Michael + Lauren

About Us

Hi! We are Lauren & Mike, and we thank you for looking at our profile! We are looking forward to having the chance be able to support you on this journey.

We met in college 13 years ago and soon realized we had a lot in common! We were close with our families and had passion for becoming teachers. We started dating shortly after and have been married for 10 years. We have one daughter, Teagan, who is almost 6 years old and one 11 year old rescue dog, Ziggy. Together, we spend time with friends and family, going to the zoo, movies and local restaurants. We like to travel as well!

Mike works as a Special Education Coordinator and Lauren is an elementary reading teacher, giving us lots of breaks and time off to be with our family. We value quality time together, supporting one another and open communication. We are looking forward to expanding our family and giving Teagan the chance to be the best big sister!

Mike's Facts & Favorites

Job: Special Education Coordinator

Hobbies: Playing darts, Soccer, Watching local sports teams

Foods: Pasta, Pizza and anything chocolate

Movie/TV Show: Goodfellas, 5th Element, Sons of Anarchy

Season: Fall

Color: Orange

Vacation Spot: Cabin

Lauren's Facts & Favorites

Job: Elementary Reading Specialist

Hobbies: Yoga, cooking, decorating,

Foods: Tacos, Indian, and ice cream

Movie/TV Show: The Holiday, Schitts Creek

Season: Summer

Color: Black

Vacation Spot: Chicago

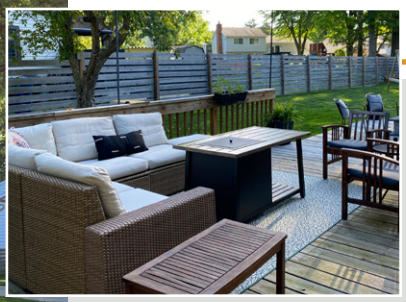
About Mike by Lauren

Mike is the most patient, kind and thoughtful individual I know. I knew he was special when we met and after meeting his family, I knew that I wanted to spend more time with him. Mike has supported me through all of our challenges and is always putting his family first.

He has supported me in my professional endeavors, and is always making me laugh. He is a stable provider, and a true teammate, sharing household and parental responsibilities. As a father, Mike is patient, loving and fun! He enjoys doing projects with Teagan and playing games with her. He was meant to be a father and it has been such a joy seeing him in this role.

About Lauren by Mike

When I met Lauren, I just knew that she was the one. We met through mutual friends in college and we never looked backed. Throughout our time together, we have had to deal with the struggle of infertility. After almost 2 years, we had our daughter Teagan. It was the most difficult thing we have had to experience but I have never seen anyone stronger. Lauren is caring, passionate, funny, and the best mom. She is continuously working hard at her job as a reading teacher, finds time to follow her passion of teaching yoga and does not skip a beat at keeping our house running. Lauren a fantastic mother and will give her complete self at all times.



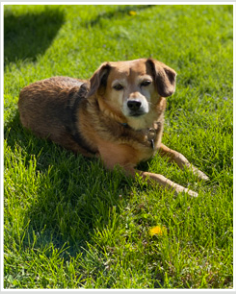
Our Home

We have enjoyed living in our home for the last 10 years. We spend a lot of time outside, sitting on our deck in our large fenced in backyard and we just recently finished our basement for a fun family area indoors!

We live on a quiet cul-de-sac, and our neighborhood is our favorite part of our home. We have made lifelong friends with our neighbors and there are several young children who love to play together. The kids play, ride bikes and enjoy one of the neighbor's pools!

In addition, we host neighborhood outdoor movie nights, bonfires and holiday gatherings with the whole group. Some of our favorite neighborhood traditions include a Halloween Trick-or-Treat party, a Secret Santa gift exchange and meeting in the court on Christmas morning to wish everyone a merry Christmas!

We are in walking distance of our elementary school, and Lauren's mom even works there. There are parks, playgrounds, walking paths, and city areas to explore nearby as well and live in the same safe, community oriented city that Lauren grew up in. We live about 15 minutes from a major city and have easy access to city attractions, hospitals and educational opportunities.



Our Family & Friends

We are very close with both of our families! Both Lauren's parents and her brother and his wife live close by and we see them weekly for family dinners. Mike's family only lives about 2 hours away, so we travel often to see them and stay for the weekend! He has a brother and a sister, and we have 5 nieces and nephews. The cousins love to spend time together and even video call when we cannot be together. We take many of our vacations with our families, usually renting houses near the beach. We spend many holidays, like Thanksgiving and Christmas with both families, making sure to include both in our family traditions. Lauren's parents are regular kayakers so we have enjoyed going out on several lakes near by and exploring.

We are both very social people! We stay in touch with many high school and college friends, and many live near us so we see them often. Lauren has close friends from her work and from her yoga studio, so we watch football games, go to sporting events, zoo trips, as well as have weekend pizza nights. One of our favorite things to do with our friends is to visit their lake house and boating. We belong to the same local pool as many of our friends, so summer days are spent there relaxing and having fun!

Teagan with Nani and Papa (Mike's Parents)

We love kayaking with our neighbors!

Christmas with Lauren's family

Spiderman theme for Halloween 2020

Christmas with Mike's family

Teagan with Lauren's grandparents

All the neighbors on Christmas morning

Teagan loves playing with her cousins!

Boating with friends

Father Daughter Dance with friends

Lauren with her best friends from college

Visiting Chicago with friends

Dear Birth Mother,

First, we want to share our sincerest gratitude that you are considering us and the choice of adoption. We recognize that each child is a blessing and we will always have a special place in our hearts for the birth parent who chooses us as parents for her child. We want you to know that we promise to provide all that we can for your child and will do everything we can to help them succeed. We value honesty and openness so we are open to sharing experiences with their birth family, as long as that is desired.

We believe in teaching kindness and acceptance of all differences as well as standing up for racial injustice in our community. We recognize the value of a quality education and we promise to uphold that value through our children. We use many tools for calm, positive parenting, and we model these skills from a young age. Our friends and family are extremely invested in our lives as well, and provide us with constant love and support. They will be extremely involved in all of our children's lives.

Your courage and selflessness during this stage of life does not go unnoticed and we are hopeful that we can support you in this journey. Thank you for taking time to get to know us!

Sincerely,

Mike & Lauren

Why Adoption

We feel as though we have so much more love to give and are extremely excited to be able to add to our family in this way. We think growing our family through adoption allows us to let another family into ours and are excited for the possibility of growing in our relationship with a child and their birth family. We also know from our own experiences how important a sibling relationship is. We want Teagan to be able to share this experience with someone and be able to be the best big sister. While unexplained infertility is a part of our journey to parenthood, we are thankful for the chance to parent another child. We are open to all levels of open adoption, all genders and races and are confident in our ability to honor any child's roots and heritage.