



MEET

CODY & EMILY

Our Story

We're Cody and Emily, in our mid-30s (We insist it's not "late" yet!), and we're the fun, lighthearted couple. While we choose not to have biological children, adoption has always been where our hearts are. We stay busy spoiling our two small-but-mighty dogs and enjoying time with our many nieces and nephews (from family and friends!). We're also licensed foster parents, giving us valuable experience in caring for children, especially those who have faced hard starts in life. (Don't worry - we will pause fostering when we adopt!) Fun fact: we actually met on a dating app - proof that sometimes swipes do lead to happily ever afters.

Our marriage is rooted in respect, humor, and strong communication. We're steady, intentional, and committed - not just to each other, but to building the kind of home that's safe, stable, and full of love. Emily is wildly detail-oriented while Cody shines at seeing the big picture which really makes us a great team. Together, we balance each other beautifully. We both thrive on serving others, practicing kindness, and loving deeply.

We've been married almost three years now (together many more!), and we truly choose each other every day. Our home is one we plan to stay in forever, surrounded by a strong and supportive village of family and friends. Emily works from home with lots of flexibility, while our two dogs... well, they're professional nappers, unemployed shmucks, and full-time spoiled sidekicks.





Meet Emily

Emily is an introvert; you'll rarely find her without a book in hand. A diehard Texas Rangers fan, she balances her love for baseball with a love for small, cozy gatherings on neighborhood back porches. Dogs, in her opinion, are the best creatures on the planet. And, when football season rolls around, she's more likely to be in the kitchen experimenting with new recipes than pretending to understand a playbook. She enjoys gardening, telling corny jokes, flopping onto a sandy beach, and exploring the local metro area.



Her career? Planning group wine cruises for fantastic wineries (which admittedly adds nothing to parenthood except a paycheck). She graduated from the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Science and now works from home with tons of flexibility. She's ambitious and career-driven, but her heart is always most at home with family.

If you need every detail of something mapped out, Emily's your person. She thrives on hosting, belly laughing, game nights, and quiet evenings when plans get cancelled so she can stay cozy on the couch. Most of all, she's discovered her true passion in fostering children, which has sparked her deepest desire: to grow her family through adoption.

Meet Cody

Cody is a Speech Language Pathologist with years of experience helping kids with special needs. He's worked in schools for many years, and now he's at a hospital system; fortunately for us, he only works four days a week! He earned both his Bachelor's and Master's from Mizzou. (Let's just say when Mizzou played UNT for homecoming, it wasn't Emily's favorite weekend.)

An extrovert to the core, Cody likes smoking meat, experimenting in the kitchen, and training in jiu jitsu. His circle of friends locally is strong and steady. He can be easily convinced to dive into a movie or TV series, and he takes pride in keeping our lawn looking sharp. He's basically a walking trivia night; his stash of random knowledge is unmatched. Sundays during football season are a religious experience.

Cody's the kind of person who can make friends in line at the grocery store. He loves traveling, early mornings at the airport, and the adventure of trying new things. More than anything, he's genuinely one of the kindest, most caring souls you'll ever meet - and will be the most loving, involved dad.



Our Home

We live in what we truly believe is the best neighborhood on the planet – and that's not an exaggeration. It's the picture-perfect suburban community: safe, welcoming, and full of people who really do life together. Neighbors here go out of their way to help each other. When the weather's nice, you'll find us grilling out, chatting on porches, and watching kids run freely between houses until dark. It's the kind of place where doors can stay unlocked and childhood feels like it should – safe, simple, and full of friendship.



The three houses closest to us belong to some of our dearest friends, and that makes home feel even sweeter. Our own house is a four-bedroom, three-bath with all the bedrooms upstairs and a finished basement downstairs. Out back, we've got a great yard that opens up to a wooded area and a mostly dry little creek – a perfect place for kids to explore and play.

Our location itself has so much to offer. We live in a thriving suburb of a major metropolitan area, so there's no shortage of things to do. From cultural activities and sports to restaurants and events, there's always something happening. Our school district is one of the best in the state, and the opportunities here for kids are endless. Truly, everything you could want or need is right at our fingertips – and we love taking advantage of it all.

We lovingly call our support system the Village People. Whenever we get a foster placement, our front porch practically transforms with meals, kid essentials, diapers, and anything else we might need. These people show up every single time.

Our moms (pictured below, top right) are especially involved. Emily's mom is even planning to retire once we adopt so she can help nurture and love on the baby while we work. Our neighbors, many of whom work from home or are stay-at-home moms, have become like family. We're surrounded by a wealth of wisdom, helping hands, and hearts that are quick to give.

Our circle of friends, both local and scattered across the country, couldn't be more excited for us in this next chapter. They've celebrated with us every step of the way, and we know they'll be some of the baby's biggest cheerleaders. We truly can't speak highly enough of the people we're blessed to call friends and family. They're ready, eager, and so excited to pour love into this little one.

Our Support System

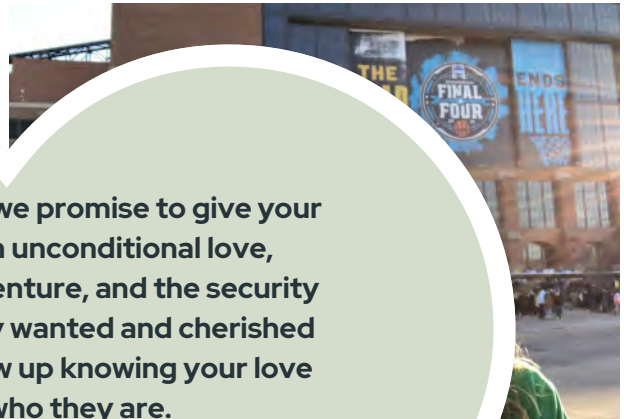




Our promises to you, Birth Mom:

- We will love this child deeply and unconditionally for their entire life.
- We will always stand up for them, support them, and encourage them to grow as their own unique individual.
- We will provide opportunities for a strong education as well as involvement in community activities and sports.
- We will honor and encourage this child's identity and culture while providing a safe, loving, fun, and financially-stable home.
- We will always respect your role and speak of you with nothing but love. Your child will always know they are deeply cherished by you, and we will always honor their story.
- This child's life will be filled with adventure, love, and joy - and welcome them into our family will be our life's greatest blessing. You will always be part of our family, too.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us - and even more for the incredible strength and love it takes to consider adoption. We cannot imagine the weight of the decisions you are making, and we have the deepest respect for you and the path that brought you here.



Should you choose us, we promise to give your child a life filled with unconditional love, stability, laughter, adventure, and the security of knowing how deeply wanted and cherished they are. They will grow up knowing your love made them who they are.

Thank you for considering us. Whether or not we are the family you choose, please know we are holding you in our hearts.

We hope you feel prayed for, deeply loved, and surrounded by care throughout this journey. We are with you every step of the way.

