



Elizabeth AND Michael





In Paris for Valentine's Day

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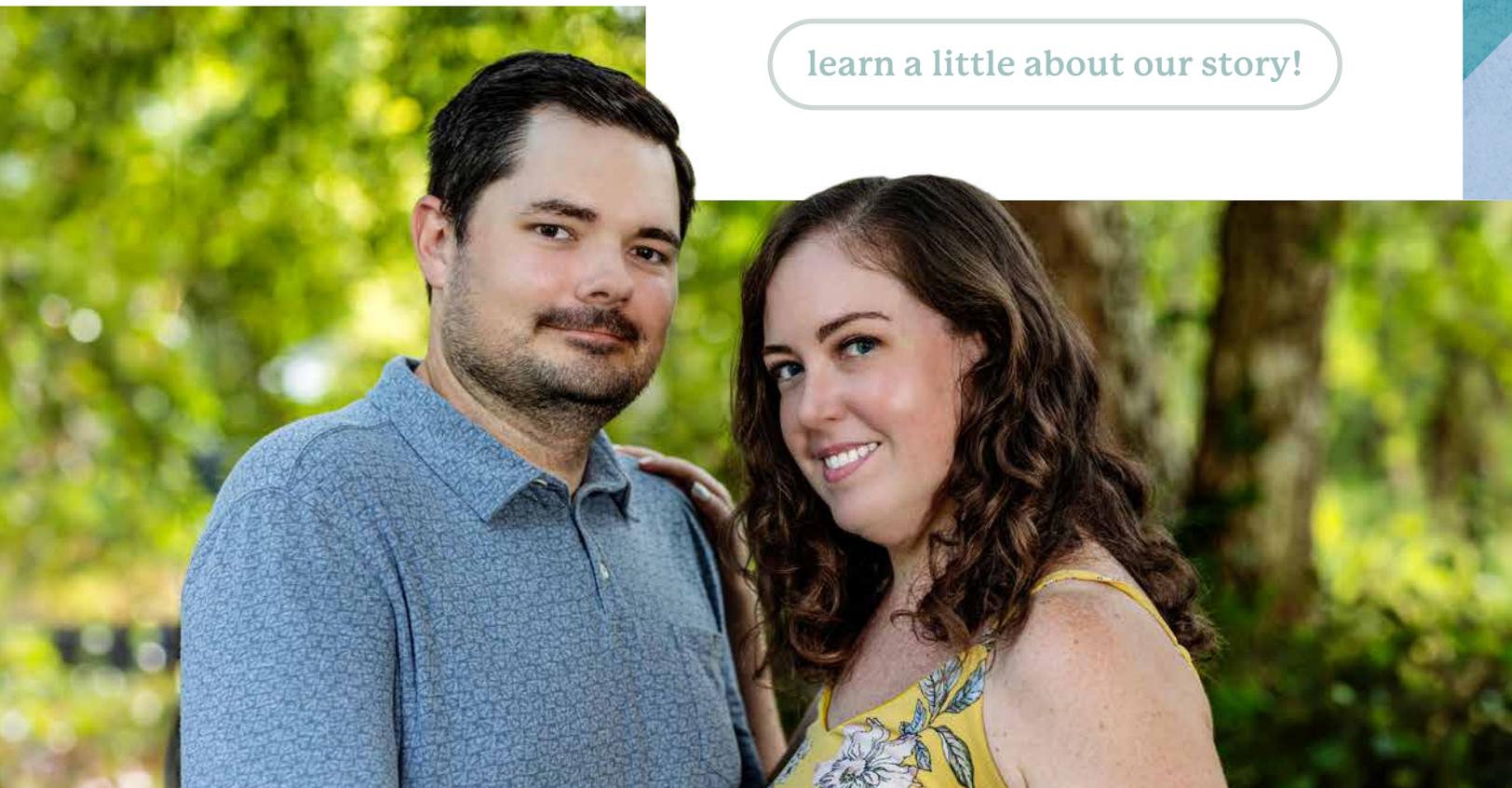


grateful for
you taking
the time



TO LOOK THROUGH
OUR BOOK AND

learn a little about our story!



We understand this is a very difficult and challenging process, and we greatly appreciate your courage and openness.

We have wanted a family for many years now and always knew adoption was going to play a part in that. We have a great time together as a couple with lots of love and laughs, and are very excited to include our future child in the life we've built.



We look forward to meeting you!

Our Story



STARTED IN

Orlando, Florida.

Elizabeth was finishing up her senior year in college, and Michael had just graduated the previous year and worked in the area.

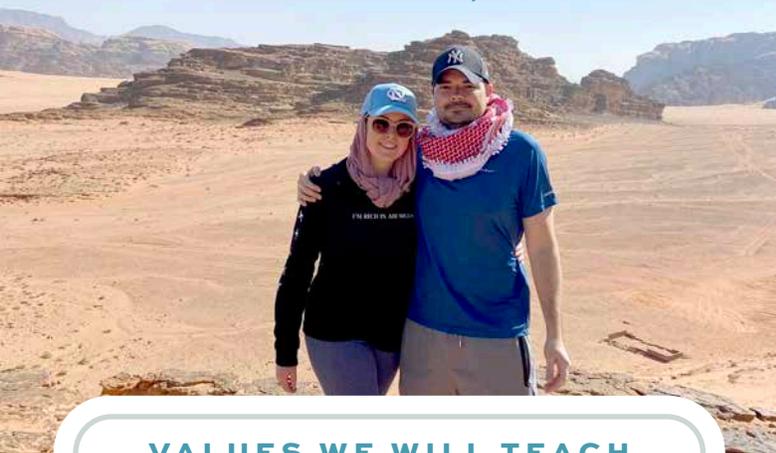
We met on a blind date and hit it off immediately.

When Elizabeth graduated, her first job took her to South Carolina, where Michael would split his time, traveling back and forth from Florida. Throughout the next few years, we would follow each other from different cities and jobs across the south, before finally settling down together in North Carolina.

Michael's sense of humor and love of the unknown has kept Elizabeth on her toes, while her forward thinking and planning has kept them grounded and stable.



On a tour in Wadi Rum, Jordan



VALUES WE WILL TEACH

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BE A GOOD PERSON

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ALWAYS TRY YOUR BEST AND UNDERSTAND IT'S OKAY TO FAIL

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DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE UNFAMILIAR

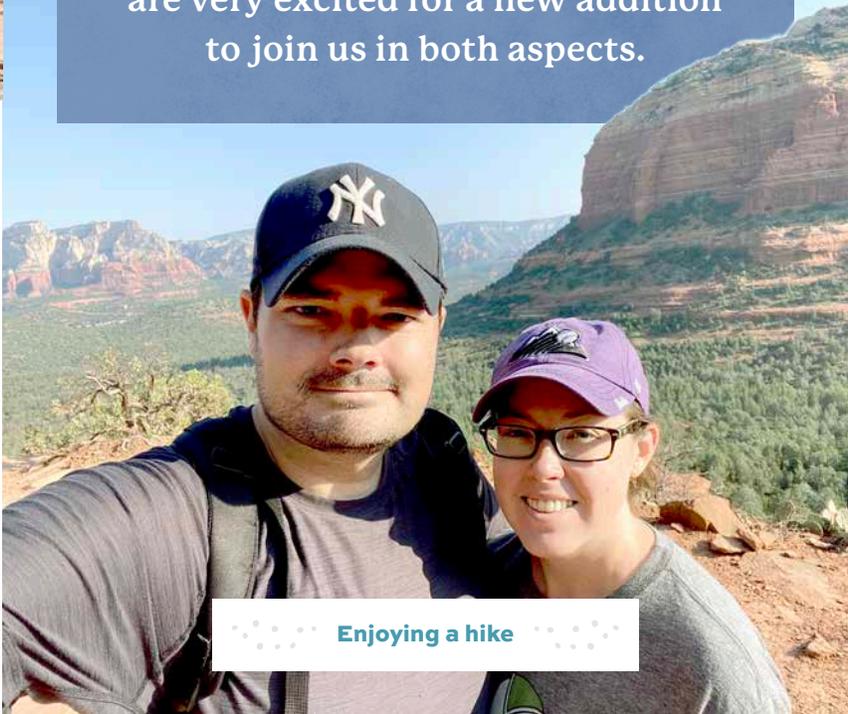
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ENJOY THE LITTLE THINGS

4

HOW TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT

We have such a great time with each other in both our daily lives, and the adventures we take. We are very excited for a new addition to join us in both aspects.



Enjoying a hike

ALL ABOUT



Elizabeth

written by

MICHAEL



Elizabeth watering her favorite bonsai tree



EVER SINCE I MET HER,

Elizabeth has been determined and knew exactly what she wanted out of her life.

Although we've hit bumps in the road along the way, she has always remained strong, and never become discouraged. **I often tell her she's the strongest, bravest person I know, and that includes my retired Marine dad.**

She has played such a tremendous, leading role in building the happy life and warm home we share together. **I love that she constantly pushes me to be my best version, while also being so accepting and gracious.**

She has an amazing ability to turn from serious and focused to silly and full of laughter. **I can't imagine a better combination when it comes to a mother, and I can't wait to see her become what she's always been determined and destined to be.**

Fun Facts

& FAVORITES

1

VACATION SPOT

Spain

2

MUSICAL ARTIST

Post Malone & Lady

Gaga

3

DESSERT

Birthday cake

4

WHAT YOU LIKE

TO COLLECT

Christmas ornaments
from travels

5

CAN'T LIVE

WITHOUT

Coffee

6

CHILDREN'S

BOOK

Barney's Sand Castle

7

ICE CREAM

FLAVOR

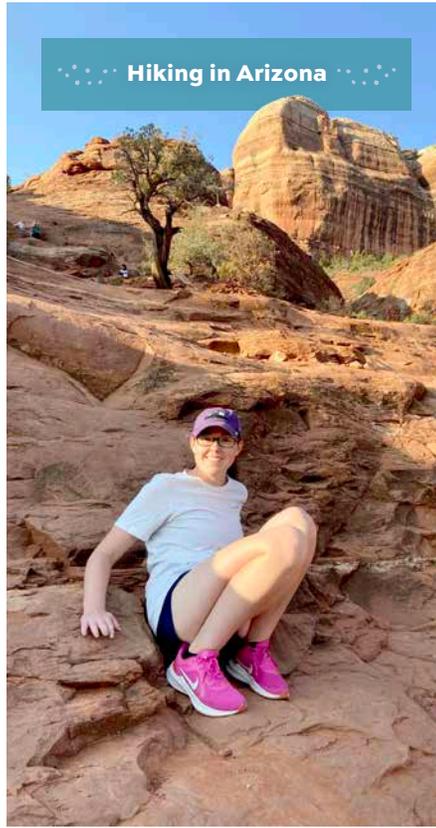
Mint chocolate chip

8

LUNCH BOX

SNACK

Cheetos



All smiles on
Christmas morning!

Elizabeth's Career

Elizabeth works as an
accountant and is able to
work from home.

Enjoying a morning cup of coffee in the Tennessee mountains





ALL ABOUT



Michael

written by

ELIZABETH

Camel ride in the Jordan Desert



MICHAEL IS
someone who stays true to his word
and will always keep you laughing.

He is someone who has always done what he said he would. **From small daily goals to life changing ones, Michael has determination and never neglected responsibility.**

Something I have always loved is his way of making me laugh. His humor is something passed down from his father and uncles. The Abney Wit, as they call it, will have you laughing until your side is sore.

Michael is the rock that stands firm as the waters of life push him every single day. **He has the stability and humor to make a loving father who will stand firm when needed, but bring laughter to every adventure along the way.**



Michael enjoying his favorite pastime

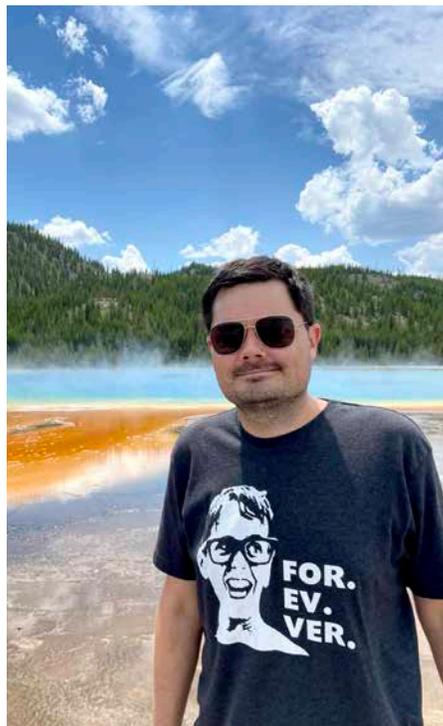
Fun Facts

& FAVORITES

Michael's Career

Michael works in IT and is able to work from home.

Enjoying a movie at home



Traveling and hiking in Yellowstone National Park

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VACATION SPOT
Tennessee mountains

5

DESSERT
Peach cobbler

2

LUNCH BOX SNACK
Zebra cakes

6

CHILDREN'S BOOK
Harry Potter

3

SEASONAL ACTIVITY
All things Halloween

7

PERFECT DAY
Movie at home with family, with pizza and ice cream

4

SPORTS TEAM
Minnesota Vikings and New York Yankees

8

ICE CREAM FLAVOR
Cookies and cream



Our Home

AND COMMUNITY

We moved into our newly built house 5 years ago and immediately fell in love with our neighborhood and nearby community. **The neighborhood is brand new with lots of young families, and schools within walking distance, along with a new high school that just opened this year.**

Our house is in the perfect spot to enjoy the adorable downtown and parks of nearby small, South Carolina towns, along with the big city and all its perks only 15 minutes away.

Our location is only a few hours away from both the mountains and the beach, along with tons of cities for fun day trips and activities.



Supporting local baseball team



Home sweet home!



Cooking dinner together

OUR FURRY FRIENDS

We have 3 cats that each have their own unique and lovable personalities.

Maximus



Leslie



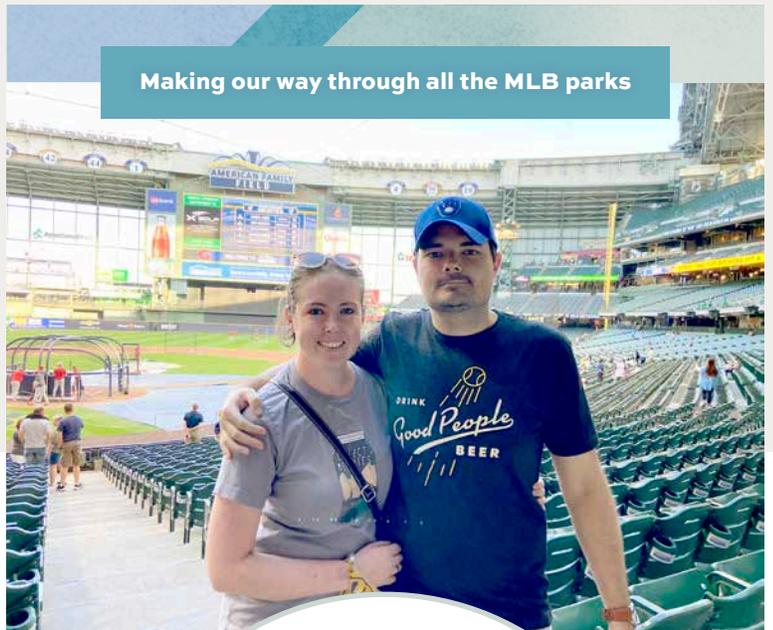
Sophie



SOPHIE has been with Elizabeth since she first went to college. She may in fact be the most traveled kitty in the south. **MAXIMUS AND LESLIE** have been with us since Michael first moved to NC in 2015. Max enjoys eating potato chip snacks and lounging in the sun, whereas Leslie enjoys being everywhere Michael is. All 3 cats are very excited to chip in and help out a new addition to our family.



Visiting the pyramids in Mexico



Making our way through all the MLB parks

OUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Interests

1

Even with different backgrounds, we've shared a lot of our hobbies with each other and become a more well rounded family. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THESE WITH OUR FUTURE CHILD, ALONG WITH ENCOURAGING THEM TO FIND THEIR OWN INTERESTS.

2

ELIZABETH IS THE MUSIC LOVER AND ASSIGNED CAR DJ, and she also enjoys baking delicious desserts, taking care of plants, and swimming at our community pool.

3

MICHAEL ENJOYS ALL SPORTS, but in particular baseball, along with reading, hiking, and cooking.

4

MOVIES ARE A HUGE DEAL IN OUR FAMILY. We go to the theater a lot, along with movie nights at home.

5

TRAVEL IS A HUGE PART OF OUR LIVES, AS WE'VE BEEN ALL AROUND THE WORLD TOGETHER. We look forward to taking our child back to the places we've been, and new places we haven't.



Vacationing in Spain



Visiting with Michael's parents



With Michael's brother and uncle who lives down the road



Elizabeth with her mom in Charleston

Our Family

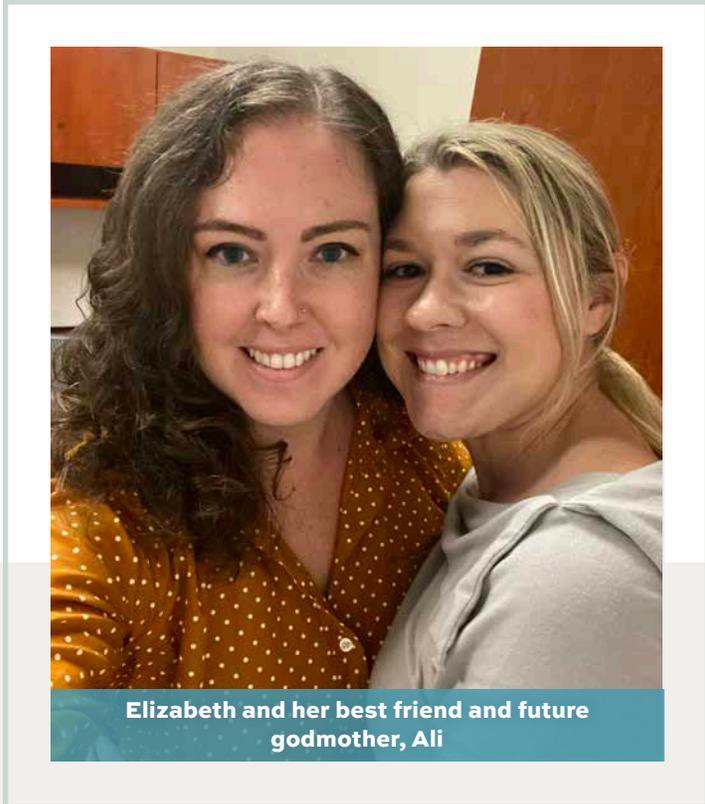
BOTH SETS OF PARENTS

live in Central Florida, in the shadow of Disney World, and are already excited to spoil our future child with all the theme parks and Florida beaches nearby.



Michael comes from a large family with aunts/uncles/cousins spread between the Carolina's, a short drive away. He's also very close with his older brother, who is very excited to become the fun, goofy uncle.

Elizabeth has an aunt she's close with in Florida, who was adopted and has been a great resource for us during this process. We have a close set of friends in our area that are ready to become godparents and help out wherever needed.



Elizabeth and her best friend and future godmother, Ali



Taking in the beautiful sights of Hawaii



We want to prepare them for the real world as best as possible, while also allowing them to be a kid. We hope to teach them all the lessons we've learned from our life so they can learn from them, and be better than we ever could be. Although we're excited to share all our interests and hobbies, we want them to have their own, and share those with us. We also want them to know where they came from so they can have a better idea of where they want to go in the future.



Parenting



THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

we would like our child to learn is the value in being a good, kind, respectful person.



Seeing a Broadway show in our hometown

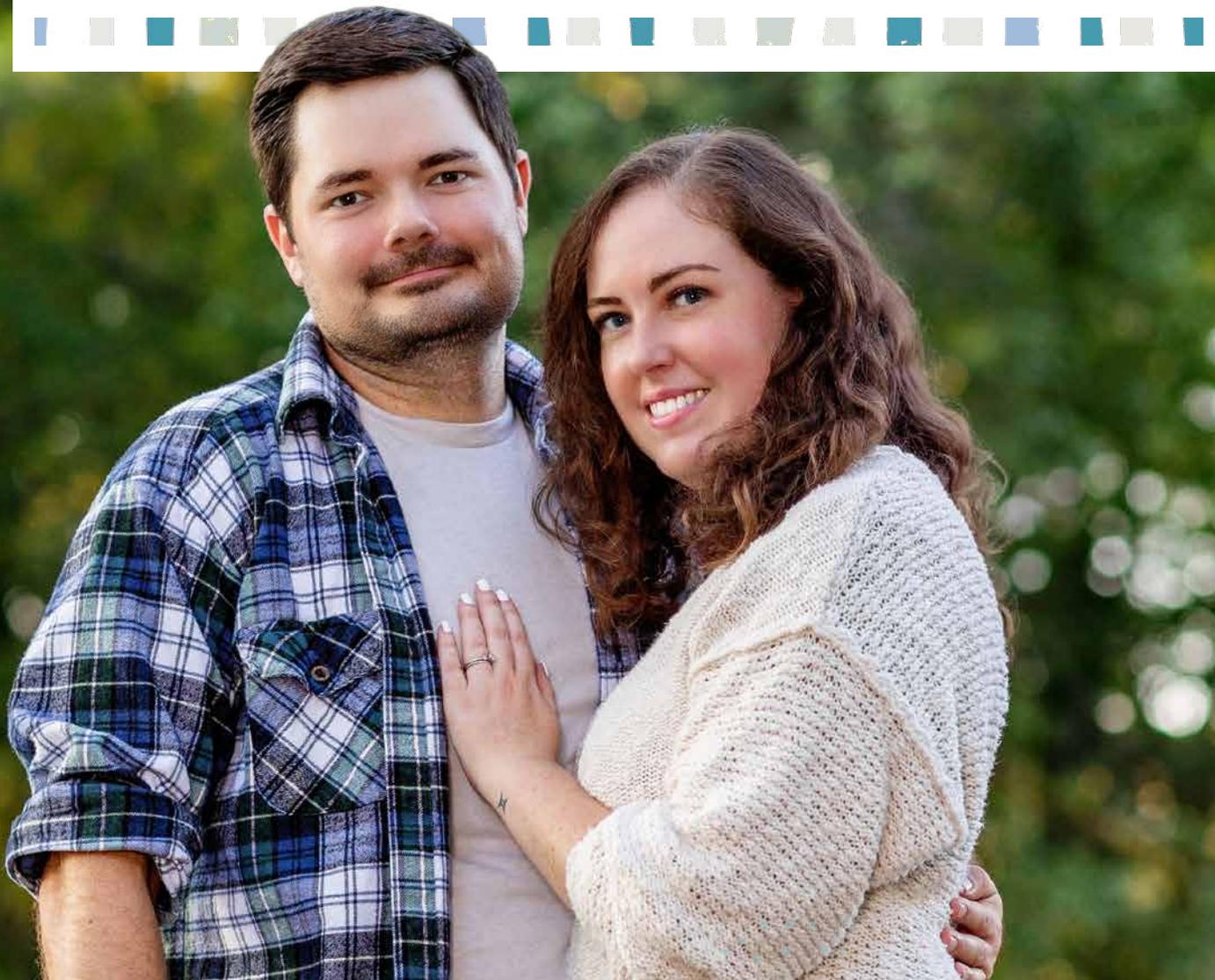
THANK YOU SO MUCH



for giving us your time



AND GETTING TO KNOW US A LITTLE BIT!



We are very hopeful and excited for the opportunity to start a family, and are committed to raising our child in a loving and supportive home where they will grow and prosper. We promise to be as open with them and you as possible. They will have a wonderful life filled with traveling the world, movie nights, and loving parents who want only the best for their child at all times.

WE ARE SO

excited to get this
adventure started!