Casey & Mackenzie

About *Us*

"Well here goes nothing." The final words of a 19-year girl about to embark on her first and only first date with a boy she met in college. Fast forward three years later, the boy, now a man, would say the same thing as that same girl walked down the aisle to take his last name forever. We have been married six year since and have lived in two separate states during that time. We started out in Tucson, Arizona while Casey was in the Air Force and we eventually moved back to be closer to family.

We are best friends in every aspect of our lives as we do everything together. We enjoy spending our summers outdoors, especially traveling to different lakes and paddle boarding. We have a six year old Golden Retriever, Kylo, who enjoys swimming in the lakes and going on hikes. We are diehard football fans and are also passionate about the area's baseball and basketball teams. We are actively involved in our church and our faith drives what we do. We are excited about the opportunity to grow our family with adoption.

Favorites & Fun Facts

We love new adventures! We have traveled together on mission trips with our church as well as for leisure and love exploring and learning from new cultures.

Our love of sports keeps us involved in the community and invested in watching the Browns games together.

Casey:
Movie: The Dark Knight
Ice Breaker Question: Would you rather have chicken feet or noodle arms
Profession: Financial Analyst
Food: Spicy Chicken Tikka Masala

Kenzie:
Movie: whatever Casey wants to watch ;)
Profession: High School Teacher/Coach
Food: Popcorn and M&Ms or Tacos

If I were an animal I would be a German Shepherd, because they are fun loving and energetic but determined and work hard for the ones they love

About Kenzie

Kenzie is fun, loving, caring, and supportive. She is never afraid to laugh at one of my dumb dad jokes. Working as a teacher, primarily in the inner-cities, she has a lot of patience and devotes hours of her free time to build a supportive environment for her kids to succeed. Kenzie is also very passionate about Volleyball as she is the Varsity Volleyball Coach. Kenzie is loved by her family, friends, and many current and former students that she has taught over the years. Between teaching jobs, she worked at our local church where she oversaw the girl's student ministry outreach. When she finds some free time at night, she loves to start a new jigsaw puzzle or a crossword puzzle. I am truly blessed to be married to my best friend.

About Casey

Casey is the most loyal, selfless, and loving person I know. He works hard to provide for our family and is constantly looking out for others above himself, especially for his family and his close friends. His faith, loyalty and sense of duty is displayed by the way that he cares for me as his wife. I will constantly come home from work to a surprise act of love including, but not limited to, a home cooked dinner, a fire in the fireplace during the winter months, or a freshly cut lawn. He is serious when need be, yet hilarious with his sense of humor and makes everyone he meets feel comfortable within minutes (especially by asking off the wall "ice-breaker" questions). It is really hard to put into writing how much love I have for my husband Casey and hope that you will get even a small sense of the wonderful caretaker and man he is from this short writing.

Our Home

We live in a quiet, kid friendly neighborhood. Our two-story house sits on a half-acre complete with a fenced in backyard that our Golden Retriever loves to run around in. Our house is conveniently located next to the local schools and next to caring neighbors.

On a typical night after work we can be found cooking dinner together with a record playing (Typically the Guardians' of the Galaxy) in the background. We look forward to our Thursday night bible study and pizza and movie on Fridays.

The annual Pumpkin Hunt with Kenzie's cousins and family

Casey's Extended family

Our Family & Friends

Some of our best memories are with our families! We love to visit and spend time with them. Our normal outings include playing board games, watching movies, going on walks, and watching Cleveland sports teams. Kenzie has two younger sisters and a large extended family. Casey has two brothers, one of which is his identical twin. Both of our families have been very supportive throughout the adoption process.

Family is everything! Kenzie with her mom and sisters

Leading youth to know Jesus -- Church youth group event at our house

Brother time! Casey and twin brother Nick

Casey and military friends during a service project

Generations. Kenzie with mom, sisters and grandma

.Casey and his college roommates at a recent wedding

Spirit week at school with our good teacher friend

Dear Birthparent,

It is hard to write a letter to someone whom we have not yet met, but have so much love in our hearts for. We are so humbled and honored by the opportunity to bring your child into our family and our home. We hope that we can help in providing the most comfortable transition for you and your child. As your journey through this decision begins just know that we are praying for you and your child that you may be at peace and be surrounded by God's love. As parents, we pray and hope to raise our children to love God and love others that they grow and become all that your child was created to be.

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Why *Adoption?*

We have prayed about this decision for quite some time. We both have been interested or at least curious about adoption from a very young age and knew that we would want to love and raise a child through adoption. As Christians we believe that adoption is an act of love and that it is no different than raising a child of our own. We believe that every child is created in the imagine of God and after living and working in diverse cultures we have experienced the joy of diversity firsthand and would welcome a child from any culture, race, or background to build our family. We are so excited to grow our family through adoption and cannot wait to love and raise a child this way.