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### Our favorites!

#### Maggie’s Favorites:
- Occupation: Psychometrist
- Education: Bachelors of Arts
- Favorite Color: Blue
- Favorite TV/Movie: Parenthood/The Family Stone
- Favorite Food: Crab Legs
- Favorite Vacation: Italy
- Favorite Holiday: Christmas
- Favorite Cartoon: Doug
- Favorite Memory From Childhood: Going to the beach with family and friends
- Hobbies: Cooking, Baking, Board Games, Hiking, Shopping, and Sewing

#### Austin’s Favorites:
- Occupation: High School English Teacher
- Education: Bachelors of Science
- Favorite Color: Purple
- Favorite TV/Movie: Last Man Standing/Forgetting Sarah Marshall
- Favorite Food: Pizza
- Favorite Vacation: Washington D.C.
- Favorite Holiday: St. Patrick’s Day
- Favorite Cartoon: Avatar: The Last Airbender
- Favorite Memory From Childhood: Losing a lizard in my Grandma’s kitchen
- Hobbies: Reading, Woodworking, Coaching, Guitar, Board Games, Museums, and Movies
Our home is located in a very safe neighborhood, where kids and adults are frequently outside. It is a two-story home with 4 bedrooms, a large yard, and a few loveable pets. Our two cats (Anna and Moses) are always wrestling around the floor, while our dog (Thor) lays on the couch and rolls his eyes. All three of them are great around children and love being played with whenever kids stop by our porch in the summer to say hello.

The city where we live has a lot to offer the many families that are moving to the area. There are all sorts of parks, high-achieving schools, and a huge emphasis on local small businesses. The most popular of these being the local ice cream store that gives free sample cones to dogs. Additionally, the town is also known for hosting many seasonal festivals and activities throughout the year, which make it a face-paced and fun environment for everyone.

If by chance a family did want to go on a great adventure to a larger city, a 30 minute drive will land them in the middle of a major metropolitan that has museums, professional sports teams, a zoo, an aquarium, and an endless list of other activities. Whether a child is hanging out at home, having fun in the neighborhood, or exploring the larger world, there are many opportunities to grow and learn where we live.

Austin by Maggie

When I first saw Austin when we met for our first date he had me laughing before he even said hello. He was air drumming in his car to some 80’s rock song and I knew my life would never be the same. Sure enough, he has brought me more joy than I have ever known and it is hard to remember the days without him. It quickly become evident to me that I wasn’t the only who was infected with his joy as those in our church, community, and family also felt deeply loved and uplifted in his presence. He is kind, patient, and steady. He never waivers with his ethics and treats me with respect and kindness everyday. He is a hard worker and has been finishing his masters in school counseling while working full time. He is excited to work with and help children and teens excel in the school system and life as a whole. Austin is also very loyal to his family and was quick to make my family his own and loves them very well. I know he will be an incredible father and can’t wait to see how he loves his family as it grows.

Maggie by Austin

Maggie is truly a one-of-a-kind woman. She is constantly doing something ridiculous that makes me laugh and she sees the world in a different light than most people do. Some quick and funny tidbits about Maggie- She wore a skirt down to her ankles as a cheerleader in high school, she thinks the glockenspiel is a cool instrument, she loves every cliché romance movie ever, and when she dances it looks like she’s trying to surf a wave and ride a bull at the same time. While these might be signs for a normal man to run away in terror, I see them as the parts of Maggie that make her fun to be around every day.

On a deeper level, though, is where I am most attracted to her. I have never met someone who feels the emotions of others as deeply as she does. No matter how big or small an issue may seem, it matters to Maggie. This inevitably makes everyone who knows her feel like they matter and have worth. In my life, I have had family and friends come and go with divorce or death, which made me feel alone for a long time in my life. Maggie has always been dedicated and unmovable. As I grow closer to her every day, I learn to trust in her love’s permanence more and more. I am proud to call her my wife, and I believe that someday a lucky child will be proud to call her his/her mother.
We are extremely blessed to have such supportive family and friends by our side. Our families are both thrilled with our decision to adopt and they cannot wait to have another child to love and help grow. We also have a strong church family that is going through a baby boom. Whichever child God gives us, they will have an unbelievable amount of people looking after them.

Our immediate families are unique in their own way. Maggie has a big family with her parents, siblings, nephew, lots of aunts, lots of uncles, and 20 cousins! Even though they do not live close by, we see them several times a year and really value the time we have together. Traveling to see the whole family is a highlight of the year and is always a good time.

Austin’s family is a little smaller, but just as fun and crazy. His parents live locally and we are able to spend time with his step-siblings, niece, and nephews regularly. His nephew, Jax, was adopted when he was an infant and was very excited to hear the news that we would be adding another family member through adoption again.

Our Church family is also a great place for children. It seems like there are a few new babies every week, which keeps the children’s ministry active and growing. Throughout the year, many events are organized to give families time to have fun together and also to serve the community together.

To be certain, our family and friends are thrilled about kids. They cannot get enough of them and want to build strong relationships with them that last a long time.
Dear Birthparent

We would love the opportunity to get to know you, and we hope that you will enjoy getting to know us. From the beginning of our relationship, we have always desired for adoption to be part of our future. Children, in our eyes, are a wonderful gift, and we want to celebrate and care for them every way we can. We deeply believe that all children deserve to be loved and we cannot wait to see how God allows us to live this belief out as the future unfolds.

Together we are looking forward to the joys and challenges that come with parenting. We see adoption as a reflection of God redeeming His people and giving them a new life through Christ’s sacrifice. Prayerfully we have considered what it means to have a multicultural family, and we feel that a person’s worth is inherent and comes from being divinely created in the image of God. This is why children of all races, genders, and ethnicities are amazing and deserve affection.

We hope that as you learn more about us, you will see how much we value each other, our families, and our community. So many factors go into how a family operates, but the most important, the one we sure have, is love. We are praying for you everyday and we hope for the opportunity to meet with you soon!

With love,

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