ashlee + jenn

about us

Our story begins in a Kmart parking lot. Okay, not entirely, but that is actually where we met for the first time in person! We only lived 10 minutes from each other but never knew until we met on a dating website. We immediately had a connection and now we are married and on the journey to parenthood.

Our family may be a bit different by some definitions, but not by most. Even though we may not have the traditional mother and father roles, we do have everything those roles represent: an environment that is caring, nurturing, fun and adventurous. While we love to travel and do big, exciting things, we also love the simple, everyday events such as grocery shopping, walking our dog and even just folding laundry. We genuinely enjoy being together.

ABOUT ashlee

written by jenn

Ashlee and I are complete and beautiful opposites. She is a morning person where I am a night owl. She is always early and I'm certain I would never be on time for anything without her. When I think about Ashlee the word sacrifice comes to mind. She makes so many sacrifices for myself and others that it is hard to ignore that part of her inner beauty. She is always willing to help and serve those in her life. Her compassion and kindness are indisputable and you will always see a smile on her face. Ashlee gives me the drive and courage to pursue my dreams and pushes me to reach my full potential. I am convinced I would not fully be the person I am today without her by my side.

ABOUT jenn

written by ashlee

I am beyond grateful to have Jenn in my life. When describing her, I would have to say she is very passionate, goal driven, patient and funny. Her humor was one of the first things that stood out to me and to this day we laugh together more than ever. The passion and drive she has for her job as a zoo vet tech is incredible. She has a special love for animals and is doing what she was destined to do. Jenn is very close to her family and would drop anything she is doing to be there for them. Being an aunt is one of her favorite things and the love she has for her niece is immense. Jenn loves me and completes me in a way I never knew possible. I can't wait to see her become a mom.

our family + friends

Jenn, her parents, brother and grandparents stop for a quick photo before heading to overlook the "Grand Canyon of the Pacific" in Hawaii's State Park.

Spending the day at the zoo with Jenn's aunts and uncle.

A day spent with friends is always a day well spent.

Celebrating our favorite holiday with Jenn's parents, brothers, sister-in-law and niece.

They say it takes a village to raise a child and we are fortunate to be surrounded by an amazing support system of friends and family. From grandparents to parents to aunts, uncles and cousins, we do not have a shortage of love to go around. We both come from amazing families that have shown us the importance of love, acceptance, understanding and responsibility. Our friends are considered an extension of family to us. Many of our friendships have lasted 5, 10 and even 20 years now.

Because we live close to a lot of family, every year we get together for all the major holidays. But our time together reaches beyond that to include Father's Day, Mother's Day and pretty much anyone's birthday. We have a lot of family cookouts and even go on vacations together. We can't wait to include our baby in the sounds and sights of the holidays and to include them in our family activities.

Jenn loves having visitors at work. She took her cousins and their children behind the scenes to meet the giraffes and rhinos.

Generations of love.
Ashlee with her mother and grandmother.

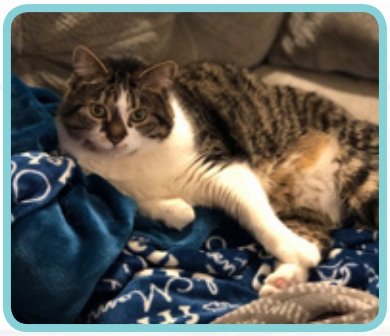
In Hilton Head, with our two best friends, waiting for the fireworks to start.

Ashlee and her oldest nephew.

our pets

We are pet lovers and share our home with a lovable Shiba Inu and one sassy cat. **Ainslee** is extremely playful and finds it necessary to get out all her toys each night. She loves people, especially children, and craves all their attention. She is quite a character who brings something special to our hearts every single day. **Meiko** loves to spend time looking out the window keeping tabs on the neighborhood when we aren't home. Any other time, you can find her sleeping on the couch or snuggling in our laps. She is convinced she can fit into any box no matter the size. We love them both and wouldn't change a thing about them!

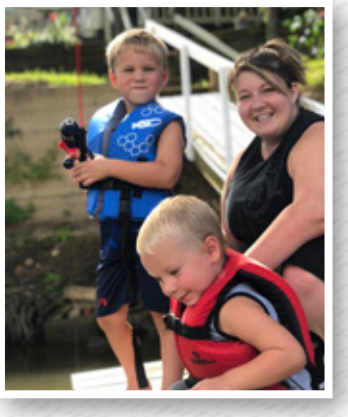
Ainslee



Meiko

We live in a very diverse, safe and welcoming neighborhood. Our 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house is on a quiet street. We have a lot of open grass areas perfect for kicking a soccer ball or a game of tag with the neighborhood kids. There is a playground practically in our backyard as well as a community pool. Nearby you can find nature trails, a movie theater, recreation centers, parks, a library and many restaurants. We love our home and can't wait to fill it with birthday parties, Halloween costumes, forts made of blankets and camp outs in the backyard.

our home



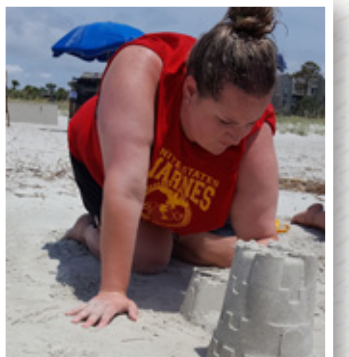
where you will find us throughout the year

Spring: visiting a zoo, watching a baseball game, riding bikes on the towpath trail, making homemade pizza, wandering around a flea market

Summer: building sandcastles at the beach, fishing, swimming, canoeing, roasting marshmallows over a bonfire, getting a hole in one on a putt-putt course, enjoying an outdoor concert

Fall: tailgating at football games, packing picnics in the park, screaming in a haunted house, getting lost in a corn maze, carving pumpkins

Winter: snowboarding, looking at Christmas lights - especially lights at the zoo, decorating cut out cookies, sledding, reading a book, throwing gutter balls at the bowling alley



dear expectant parent(s),

While we do not know what has brought you to this difficult moment in your life, we want you to know that we recognize the strength and courage it has taken to bring you here. Up until this point, we have only dreamed of being given the gift of a child. For you to bring that dream to reality is something we can only repay you with by continuing that unconditional love for your child.

We are an open-minded couple who will raise your child to be an independent thinker, to be confident and to follow their dreams. We are open and receptive towards all cultures and ethnicities. Our love is not confined by race, ethnicity, gender, or religion. We will happily learn about your child's heritage, and willingly teach them about the practices, holidays and traditions that are important for them to understand their ethnic culture. We will teach them about the world, its differences, similarities and how to support each other as a family.

Please take comfort in knowing we can provide an environment that is stable, safe and full of love and laughter.

Our favorite moments to imagine: watching him or her solve a puzzle, wiping their eyes when they skin their knee, reading stories at bedtime, Sunday morning snuggles and watching their face light up when we pick them up from school. We can envision taking them to pumpkin patches, Easter egg hunts and teaching them how to swim. We will teach them that they will make mistakes, and it's what you learn from your mistakes that makes you a better person. We will embrace their uniqueness, nurture their interests, and remind them to have fun along the way.

We will explore this life together making sure that he or she grows up knowing their birth parent(s) whether it be through letters, pictures or in person gatherings.

We are certain that every step of our journey has led us to you. We hope for the opportunity to meet you and to be able to become a part of your journey too.

sincerely,

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why adoption?

We want to be moms. That is a simple answer but the truth. We have taken the first year and a half of our marriage to travel and grow with one another. We feel confident that we have built a strong marriage and our journey has brought us to a time in our lives when we can focus our attention and affection on our family. We hope to grow our family through adoption, not to fill a hole but to multiply the love and joy in our lives. We have so much love to give and want to give a child the same blessings and opportunities we had growing up.