Ashley *and* Phil

About Us

We have been together for most of our lives, and although we've both grown and changed dramatically since our high school marching band days (when we met each other), we've always grown and changed together.

Phil works as a software engineer - or "code artist", as he would say - and Ashley works in IT at a non-profit hospital. Although our careers have developed in unexpected ways (Phil's undergraduate degree is in education and Ashley's is in Cross Cultural Studies), we couldn't be happier with where we've ended up.

We love spending time together, and aren't just partners, but great friends. We share many hobbies with each other and our close group of friends, including playing board games, running, and hiking. We love cooking new recipes (and eating the results)! Food can be challenging sometimes due to dietary restrictions, but that only makes finding great foods more rewarding!

Our faith is central to our lives. We are Christians, and are members of a church that celebrates diversity of all kinds and works for the enrichment of our community. A common saying in our church is "God Loves You. No Exceptions." We strive to show this love in everything we do.

Fun Facts & Favorites

Phil:

- New York style pepperoni pizza is mankind's greatest accomplishment.
- I love to listen to sci-fi and fantasy novels while running.
- I actually like cleaning!
- Whenever I find a bug in the house, I feel terrible about killing it and will instead catch it in a jar and carry it outside.
- Baseball season is the best season.
- I love to experiment with cooking and am way too proud of the curry I make from scratch. The spicier, the better.
- A dream of mine is to design a board game.

Ashley:

- I love crafting and sewing.
- My favorite food is breakfast food. ALL breakfast food.
- I run or practice yoga every day.
- I love the color purple so much that I convinced Phil to paint a wall in our house purple.
- Our basement rec room is lined with a collection of autographs from my favorite voice actors/actresses.
- "Parks and Recreation" is my favorite TV show.
- I love elephants (I even got to meet one thanks to Phil)!

About Ashley (by Phil)

Ashley is my best friend and the most genuine person that I have ever met. There is not an ounce of deceit in her, and it is easy to trust and depend on her in any situation. She is the kind of person that others open up to easily, and is incredibly empathetic and kind to everyone she meets.

Ashley is very organized and always keeps me on schedule and on track - while I tend to get caught up in whatever I am doing, she is a fantastic multi-tasker and makes sure that whatever needs to happen, happens.

When life is hard, Ash never gives up. She has persevered through everything life has thrown at her, and thrived. She laughs through the fun times and grieves though the sad, but keeps on moving and growing, always. I couldn't imagine being married to anyone else.

Paint Your Pet & Our Results:

About Phil (by Ashley)

Phil is the best person I know. He brings peace to my life and always helps me see the best in myself. His calm demeanor draws people in and his natural ability to be slow to anger and judgement makes him a trusted friend to many.

Phil's child-like joy when playing board games is contagious. He always tries to make sure that everyone around him is having fun, making it nearly impossible not to enjoy yourself around him. Phil has a knack for seeing the best in people and he has a lot of love to give. I know he would make a great father.

Our Home

Our home is very special to us. Our house is a beautiful and cozy cape that was built by Phil's grandfather, where he raised his family. Later, Phil's parents bought the house and Phil was raised there too - though they made a lot of updates to it over the years. Now, we are third generation owners of that same home and are looking forward to raising our own family in it.

Our back patio is the perfect place to read, play games with friends, or practice yoga! Our home is situated on over an acre of land in a quiet neighborhood with a lot of families. We love that our house is within walking distance of the local library, schools, a park with baseball fields and a playground, and multiple trails we like to use for jogging, walking, and biking.

We have two amazing pets - Stubby and Ellie. Stubby, named for her missing tail, is an 8-year old tabby cat and is the most loving creature we've ever met. Ellie is a 4 year old black lab mix and is an incredibly sweet and patient dog that is ready to do anything as long as it means being with her people.

Ashley
& her sister
with their pups

Our Family & Friends

It may sound cliché, but when we say we have the best friends and family in the world, we genuinely believe it. Whether it's Friday night dinner with Phil's parents or a Sunday cookout with Ashley's parents and sister, we love spending time with our families! Our ever-expanding group of friends, many of whom we've known since childhood, are without a doubt as close to us as family as well.

Our parents have always been interested and involved in whatever we were doing growing up and are still helping us in every way they can to this day. We look forward to sharing this love, dedication, and enthusiasm with a family of our own. Ashley and her sister have always been close. Ashley would often take the blame for her sister's mischievous deeds as a toddler, and today they continue to love and support each other as both sisters and friends.

Celebrating Ashley's birthday with her family

Spending time with our friends' twins

Relaxing at home with Phil's parents

Picnic with our friend and her son (our godson)

Enjoying our back deck with family

Holiday party with friends

Playing video games with Ashley's sister

Movie premiere with friends & family for Phil's birthday

Beach vacation with Ashley's parents

Dear Birthparent,

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us through our profile. We have a lot of fun together, a lot of love to give, and we are surrounded by family and friends who look forward to welcoming this precious child with open arms. We have a stable, loving home that we have worked hard to create together and we are so excited for the opportunity to share that by growing our family.

We have been praying for the child we will one day adopt for years and will continue to do so. We will also be praying for you and your journey as you navigate through this process. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you again for taking the time to get to know us.

Sincerely,

Ashley & Phil

Why Adoption?

For as long as we can remember, we have talked about growing our family through adoption. When medical complications made it clear that we would be unable to conceive, we knew adoption was the right choice for our family. We believe diversity is something to be celebrated and are open to adopting a child from any race or cultural background. We have an incredible support system in our friends, family, church, and each other and cannot wait to see what parenting has in store for us.