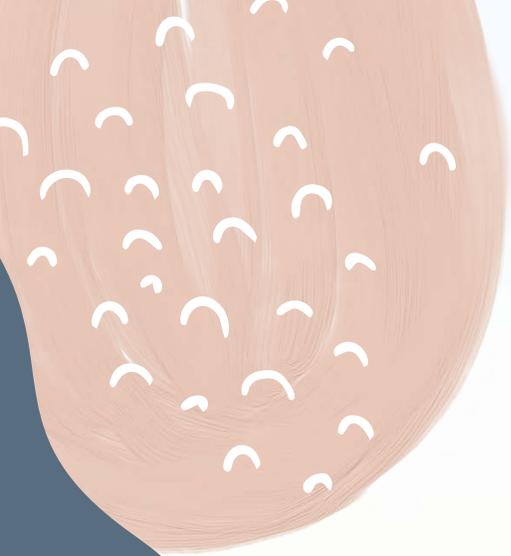


Lauren & Ronny





Hello

It's nice to meet you

The choices facing you are significant, and we would imagine entirely overwhelming. The fact that you are reading this letter tells us your child and the life he or she will lead is extremely important to you. Your love for your child and desire to figure out what is best is sacrificial and admirable. Wherever you are in this process, whether you've already decided to place or you are just now exploring placement as an option, we hope this book helps you get to know us. We promise to try our very best to convey exactly who we are and what we are about. By the end of this book we hope you feel like you know us. We want you to be confident that if your choice includes us, you will be able to clearly see the life that we have and the life that your child will have should he or she join our family. We are praying you have peace and clarity on your journey of deciding what is best for you and your child. While we aren't in your shoes we understand what a huge life choice you are in the midst of making. We are absolutely honored by your consideration of us as a potential family to place your child with. We are so excited to expand our family through adoption, and cannot wait to meet the child that will make our family feel complete. Most importantly we respect you, your journey and your choice for what is best.

With Love-

Ronny & Lauren

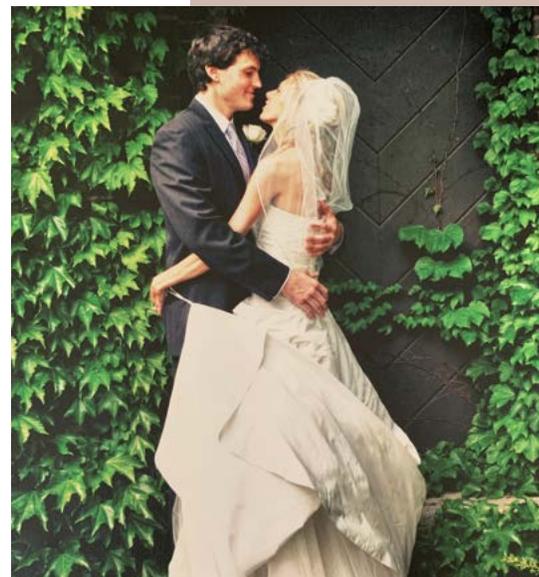


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We met shortly after college through mutual friends and instantly felt an attraction. We were both living in different Southern California cities when we met but that didn't stop us from keeping in touch. After about a year of dating I moved to be closer to Ronny and we dated for two more years before getting engaged. We went on many adventures exploring the restaurants and towns we lived in. We spent time outdoors and with each other's families. We went to church together, the beach, on road trips to friends weddings and had casual days just hanging out. We complimented and challenged each other and have continued to do so throughout our marriage.

Ronny proposed on a tennis court. He hid the ring in my racquet cover, and when I went to put my racquet away and found the box he was down on one knee. It was the easiest yes I have ever given!

We were married in the spring in a suburb of Chicago, my (lauren's) hometown. Since we live in California it was an opportunity for all of our family and friends from CA to travel and see where I grew up and where I was from. We were married in the church that I grew up attending and our ceremony was officiated by the priest I grew up listening to at church. It was very nostalgic, the old mixing with the birth of our new life as a married couple.



10 years married

and stronger than ever



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We have built a beautiful friendship that grows with time. We don't just love each other, we like each other too. We are more in love than ever and treasure our relationship and parenthood together.

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We are a team. We don't just look out for ourselves, but always keep each other in mind when it comes to making decisions and plans. When we both win our marriage and family wins as well.

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We believe in healthy communication. We are not perfect, and we don't always get it right. But we promise to always communicate with love at the forefront. This goes hand in hand with listening.

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We have fun! Yes, we are parents and love that role to the core of who we are. But we also love to have fun together, laugh as often as we can, and build a marriage our kids can look up to and be proud of.

Adoption

means everything to us

We both come from large families and have personally experienced the benefits that our families have provided us. We have the emotional, financial and physical support of so many people, and that makes everything about life easier. There are more people to celebrate the good times with, and there are more people to walk through the difficult times with. Fertility issues created obstacles while building our biological family, but along that journey we've seen what a gift our children have been, and it opened up our eyes to all of the different ways to build a family. Each of us has more love to give and a life we want to share. We are surrounded by friends who are adopted, and friends who have grown their family through adoption and it has been so beautiful to see and learn from them. The child who joins our family will be adored, doted on, and cherished more than words can describe. He or she will be taken care of always, loved infinitely, and will always know the story of their birth and adoption, even before he or she can fully understand it. We see the magnitude of your choices, we see you, and we respect you. We will keep our promises to you and your child. We would be honored to know you, hear all the hopes and dreams you have for your child, and make sure your voice is heard and valued. We don't know you yet, but we cherish you as well.





Our Hearts

for your child

We cannot wait to welcome another child into our family. We will tell your child that we love them probably a billion times every single day. We will soak up the sunshine at the beach, they will laugh with their siblings as ingredients fly everywhere while we cook in the kitchen. They will be another sweet face running around in the yard on summer nights. They will be born with built in besties in their older brother and sister, who are sooo excited to meet them. We will wrap our arms around them, we will read to them sing to them, and in the peaceful calm of their room we will rock them to sleep whispering stories of you, how you chose us and how special they are. The list could go on literally forever of all the memories we hope to share. We will always love, support and protect your child to the very best we know how. We promise to teach him or her about Jesus and as they grow we promise to help them explore their own unique gifts and interests. We love being parents!



meet
RONNY

I enjoy playing basketball, running, lifting weights, going to the gym, listening to church sermons, cruising along pacific coast highway and listening to music alongside the ocean, watching sports, walking our dog (a mini goldendoodle), going to the beach, participating in my children's activities, and spending time with my family and friends.

Reliable

Present

Easy Going

Kind

Fun

Ronny shows up for people in real ways

He is the real deal through and through

Ronny is kind, cares about others and is a strong Christian. His gifts include his ability to get along with others and treating people with respect. Ronny is a caring and compassionate person in both his personal and professional life. At work, Ronny's clients enjoy working with him. He makes people feel comfortable and always takes the time to explain things when necessary. Ronny is the "boss" at work but can frequently be found serving his staff. He always takes the time to train them and help them learn the skills needed to get ahead in their own careers. In his personal life Ronny comes home ready to be present and engaged with me and our children. He leaves work at work. He considers the needs of others, which is one of the many traits that makes him a great husband and father. I love him for all of the aforementioned reasons and because he has proved time and time again that he is loving, trustworthy and reliable. Throughout our marriage he has always shown unconditional love and made God and our family the priority.

Ronny is the ultimate dad. He loves Jesus and conveys this to his children. He teaches our children the important life lessons and values but is also extremely fun and playful. You can't know Ronny though without knowing his love for sports. This crosses right over to him loving doing all things sports and other outdoor activities with our children. You can frequently find him in the backyard after work kicking soccer balls, shooting hoops, or playing fun made up games. Indoors he's always up for playing board games and pretending with the kids. At bedtime you can find him reading stories, with the additions of funny voices and sounds. He is extremely excited to add another child to our family and get to have all these moments with your child.

"I am an audit partner at a local firm in California. I am lucky to work at a smaller firm as it provides flexibility with my hours and I am able to enjoy a great quality of life. It is easy to find time for work, family and leisure."



meet
LAUREN

I enjoy date nights, family time, taking walks, playing tennis, relaxing by the pool in our community, reading a book in our backyard, grabbing coffee/lunch/dinner with friends, going on hikes, trying new cooking recipes, interior design, decorating our house, women's Bible studies, chatting on the phone with my family, meal planning, balancing our budget, hosting events (birthday parties, baby showers, etc), and when we can I love to travel.

Honest

Thoughtful

Trustworthy

Patient

Kind



Lauren creates a home filled with warmth

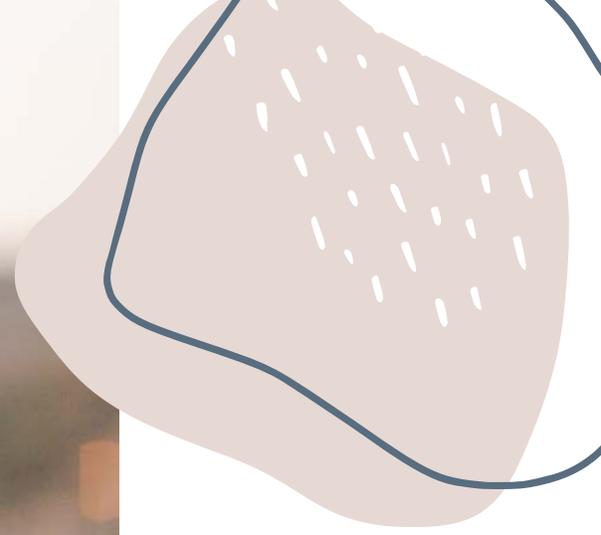
she takes time to let others know they are loved

Lauren is friendly, a good listener, thoughtful, athletic, outgoing, supportive, communicative, smart, social, happy, and has a good sense of humor. Lauren is really talented and she could have been successful at anything. She chose to stop working and to focus on motherhood with my full support. She is passionate about being a wife and mother and is good at it. She is patient, does her research, and takes her parenting job seriously. Lauren is often the one spearheading date night, lining up a babysitter and making sure we have quality time as a couple. I love that she is considerate of my needs, that she is flexible and makes sure I have personal time to meet my health and fitness needs. I respect and love her. We share our Christian values and the desire to raise our family in a Christ centered manner.

Lauren is a great mom. She is hands on with our kids from morning to night. She is always looking out for the best interests of our children. She keeps the kids active while also making sure they have enough downtime to rest and recharge. Lauren puts effort in the little things like preparing well balanced meals and snacks, making sure they have enough water and get enough sleep, to the bigger things of planning for their futures. Lauren tries to set them up for success in their days and also in teaching about important life principles - Jesus, manners, kindness, hard work, and loving themselves and others. Lauren is a great mom she is loving, full of snuggles, and always looking for ways to create memorable family experiences. She loves our children unconditionally and shows this love to them on a daily basis through her words and actions. Lauren came from a large family and always wanted to have a large family of her own. She cannot wait to complete our family through adoption. I can guarantee there will be no shortage of hugs, kisses and warmth for our next child.

"I am a stay at home mom and love it! We go to the beach, the zoo, the pool, the park, the beach, and I get to be there for every moment and milestone. Staying at home has been a gift and it is the best arrangement for our family. "





"I will love you and hug you and teach you how to do the monkey bars. You can share my toys and I'll always be your best friend"



Zachary

I want to sing, read and give my baby lots of kisses. I will give them my favorite doll.

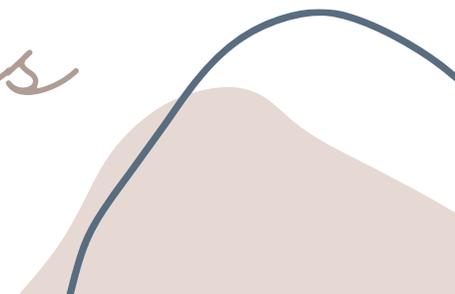


Avery



Our

Kiddos





Zachary

Zachary is creative, active, extroverted, loving, kind, outgoing, and determined. He enjoys playing basketball, baseball, soccer and flag football, building Legos, magic, reading, going to the beach, swimming, arts and crafts, and playing with his friends. He is a great big brother to his sister Avery and he is excited for us to have another baby in our family.

Avery

Avery is sweet, joyful, and loving. She enjoys gymnastics, soccer, playing with her brother, her dolls, and going to the beach, pool, and park. Avery loves her big brother Zach and is excited to have a baby sibling. When we talk about her cousin who is due in August she often starts chatting about "her" baby who is also on the way





Home is
where our
heart is

WE FILL OUR HOME WITH
LAUGHTER AND LOVE

Our home has 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. It has so much natural light that pours in through the windows. It's cozy and a place we love to make memories. We build forts, have movie nights, the kids play with their toys, and we have ended many evenings playing hide and seek around our home.

Our backyard has grass where we are able to play soccer, flag football, tag, and jump on the trampoline. Our yard also has a paved area where we have our basketball hoop, the fire pit to roast s'mores and furniture for entertaining and lounging. Since we live in California we are outside a lot and enjoy evenings in the backyard BBQing and having friends over.

Our neighborhood is so family friendly and safe. We live in a community that was made for families and kids. You can often see kids riding their bikes and scooters, and walking with their families. We have the most amazing neighbors who look out for one another.



Our community is safe, great for families, friendly, and has a lot to offer. We have a pool and two parks in our gated community. Walking distance from our community you will find lots of great hiking trails. A short drive away you can find the beach, museums, the zoo, amusement parks, aquariums, strawberry picking, apple picking, shopping malls, grocery stores, and lots of good restaurants.

We are a short drive from the beach! During the summer you can usually find us packing up our beach toys and chairs and playing until the sun goes down. We feel so grateful to live in a city that represents every culture and background. It is a down to earth community that creates spaces for all backgrounds of people.

What we love most about our community is the people who fill it. We have some of the greatest friends and support systems. Our children have made friends that will last a lifetime and we know our community will fully love your child as well, celebrating them at every moment.

We love our
diverse family
friendly
community



OUR SUPPORTIVE FAMILY

Our family puts their love into action. They show up to birthdays, sports games, family bbqs, and have meaningful conversations.



We are close with our extended families, we communicate regularly, and see each other as frequently as possible, which varies based on distance. We get together for holidays, and see local family more frequently. Rebecca (ronny's sister) babysits for us when needed as well as Ronny's mom. Aka Auntie Becks and Grandma!

My parents are Linda & Gerry. My sister closest in age to me is Caroline and her husband's name is Alex. My sister Julia is next and she is married to Mike. They have a one year old named Brooks and a baby on the way due this August. Next is my brother Nick, who is single and last but surely not least my sister Meredith who is also single. They are all awaiting the arrival of our third child. My parents will be on the first plane out to meet our newest addition. Everyone is so ready to welcome and love your baby. My sister Julia is so excited for more cousins for her children and we hope to have many more cousins in the future as well from my other siblings.



We love one another big time

Ronny's parents are Ron and Jeanette. His oldest sister is Ronya who is married to Kyle. They have 3 children, Cailin 14, Callie 12 and Cole 9. Next is his sister Rene who is married to Tony. They also have 3 children, Grace 12, Taylor 9 and AJ 6. Next is his little Brother Rawley who is single and does not have any children. After that is Robby who is married to Abby, they do not yet have children. Rebecca and Riley complete the family as the two youngest siblings.

We believe in the importance of family and feel so grateful for the love we all get to share.



FAMILY TRADITIONS

CHRISTMAS

During Christmas time you will find our house decorated inside and out. The kids wanted colored lights this past year, and they had them, everywhere. Decorating the tree is a fun tradition that we do as a family while listening to Christmas music. We go to a Christmas Eve service at our church with either my family or Ronny's family depending on where we are. We try to alternate every other year here or in Chicago. There are visits from santa, stockings and gifts, decorating gingerbread houses, special Christmas eve dinners, Christmas Day dinners. Lots of celebrating.

EASTER

The day before Easter we usually stop at Ronny's parents house where his parents lead a bible study lesson with all the kids and cousins. Then Ronny's sister's husband's parents have a huge family friendly party with a cornhole tournament and a pig roast. On Sunday the kids wake up to discover that the Easter Bunny has arrived. We do an egg hunt at our house for them and then head over to church with Ronny's family. From there we go to Ronny's parents house to eat together and his parents host another easter egg hunt for the kids.

4TH OF JULY

For the fourth of July we always try to make it back to the midwest to see my family. There is festive attire, a neighborhood parade, fireworks, bbqs and many days at the pool.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a crowd favorite at our house. We do themed family costumes and go all out with spooky (but not scary) decor and candy. The kids love trick or treating around our neighborhood with Dad and their friends while I stay back and pass out candy.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving we always stay local. Ronny gets a whole week off of work for Thanksgiving which is great for us as a family. We start the actual day of Thanksgiving walking a 5k turkey trot and then spend the rest of the day at Ronny's parents house. We all bring dishes to share, and the men fry turkeys outside. It is a day full of great food, the cousins playing around the house and the adults all getting to hang out together.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are not an exception to our love for holidays and we try to make them extra special around our house. For the kids we decorate the downstairs to surprise them when they come down in the mornings. Balloons, streamers, birthday signs, you name it. We do birthday parties for the kids with friends and family. We try and make the day feel extra special for them. We do the same for ourselves as well. The kids make cards for Ronny and I, we do a special birthday meal, and we make sure to sing and blow out candles in a cake or cupcakes. Ronny and I celebrate with our kids and also have a date night out separately for our birthdays.

*Time together is our
favorite time*



*Things we
look
forward to*

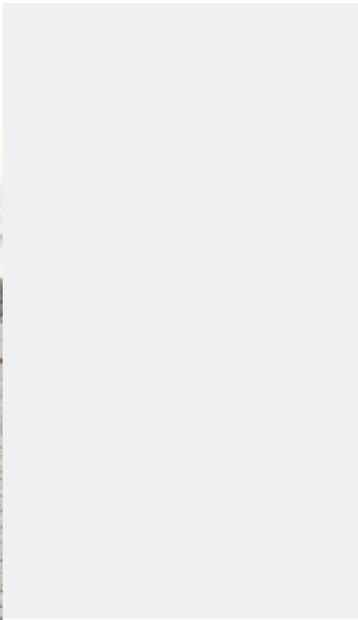


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“ We can be counted on in the big and small parts of life. Taking each new season with thought and love. ”



Our Faith

We believe in forgiveness, not holding grudges, loving others well, helping your neighbor, living with a generous heart, and showing respect and giving value to people. We are raising our children as non denominational Christians. Having a personal relationship with the Lord and understanding that Jesus loves them very much and they are filled with purpose and strength. We have a vibrant and non judgmental church family who creates spaces for people to find their passions. We are not perfect but try to model patience, love, and kindness at home. We try to live our lives as an example of these biblical principles that we teach. We attend church regularly and our children participate in the children's programs. I (Lauren) volunteer in the children's ministry. For preschool we have an amazing Christian preschool five minutes from our house that we love.

Education

We cannot wait to see how your child grows and develops. We know each child has different needs when it comes to learning and it's our heart to find the best place for them to thrive. Currently we are planning to send our children to public school. We bought our home in the area that we did because of its outstanding school district. Our son is currently attending private school for kindergarten since the public schools were not open where we live at the beginning of the school year. He will be going to the public elementary school down the street from us beginning next year. We value education and will make choices that are the best for each of our children. Both Ronny and myself are college graduates and we appreciate the experiences that college provides and the doors that a college education can open. However, if our children are clearly called to a different path we will support them and help to find the best way to follow their dreams.

» We will savor every moment, laugh together daily, shower our family with I love yous, and encourage our children to dream as big as they can»



We see you



We want to thank you for taking the time to explore our family, our values, our lives and all of the things that make us who we are. We pray that you have peace and absolute clarity when the time comes for you to make your final decision. If we are part of that decision we cannot wait to potentially meet you and walk through the door of adoption together. Should you place your child with us we want you to know that you will always be spoken of in a positive manner. To have respect for our child's mother and family is to have respect for our child. We will tell your child their birth story (complete with pictures of you etc. if you are open to that) before they can even fully understand what being adopted means. Adoption has the potential to create such a beautiful story. Each story is so unique and personal. Whether your story is also our story is your choice. We can't wait to see what the future holds and know that you are so seen by us in this journey.

With humble hearts-

Ronny & Lauren

With all the love in our hearts



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