

Hi there! It is so hard to know where to start, how to begin and put into words our thoughts and feelings and love and respect for you and for your baby. We can't imagine the weight of the world on your shoulders and know that choosing and making an adoption plan doesn't just affect you and your baby but your family and everyone who loves you and your child. It takes unsurpassable love, strength, courage, and selflessness to choose adoption, and we hope you feel supported and loved no matter where you are in your journey. We admire you for choosing life and for considering adoption. We are praying for you and your sweet baby and ask for God's peace and blessings in your life and know He has great plans for you and your baby.

A little about us We met through mutual friends in 2012. We had a long distance relationship for a year and a half. Then, I, Jené, moved to be closer to Stacey and my extended family and to go back to school for nursing. We had a small, intimate wedding with our closest friends and family on June 10, 2017. It was the most beautiful, perfect day. We share the same values on the things that are most important to us. We are a great team and approach life as a team.

I, Stacey, am a small animal veterinarian. I love what I do and could not imagine ever doing anything differently. I think, through my career, it has taught me to really embrace the "go with the flow" mentality. Beyond my day job, I also have a successful startup company creating products for senior dogs and cats. To unwind, I am an avid movie buff. We are getting ready to finish our basement which means I can rebuild my home theater and have a game room to have family movie and game nights.

What attracted me to Jené was her sincerity and her genuine concern for people other than herself. I remember asking all who knew her after we first met and the consistent answer was how much she cares. I am most impressed by her work ethic; she is one of those people that I think can do anything she puts her mind to.

I, Jené, am a school nurse, which gives the best of both worlds of having summers, holidays, and breaks off and being able to contribute financially to our family and our future through working with kids and my nursing degree. I've always wanted to be a wife and a mom. At a young age, my parents taught me that adoption is love. My heart and desire to adopt grew as I got older and saw the love and beauty of adoption through people in my life, family, friends, patients I cared for in the hospital. I knew that adoption is how I wanted to start and grow a family someday, and I made this known early on in our relationship. One of my favorite things to do is to cook and bake. I remember helping my mom in the kitchen when I was little. I love baking and decorating cookies and have containers of sprinkles for every holiday and can't wait to decorate cookies

and share my love and cooking and baking. I can't wait to make big messes and big memories.

What drew me to Stacey is his values, drive, sense of humor and wit, love for animals, authenticity, and calm demeanor. He is going to make a great dad with his humor, flexibility, calmness, and playful personality.

We are avid sports fans and look forward to sharing the excitement of baseball, hockey, and football games. Our neighborhood is full of families and kids. We have common ground behind and on the side of our house that kids always use to play ball or go sledding when it snows. We enjoy being outside, working in the yard, growing tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers, and walking our dog. We know we will get to spend even more time outside playing with sidewalk chalk, riding bikes, playing in the sprinkler when our family grows. We are blessed with so many family friendly activities in our city, a zoo, interactive museums, libraries, water parks and parks, festivals and events to celebrate the diversity in our city. We enjoy hosting game nights playing games like Chicken Foot/Dominoes, Heads Up, Telestrations, and cards. We play Dominoes on holidays with Stacey's family and our nephews love to play Uno and Dominoes.

Our parents and most of our family live a couple of hours away but live in the same state, and we see them often. We see Jené's sister, brother-in-law, and nephews often. Even though our family might not live in the same town, we have great, loyal friends who we consider family and who live within five to ten minutes. Our family and friends are ready and excited to welcome a new little one into the family. In the past year, we lost our 15 ½ year old Jack Russell Terrier, Bailey, and our 12 year old beagle, Bella, both to cancer. We rescued Akers in October, about six months after saying goodbye to Bailey. We think Akers is a little over one year old and is a high energy, spunky Jack Russell mix who loves to play with balls. We enjoy walking, playing with, and snuggling him. Bailey, Bella, and Akers have added to the love and joy in our home.

Our hearts yearn to be parents, to love, hold, and teach the child God has planned for us. We want them to grow to love God and to love others and to know they were created with a purpose and were so loved by so many before they were even born. We want to foster a love of learning and to support them to find and pursue their passions. It is important to us that they grow to be kind and respectful, to know that differences are good. It is important to show kindness to others and to have gratitude. Every Christmas, we pack a couple of shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child to be sent to children around the world. We want to continue to do this and other things like that as a family

and to use those opportunities to show kindness and lead by example. We believe faith, education, values start in the home.

If you choose us, your child will know of your love, strength, courage, and selflessness. We will be open about their story, where they come from, and want to create an environment where they feel safe and secure to ask questions and to be themselves. We hope to have openness with you too, to share pictures and stories and to include you in some of those pictures and stories, if possible. We believe God created your child for a purpose, and you were the first person to love and care for your child. We are forever grateful that you chose life for your baby and will be forever grateful if you choose us to love and care for your baby. We know we will make mistakes as parents, but we promise to love, support, cherish, and provide every possible opportunity.

With Love,

Stacey and Jené