Michael ♥ Lindsey

About Us

We met when we were entering our Masters programs for college. Michael was so nervous meeting Lindsey for the first time that he was not able to say a word to her. Luckily, Lindsey was able to get his number from a mutual friend. After our first date, we knew that we were going to spend the rest of our lives together because our values were so similar. We knew we would make each other better and stronger versions of ourselves.

Together we want to help people, so much so that we both have centered our careers around doing just that. Lindsey helps integrate those with spinal cord injuries and traumatic brain injuries back into the community as a Recreational Therapist and Michael is a high school teacher. We also spend time helping raise and train service dogs for individuals with physical impairments.

With a shared belief that traveling the world makes it seem a lot smaller, it is not uncommon to find us traveling to a new state or a new country to explore how different it is than home. The best places to visit are where we get to be active outdoors. This is a core value we wish to share with our child. As important as seeing the world is to us, the relationships we create and foster with friends and family over a board game or a meal remains our top priority.

Fun Facts + Favorites

	Lindsey	Michael
Occupation:	Recreation Therapist	Chemistry and Technology Teacher
Education:	Master's Degree	Educational Specialist's Degree
Color:	Yellow	Red
Movie:	Wizard of Oz	A Christmas Story
Food:	All Polish food	Pad Thai or any food with Asian flavors
Ways to relax:	Reading, listening to music and going on walks	Take a trip
Sport:	Football	Football & Baseball
Childhood Memory:	Going on the boat on the weekends	Going to a root beer stand after a long day at the lake
Vacation:	Jamaica	Anywhere I can kayak and hike
Season:	Fall	Late Summer/Early Fall
Part of your job:	Helping others	Watching my students grow through the year
What makes you laugh:	Mike's lame jokes	Corny jokes about science or a well-placed pun

About Lindsey

written by Michael

Lindsey is the most passionate and intuitive person I have ever met. Her passion shows through when she talks about her patients, it shows through when she talks about family and friends, it shows through when she talks about our life together but never have I seen it more when it comes to becoming a mom. Whenever we are faced with a new situation in our life together, I can tell her intuition is at work when it comes to planning the best way to approach that situation. Her intuition is at its best when it comes to knowing how to be an aunt and talking to her about what kind of parents we are going to be. Her passion and intuition were abundantly clear on our first date, but when I first met Lindsey, her smile lit up the restaurant we were in and it has been lighting up my life ever since.

About Michael

written by Lindsey

When I first met Michael, I knew right away that he was loving and caring. He is the type of person who will do anything to help out and make sure that I know that he is here for me, which I know he will do the same for our child. The first time I saw him interact with his niece and nephew, I knew right then and there that he would be the best dad. He gets this look in his eye when he gets the chance to interact with them. He goes above and beyond to get down and play with the kids in whatever it is that they are doing at the time. He is never one to turn down an opportunity to get involved with the kids. Michael is very hard working and loves to have fun. He is always coming up with activities for us to try or do. He helps make sure that we look at life in a positive perspective; he rarely has a negative thought. I could not imagine going through life with anyone else.

Our Home

When selecting a home, we wanted a place where we could raise a family and a kitchen big enough to allow us to cook a meal together every night. Our three bedroom home which was built in 1939 came with the original blue prints that were signed by the original owners does just that. It may have needed a little updating, which we did together. Our home is in a charming residential neighborhood with welcoming neighbors that have little ones of their own. There are also tree lined streets for after dinner walks. There are ample metro-parks nearby for our weekend picnics and bike rides.

Our Family

Even though our families are a short car ride away, they are always there when we need them. From our traditional holiday gathering to our meals with them just because; our families remind us of where we come from and what we want our family to be like. We have many nieces and nephews that are always around and spend time with us during breaks from school that are going to be a hoot to play with.

We have created another family support system through our close friends that we have had since college. These people have helped continue to shape and support our beliefs and values. Both family and friends have been tremendously supportive, from learning of our difficulties with infertility to our decision to adopt.

Lindsey's grandmother's birthday

Lindsey's family on our wedding day

With our siblings

Lindsey's sister's family

"Friend trip to Colorado

Lindsey's father and our niece and nephew

Michael's family for Christmas

Lindsey with our friend

Us and our nephew

Lindsey's grandparents with their great-granddaughter

Michael with his niece and nephew

Dear Birthparent,

We cannot express our gratitude for the time you have taken to get to know us through our profile. We hope you saw the love we have for our family, friends and each other. Our goal in life is to instill what makes us love each other into our child. A child we hope to raise to be a loving, caring and most importantly compassionate individual. The family and friends we keep around us are eager to blanket our child in love and support, just as they have done for us our entire lives. We have surrounded ourselves with people who will help our child navigate this world regardless of gender, race or cultural background. We also hope to show them that the world is accessible and nature is beautiful, all you have to do is get out there and explore it.

Michael + Lindsey

Why Adoption

From a very young age, well before we ever dreamed of meeting each other, we wanted to be parents. That is one of the main attributes that drew us to each other and a main pillar upon which we built our relationship. In the beginning of our relationship we often spoke about what kind of parents we saw ourselves as and the family values we wanted to instill into our children. It was difficult learning of our fertility issues but without hesitation we know that adoption is the best option for us to grow our family.