



Max &  
Kelcie  
Grace





# dear friend

Hi there,

We won't pretend to know the emotions you are feeling right now. Please know that even though we haven't met (yet) we are rooting for you, whatever choice you make.

This booklet isn't long enough to show you all the details of our life but we hope it gives you a glimpse of who we are. In our home, we make fresh bread. We listen to Disney music constantly. We tell jokes that will make you laugh until you cry. We aren't perfect... there is always dog hair on our floors, our bed is rarely made, and you will probably find dishes in our sink. But, in our home, we tell the truth, we say we're sorry, we forgive, we keep our promises, we try our best, and we never give up. Above all we love with our whole hearts!

We are humbled you are considering us as the parents for your little one. If you are willing, we would be honored to have you in our lives too. Growing our family through adoption has always been our dream. If you choose adoption and decide to pick us to parent, please know that we are ready to love your child to infinity and beyond.

Max  
+ Kelcie Grace





# our story



We met at an Italian restaurant during college. Kelcie Grace was a waitress and Max was interviewing for a prep cook position. The restaurant owner asked Kelcie Grace what she thought of Max and her response was “He’s cute. You should hire him!”. Max got the job and we were soon inseparable. We got engaged after 6 years of dating and married a year later. We have been together for 12 years and married for 5. We love to cook – we make everything by scratch (bread, pasta, hot sauce ... you name it!). We love to travel. We have visited many states throughout the US and have also been to Mexico and Canada. In 2013, we volunteered for a children’s home in Thailand for a month – the experience changed our lives. We can’t wait to continue our world travels someday as a family.

Kelcie Grace is a huge Disney nerd and helped Max fall in love with all things Disney too. We visit Disneyland every chance we get! We love hiking and camping and are so thankful to live in the Pacific Northwest where we are 1 hour from the coast and 1 hour from the mountains. We prioritize experiences and memories over things. We value kindness, creativity, and humor. We believe life is a privilege and we do our best to live it to the fullest.



# fun facts about Max + Kelcie Grace



We love hosting parties and events that always involve good food and people of all ages – from murder mystery dinners to Friendsgiving to neighborhood potlucks.



We once ran a 10k dressed like Captain Hook (Kelcie Grace) and Mr. Smee (Max) and a half marathon as characters from Princess and the Frog.



We have a 4-year-old sourdough starter named “Senator Bubbleton”.

Kelcie Grace always wanted a Newfoundland. Max was afraid of big dogs at first but he quickly fell in love with the gentle giant breed!



Without any experience (seriously we could barely hammer a nail) we completely renovated the kitchen in our home (thank you YouTube).

Kelcie Grace loves jazz music.

We hosted a 16-year-old exchange student from Brazil for a school year and had a lot of fun together showing her our favorite sites!



Max has spent years perfecting his delicious spaghetti sauce recipe.





# meet kelcie grace

(as told by Max)

Kelcie Grace is the most loving and caring person I have ever met. She will go the extra mile to make sure you feel loved and supported. She is a strong woman, who can overcome any obstacle. She is an extremely intelligent and driven person, and when she puts her mind to something, she will find a way to achieve her goal. While she is always working on improving herself, she is also a down to earth, fun-loving, goofy, and charming person to be around. Kelcie Grace laughs at her own jokes before she finishes them. She loves to read and dance ballet (she's been dancing since she was 3!). In the 12 years I have known her, she has helped me become my best self, and I am so grateful to her.



## More About *Kelcie Grace*

**AGE:** 32

**OCCUPATION:** Public Health Nurse

**FAVORITE BOOK/MOVIE:** Harry Potter

**FAVORITE PLACE:** Disneyland

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** My family

**MY PERFECT DAY:** Any day that occurs in Disneyland!  
OR Spending the day cooking a big meal to share  
with family and friends.

“Kelcie Grace is such a strong, loving, caring woman and supportive wife. I can only imagine how much love she could give to a child.”

*-Max*



Kelcie Grace's mom in Disneyland (Nana)



Cousin Ruby



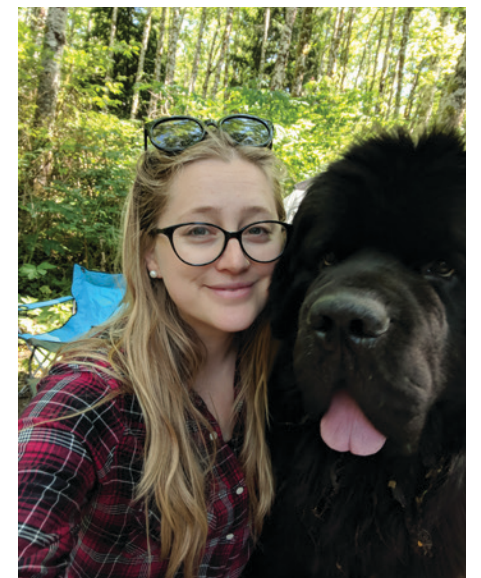
Dancing ballet with her sister (Auntie Kailie)



Sara (aka Auntie Sara) and baby Joëlle



Jennifer (aka Auntie Jennifer)





# why we are adopting



Kelcie Grace has dreamed of adoption since childhood. Early on in our relationship, we decided adoption would be a part of our life journey. We made the decision to start and grow our family through adoption only. We both have had experiences caring for and loving children that are not our own blood. We can wholeheartedly love a child that is not biologically related to us. We are absolutely ready and excited to jump into this journey. We are interested in open adoption because we believe in the importance of allowing children to know where they came from and the journey that brought us together. We hope to develop a relationship with you as we navigate this journey. We are open to any level of openness you want, and know that our relationship may change and grow over time.

## our promises to our future child

- We promise to love you to infinity and beyond.
- You will grow up knowing who your first mom and first family are and how much they love you.
- We promise to give you a stable, loving home surrounded by people who care for you.
- We will not allow anything or anyone stand in the way of being your best self and living your best life.
- We will remind you every day how strong, smart, capable, kind, and amazing you are.
- We promise to celebrate you in times of great happiness and hold you in times of sorrow.

## thank you



It's impossible to fit our whole world into one small booklet. We hope these pages gave you a peek of who we are, our lives, our home and our community. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for considering us to parent your child. We have the utmost respect for you and we honor your bravery. (And yes, whether you feel brave right now or not, you are! Vulnerability is bravery.) If you feel up to it, we would love to learn more about you, your family, and your baby. Sending you love, light, and positive vibes.

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