



Mary and Alex





hello!

SO NICE TO MEET YOU

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US

We're Mary and Alex! We're so thankful that you're taking time to learn a bit about us.

We cannot imagine all the complicated emotions you are going through as you decide what is best for you and your child. We admire you for being open to considering adoption, and our thoughts and best wishes are with you as you evaluate these next steps.

our STORY

Our story began in 2015. We had our first date at a coffee shop after matching on a dating app. Mary was just starting cosmetology school at Aveda, and Alex was in his first semester at the University of Cincinnati. We clicked instantly over our shared love of music, movies, animals, and the outdoors and we knew very early on that we wanted to spend our lives together.

In 2019, after four years of falling in love, Alex proposed at our favorite park. In 2020, we got married. Surrounded by our closest family and friends, we said our vows, performed a choreographed first dance, and Alex even performed “Thriller” by himself! A very special part of our wedding involved Mary’s dad; he’s an avid gardener and he grew and arranged most of the flowers for our wedding.

We have been together for nine years now and have always known we wanted to be parents. But after a long time of unsuccessful results, we learned we couldn’t have children naturally. It broke our hearts to imagine our lives without children to raise, but the more we learned about adoption, that sadness quickly turned to hope. Adoption presents the ability to grow our family in a special way and we are open and excited for the opportunity!





my husband Alex



When I first met my husband, he instantly struck me as a kind and compassionate man. His intellectual yet goofy personality attracted me to him. Alex is the youngest of four siblings, two of whom are 12 and 17 years older than he is. Given the age gap, Alex became an uncle at the age of 10 and has spent most of his life around children. His devotion to his family and his instinctively caring nature are just some of the ways in which I know he will be a good father.

Alex is a certified public accountant, and works for a pharmaceutical biotech company in the area. He's always loved personal finance, and this drove his motivation to pursue a double major in Accounting and Finance at UC. Alex plans to continue his career path throughout our child's life, but he is determined to maintain a healthy work/life balance.



Alex finds solace in the outdoors and spends much of his free time hiking, disc golfing, lifting, and camping with friends. He also is very handy and has completed countless DIY home renovations and projects, from installing hardwood floors to building a backyard fence. He's always working to improve our home.



Alex constantly amazes me with how patient, hardworking, and thoughtful he is. He's a man who is constantly thinking of others and doesn't like to go to bed until a disagreement is resolved. He provides a foundation of stability and love in our marriage, and his kindness and understanding will make him an extraordinary caregiver someday.



my wife **Mary**



When I met my sweet wife, she was the most beautiful girl I'd ever seen. We connected instantly and we took very little time to fall in love. Early on, when Mary met my nieces and nephews for the first time, she spent the whole day playing with them. I got my first glimpse at the kind of mother Mary would be and I fondly remember that being the moment I knew I wanted to marry her someday.

Mary is a cosmetologist specializing in hair and nails. Mary had worked in a salon for eight years and was able to provide comfort and joy to countless clients. She then spent a year working at the Cincinnati Zoo, which she pursued because of her love for animals. She is now back to cosmetology, working in a home salon we set up in our basement! Her decision to now work from home is to easily be able to transition to a full-time mom once we have a baby in our lives.



Mary likes reading, fishing, watching movies, walking our dogs, crafting, and playing piano. Mary loves to swim and does laps at the YMCA nearly every day. She can't wait to share these passions with her child, and to support the interests they discover for themselves.



Mary is the perfect balance of emotional depth and lighthearted silliness. She can listen to you vent, help to comfort and heal, and then make you laugh as if nothing was ever wrong. She is so strong and determined to live the best life she can, and I know she has everything a mother could need to raise a strong, resilient, and compassionate person.



our Home

We live in a friendly suburb in Cincinnati. Our neighborhood has a great mix of characters, full of young families and older retired couples. The best part about our community is the diversity and love surrounding us.

We moved here in 2021 and have since worked to prepare our home for starting our family. We love spending time outside in the fenced in backyard with our dogs, Sadie and Winston. We also enjoy gardening, having cookouts, and bonfires.

Our family and friends are short drives away in any direction, and they are all very eager to support and shower the child we bring into our family with love.



our Family

We both come from large and very close families. Alex has three married siblings, 11 nieces and nephews, and 33 cousins. Mary has two siblings, one of which is married, plus 32 cousins. We've grown up surrounded by our families, and they continue to grow as new spouses and new babies enter the fold.

When with our parents and families, we play card games, eat delicious meals, and enjoy outdoor activities. If the kids are around, we often get looped into their games and skits to perform for the others. Mary has also become the family hairstylist and is often showing up to events with her clipper bag in hand. The young nieces love getting their hair and nails done by her, or just playing "salon shop" in our home salon.

Our family and friends are very excited and committed to supporting us and loving our adopted child. Luckily, we don't have any concerns about whether our families can welcome a newcomer as one of their own - they already have experience doing so! Several of our relatives were adopted and have blended seamlessly into our extended family! Our family loves them all the same and we know our future child will experience this, too.



our Lifestyle

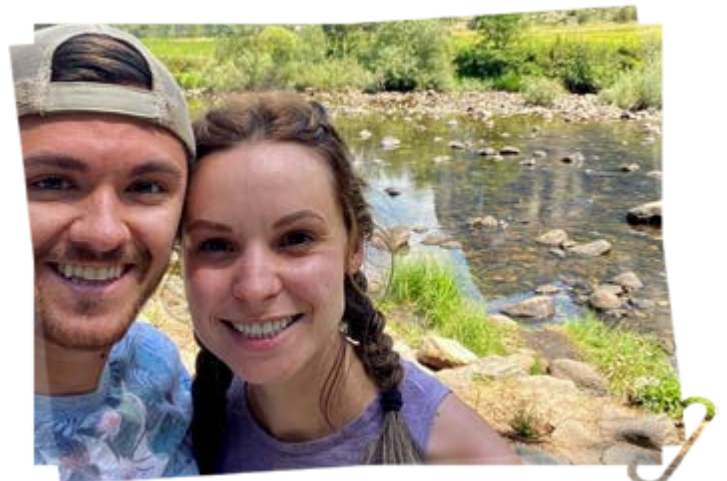
We share household responsibilities, and love to cook for each other. Whether going on dates or staying in for the night, we enjoy spending a lot of quality time together. We value living a healthy lifestyle, whether that means making healthy meals, going to the gym, or taking care of our mental health.



We both have a “go-with-the-flow” attitude, but we don’t shy away from important conversations. With the complexities of life, we find peace in keeping things fun and are constantly trying to make each other laugh and smile. For example, we often surprise each other with scavenger hunts around the house, and sometimes even around the city!



We both value the importance of learning about other cultures, helping others, and keeping our blessings in perspective. Several years ago, we went on a Mission trip to Guatemala to help build latrines for a small community there. The next year, Alex went back to help out again!





our Parenting Plan

We are so excited at the prospect of becoming parents. We treasure family, education, stability, and structure. We adore children and are taking the responsibility of adoption very seriously.

Our home study process has been incredibly insightful and reinforces our belief that we have the tools and temperament to take on the unique role as adopted parents.

Both our childhoods were spent filled with love and laughter, and we intend to recreate this environment for our future child. We value openness and will be sharing our child's adoption story with them and allow our child to share their thoughts and feelings about their adoption journey. It's very important to us that our child feels comfortable to come to us and be able to talk about anything, without judgment. We will share where they came from and celebrate their heritage.

We also want to honor you throughout their lives, whether we are interacting directly or we are remembering the wonderful joy you brought to our lives.

We cannot claim to be parenting experts by any means, but we can assure you that your child will be in a safe and loving home with a support system generously and eagerly prepared to walk alongside us and our future child.









Thank You

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We promise to surround the child who joins our family with unconditional love, support, and a lifetime of adventures. We are ready to take on the responsibilities of parenthood and want nothing more than to give a child a happy life with every opportunity they dream of.

We eagerly await the opportunity to grow our family through adoption so we can share the love we have to give. We respect whatever decision you come to, and we very much hope for the best for you and your baby.

Best wishes,

Mary and Alex



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