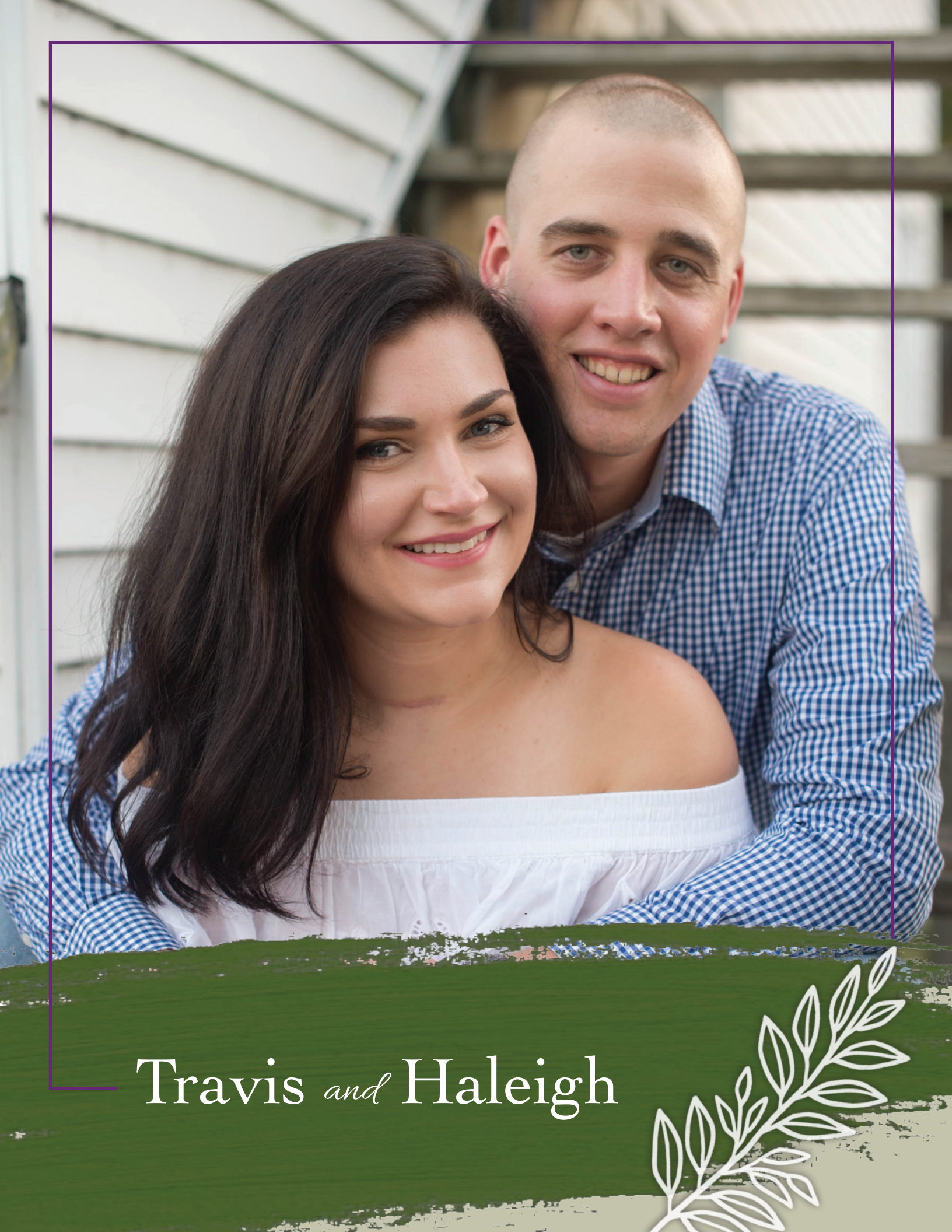


Travis *and* Haleigh

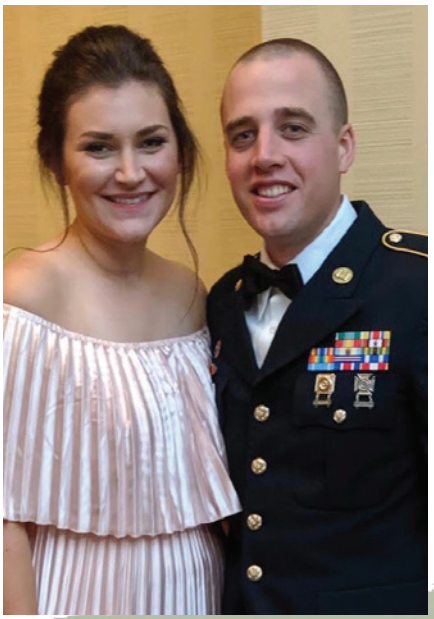
About Us

Our story starts in January 2014, three weeks after Travis returned home from Afghanistan. We first met for a cup of coffee, and before we knew it, we were spending all of our time together. That spring, we took our first trip together to Myrtle Beach and as they say, the rest is history! We married in September of 2018 and our foundation is built on trust, loyalty, honesty and food. Yes, that is right, we love food! In 2022, we added our son to our family through adoption. The past two years have been the most rewarding for us as we raise our son. We love to travel any chance we can and adding Teddy to our travels has been a blast. We love to cruise, go to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, skiing in the winter, and last summer we spent a week in Disney World. Traveling and exploring new places is a passion of ours and we look forward to sharing that passion with our children.

Haleigh works as a school counselor at a local school where she can have the best of both worlds, working during the school year and being a stay at home mom in the summer. Haleigh is very passionate about mental health and providing students with a safe place to explore their feelings with a trusted adult. Travis has served part-time in the Army National Guard for 14 years. He loves wearing the uniform and serving our country. Full-time, Travis works in community corrections. He works with young men in his community and assists them in getting housing, employment and other resources they may be in need of. He is very passionate about helping others and loves the ability to be able to have a positive impact in their lives. His job affords him the ability to work from home 50% of the time.

About Teddy

Where do we start with this boy? He is full of energy, loves to cuddle and is always looking for a snack. He gives the absolute best hugs and likes to give mom and dad eskimo kisses. From the second he joined our lives, we knew he was meant to be a part of our family. Teddy has helped us grow into the best version of ourselves and being his parents is the best gift we have ever received. Teddy likes to watch Blues Clues, Elmo or "Mel-mo" as he calls it, Buzz Lightyear and "Dug" (the dog from UP.) He loves to ride his bike, drive his Jeep and play hockey. He even sleeps with his hockey stick sometimes. Recently, our nephew was born and Teddy LOVES him! He wants to hold him, feed him and show him his toys. We cannot wait to watch Teddy become a big brother and spread his kindness to his sibling.



More about us:

TRAVIS FAVORITES:

Ice Cream: Moose Tracks
Place To Visit: Michigan's Upper Peninsula
TV Show: The Office, Breaking Bad, ESPN's 30 for 30 series
Food: Tacos
Hobbies: Running, Gardening, Grilling/BBQing, competing in Triathlons
Candy: Resses

HALEIGH FAVORITES:

Ice Cream: Cake batter from the local ice cream shop
Place To Visit: Maine
TV Show: Dexter, Shameless, Yellowstone, The Office
Food: My dad's haluski, tater tots, let's be honest I haven't met much food I don't like…
Hobbies: sewing, flower gardening, and cooking
Candy: Anything gummy and sour!

About Travis

by Haleigh

While Travis is my husband he is my very best friend first. He's an amazing husband and I cannot think of anyone more dedicated to their family. Watching him become a father to our son has been the most special, and rewarding thing to watch. I'm not sure what I did in life to deserve a person in my life like Travis, he is by far my biggest blessing. Travis is a safe place, he is kind, empathetic, hard working and most of all the biggest goofball. Travis' ability to be a dad is so natural. He and Teddy's connection is like none other, we frequently say they are clones of each other because of how much they act alike and enjoy being together. Many days when Travis is done with work he immediately is in the yard with Teddy, playing baseball, riding bikes, and having adventures. Sometimes I find him and Teddy having very sweet conversations about all kinds of goofy topics. He is a genuine friend to everyone, everywhere we go we find someone he knows, because he makes the most sincere relationships with everyone he meets. He does everything 110% from work to his military career, to being a husband and a dad, he always leads with passion, and a heart to put others before himself. I have to say my favorite is when Teddy and Travis wake up early and walk to the donut shop and come home to surprise me. Teddy likes to take a bite out of the top of each donut, so you have to beware of slobbery donuts!

Haleigh

by Travis

Haleigh and I met in January of 2014. I had just returned home from Afghanistan the month prior and was uncertain of what the future had in store for me. That was until I met the love of my life! Haleigh is charismatic, smart, strong, nurturing and funny. She is one of the most determined people that I know and when she sets her mind to something, there is no stopping her from achieving her goals. She has devoted so much of her time to her students from the days she worked at the Boys and Girls Club, to her current position as a school counselor. Seeing Haleigh become a mother through adoption has been everything I have ever dreamed of. Her compassion and motherly love for our son is obvious in all things that she does. The bond they share is inseparable, whether it is snuggling on the couch, going on a walk or sharing a bowl of ice cream. She is his number one fan and the person he loves to seek comfort in. The energy and devotion that she gives to Teddy and I is a true blessing and we are both very lucky to have her in our lives. I can say without a doubt that Haleigh is my best friend and I can not imagine having anyone else by my side as we continue on our journey of parenthood.

Our Home

We live in an urban suburb in Northwest Ohio, in a small diverse neighborhood that is overflowing with kids. Our home is two stories, with a finished basement, and large backyard. We love to hang out on our patio, watch the dogs play, play with Teddy and work on our fruit and vegetable garden. Our son is a very big "helper" in the garden beds by frequently helping us plant, water and pick lots of fruit, vegetables and flowers. It's not unusual to find him standing in the raspberry bushes eating handfuls of berries with the dogs.

We are only a few miles away from the mall, every restaurant imaginable, and lots of parks! We live by one of the top zoos in the country, and we visit about once a week in the warm months. We love that a few miles in one direction we are in the country, a few in the other direction we are downtown.

Christmas is our favorite time of year and Travis LOVES to decorate the outside of our house!

Our Dogs: Cash and June are the sweetest! Cash is our 10 year old black Labrador retriever, who is a gentle giant. June is our 5 year old golden retriever, who is the true meaning of "doing too much." She shows her love in lots of kisses and wiggles. June is frequently found conspiring with Teddy about their next big plan. Cash is a retired school therapy dog and now stays home to nap and rest with his sister. It's not unusual to find June, Cash and Teddy in a row, sharing a snack and watching a cartoon in the mornings.

Our Family & Friends

Haleigh, Teddy and a friend on a train ride at Henry Ford Museum

Our family is very important to us. Both of our parents live within 10 minutes of our house and we see them weekly. Each of Teddy's grandparents come over at least once a week to see him and he spends the day with Grammy at least one day a week. Haleigh has 2 sisters and 2 brothers, with 9 nieces and nephews in total, ranging from 6 months old to 15 years old, it's a full house when the cousins are together! Teddy goes to Haleigh's sisters house during the week while we work, so to say he is close to his cousins is an understatement. Travis has one younger brother who comes over once a week to hang out. Haleigh's dad is one of 9 kids and Travis' mom is one of 10 kids so you can imagine how large family events are. We are never short of weddings, showers, or family parties to attend.

Along with our family, we have great friends who we love to spend time with. We may be scattered all over the country (AZ, PA, NY, FL, IN, MI, OH) but we get together as much as possible and make traveling a big part of our lives. One of our favorite things is our weekly hangouts with our 5 closest neighbors (14 kids in total!). We rotate houses each week, chat about life, watch football, have ping-pong tournaments, eat good food and watch the kids play. Our neighbors are like a second family to us, and we are blessed to have them. We believe in the sentiment "it takes a village" and our neighbors are our village!

Travis and friends started their relay run for Special Olympics from the UP of Michigan to Detroit

Teddy holding his cousin

On a cruise with Haleigh's parents

Girls day with Haleigh's mom and sister

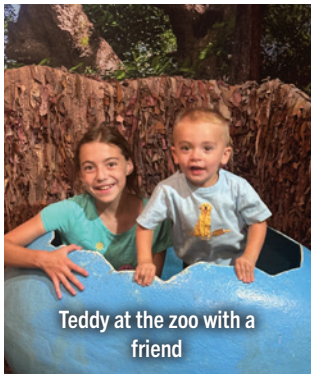
Haleigh and her siblings and in-laws

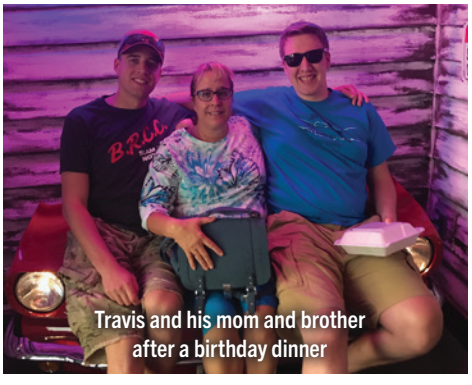
Annual family Christmas lights zoo trip

Football tailgate with friends

Teddy and his neighbor friends

Haleigh at her friend's baby shower who just adopted a baby in October 2021!


Teddy at the zoo with a friend


Travis and his mom and brother after a birthday dinner

Haleigh and her step mom on the golf course

Hello!

First and foremost, let us say thank you for spending some of your precious time looking at this profile. We can't imagine how daunting it must be looking at these profiles, but we are on this wild ride with you and hope that not for one second you feel alone. You must be going through every emotion right now, and all of them are valid. While we have not formally met yet, we hope you see a bit of who we are and what we love in this profile.

Being blessed with the gift of our son is something we do not take for granted. We are beyond thankful for him, his birth mother and the difficult choice that she made. We understand our blessing of a child through adoption is the hardest decision a birthmother may ever make. No matter what race, religion or culture you come from, we are excited to honor it and help our child grow up in a home that encourages their cultural identity. Whatever child comes into our home will have adventure, love, kindness, empathy, honesty and so much fun!

Sincerely,

Travis & Haleigh

Why Adoption

Adoption has always been a part of Haleigh's life, as her grandpa and two cousins are adopted. Due to this she grew up knowing it was a normal and special part of her family. While we were dating, we remember having conversations about how adoption would fit into our lives. After years of infertility, we both realized that our passion towards adoption we had been discussing for years, was our best option to grow our family. In 2021 we began our adoption journey and within a year, were blessed with Teddy's birth. Seeing him for the first time made everything so clear, we cannot wait to have another little love join our family. Adoption has always been a part of our family so we are excited to continue including adoption in our family history. We also have several close friends who have adopted, which is so special for Teddy to have friends who share in his experience.

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