



CHAD & LAURA



HELLO!

We're Chad and Laura from Arizona, and we hope this book gives you an idea of who we are and the future we could offer your baby. While we can't begin to understand the difficult decisions you're making, please know that we wish you the best, whatever path you choose.

We've been together for 15 years and married for 12, and have shared many adventures. Now we can't wait to share them with a child!

Adoption has always been a big part of our lives and something we have talked about for many years. Laura's dad, aunt and uncle were adopted as infants, as were two of Chad's cousins. We have seen firsthand how adoption is a special way to build a loving family and are excited about this journey.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know more about us and considering us as adoptive parents.

Chad & Laura



ABOUT US



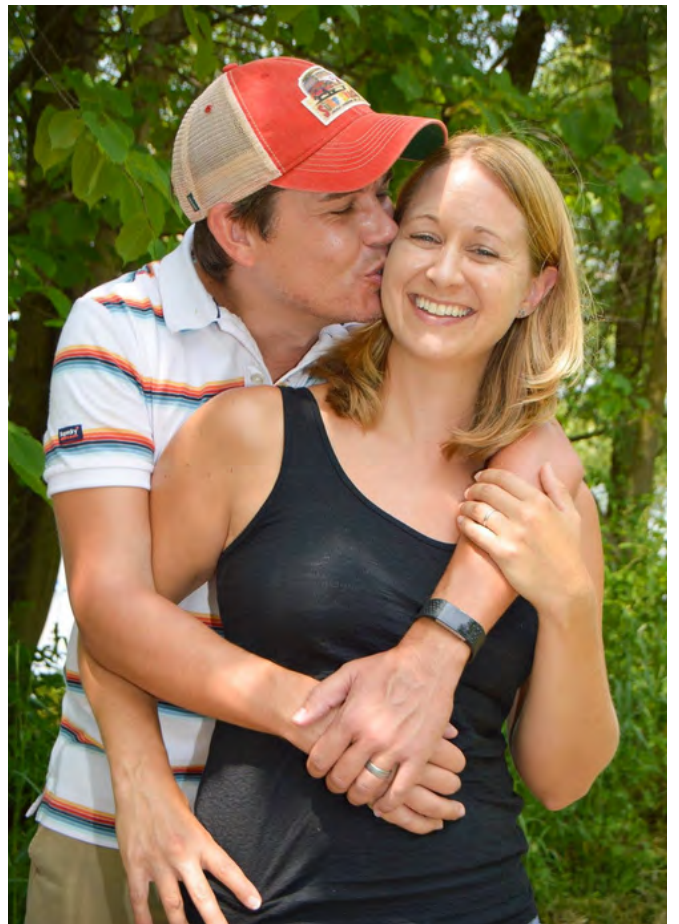
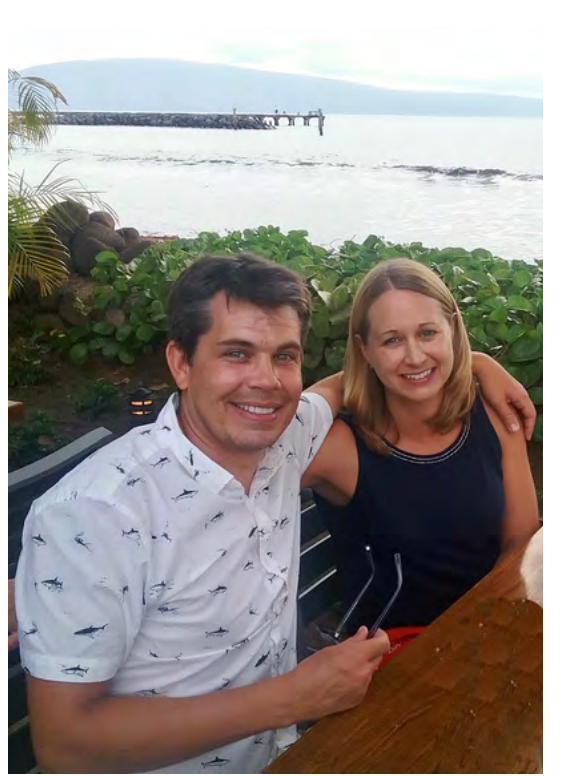
We grew up in Wisconsin and met during a night out with friends. Back then, we never could have imagined we'd still be together 15 years later!

A year after we met, we moved to Arizona and have lived here for 14 years.

We have two dogs and enjoy all Arizona has to offer (other than the summer HEAT!) but still love the beautiful lakes, cheese and Green Bay Packers from our home state. We can't wait to show a child everything we love about our original and current hometowns.

As parents, we look forward to sharing unconditional love, strong values, an education through school and experiences, and lots of fun times with a child. Whether they play soccer or chess, join Girl Scouts or the band, go to college or become an electrician...we will be there to guide and support them.





MEET CHAD

I guess you could say I'm a "big kid." I like hiking, traveling, history, and hanging out with my friends to watch sports. I have really enjoyed taking my nephews on special Disney trips I plan just for them.

I grew up in a blended family with FIVE BOYS, so our house was always loud and active! It wasn't always easy but taught me a lot about how I want to raise a family. My favorite family tradition was going to the lake, and I see that being a special place to take a child.

My friends would tell you I'm honest, reliable, friendly and a kid at heart!



Occupation: Technology/Accounting

Favorites

- **Movie:** The Goonies
- **Food:** Pizza
- **Colors:** Blue and Gray
- **Ice Cream:** Mint Chocolate Chip
- **Hobbies:** Hiking, Watching Movies, Sports, Art

MEET LAURA

I've always been a caregiver - of animals and dolls when I was young, to my coworkers, grandparents, dogs and children of our family and friends. I love being outdoors, whether on a hiking trail, in the pool, or on our back patio.

I come from a small, close-knit family. My parents just celebrated their 50th anniversary and are lovingly called "Silly Grandpa" and "Grandma Mouse" by their grandkids. My favorite family tradition is making Christmas cookies - even if I eat too many!

My friends would tell you I'm caring, calm, trustworthy and have a good sense of humor.

Occupation: Communications

Favorites

- **Movie:** Pitch Perfect
- **Food:** Raspberries
- **Colors:** Green and Turquoise
- **Ice Cream:** Cookies & Cream
- **Hobbies:** Swimming Laps, Hiking, Reading



OUR HOME & COMMUNITY

We live in a family-friendly home in a diverse community in Arizona. There are schools, parks and hiking trails within walking distance. When we walk our dogs, we often see families playing, kids riding bikes, and soccer games.

Our house isn't always perfect, but we do our best to put away the dog toys and make the bed! We have an extra bedroom that will be great for a child.



Grassy yard to play in



Backyard & pool - fenced for safety!



We love to decorate for the holidays!

MEET GYPSY & NALA



Our two rescue dogs love to play with our nieces and nephews!



Gypsy and our nephew

GYPSY

Gypsy mostly enjoys taking naps these days, but she also loves going on walks, laying in the sun, and snuggling!



Gypsy, our 14-year-old pointer/hound mix

NALA

Nala is a very happy dog who likes to explore the grassy yard and give kisses. Most of all, she loves meals and snacks!



Nala, our 6-year-old mixed breed



OUR FAMILY



Chad's family celebrating his mom's birthday



With Laura's parents in Hawaii



Sedona with Chad's brother, sister-in-law and nephews

We enjoy taking trips, hiking and getting together for cookouts with our family. Chad has four brothers and Laura has one brother. Together, we have five nephews, four nieces and several godchildren, and we love being a supportive part of their lives as they grow up. **Our parents are very close to their grandchildren, and our family is very supportive and ready to love a new addition!**



Laura's family celebrating her parents' 50th wedding anniversary



Disney trip with our nephew



Laura with her godchildren



Cheering on the Packers with Chad's mom and stepdad



Sleepover and campfire with our nieces

ADVENTURES



Snorkeling!



Dinner with nephews



Zoo with Laura's brother's family



Grand Canyon with Chad's brother's family

We believe life is about experiences and look forward to sharing them with a child. We enjoy hiking, visiting zoos and aquariums, going to sporting events and traveling. We especially love trips to the beach. When we can do any of those things with family or friends, even better! We also really enjoy smaller adventures like movie nights at home, going out to eat and shopping.





Hiking with friends



Florida beach trip



Horseback riding with family



Baseball game with Laura's dad



At a lake in Wisconsin

FUN FACTS



Eating out with friends



Mini golf with our niece



Packers game



Disneyland

- Our first real date was at the zoo
- We like watching The Challenge and Ridiculousness on MTV
- Chad always beats Laura at mini golf
- Chad has never beaten Laura at Scrabble
- We took our first trip together to Chicago on St. Patrick's Day
- We played sports growing up – Chad ran track and Laura was a swimmer
- Our favorite sports team is the Green Bay Packers
- We love eating out – especially enchiladas at our favorite restaurant
- We enjoy trips to Disney!

THANK YOU

Thank you for considering us as you make this very important decision. While we know life is unpredictable, if chosen, we will work hard to provide every opportunity for your baby.

If there is one thing we can promise a child, it's unconditional love and support – from us and our families. We believe in being honest with a child about adoption, and will make sure they know about the selfless decision you made out of love for them.

Please know that if you move forward with an adoption plan, we are ready and able to provide love and support.

All the best,
Chad & Laura



One of the best things about Chad and Laura as a couple is that they share the same values on family and life, yet they have different strengths that complement each other and make them a strong unit. They are also one of the most family-oriented couples that I know. I can confidently say that the whole family will embrace and cherish a new member who is brought into the family through adoption.

I have no doubt that any challenges they face will be met by Chad and Laura with compassion, understanding and love. **They will reinforce the fact that they are there for their child and love their child unconditionally.**



- from Heather, adoptive parent and
friend of Chad and Laura