we promise to do our best to give them the best. But if not, we are praying for you and your baby and that God will guide you right where you all are meant to be.

Sean, Miranda, Tatum and Arie

Our Promises **TO YOU**

WE PROMISE THIS CHILD WILL KNOW HOW MUCH THEY WERE LOVED FROM THE BEGINNING – HONORING YOUR LOVE AND STORY AND SPEAKING OF YOU WITH RESPECT AND GRATITUDE.

WE PROMISE TO RAISE YOUR CHILD IN A SAFE AND STABLE HOME FILLED WITH TRUTH, LOVE, AND LOTS OF LAUGHTER!

WE PROMISE TO ADVOCATE, SUPPORT, AND ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD IN HIS/HER LIFE – CHEERING THEM ON THROUGH THEIR SUCCESSES AND FAILURES.

WE PROMISE TO LOVE THEM UNCONDITIONALLY – STRIVING TO SHOW THEM DAILY THAT THEY ARE KNOWN, VALUED, AND CHERISHED.

WE PROMISE TO CARE FOR THEM DEEPLY, DOING OUR BEST TO MEET THEIR PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND MENTAL NEEDS.





