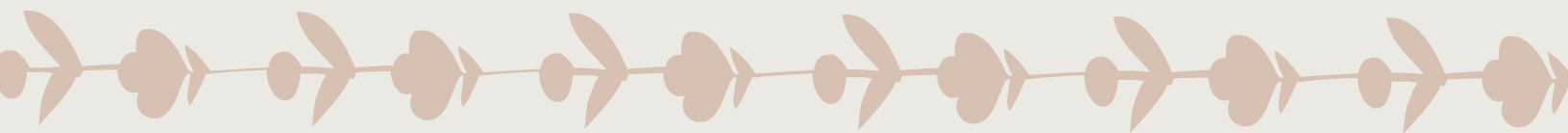


Lauren & Taylor



Hello

We are Taylor and Lauren, and we feel truly honored to be considered for this significant role in your life and your child's life. By choosing adoption, you demonstrate an incredible amount of love for this baby, and we admire your selflessness. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers, and we wish you peace and comfort on this journey. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us.

-Taylor + Lauren



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

-Romans 15:13





Our Heart *for Adoption...*

We have always wanted to be parents, and adoption was always a part of the conversation when it came time to discuss growing our family. After first trying to conceive naturally for several years without success, we visited a fertility clinic to explore potential issues. Unfortunately, they couldn't determine the cause. While IVF was presented as an option, we happily chose adoption instead. We experienced the blessing of adoption when we welcomed our sweet daughter, Maggie, in 2023! We feel so honored to be on this adoption journey again, and we are hopeful and excited to welcome another precious little one to our family.







Although we attended the same college, our paths never crossed! We actually connected online through a mutual friend. After going on a date at an escape room, we realized we wanted to be together. Despite living an hour and a half apart, we spent every weekend together until we got married.

After a year of dating, Taylor set up a local escape room and put the ring in the final box for our engagement! Taylor was so nervous, that even though he had all the answers to all the clues, they kept having to give him clues on the TV! On the final clue, the ring was in the box with a note that said, "Will you marry me?" Afterwards he surprised me again with an engagement party with all our friends and family!

OUR WEDDING DAY



We got married at our church on a lovely spring day, surrounded by our friends and family. The reception was casual, allowing guests to sit wherever they liked, with a buffet-style setup. We set up a fun candy bar and served an array of delicious food! We embraced a DIY approach as much as possible and received wonderful support from our loved ones. It was a beautiful day!

*Life is better
together...*

We love taking family walks
and playing outside.

We love to fish in our
pond together!

Together we enjoy
playing darts, golf, and
going out with friends.

As a family we love going
to baseball and football
games together.

We love taking Maggie to
the zoo and botanical
gardens with friends.

We enjoy having game
and movie nights.

We enjoy going to
Broadway shows whenever
we get the chance!



Get to know *Lauren*

Those around me would describe me as loyal, loving, and joyful. I have worked as a preschool teacher for several years, but my most favorite job is being a mama! I have the privilege and honor of transitioning to becoming a full-time stay-at-home mom this year.

I grew up in a very loving and close-knit family. In fact, I talk to my mom and younger sister almost every day! I am so thankful to have such a strong support system around me. I also love serving in the kid's ministry at our church and getting together with our friends for playdates. I look forward to welcoming another child to our family and spending my days guiding, teaching, and loving them.



Favorites

FOOD: Seafood

DESSERT: Banana Pudding +
Chocolate Chip Cookies

COLOR: Blue

BOOK: *Fairytale* by Stephen King

MUSIC: Christian + Country

HOBBIES: Shopping + cooking!



In the words of Taylor...

“ Lauren shares a wonderful bond with our daughter, and it's clear that Maggie adores her! She also maintains a close relationship with our nieces and nephews, always willing to go the extra mile for them. All the children in our lives are truly fond of her. I am so excited for her to pursue her dream to be at home full-time with Maggie and our future child! ”



Meet Taylor

I grew up with a loving and supportive family. I am still incredibly close to my two brothers and sister. During my college years I played football while getting my associates degree. I then went on to Union trade school for HVAC. We now own an HVAC and electrical company. I love my job and take pride in owning my own business.

Lauren and I feel truly blessed to have a fantastic circle of friends that we see on a weekly basis. We are fortunate to be surrounded by a remarkable support system. My most cherished role is being a dad to our daughter, Maggie, and I eagerly look forward to welcoming another child into our family!

Favorites

FOOD: Pizza

DESSERT: Bread Pudding +
Chocolate Chip Cookies

COLOR: Purple

MOVIE: Braveheart

SONG: "It Is Well With My Soul"

HOBBIES: Hunting, golfing, +
fishing.



In the words of Lauren...

“ Taylor always puts Maggie and me first in everything he does. He is such a hard worker and makes time to show us how special and important we are. Seeing him become a dad has been such a joy. He’s not afraid to be silly and dance and sing with us, but is also the first one to scoop our daughter up whenever she falls down. He is truly such an amazing role-model and dad! ”



MEET MAGGIE



We welcomed Maggie to our family through the gift of adoption when she was two weeks old. We actually had a family vacation planned that same week that we got the call that we had matched with her! So, we set off on our vacation that Saturday and returned home with our daughter the following Saturday! The timing was truly wonderful, allowing us to share this special moment with our family. We send updates and pictures to Maggie's birth family, and we are thankful for the opportunity to maintain that connection with them.

Now at two years old, Maggie is incredibly outgoing and enjoys playing outside on her playset, spending time with her cousins, watching Disney princess movies, playing pretend, singing, and dancing. She has a fondness for a variety of foods, including fruits, sweet peppers, cheese, pepperoni, turkey, yogurt, rice, applesauce, pickles, pizza, french fries, and chocolate! One of her favorite songs is "Wheels on the Bus," and she loves to do all the motions. She also enjoys assembling puzzles, coloring, and playing with Play-Doh. We are so grateful for the joy she brings to our family, and we can't wait to watch her become a big sister!



Our Cuddly Companions



We have two labrador retrievers named Moose and Koda. They are 7 years old and great with kids. They love Maggie and are great family dogs!

Home Sweet Home



We built our home and moved in August 2022. Our dream is to stay here forever and continue creating beautiful memories. We designed every aspect of our home with the intention of raising a large family. From the pond and fire pit area to the playset, we wanted our exterior to be fun and family friendly. While making the interior warm and inviting, we filled it with toys and created a spacious area for everyone to gather.

We live in a wonderful community of about 20 houses, each on 2 to 5 acres. It's a great area to take walks, bike rides, or golf cart rides. The friendly atmosphere has helped us connect with nearly everyone, including nearby family and friends. Taylor's parents are building their home here too! We're just 5 minutes from the highway and 8 minutes from downtown, with parks, restaurants, and the town square, which hosts a farmers' market every Saturday. It's truly a fantastic neighborhood to raise a family!



Family Travels



Our most cherished trip to date is the one we took to Florida, where we had the joy of welcoming Maggie into our family! We have also enjoyed trips to Gatlinburg, Universal Studios, and annual family trips to Gulf Shores with Taylor's family. We also enjoy going to Baltimore Orioles and Ravens games when we get the chance.

MEET TAYLOR'S FAMILY

We see my family several times a week, and my parents will soon become our neighbors! My brother, Ryan, along with his wife, Megan, have three children: Graham, Lily Kate, and Beau, who also live in our neighborhood. We love that Maggie and our future child will grow up surrounded by their cousins. My younger brother, Jonah and sister, Sarah are twins, and we see them about once a month. My family is incredibly intentional with Maggie, and they are thrilled to support us on our second adoption journey.



LAUREN'S *Family*

I have two loving parents and one amazing younger sister! My parents only live about an hour away from us and my sister lives only a couple hours away. We see my family at least once a month and I talk to them every day. My sister is expecting a baby boy this summer, and we are excited to welcome another little one to the family. Our whole family loves Maggie and are very involved in her life. They are excited and supportive of our plans to adopt again!



Holidays & Traditions



4th of July

We enjoy swimming and watching fireworks on 4th of July with our family!

Halloween

One of our favorite family traditions is to get creative and do family costumes! For Maggie's 1st Halloween, we dressed up like characters from the movie *Moana*.



Thanksgiving + Christmas

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, we make it a point to truly be present and enjoy the day with our families. We enjoy good food and making fun memories with our families!



Parenting Values

Adoption is something that will be celebrated in our home. We have already started reading books about adoption to Maggie, and we point out mom, dad, and birth mom in the pictures. We also show her photos of her birth mom and sister. We want our children to know their story, and we want them to know they are cherished and loved by all of us.

When it comes to education for our children, we are planning to homeschool! We have a large homeschool community in our area and many of our friends homeschool as well. We believe that through homeschooling we will get to spend so much quality time together as a family and make so many wonderful memories together!



OUR FAITH



Faith is at the center of our home and our relationship with Christ impacts the way we make decisions in every area of our lives. Every night at dinner we read Bible stories to Maggie, and we take time to pray together as a family.

Our church family is the group we spend the majority of our time with. There are many families in the same season of life as us, and we love doing life with them. We volunteer at our church by leading the Sunday night children's ministry and assisting in the nursery, as well as helping wherever else we are needed. Our church family has been so supportive of our adoption journey!



"Taylor and Lauren are the best parents! Taylor loves the role of being a dad. I love the fact that we have kids the same age and will be able to raise them alongside each other."

-Joe (Friend)



"It is a privilege for me to say Lauren is one of my closest friends. Watching her be a mom is such a joy. I have seen Lauren rightly prioritize Maggie in multiple situations. Maggie brings Lauren so much joy and it is evident in the way Lauren interacts with Maggie. I'm so grateful I get to parent my kids alongside Lauren."

-Kelsey (Friend)



It takes a Village!

We are blessed to have a strong and loving community of friends surrounding us!



OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU AND THIS CHILD...

We promise to love this child with everything we have.

We will always speak positively about you and share with this child how loved they are by you and us.

We commit to teaching this child to know about Christ.

We promise to give this child every opportunity we can provide and always encourage them in all they do.

We promise to guide this child and support them in becoming the best man or woman they can be.

We promise to be there for them always.



Thank You!



We sincerely appreciate your decision to choose adoption, demonstrating such courage and love, and for taking the time to connect with us. One of our greatest joys and privileges has been the journey of becoming parents. We know that wouldn't have been possible without a selfless birth mom putting her trust in us and giving us the greatest gift we could have imagined. We have already been praying for you and your child and will continue every single day.

With Love, Lauren + Taylor

