



Pat and Laura

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Hello.

Hello expectant parent,

We appreciate you considering our profile and hope you learn a bit about our family. Our goal is to be as transparent as possible.

We are a transracial adoptive family who are fortunate to have an open adoption with our son's birth mother. If you choose to place your child with us, it will be our honor to welcome you on your terms as an important member of our family.

Please know that we are already humbled by the love you have for your unborn child. We understand your desire is to provide the best life for your baby, whether that be parenting or placing for adoption.

Regardless of your decision, we will be praying for you and sincerely wish you the best.

With admiration,

P A T & L A U R A

OUR STORY

We met while attending college in Kansas City. Pat was the president of his fraternity, and Laura was most often found in the ceramics studio. Opposites attract! We appreciate one another for our differences and believe this makes us stronger.

After a two year friendship, we started dating. We moved back to St. Louis for graduate school, and married shortly after. We have been together nearly 20 years, and we have become closer friends than ever.

We love to spend time around the house, but we also love to go exploring. We enjoy cultural events and art fairs, museums and theater. We are active in our church and enjoy spending time giving back to our community. Our favorite places to vacation are the beaches of South Carolina and the mountains of the Northwest.

We were always open to adopting, and we have many friends with adoption stories. In 2018 we decided to start a family and found that having biological children was not an option for us. Looking back, we now know adoption was always on our hearts for a reason.



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And life is a little weird. And when
we find someone whose weirdness
is compatible with ours, we join up
with them and fall into mutually
satisfying weirdness and
call it love.

— Robert Fulghum





Meet Pat

CAREER

Pat works as an
Administrator at a
local university

FAVORITES

Anything Marvel
Science Fiction
Cardinals baseball
Chiefs football

HOBBIES

Reading
Playing chess
Fortnite

ALL ABOUT PAT

Pat grew up in St. Louis with his mom and dad. Pat was in cub scouts and his dad (a former scout) was the den leader. A lover of all sports, Pat played volleyball, basketball, and football. He was a quirky kid with a dry sense of humor.

After graduating high school, Pat moved to Kansas City for college where he met Laura. While in college Pat enjoyed socializing and also excelled in his studies.

After college, Pat attended a Master's program in History. He still enjoys reading history books and each year he participates in STL History Day by judging student presentations.





Meet Laura

CAREER

Laura works as an Assistant Dean at a local university

FAVORITES

The ocean
Mexican food
Indie rock and R&B
Crime dramas

HOBBIES

Ceramics
Logic puzzles
Helping others

ALL ABOUT LAURA

Laura grew up in St. Louis with her mom, dad, and sister. As a child she often participated in academic competitions and science fairs.

In high school Laura excelled in music and visual arts. She was a member of the band and was most often found in the art room. During college Laura was able to mature into the self assured person she is today. She can win anyone over with her sense of humor, and she is fiercely loyal to those she loves.

Laura studied Mathematics in graduate school. She now works in higher education while pursuing her artistic endeavors as a hobby.



MEET JAMES

In February of 2022 we were blessed to bring home our son James. After waiting to adopt for almost two years, things moved very quickly. Just three weeks after being chosen by James' beautiful birth mother, he was here!

James is an engaging and inquisitive little dude who always wants to be part of the conversation. He is healthy and strong. He loves to laugh. We know that he will be a protective and loving big brother and cannot wait to see him shine in his new role.



JAMES IS...

- An expert at playing, favorite toys include buckles and puzzles
- A lover of accessories including sunnies, hats, backpacks, and stickers
- A gentle soul who gives hugs to other kids who are sad at daycare
- A boy with music in his heart who loves to dance





OUR HOME

A SAFE PLACE TO
LEARN AND TO GROW

We live on a quiet street in the suburbs of a large city. We are fortunate to have quick access to emergency services. Our neighbors are friendly and there are plenty of parks and a recreation complex within walking distance. The school district is highly rated, and we plan to send our kids to public school.

A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN BE YOURSELF

We have a large back deck and patio. We enjoy hosting barbeques and spending time outside as a family.

Laura has a space downstairs to work on her clay projects, and upstairs there are crayons, paints, and craft supplies. We are parents who value imagination and creativity.

Pat is a sports guy, and there is often a game playing on the television. He looks forward to coaching our kids' teams in the future.

Pat is conscientious about our lawn and home maintenance. He keeps things running smoothly.



Our Family



GRANDMA & PAPA

Laura's parents have been married for 40 years and are now retired. They live in a suburb of St. Louis, and we see them often. They love to babysit! They have fun and unique relationships with each of their grandchildren and they make the best blanket forts.

AUNT LESLIE'S FAMILY

Laura's sister lives close to her parents outside of the city. She is married with four kids. Two teenage daughters and a young boy and girl.

Our older nieces are intelligent young ladies who teach us new things everyday. The little kids love to play and are excited to welcome a new cousin!



GRANDMA MO

Pat's mom is retired and lives close by. We spend time with her on weekends running errands and visiting. Pat's dad passed away unexpectedly in 2018. He was a kind man, and we are proud to have named James after his beloved Grandpa Jim.

MORE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Beyond our immediate family, we have aunts, uncles, tons of cousins, and friends who bring light and laughter to our lives everyday. Holidays are big and loud. We love to play games and always have mac and cheese.

Our cousins, Danny and Mike



Our friends, Meghan and Phil



Our nieces, Ava and Nyah



James' teacher, Darby

Our friends, Katie and Brandon

Our friends, The Coopers

CHILDCARE

We have been fortunate to find a well established and diverse childcare center close to our home. They have lovingly welcomed James and are excited for our new addition. On evenings and weekends, our family and friends are always excited to babysit.



OPENNESS

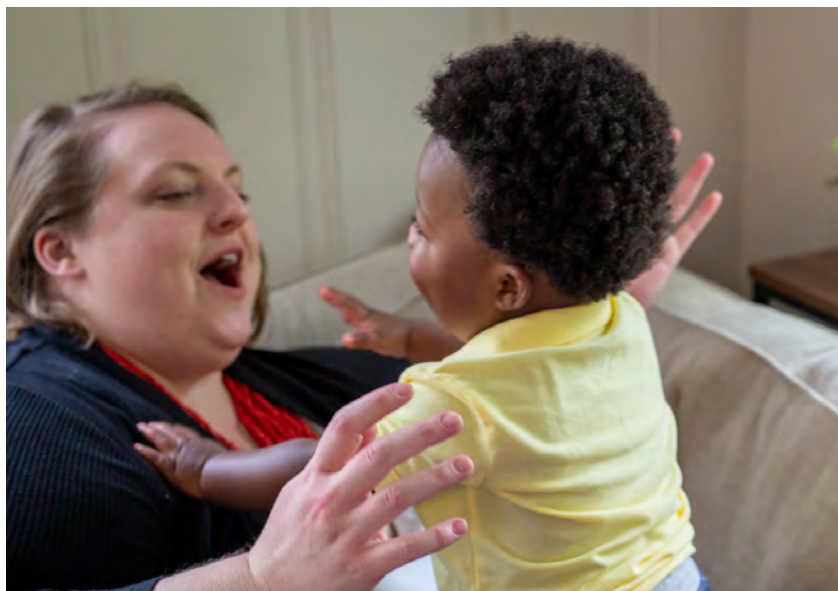
We plan to share pictures and letters with you over the years, and we are open to meeting before the birth. We hope to have a relationship that grows over time to include direct contact and in-person meetings.

No matter the level of openness you request, our children will always know they come from a place of selfless love and were born of parents who want the best for them.

IDENTITY

All children deserve to know and understand where they come from. We plan to talk openly about adoption in our home, and we are always excited to find new children's books, shows, and toys that feature adoption. We are creating a life book for each of our children that includes their adoption story.

We are open to a child of any racial or cultural background, and will work to ensure our children have meaningful relationships with members of their community of origin. At home, we have books and toys that depict racial and cultural diversity. We advocate for this same practice at our daycare and church.



Core Values



WE LOVE JESUS

We both grew up in the Catholic church. We now attend both Catholic services and less traditional Christian services. We see value in maintaining a relationship with our Catholic parish while also participating in a less traditional and more diverse faith community.

WE LOVE LEARNING

We come from a family of educators. Laura's mom is a retired special educator and her sister teaches 3rd grade. We both have advanced degrees and work at a local university.

Pat loves history and reading. Laura excels in math and science. In our home there is always more room for books and puzzles.



WE HAVE FUN

We love to relax and have fun. In the summer months, this means being by the water. Laura's mom and dad have a big back yard with a private pool. Vacations are always beach vacations and we frequently take day trips to the lake.



THANK YOU

So, that's it for now. We prioritize faith and family. We try not to take ourselves too seriously. We do our best to see the value in all people and know that we are playing on a team. Life is hard, but we're in this together.

