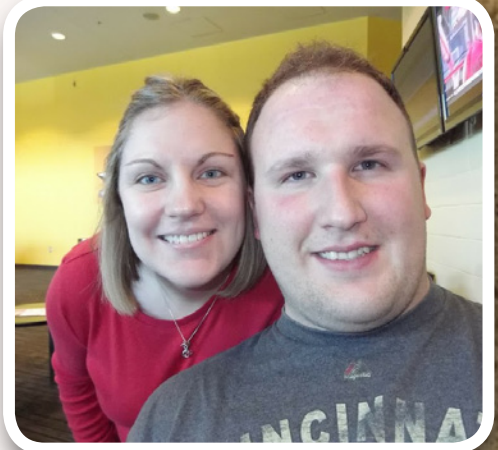
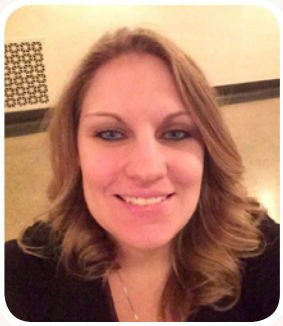
# Travis & Jessica

# About Us



We met through our parents 8 years ago. Our families are both very involved in the Shriners and raising money for Shriners hospitals for children. It was 8 years ago that Jessica's mom asked Travis's dad if he had any single sons. He reluctantly said yes, and Jessica gave him her number for his son. At first Travis's dad did not want us to date in case it did not work out. After talking and getting to know each other for about a month we took a trip with the Shrine to the Annual Pikeville Hillbilly Days. It was our first trip together and during this trip we decided to make our relationship exclusive. Three years later in Pikeville Travis proposed to Jessica. Now here we are 8 years later, on our journey to start a family. We have been married for a little over 3 years. After struggling with getting pregnant and having three second trimester losses, we have learned to cherish each other and every moment we have together. We enjoy learning new things together and would love learning about a different culture of a child we welcome into our home.

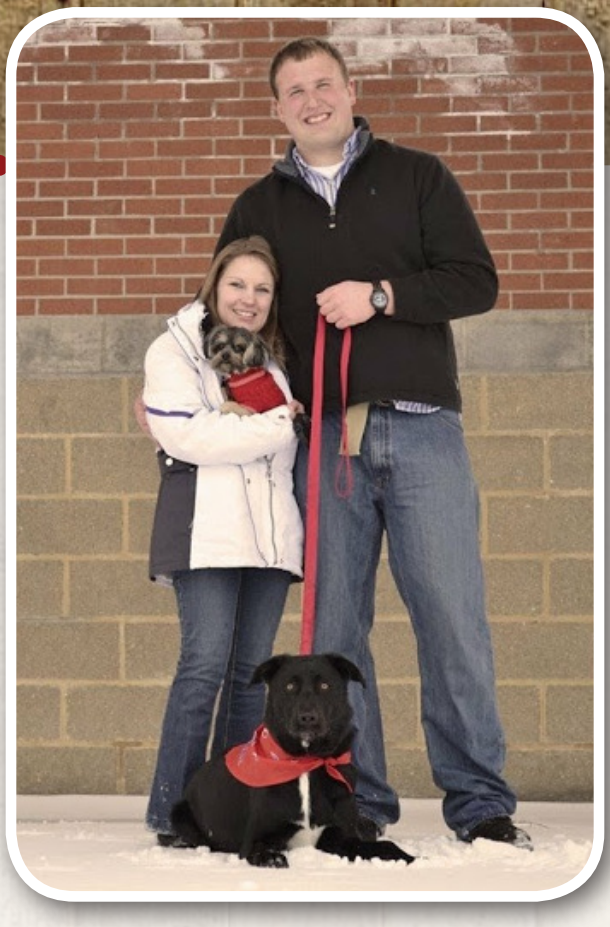
## About jessica
by Travis



Jessica is one of the strongest people I have ever met. She pushes her self to succeed in life and is very hard working. She is one of the kindest people I have ever met. She always puts others before herself. When her parents needed help cleaning out their basement she was the first to volunteer. I feel very lucky to have Jessica in my life. Jessica is great with children. She loves to play and read with them . She will be an awesome mom and I cannot wait to start a family with her.

## About travis
by Jessica

Travis is an amazing husband and will make a great father. I have thought several times I don't know what I did to deserve him. He can talk to anybody about anything and make an instant connection. He is truly my better half and has become my biggest advocate and supporter. Travis is very much a family man. He would do anything for his family and would do anything he can to help someone in need. Travis is basically a big kid at heart and is great with children. When our niece gets a new toy, he is the first to test it out. This past summer we were there when she had her first trip to the ocean. He was always the first person to volunteer to take her out into the water. I cannot wait to see him holding and playing with his own child someday.



# favorites...

## Jessica Favorites

**Food:** Fried chicken
**Movie:** Remember the Titans
**TV Show:** Friends
**Color:** Blue
**Holiday:** Christmas
**Board Game:** Life
**Dessert/candy:** Gummi Bears
**Outdoor Activity:** Taking the dogs for a walk
**Hobbies:** Crocheting, Puzzles, spending time with family and friends
**Education:** BA Sociology
**Vacation:** Arizona
**Occupation:** Physician's office
**Afraid of:** Deer

## Travis Favorites

**Food:** Pizza
**Movie:** The Little Rascals
**TV Show:** Blue Bloods
**Color:** Red
**Holiday:** July 4th
**Board Game:** Monopoly
**Dessert/candy:** Ice Cream
**Outdoor Activity:** Camping
**Hobbies:** Camping & spending time with family
**Education:** High School
**Vacation:** Florida
**Occupation:** Public Safety
**Afraid of:** Heights

# our home

We have been in our home since 2012. We live in a two-bedroom ranch house with full basement and a fenced in back yard on a quiet suburban street. We are surrounded by a mix of older people and young families. We have several family friendly parks in our town and a great school system. We love having movie nights in our basement and sitting by the fire in the backyard in the summer. On the week days after work we like to cook dinner at home and take the dogs for a walk in our neighborhood or one of the nearby parks.

## Our Pets:

We have two dogs. Many people have told us that our dogs are a lot like us because of their size difference. They are both 5 years old and love to play together. Our lab mix can be hyper, but he loves attention. And our yorkie mix is very calm and laid back. We have several family gatherings at our house and the dogs love running around the yard with the kids and sharing food with them.

# our Family

Jessica's extended family

Travis' family

We have the most supportive family anyone could ask for. We live about a mile from Travis' parents and about a half hour from Jessica's parents. We have dinner with family 3 times A week. We have a very strong support system and many strong relationships to look up to. Both of our parents have been married for over thirty years. In the summer we spend a lot of weekends at Travis' parents camp ground. Here the dogs can run around outside and we enjoy spending time by the camp fire. Travis likes to take the kids on golf cart rides through the mud and we get to grill out. If we are not at camp in the summer we are spending time by the pool at one of our parent's houses. Since our families are both involved in the Shrine we spend a lot of our vacations with them. Our favorite vacations are ones that are not too far from home. We also enjoy being part of the Shrine parade and going to the local events. Last year we went to Daytona with the Shrine and our families. It was Travis' niece's first time at the ocean and playing in the sand. Travis Spent a lot of time in the ocean with her and teaching the kids how to fly a kite.

We see our families at pretty much every holiday. Travis has a lot of cousins with young kids who like getting together at holidays and birthdays. We enjoy having holiday gatherings at our house for both sides of the family. Easter is always fun watching the kids run around the backyard hunting for eggs.

Tavis' extended family

Our Shrine Family

Our friends with their new baby

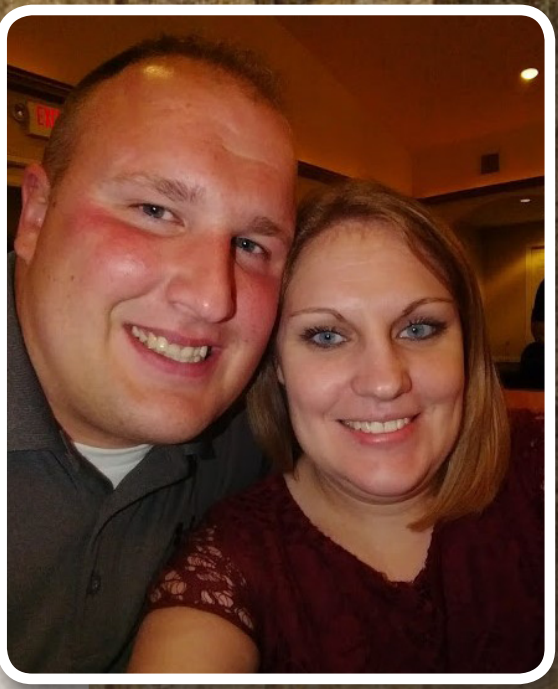
## Our Friends

Our closest friends are Jessica's best friend and her husband. They now have a three-month-old daughter and we love spending as much time with her as we can. In the summer we love to have cook outs and spend time by the bonfire.

Jessica's family

Our friends from the Shrine have been so supportive and can not wait to meet a new addition to our family. Travis' family has been involved in the Shrine Oriental Band for many generations. He plays in the band and runs their annual golf outing. It has inspired us to learn to golf as a couple. We are not very good yet but we like spending time together and learning something new.

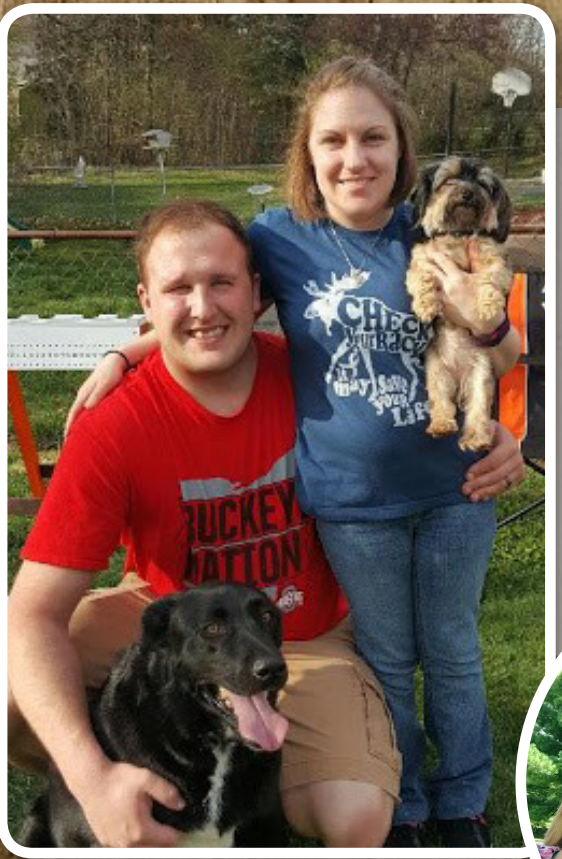
# Dear Birth Parent,



Thank you for considering us as a family for your child and taking the time to learn more about us. We could never pretend to know what you are going through but we are humbled by your selflessness. It would be an honor to get to know you and raise your child. As parents we promise to raise your child surrounded by family, love and support. We promise to love them unconditionally, supporting their goals and dreams. We will provide your child with financial stability and security.

Sincerely,

Travis and Jessica



## Why adoption?

We had always considered adoption but after struggling to get pregnant the first time, we really started talking about it. Then after our third miscarry, it was obvious God had a different plan for us. After a lot of soul searching as a couple we knew in our hearts adoption was the path to a family for us.