



HEATHER & JUSTIN

Dear Expectant Parents,

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US. How do we even begin to describe our life in 1,000 words, and a few pictures? To start, we are Justin and Heather, husband and wife, and best friends. We have a 4-year old son, Lucas, who is our pride and joy. Our life is happy, hard-working, busy, comfortable, fun, and some days a bit crazy! More than anything we want to love and share our lives with another child, and provide Lucas the opportunity to have the life-long bond and relationship a sibling would give.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

about US

We met in college. Our love affair started when Heather borrowed a glue stick for an end-of-term science project she was working on. Justin moved out before the glue stick was returned, and the “stolen” glue stick has been a running joke since! We love traveling, and some favorites have been Italy and Hawaii.

Our greatest adventure to date was the birth of our son in 2016. We love being parents, and were sad to learn that future biological children weren't in the cards for us, even after trying IVF. It's been a long road, but we truly believe that everything happens for a reason. We are happy that faith has led us to adoption, and we're excited to grow our family this way.

our WORK

JUSTIN works at a regional bank investigating and preventing financial crimes. He has banker's hours, and is off weekends and holidays. His job is very flexible and allows him to work from home if needed.

HEATHER works as a Physician Assistant at a local hospital emergency room. She works four days a week, and gets generous stretches of time off every few weeks. Her co-workers are very accommodating with schedule changes.



EXPLORING ITALY TOGETHER



WAITING FOR THE FISH TO BITE



WEEKEND TRIP TO THE LAKE

WHAT WE LOVE TO DO for fun!

KANSAS CITY is such a fun place to live. We love exploring new trails and parks, going to Monster Jam, and the annual Touch-A-Truck event. We go to the local farmstead often, and Lucas loves feeding the goats.

We enjoy weekend getaways to the lake, and visiting friends and family in Heather's hometown of Iola. We've been to the beach several times, and are hoping to make it an annual trip.

MONSTER JAM AT ARROWHEAD STADIUM



WALKING THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE IN NEW YORK



LOOK WHO JUST GOT A POWER WHEEL!



MAKING COOKIES WITH MOMMY



EVENING POOL & PIZZA WITH FRIENDS



WATCHING JERSEY BOYS ON BROADWAY

OUR MIRACLE baby

Lucas is imaginative, determined, and outgoing. He loves all things trucks, and loves nothing more than watching trucks work at a construction site. He loves his “stuffies”, helping Daddy in the yard, and riding his bicycle. He's Mommy's little sidekick, and he's going to be the best big brother.



LUCAS' HAPPY PLACE WITH SPIDEY

about HEATHER

Heather is the dreamer of our family. She is always trying to think of new projects for our house, plan our next vacation, or new fun things we can do with Lucas. She is patient, affectionate, and engaging. She embraces our son's new obsessions and finds ways to fuel his curiosity through new adventures. I will often find her on the floor with Lucas building a city for the superheroes to protect, so they can act out an elaborate movie-like scenario.

There is nothing more important than family to Heather, and that is what fuels her determination for Lucas to spend a lot of time with grandparents and cousins.

about JUSTIN

Justin is the cheese to my macaroni. He's laid-back, which complements my type-A personality perfectly. He has the most positive attitude of anyone I've ever met. He's the perfect partner, and not only washes, but folds and puts away the laundry. He's never met a DIY project he can't finish. It once took him 2 days to unclog our kitchen sink, but his unwavering determination got the job done, without the help of a plumber.

Justin is a very hands on Dad, and is always up for wrestling, a good dance party, and playing monsters vs superheroes.

MEET OUR *village*

We are extremely fortunate to have a very close-knit supportive family and group of friends. There's always a birthday, holiday, Jayhawk or Chief's game we get together to celebrate. Lucas has so much fun playing with his cousins, and we love getting together for playdates. Justin has an older brother, and his family visits Kansas City several times a year.

Our friends are an extension of our family, and we love getting together often for dinner and yard games.

our TRADITIONS

Christmas is a big deal in our family. There is an annual Family Christmas Dinner, a Xmas Cookie Bake, and visiting Santa at Crown Center.

Every year Justin's extended family plans a week-long trip to the family lake house in Missouri. We love boating, cooking together, and sitting around the fire pit.



PLAYING AT THE LAKE



HOME SWEET HOME



POOL DATES WITH COUSINS



THE GREAT COOKIE BAKE OF 2019



POPSICLES WITH FRIENDS

home SWEET *home*

We live in a neighborhood filled with families of young kids. Most nights are spent outside watching the kids play, talking with our neighbors. *Every year our HOA hosts a block party in our cul-de-sac, and last year we had a blow-up obstacle course where the parents raced the kids.*

We have a spacious home, with a fenced backyard. *Lucas loves playing on his swing set and in his sandbox, usually while listening to the songs "We Will Rock You" and "Sunflower" on repeat. We live a mile from Justin's mom and frequently go on family bike rides there.*



in CLOSING

We promise to raise our children to be driven, selfless, loving, and well-rounded individuals. *They will be supported and loved unconditionally, by us and our families, always. We can't imagine how difficult this decision is, and we're here to support you in any way that we can. We want our child to be proud of their birth story, and for you to be a part of your child's life in whatever capacity you're comfortable with.*

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