

Cole & Lindsey



A LITTLE ABOUT US, OUR LIFE, AND OUR ADVENTURES

*when we
have the
courage to
walk into
our story
and own
it, we get
to write
the ending.*

- BRENE BROWN







hello! we're Cole & Lindsey

AND OUR DOG BEAU!

We want to express our heartfelt admiration for you as you consider us to be the adoptive parents of your child. We can't begin to imagine what you are going through right now and the emotions you must be facing. **All we know is that you must be incredibly brave and selfless, and we are in awe of the love you must have for your child.** We would be truly honored to be considered as parents to your beautiful baby. We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing home, a loving family, a quality education, and opportunities to pursue their passions and dreams. **We would also love to learn more about your hopes and dreams for your child as it is just as important in their upbringing.**



Like many couples, we had our lives planned out before we were even engaged. We planned to get engaged, married, and start a family the next year. Everything on our timeline fell into line perfectly but unfortunately, despite years of trying, we have been unable to conceive. We have been battling unexplained infertility for six years. Two years ago, we even tried IVF but were still unsuccessful.

We have come to terms with infertility but are still eager to fulfill our lifelong dream of raising a child and experiencing the joy and blessing of adding a child to our loving family. **We look forward to the opportunity to give a child a wonderful and loving life, along with the support of our family and friends.**





our love story

HOW IT ALL STARTED

We met in college through mutual friends, but it wasn't until years later that we reconnected. It turns out we both lived in the same city and ran into each other at a baseball game! **It didn't take long for us to realize we had found something special.** Our similar views on life and living it to the fullest are what initially drew us together. It was our values, drive, and motivation that kept us going. We challenged yet supported each other and we are both better people because of our relationship. We dated for two years before getting married. In those two years, we spent lots of time with family and friends, as well as attending sporting events. We enjoyed trying new restaurants and going to the movies.

When Cole proposed, he reenacted many of our memorable dates with a scavenger hunt which led up to the proposal. At the last stop of the day, we went to his hometown where he proposed next to a lake. Our wedding ceremony was on a beautiful beach in Mexico during sunset. After returning home, we had a large reception for friends and family in the same hall where Lindsey's parents had their wedding reception. It was the perfect start to our life together!

We have been married since 2016 and we are still going strong. We have learned to first and foremost trust each other. Our relationship is built on vulnerability, supporting each other unconditionally, and laughter! We find it's the small things that keep us connected, such as greeting each other when we come home, cooking dinner together, scheduling weekly dinner dates, and talking through any conflicts before we go to bed. We try to never go to bed angry!



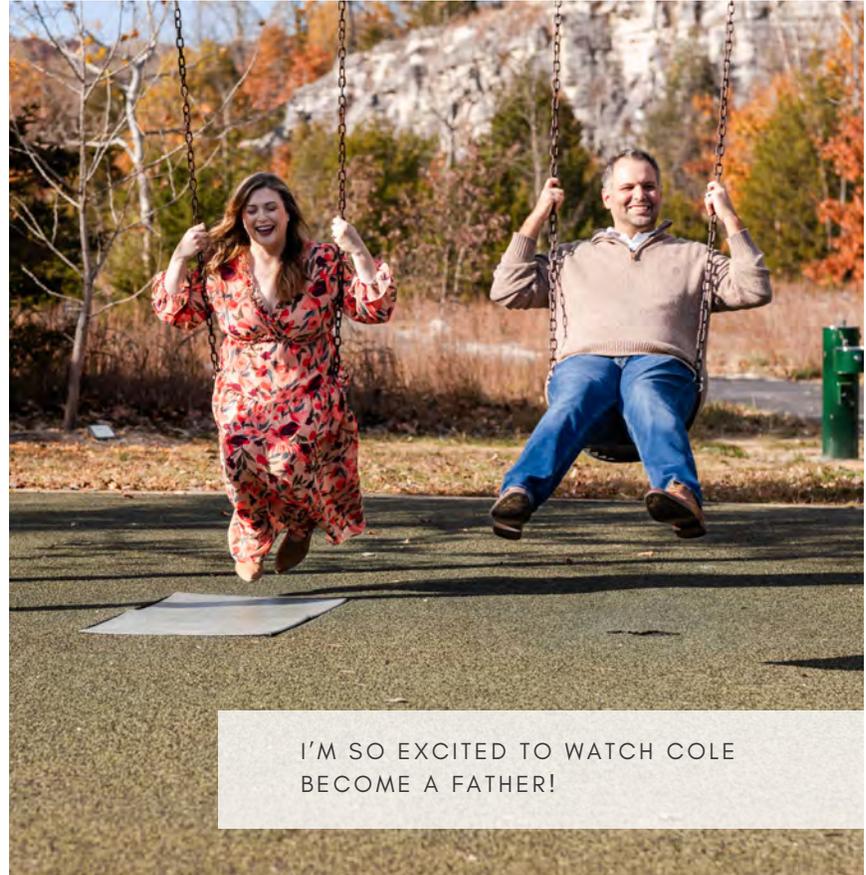


my husband, Cole



FUN-LOVING & RELIABLE

When Cole and I started dating, I was initially attracted to his **drive, motivation, and his understanding of nature**. He challenged me yet supported me, which was something I had never experienced before in a relationship. When I said I wanted to go back to school to pursue a higher degree, he never once said that it would be hard while working a full-time job. Instead, he helped me design a home office where I could comfortably spend time working on homework. He also helped me by taking on most of the chores so that I could focus on homework after work. He was **my biggest cheerleader!** Most importantly, when I become anxious or stressed regarding a situation, **his sense of humor makes me laugh** and reminds me not to take life too seriously. He really does make me a better person and I can't thank him enough for that.



I'M SO EXCITED TO WATCH COLE BECOME A FATHER!



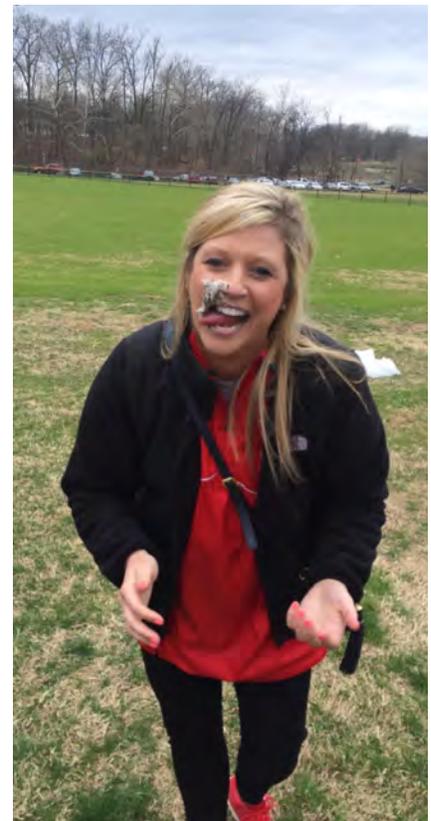
Cole is a great role model because of his honesty and integrity. He is the first to admit when he has made a mistake and does everything he can so that others don't have to suffer for his mistake. Not only does he admit to his mistakes, but he also **always follows up on his promises**, especially if it involves spending time with his nieces and nephews. He makes an effort to spend time with his nieces and nephews while engaging in activities such as board games and football, conversations about shared hobbies, and other opportunities for bonding experiences. Often, he is the uncle who is playing a game that no one else wants to play because he knows it is important to his niece or nephews, like Clue or Old Maid! He is very patient with them, and I know that he will be the same kind of father. **He is nurturing and supportive.** I know that he is looking forward to those same experiences with his own child.

my wife, Lindsey



KIND-HEARTED & LOVING

Lindsey's kindness for others can't be understated. **She has an innate ability to make others feel welcome and comfortable by entering every room with a bright smile and a friendly "hello."** Not to mention, she is a hugger! When a person is new to our group of friends, she goes out of her way to make them feel welcome by asking questions and including them in the conversation. My wife is an incredible person, full of compassion and creativity. This is evident in her ability to care for sick children and support families going through tough times in the hospital. If someone tells her "No," she figures out a way to find other resources and help others. **Her talent for creating a warm and welcoming home is amazing.** She loves to play hostess and always makes sure to take care of every last detail. No guest ever lifts a finger in our home!



I've watched Lindsey play with our nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends and her patience and ability to make learning fun is truly remarkable. She is always the first to sit on the floor and play Legos or Barbies. She asks them questions to promote imaginative thinking and encourages them to experiment. It is not always about having fun, though. One Thanksgiving, I heard her talking to a few of the younger nieces and nephews and she was teaching them how to take turns and share. **She's looking forward to being a mother because she believes in providing a loving and supportive environment where a child can grow and thrive.** I love her caring nature, creativity, and the way she makes every day special. She will be a great mother!

more about Lindsey

I work as a nurse leader with the title, Transplant Program Manager, at a children's hospital. I love that I can support the patients and families while they experience a life-changing event. I am part of an amazing network of providers that help give others the gift of life! Often, these patients and families are looking for someone to listen to their fears and confidently explain what to expect. The best part is when I get to see the children thrive after transplant. They have an opportunity to grow and develop into young adults and potentially start a family of their own. I work Monday through Friday, but I am able to flex my time as needed to care for my family. This may mean that I work from home one day a week or that I come in late/leave early. I plan on taking 12 weeks of maternity leave to bond with the child as well. The hospital offers daycare as part of their benefits and the daycare is located next to the hospital. We plan to utilize the daycare next to my office when we become parents. If something comes up, we are grateful to have family members who live within an hour and a half from our home to help.

In my free time, I love spending time outside cycling, kayaking, and hiking. I also love socializing with friends, shopping, and spending time with family. I enjoy reading self-help books and romance novels, watching hockey, and watching romantic comedy movies. I like to do these things alone, or with Cole. However, Cole is not necessarily a fan of shopping!



MY GREATEST WISH IS THAT MY CHILD LIVES LIFE TO THE FULLEST AND DOESN'T TAKE A SINGLE MOMENT FOR GRANTED. I WANT THEM TO EXPERIENCE ALL THAT LIFE HAS TO OFFER AND SHARE THEIR TALENTS WITH THE WORLD. THEIR HAPPINESS IS MY HAPPINESS!

more about Cole



I work as an Accounting Controller for a marketing company. I work normal business hours and can work from home twice a week allowing me to easily put our family first. I love the focus my company places on family and fostering relationships. Each year, the company sponsors a family day at a theme park. It is a great experience to get to know coworkers and bond as a family. I look forward to sharing this experience with my family. Because bonding with a child is important, I plan to take at least four weeks of paternity leave when we welcome a baby.

I love to play golf as much as I can. I also **enjoy mystery/thriller movies, watching football or golf on TV, and spending time with friends** in any capacity. Lindsey and I spend a lot of our free time enjoying new local restaurants (especially steakhouses), and traveling to visit family. We spend quite a bit of time at the family lake house so there are plenty of restaurants to try!

I want my children to have the same carefree upbringing that I had so they can look back and say they were able to experience their childhood free of stress and worry. My brothers and I often spent our days after school playing football in the yard waiting for our mom to call us in for dinner. Hours were spent playing in the yard whenever the weather was nice. We were free of worry and full of grass stains! I also want to give my child the tools and support to be successful at whatever they choose to do with their life.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING A MORE FULFILLING
AND HAPPY LIFE THAT I CAN SHARE WITH A
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our life together

WE LOVE SPENDING TIME TOGETHER!



As a couple, we enjoy outdoor activities like hiking, biking, and boating. We also love attending hockey, baseball, and football games together in addition to hosting gatherings for friends and family. In the evenings, we often complete our chores and spend time with each other talking and relaxing on the couch with our dog, Beau, and watching movies. We also love taking Beau around the neighborhood on the golf cart on evenings that the weather is nice.

We love to take several vacations each year. We typically find ourselves at the beach! **We plan on taking family vacations every year to experience all that life has to offer.** We love to discover new places and share memorable experiences and can't wait to share that with our child.



We have a two-year-old dachshund/yorkie mix named Beau after Lambeau Field. We got him when he was just six weeks old from a family friend. The puppies were so cute that Lindsey's parents took his sister home. Now, the two still visit each other regularly! Beau is great with everyone and is such a very friendly, lovable, dog. **He especially loves children.** He loves to greet us at the door when we come home and snuggle with us at night. We have no doubt that he will welcome a child into our family with open arms (or paws!).



our home

AND COMMUNITY

We built our home three years ago in a large, supportive neighborhood. **Our home has four bedrooms and a spacious backyard, perfect for creating memories and sharing love with our family.** We spend most of our time in the family room where there is a large couch for snuggling, talking, and watching movies. On the other side of the family room is a large open space that is perfect for a playroom for a future child. Love and laughter fill our home, especially in the kitchen! You can find us dancing to 90's music and cracking jokes while cooking dinner. We also spend time in the kitchen when our family visits so we can play Pictionary and laugh at each other's drawings! We hope to stay in this house and create many more memories under this roof.

We live in a welcoming community with a great school and plenty of outdoor opportunities for families. We are next to a large park with hiking trails and campsites. We also have a large lake in the middle of our neighborhood where we can swim and kayak. Within a mile from our house is the neighborhood tennis court and saltwater pool. The best part is that we live next to a conservation area with a large biking trail where we plan to ride bikes as a family. **We appreciate living in a child-friendly area with many outdoor activities for families such as the park playground and swing set.** We both had swing sets growing up and believe it is an important part of having a carefree childhood.







cole's family

Cole's family includes his mother, Barb, and his two brothers, Cass and Travis. Cole's mother owns a flower shop. Cass is married to Jill, and they have one daughter, Haley (19), and five sons, Jake (32), Logan (28), Levi (26), Owen (26), and Collin (22). Jake is married to Jessica, and they have two kids, Emma (6) and Luke (4). Logan is married to Macey. Levi to Kylie. Cole's family loves to laugh! They can also be described as resilient, caring, hard-working, and reliable.

WE ARE BLESSED WITH A VERY SUPPORTIVE AND LOVING FAMILY. WE TEXT OR CALL EACH OTHER WEEKLY AND VISIT EACH OTHER AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH. EVERYONE LIVES WITHIN 3 HOURS OF EACH OTHER, WITH THE CLOSEST BEING 30 MINUTES AWAY. WE CELEBRATE TOGETHER AND THERE'S NO DOUBT WE HAVE EACH OTHER'S BACKS.





lindsey's family

Lindsey's family includes her parents, Ron and Laura, and her younger sister, Jamie. Lindsey's mother is a retired middle school principal and teacher and her father is a project manager and works with her aunt, uncle, and cousin who own the business. Lindsey is also close with her aunt, Cathy, and uncle, Rhett. Cathy and Rhett have one daughter, Lauren, who is married to Eric. Lindsey's family can be described as caring, responsible, trustworthy, and reliable.

We love that adoption is already a part of our extended family! Lindsey's cousin, DJ, was adopted and has given us a deeper understanding and appreciation for the beauty of adoption. We have personally seen many lives intersect to create an army of support, understanding, and unconditional love. It is truly beautiful! In addition, this experience has taught us that is our responsibility as parents to help the child work through their feelings. We now understand some of the difficult feelings they may have surrounding loss, specifically concerning privacy and control. **Our family is eagerly awaiting the arrival of this child and offers us unwavering support.**







our values

WHAT WE HOPE TO PASS ON TO OUR CHILDREN

faith

Our Christian faith plays a significant role in our lives, and we believe in instilling strong character traits in our children, such as kindness, humility, and compassion. We plan to incorporate prayer before meals and at bedtime where they will learn to pray for others. Lindsey was active in the church choir when she was younger and that is something that we would like to offer to our child as well. It was a time to learn more about faith and build lasting relationships. In addition to exposure, we will encourage questions and share our experiences.

education + dreams

We plan to send our child to public school, as we believe in the importance of a well-rounded education and the opportunity to interact with diverse groups of peers. Our goal is to support our children's dreams and passions, whether they include college or other avenues of pursuing their goals.

character

Our values include love, respect, empathy, and the importance of family bonds. It is vital for us to talk about our feelings, consider others' feelings, and validate emotions. This is mostly done through role modeling. We will teach our child respect by being kind and courteous, polite, and attentive. We look forward to continuing to grow our family through adoption and plan to provide our child/children with the love and support they need to thrive.



thank you

THANKS FOR GETTING TO KNOW US!

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our profile. We hope that we were able to give you an idea of what our lives are like and that you can feel the love that we have to share with a child. We are eager to fulfill our lifelong dream of raising a child and experiencing the joy and blessing of adding a child to our family. **Please know that any child who joins our family will be loved abundantly and unconditionally. We will ensure they have every opportunity to pursue their dreams.**

We promise to speak of you with love and respect in our home, and we are open to the possibility of a continued relationship with you if that's something you desire. **They will always be reminded of who they are, where they came from, and the love their birth family has for them.** We imagine this must be a difficult decision for you and we want you to feel at peace with your decision.

In closing, we want to express our gratitude for considering us as potential adoptive parents. We have so much respect for your courageous decision to consider adoption. Thank you for considering us, and we send you all our love and encouragement.

Cole and Lindsey





WE'RE SO EXCITED TO MEET YOU!