



Happel &
Ciara



DEAR FRIEND



We can't imagine how hard the situation you are in must be. You are the best mother. You have already put your child's needs above your own which is the most honorable thing anyone could do. If you choose us as adoptive parents for your child, we promise to love, teach and nurture your child while honoring you.

If chosen, we will support you emotionally during your pregnancy, as we know pregnancy is a very stressful time. We will work together with you to determine the best relationship for your child to grow and be loved for their best future.

Thank you for taking the time to consider us as potential parents and partners in you and your child's future.

Sincerely,

Happel & Ciara

OUR STORY



“ We love being active, having fun and going on adventures. We can't wait to start a family to share our fun and adventures with our kids. ”



We met 10 years ago the night before New Year's Eve 2011. Ciara had just moved to town 6 months prior and her friend was visiting her. The two ladies went out to dinner and afterwards stopped in a nearby bar for a drink and to use the restroom. Happel was in the bar with a small group of friends. A stranger to Ciara approached her and started hitting on her. She felt uncomfortable and sought out the nearest person, as her friend was already in the restroom. Happel was the first person she saw. She put her hand on his shoulder and said, "Please help me, please pretend to be my boyfriend" and he did, he is now her forever boyfriend 10 years later.

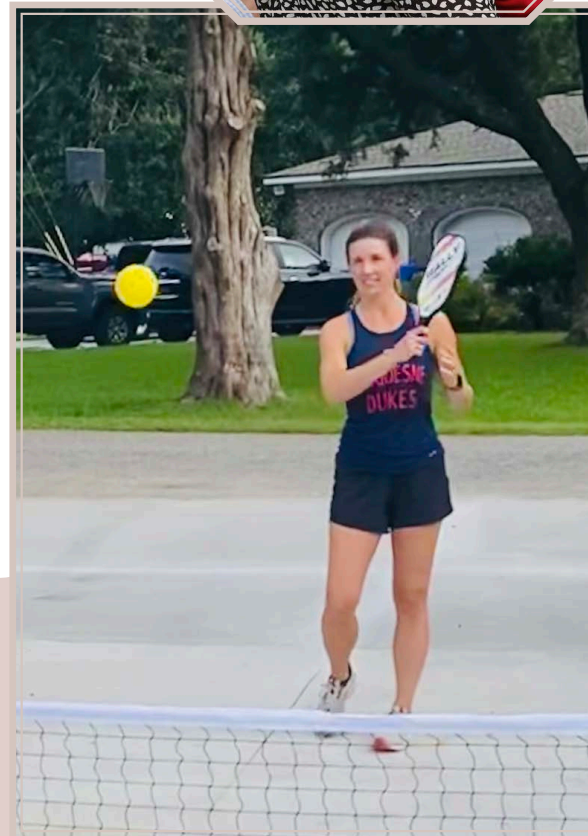
We dated for two years before getting engaged and married a year later. During that time, we played softball, went surfing, traveled, biked, played tennis and most of all loved our dogs. We talked about adoption while dating as we each had close friends growing up who were adopted. We married in the summer of 2015, moved into a house in 2017 and shortly after started trying for a family. We are so excited to fill our home with children's voices and more laughter.



MEET CIARA

by Happel

Ciara is the most hard-working caregiver you will ever meet. She loves being outdoors and playing tennis whenever she can. Ciara is a family favorite; our niece and young cousins can't get enough of her time. People, old and young, seek Ciara out for advice and trust her judgment on all things. The most amazing thing about Ciara is her ability to make everything, including chores, fun. I feel lucky to have met her and can't imagine life without her. Ciara is meant to be a mother and she will spend her life teaching our child how to be a wonderful and happy person.



“Ciara works all day taking care of strangers as though they are family and lives her life to the fullest.”

Happel

More About *Ciara*

OCCUPATION: Nurse Practitioner

FAVORITE MOVIE: Catcher in the Rye

FAVORITE PLACE: Anywhere where I am having fun

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Chocolate Chip Cookies

MY PERFECT DAY: Going on an outdoor adventure with my family and pets, all smiling and being silly.

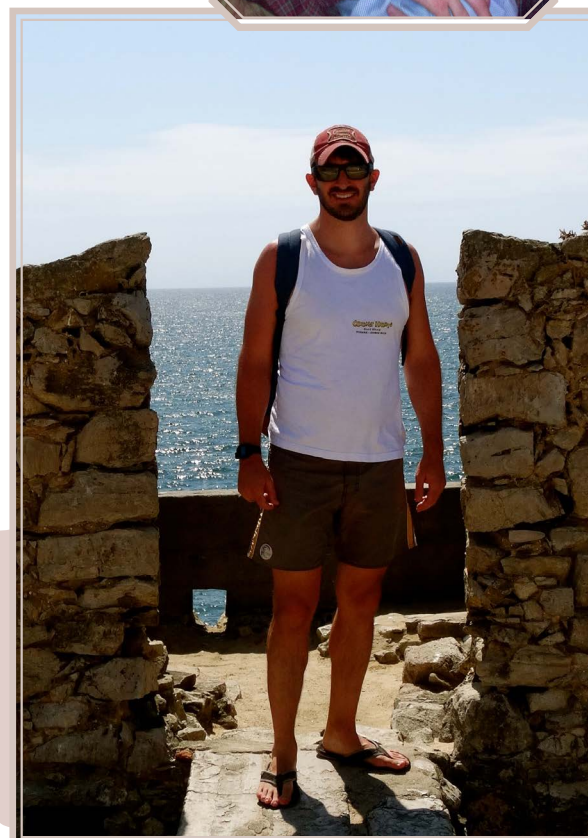


Ciara and her niece

MEET HAPPEL

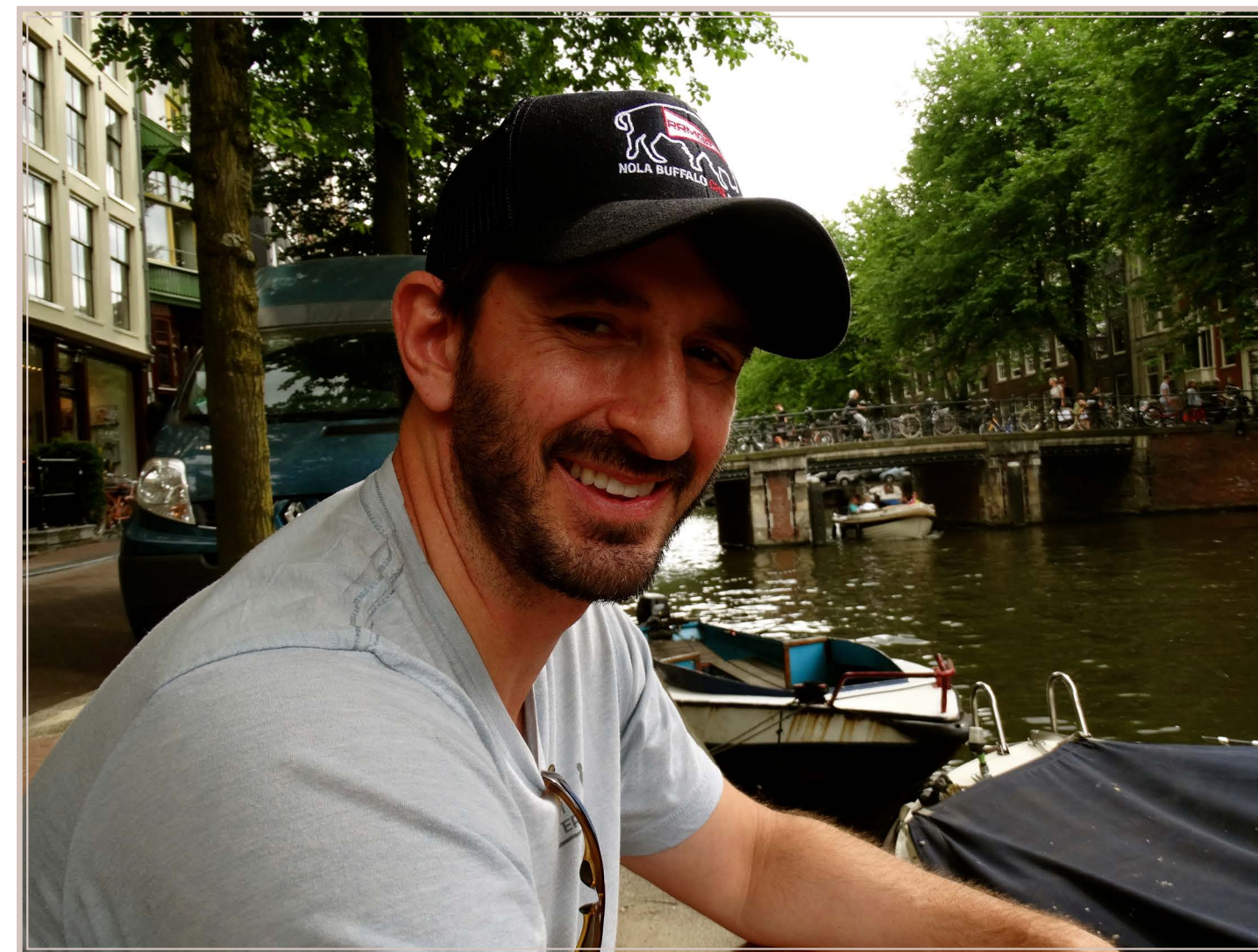
by Ciara

Happel is the nicest, most handsome, fun man I know, that's why I married him! He loves his friends and family. He has friends from kindergarten and can still remember stories from then. He loves animals, especially dogs. He likes to have fun by playing games like ping-pong, basketball, baseball, half-rubber ball, surfing and tennis. He loves being on teams and working together. He is a lawyer who became one to help people. He loves watching movies of any kind and sending funny videos to friends. I remember when we were dating, thinking "gosh, he will be the best dad one day!".



“Happel is someone you want to be around, he cares about everyone and always wants to make sure everyone is having a good time and feels seen.”

-Ciara



More About *Happel*

OCCUPATION: Lawyer

FAVORITE BOOK: Hardy Boys

FAVORITE MOVIE: The Natural

FAVORITE PLACE: The mountains

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Sports

MY PERFECT DAY: Going to a college football game with family and friends - I can't wait to take my kids!



Happel bowling with friends

CIARA'S EXTENDED FAMILY

Ciara's family include her Dad, Kevin, Mom, Cindy, Sister, Kelly and soon to be brother-in-law, Noah. They are from Ohio, but all now live in SC. Kelly is getting married to Noah this summer and is seven years younger than Ciara. We have lots of cousins, nine that live in Ohio, CA, Illinois and Atlanta. We love to get together at Christmas time in Ohio to be with our 95 year old grandma.



Grandma's 95th Birthday



Our family in a volcano!



Fun with Kelly and Noah

HAPPEL'S EXTENDED FAMILY

Happel's family include his Mom, Clare; older Brother J.P. and his wife Pence, his son Thomas, and daughter Mary Henley; and his younger Brother, Hank and his wife Brooks. They are all from South Carolina. Most of his cousins live in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, California, and Texas. We love to all get together each year in Philadelphia to celebrate his Grandmother's (101 years old) birthday. Every other year we like to take big family trips and try to see the world together.



Just the girls



Vacation with Clare



The whole crew

OUR HOME AND COMMUNITY



We live in a single-story house in a quaint city in South Carolina that has four bedrooms and three bathrooms. We have a swimming pool and creek in the backyard and lots of room to play and fish. We live less than a mile from an Elementary School, Fire Station and Grocery Store. There are lots of family with kids that live in our neighborhood as well as lots of places to bike and walk safely.



Our home



Our backyard



Homecourt basketball



Local pirate playground

OUR FRIENDS

We have a large group of friends, the most of whom have kids under 10. We get together often to hang out at each other's houses, eat dinner, play games and watch movies. We like to go to South Carolina Gamecock Football Games with the same group of friends and their kids every Saturday in the fall during football season.



Carousel ride with friends



A game with cousin Megan

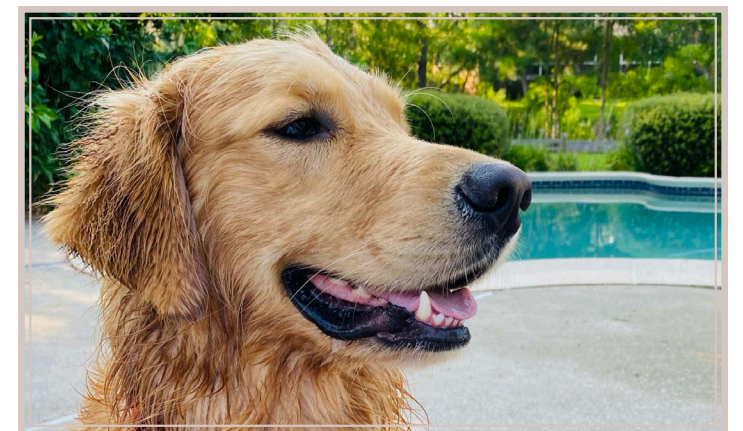


Gamecock Game with Friends

OUR PETS

We have a one-year-old bunny named Flopsy that we adopted this summer. She has a fancy house that she lives in in our upstairs playroom. She loves to be pet on the face and play with the neighborhood kids and Samson. She is so fluffy and cute.

We have a two-year-old goofy male Golden Retriever named Samson. He loves everyone, adults, kids, babies and other pets. He loves to go on walks, swim in the pool, play frisbee, dance and cuddle.



WHY ADOPTION

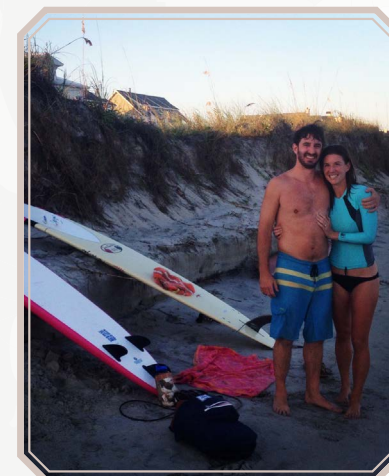
We were never able to get pregnant naturally, although we did get pregnant through fertility treatments twice. We miscarried both pregnancies, a singleton and then identical twin girls. During fertility treatments, we were always thinking about adoption and have realized now is the right time. We have so much love, energy, fun and adventures to give a child - we hope we get the opportunity to do so.



Our promises

- We promise to love our child
- We promise to honor you and your child's story
- We promise to work with you to determine the best relationship for your child
- We promise to give our child the best opportunities we can
- We promise to honor our child's culture and make sure they have people in their life daily that look like them.

FUN FACTS



- ☞ Ciara can do a one-handed cartwheel
- ☞ We love watching America's Funniest Home Videos
- ☞ We love to eat Arby's
- ☞ Teal is Ciara's favorite color
- ☞ We love to be active outdoors & attend sporting events
- ☞ We think Twins are the coolest
- ☞ Happel can touch his tongue to his nose
- ☞ Happel's sports number is 21, which is the opposite of his older brother (12)



THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to consider us as potential parents and partners for you and your child. We can't imagine how overwhelming choosing an adoptive family is, but trust yourself and your intuition to know that you know what's the best fit in your heart. We hope you find peace on this journey and know that you and your child will receive all the love we have to give. We honor and admire your bravery, courage and selflessness and wish the best for you.

Peace and Love,

Happel & Cidra