

INTRODUCING

*Tanner  
& Ashley*



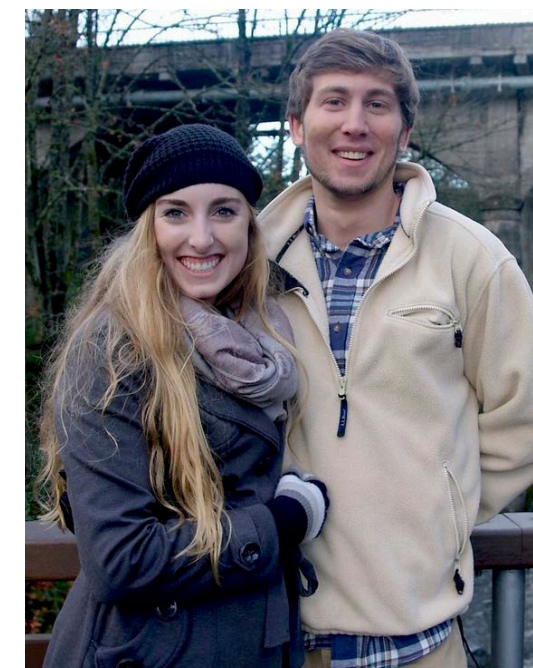
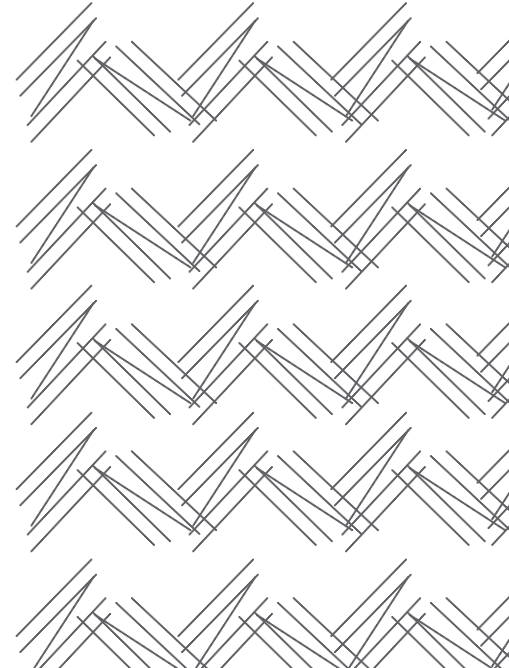


# HI!

We're Tanner and Ashley! We're so thankful you are reading this. To be in your shoes, reading through all of these family profiles would be exhausting. Although we don't know you yet, we want to put your heart first through this whole process. YOU MATTER. We aren't just in this for a beautiful child. We are in this to love you well, to champion your choices and to include you in this child's life as much as you desire. This decision is beyond hard and painful. Choosing adoption is truly one of the most selfless actions. Adoption blessed us with our daughter Shiloh, and we share a beautiful open adoption with her first mother. We will say more in a little bit about that. Thank you for reading about our family. We are messy, loud and really love each other. We don't believe we have superpowers, but we do believe we are really intentional and amazing parents. To think you could be reading this is absolutely humbling and we want you to know that we will love him or her unconditionally for the rest of his or her life. We'll try and show you who we are in these pages, and if you are considering us to be parents to this miracle you grew, know that we will love him or her unconditionally for the rest of his or her days. We hope to meet you soon.

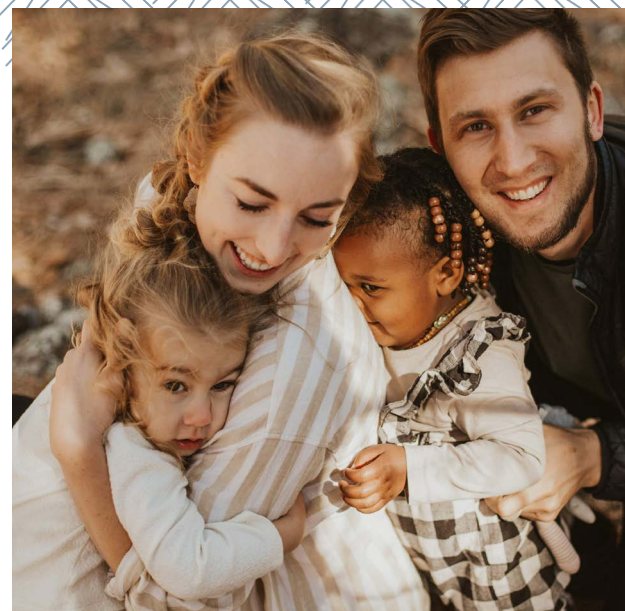
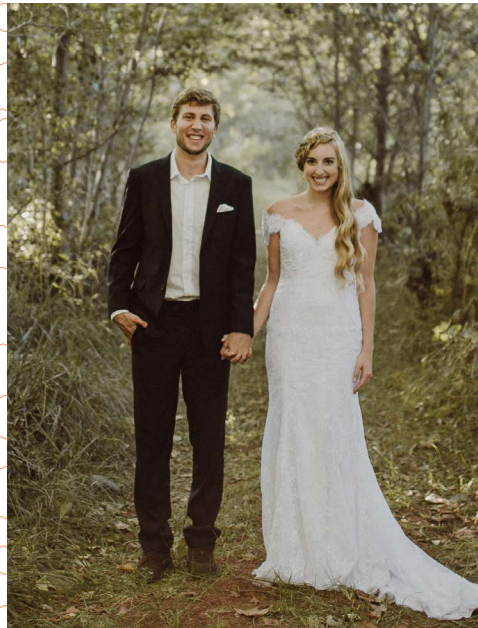
With Love,

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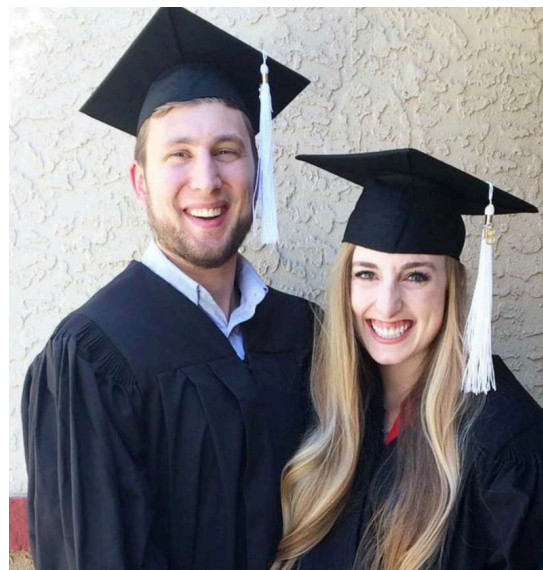
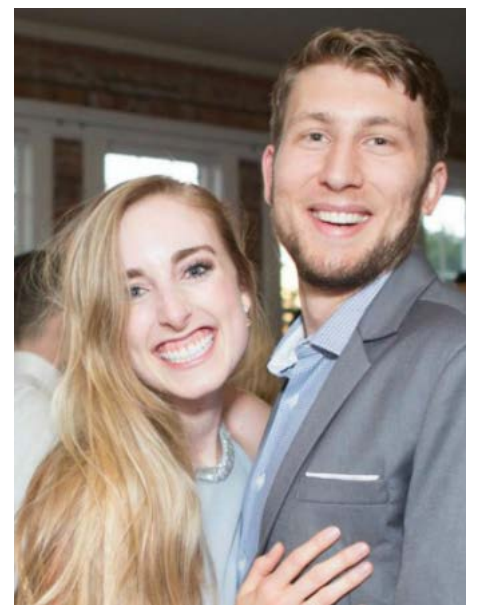
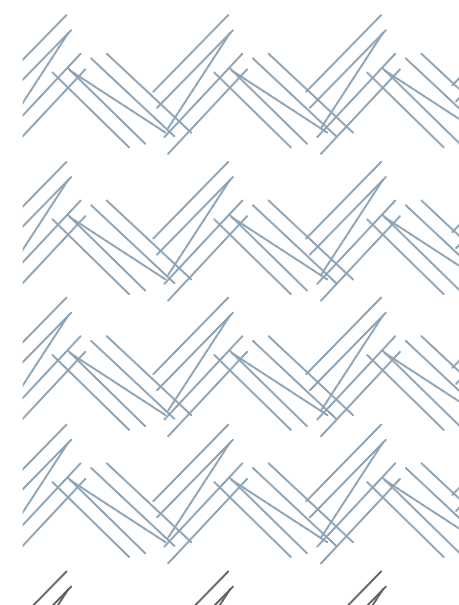


# OUR LITTLE FAMILY



Tanner and I first met in drama class in 8th grade...neither one of us were cute back then. Ashley was taller than Tanner, and he had lots of acne. But hey, true love hits you regardless of those things, ya'!!! Tanner tutored Ashley in math once they were in high school, and soon after, we fell in love at 18 years young. We got married right out of college and with the support of amazing and tight-knit friends and family. We earned our Masters' degrees together: and we even had the privilege of graduating together.

Both Tanner and Ashley are therapists, and Ashley now stays home to raise our precious daughters, Eden and Shiloh. Tanner and Ashley enjoy getting the opportunity to watch their daughters' tight knit bonds grow as they get older. They are so close, in part because they are only 10 months apart, thanks to adoption! These girls love going to the zoo, having playdates with friends and spending everyday with their momma and daddy!

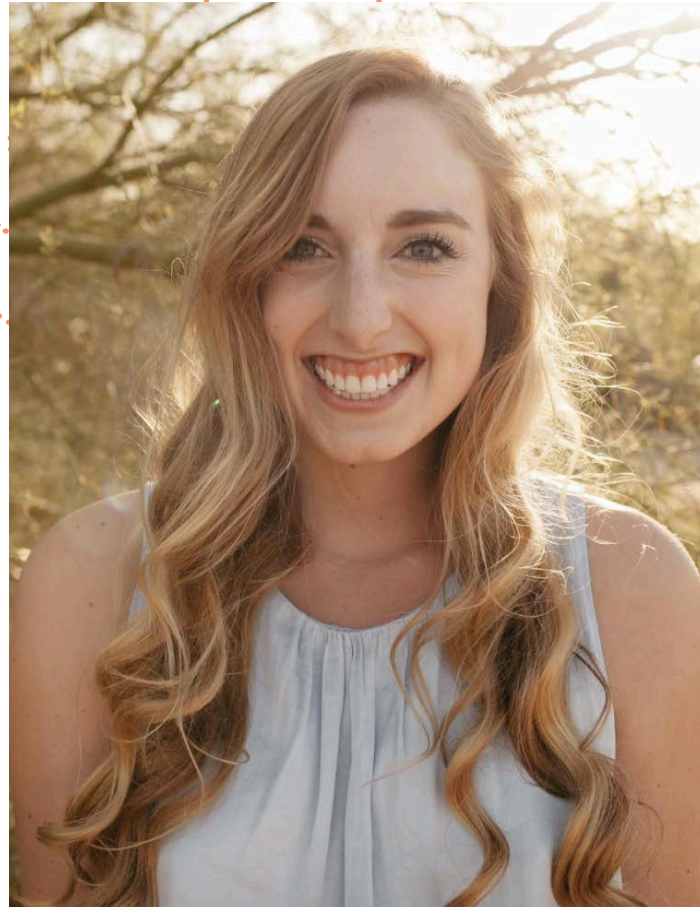




# MEET ASHLEY

*by Tanner*

When I look at Ashley, I see kindness, courage, creativity, adventure, light and beauty. She models trustworthiness, hard work, love and learning for our girls. She is full of encouragement and compassion. Ashley comforts the heart of everyone she interacts with and they have a felt sense of being seen. Ashley is a perfect balance of a dreamer, talented and being content in the mundane. She is better than my dream girl, because she is real.



MORE ABOUT *Ashley*

**AGE:** 28

**OCCUPATION:** Therapist & Stay at Home Momma

**FAVORITE BOOK:** Pride & Prejudice

**FAVORITE PLACE:** Paris, France

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** My boo boo (Tanner) and my babies.

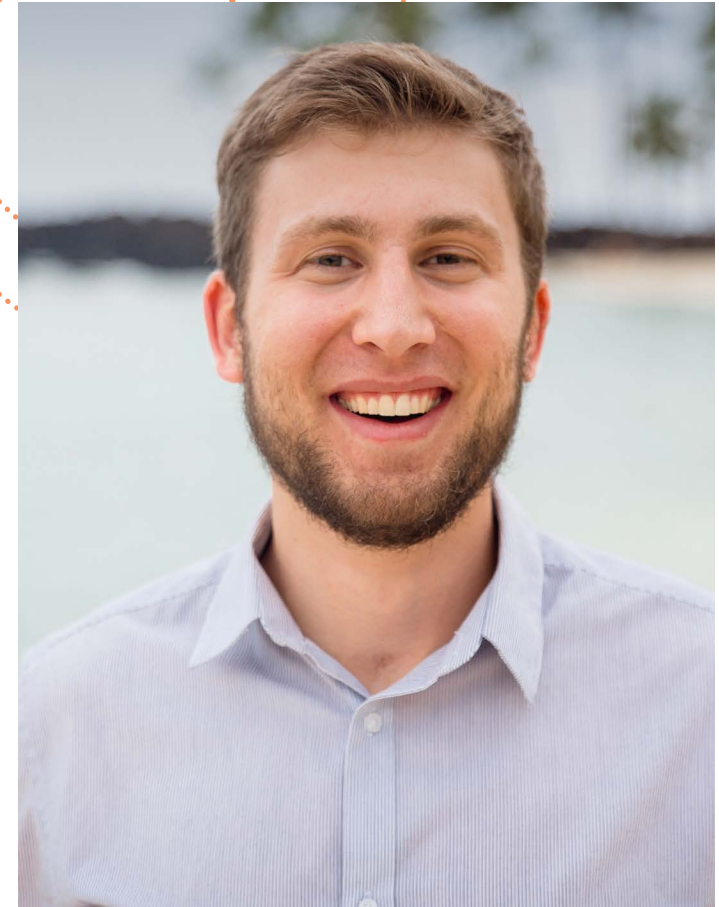
**MY PERFECT DAY:** Sleeping in, hot coffee outside watching the girls play on the swing set, a trip to another State or place and enjoying what it has to offer, eating out and spending the day with my family. Ending the day with a beautiful view and quality time with Tanner.



# MEET TANNER

*by Ashley*

Tanner is a one of a kind father. Every day after work, he puts his bags down immediately and greets his girls with a hug and a kiss. He is intentional about talking with them and lavishing them with affection. Fatherhood is truly one of his best gifts. Tanner is a fun and hilarious person. Honestly, He loves turning up the music in the kitchen and dancing with all of us. He makes our lives so much fun. He is constantly giving the girls piggy back rides on the floor, wrestling with them and completely doting on them. He is incredibly smart and wise. He runs two businesses and still prioritizes his family and putting us first. I feel so honored to be his wife and best friend!



MORE ABOUT *Tanner*

**AGE:** 28

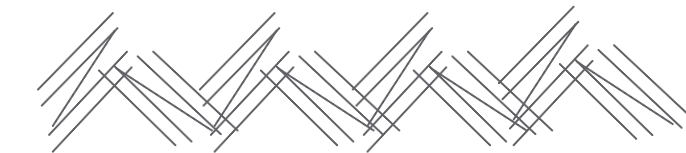
**OCCUPATION:** Therapist

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Help

**FAVORITE PLACE:** Hawaii

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** My girls!

**MY PERFECT DAY:** A day full of activities and friends. I would want to have a day-long sporting event that I play: basketball, baseball, tennis, volleyball with friends, and would finish off the day with a giant meal and my family's company.





# WHY ADOPTION?

We have a beautiful open adoption with Shiloh's first mother (whom we call Momma E), and we cherish that she will know her first mother as she grows up. We text and call often, and someday we plan to go back to the state her biological family still lives in for visits. Now that Shiloh will be two years old in the summer, we feel ready and are longing to add another sweet child to our family. We love the idea of having kids who are all close in age, so that they can relate more as they age and share more of life together. We feel like our family isn't complete and so we've decided to follow our long dreams of adopting again in this season of life, because we love being parents and we yearn to see our family grow. We were foster parents before having



Sister Bonds

Eden, and we've always known we wanted to grow our family through adoption. It is one of our fiercest passions to give children a place to grow and learn, to be curious and to flourish. We are ecstatic to be waiting for our son or daughter to come join our goofy and loving family. We are eagerly waiting for you, sweet child and cannot wait to meet you.



## *We promise:*

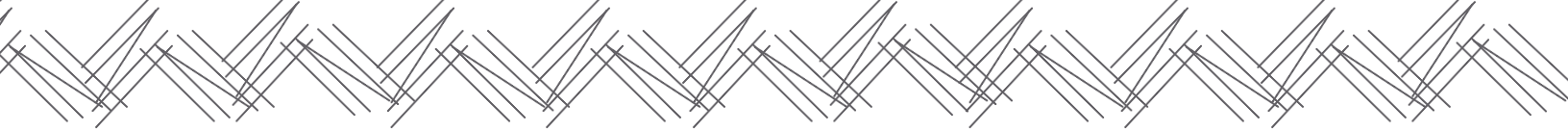
- » To love this child every single day for the rest of his or her life.
- » To protect and to provide every single one of the child's physical and emotional needs.
- » To honor and cherish your sacrifice as his or her birth parents; the ones who chose LIFE.
- » To raise this child to know his/her worth and value in Jesus, and as a irreplaceable member of our family.
- » To acknowledge the beauty of race and culture, to support multicultural interactions and environments and to empower our child in their race and ethnicity.
- » To generously give this child everything we are capable and with all of our hearts to demonstrate our love and acceptable unconditionally.

## OUR PARENTING *Philosophy*

As adults we are moody! We make mistakes and we have bad days. So why would we expect our children to be perfect angels? No way. In our home, we always respect our children as little individuals who have bad days too. We try to emphasize connecting with our children when they make a poor choice, over simply correcting them. Children thrive when they are nurtured and spoken kindly to. So much of parenting is teaching. We try to teach about feelings, thoughts and the importance of feeling connected with others.

Sure, our home is loud and our children throw tantrums just like any other toddlers. But we want them to enjoy their childhood and to feel like they can explore freely, feel all the emotions and process anything with us. Emotional safety and a bonded relationship is the most important thing to us in raising our kids. We strive for our children to know they can talk about anything with us, and that no matter what they do or how they behave, we will accept them and cherish them with all our hearts.





“ We are a family full of dance parties, large appetites, and abundant affection for one another. ”

– Tanner & Ashley