



Ross & Katie



hello!

Thank you for giving us a chance to introduce ourselves! We have been happily married for 10 years and have dreamed of expanding our family. We have never envisioned a future without kids. Adopting a child has always been a special consideration for us.



Although we have experienced our own personal infertility challenges; we are grateful for the lessons that infertility has taught us, especially about patience, compassion, and the beauty of unexpected journeys. We believe our challenges have strengthened our marriage as we navigated our emotions and really reflected on ourselves as individuals. We have incorporated a lot of healthy habits when it comes to accepting challenges that are out of one's control. We have put in a lot of work to better ourselves for this next chapter in our lives. Additionally, we continue to educate ourselves on new areas for improvement or development. We truly believe leading by example is the best way to teach our future kids life lessons. Our hearts and minds are ready and open for this next chapter. We are so excited about the possibility of becoming parents through adoption!



our adoption story

We met in high school at the young ages of 17 & 18 and have been inseparable ever since. We are best friends first and spouses second. We married in August 2015, shortly after Ross earned his Associates Degree in Engineering Design. In January 2016, we moved to Cincinnati where I finished my Bachelor degree's in International business and Marketing. During my senior year of college, we bought a "fixer upper" and spent every weeknight and weekend working on renovating our home. Within a year, we had completed renovations to our home and were ready to begin expanding our family. This is where our infertility journey began and would continue for the next 3 years, bringing us through 2023.

In 2024 we officially embarked on our adoption journey. After facing the challenges of infertility and undergoing multiple treatments, we were inspired to open our doors for adoption. Together, we grew emotionally stronger, gained resilience, and developed a deeper understanding of the kind of parents we want to become. Ross' mom & uncle were both adopted and many of our close friends have become parents through adoption. It was only natural for us to commit to our adoption journey after acknowledging these connections. After recognizing how many people in our lives have been positively impacted by adoption, we knew it was the route for us. At the end of 2024, we began the adoption process and formally submitted our application in the beginning of 2025.

meet Ross

Ross was born and raised in northwestern Oklahoma. In the second grade, he & his family moved to Ohio for his dad's new job. A few years later, he met his future wife, Katie, in high school. Throughout high school, Ross was active in many extra-curricular activities, such as; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), FFA, Art Club, and running track. He was well known as the go-to person for any extra help needed within the community or school, activities or big productions. You could always find him backstage and involved on any major project.



Today, Ross has found a career that he loves! He works at a construction management company as their project cost manager. He's always had a passion for building things, being on jobsites and watching the transformation happen.

In addition, Ross enjoys many hobbies including; woodworking, meteorology, restoring old trucks, ATV riding and working outside in his garden or building a new project. In general, any activity working with his hands and being outside is calming and therapeutic. Furthermore, Ross is on the board of a Non-profit organization that has a local and global presence, as well as, volunteering his time at a local food pantry that also provides clothing and medical aid supplies. Ross is also an ordained minister and has married a few couples, blessing their marriages and praying over them for guidance and grace as they embrace that next chapter.

"Compassionate,
Reliable, Loyal,
Goofy, & Kind"



Ross is that knight in shining armor for a lot of people, showing up to help when they are at their lowest. He is the most reliable and genuine friend you could have in your corner. Ross loves spending time with his family more than anything else. Ross and Katie are constantly hosting birthday parties, pool parties, holiday dinners and just random Friday night get-togethers. Ross wants his home to feel like grand central station and to be a place for everyone to feel comfortable and loved when they walk through the door. Don't worry, he always informs Katie when he invites people over and she always says "Great, I'll grab the food!"

meet Katie

Katie was born and raised in northern OH. She attended the same school from kindergarten through graduation. While in high school, Katie was involved in various sports, such as; volleyball, basketball & softball- serving as captain for many years. Additionally, she was active in the FFA chapter for 3 years where she served as the treasurer. She was also inducted into the National Honor Society where she served as the secretary for her senior year.



Today, Katie works for a software company and is a vital part of their sales team. She wears many hats, but mostly offers structure, organization and processes to provide efficiency to their sales team. In addition, Katie has many hobbies that include: reading, playing recreational sports like slow pitch softball or sand volleyball, riding ATVs with friends and anything fun and spontaneous. Katie loves baseball- so she & Ross try to attend a few Reds games a year with friends and family. She loves to cook and to try new recipes and is always willing to try something new at least once, especially food. She will rarely say no to an opportunity, even doing a study abroad program in college. Furthermore, She volunteers her time at the same two non-profit organizations as Ross. Katie is a protector by nature and loyalty is at the heart of who she is. She is the kind of person who will always stand by her loved ones — no matter what. She is fierce and approaches life with determination and she loves a good challenge.

“Genuine, Fierce, Strong-Willed, Patient, Adventurous”

Family is at the center of everything she does. Closing geographic distances by visiting often helps strengthen that lifelong bond with her family. She is excited to share that same sense of connection and warmth with her future kids who will become a part of their family. With her outgoing personality and warm deameanour, everyone gravitates towards her for guidance.



our Adventures

We love to travel to new places and try new things, especially in our UTV, alongside friends and family. As a couple, we have had the opportunity to travel to so many wonderful places and always find time to catch an early sunrise photo to seize the occasion. One of Ross's goals is to visit every national park and every state within the United States. Katie's love for travel blossomed after her study abroad trip to Italy where she learned how different cultures view business based on different sets of values. Since this opportunity, we have not done a lot of international travel; however, one of our favorite adventures was in Banff, Canada.



Grand Teton National Park, WY



Waco, TX



*Above: Gatlinburg, TN
Left: Portland, ME*



In addition to photography, Katie is an excellent “travel agent”. She planned a trip for her Grammy to Alaska, which helped her Grammy check another wish off her bucket list.



Cadillac Mountain, Acadia National Park



Forsyth Park, Savannah, GA



Destin, FL



New Orleans, LA

We classify everything as an adventure and try to look at everything as an opportunity. If a friend has a destination wedding, plan for a few more days and explore the area! From the Coasts of Maine to the swamps of Louisiana, from the highs of the Canadian Rockies to the southern shores of Florida, we want to experience it all and can't wait to experience more adventures as we build our family.



Emerald Lake, Colorado



Dog Sledding in Banff, Canada

Our Home

We bought our house as a "fixer upper" and completed renovations in preparation for our future kids. Our home has already welcomed big moments for us and our families. We have hosted many events from pool parties for friends, co-workers and family, as well as a few graduation celebrations and many family holiday dinners. We have family and friends come stay with us almost every month, especially in the summer and during the holidays. We want our home to be a safe resting place for anyone who needs it. Everyone is welcome and we have an open door policy at our home, a call is preferred but not necessary. Our home is meant to be lived in, not a museum; so a little mess equals memories being made!



When we look at our home, we see many more memories to be had. Baby steps on our hardwood floors, the guest room filled with family to come visit and help with babies and toys everywhere. Our home is where our future kids will grow and learn. Summer nights by the fire and eating smore's and talking about all the cool pool games we played that day.



We live in a quiet area in the Cincinnati area. The only traffic on our street is from our neighbors. We see lots of kids and grandkids running around on bikes and many people walking when the weather is nice. We have excellent neighbors who look out for us and our home when we travel and we always remember to invite them to our pool parties!



Our fur baby:

Rocky was 1 year old when he first arrived on our front porch. He is the sweetest cat and loves to play. He loves to dig for his favorite toys in his toy box, especially toys with feathers! He loves to watch the birds from our front window. He's not big on snuggling but he will lay near you and loves his daily pets. He came to us declawed on his front paws so he is not destructive at all and is quite harmless. He tolerates being held, loves to play, never bites or hisses (unless you are the Vet). He hates the Vet! He greets everyone when they enter our home and kids love to play with him.



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Our Families

At Christmas dinner, there's an easy 20-30 people and that's just immediate family. Katie was very fortunate to grow up with her 2 brothers and all her cousins minutes away. She calls them her first best friends. They spent evenings and summers playing hide and seek, jumping on the trampoline, and playing with all the farm animals. She learned a lot of life lessons and responsibility from raising animals. Katie and Ross plan to teach those lessons and responsibilities to their future kids. There is always a plethora of events each year with birthday parties, baby showers, weddings and graduations. Katie has a 3 year old nephew, and they are glued at the hip when they are together. They want their future children to know their cousins and grandparents and to have so many people caring and watching over them while they grow. Katie wouldn't be the same person without the support of her family.



Ross has a smaller family unit and very well knitted. Katie and Ross take trips and visit family often or will do group chats to catch up with one another. Ross has one sister and she has been in Katie's life since she was 17. Ross' immediate family lives close but the rest of his family lives in Oklahoma. Ross and Katie will travel there once or twice a year and sometimes his family makes a trip to Ohio. Ross' family traditions are Grandpa's taco nights, Santa calling on Christmas morning, and lake days with the boat. Sometimes it is fun activities like ice skating and sometimes it is simply playing Turkey Dominoes, which can be very competitive and typically ends in tears FROM LAUGHING so hard! Family is a top priority to Ross and Katie; time spent with loved ones is something you can never get back, so it is cherished deeply!



Our Friends

We have so many friends that overlap as family and as a part of community. We literally can't fit all of them in this book. Our inner circle of friends are all new parents or soon to be parents, and they are constantly giving us advice and guidance as we embark on this next adventure called parenthood. Through the highs and lows, they have been there for support. Never judgement. We call- they come and vice versa.



Katie's best friend of 25+ years has been her ride or die friend since that first softball practice in little league. Naturally, her husband and Ross have become really good friends. We have taken a few trips with them and its some of our favorite times together. We have many combined friends from working at the same place and we still get together as often as we can with busy schedules. We hang out with friends on the weekends, usually with kids at the park or in our own backyards doing fun activities. Most activities involve kids as they all have kids now and its great exposure for us.



Our Community

We have built a strong community of family and friends here in Cincinnati. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't be where we are today. We lean heavily on them for guidance, comfort and fun!! We are a part of 2 Non-Profit organizations. Ross is a board member of a Non-Profit that has a local and global outreach where they help transform lives of orphaned and vulnerable children. Their mission is to help transform the lives of those children so they can reach their full potential and in return, create generational change for years to come. We are currently sponsoring 2 children in Kenya through this non-profit organization. That sponsorship provides meals, clothing and education for those children.



The second non-profit we volunteer for has grown rapidly over the years. Initially we partnered with other charities to support their volunteer needs. Now they have expanded into their own label with their own facility. Their focus is providing the community with good quality food, clothing and medical aid through a food pantry and boutique.





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Our promise to you

We know there must be a lot of feelings that you are experiencing. Considering adoption for your child shows incredible strength and love. We want you to know that your child will be loved not only by us, but they will carry the love that you have for them, forever. We intend to educate our child on their origin story and support them in that discovery. We admire your courage and bravery with this act of love.

Regardless of how involved you want to be in the process, please know that you will always be a part of our family. We will carry you in our hearts and think of you daily for the blessing that you brought into this world.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us a little bit better and for considering us in your adoption journey. Everyone deserves to find peace, love and happiness in their journey, we hope you find yours and we are wishing you nothing but the best.



Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We welcome you to get in touch if you are interested in getting to know us further. We can be reached through our agency at:

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With Love, Ross & Katie