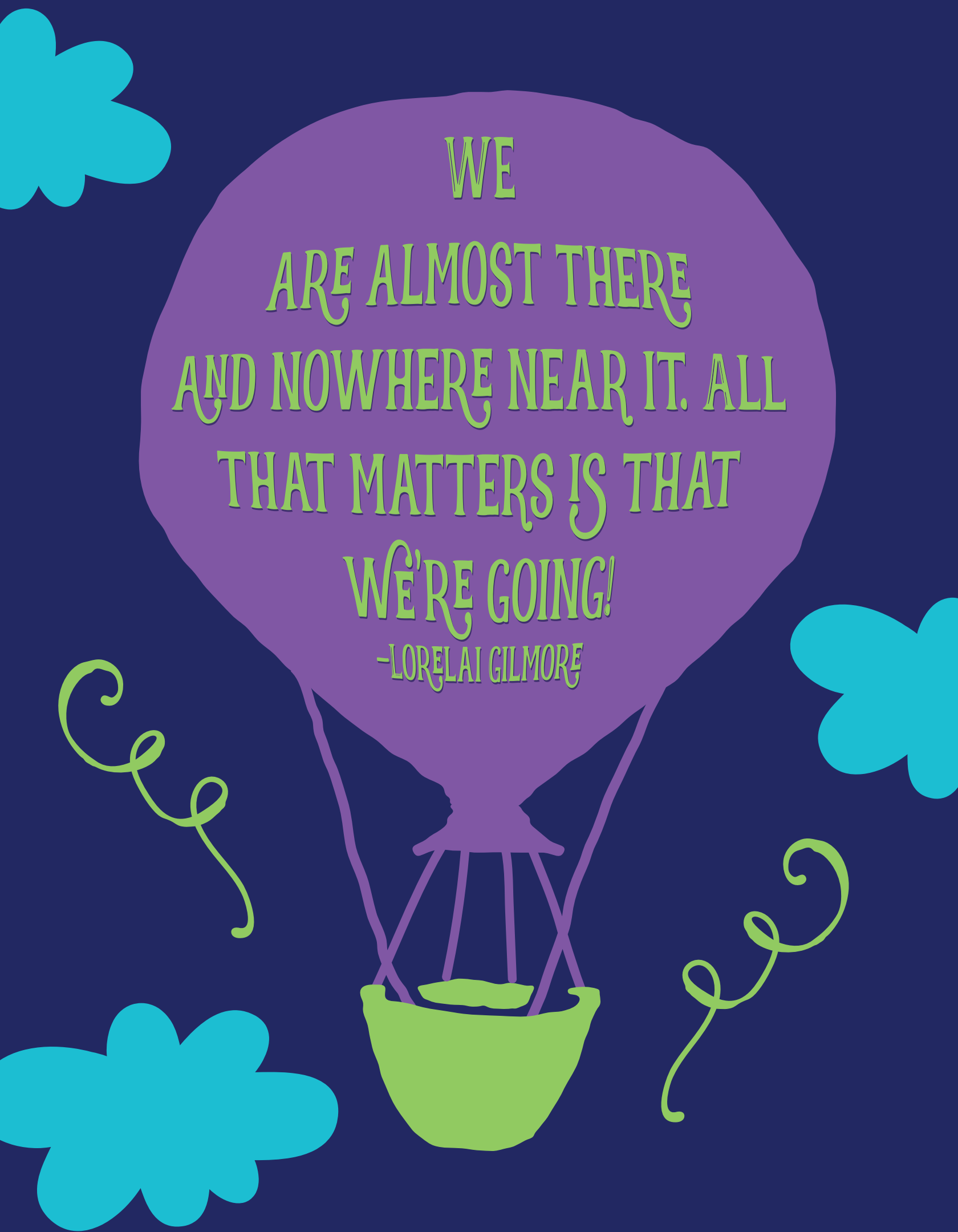

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THAT MATTERS IS THAT
WE'RE GOING!
-LORELAI GILMORE



MEET THE JEFFERS

ABOUT NIKKI





by Stephen

Nikki is truly my best friend and the person who brings so much joy and energy to our family. She has a gift for making people laugh without even trying, and her fun, outgoing personality makes everyone feel comfortable the moment they meet her. Kids especially seem to gravitate toward her. She can turn an ordinary day into an adventure, and there's no shortage of smiles when she's around. Growing up playing soccer and running track, Nikki has always been full of energy. She loves spending time outdoors, whether she's taking our daughter Morgan to the park, going for walks with our dog Finley, or simply finding new ways to make everyday moments fun. At the end of the day, she enjoys relaxing on the couch, watching a good movie, and spending quality time together as a family. One of the things I admire most about Nikki is the love and dedication she pours into being a mom. We are incredibly fortunate that she gets to stay home with Morgan full-time, and the positive impact she has on our daughter is impossible to miss. Morgan is curious, smart, confident, and thriving because of the time, patience, and encouragement Nikki gives her every day. Nikki is also my biggest supporter and always encourages me to pursue my goals and dreams. There is truly nothing she wouldn't do to give her children the happiest, most loving, and fulfilling life possible, and that one of the many reasons I feel so lucky to share this life with her.





ABOUT STEPHEN

by Nikki

Stephen is the most caring and giving husband a girl could hope for. He works hard all week at the power company to provide for us but never fails to come home and make time to for his family. Whether it's simply changing the batteries in a "broken toy", driving his passenger princesses to wherever we need to go, or always being ready for whatever follows "I have an idea!" he is always our hero. Stephen loves all things sports, and is a Kansas City die hard fan. I know he can't wait to hopefully coach our kids sports teams someday and teach them the importance of a team work and sportsmanship. He truly is the definition of an involved father. Morgan is so lucky to have him as her dad. He never misses a gymnastics class, cookie making opportunity, singing dance party time, or bedtime routine! Morgan knows she can always count on her daddy to be there for her and we couldn't be more thankful for that!



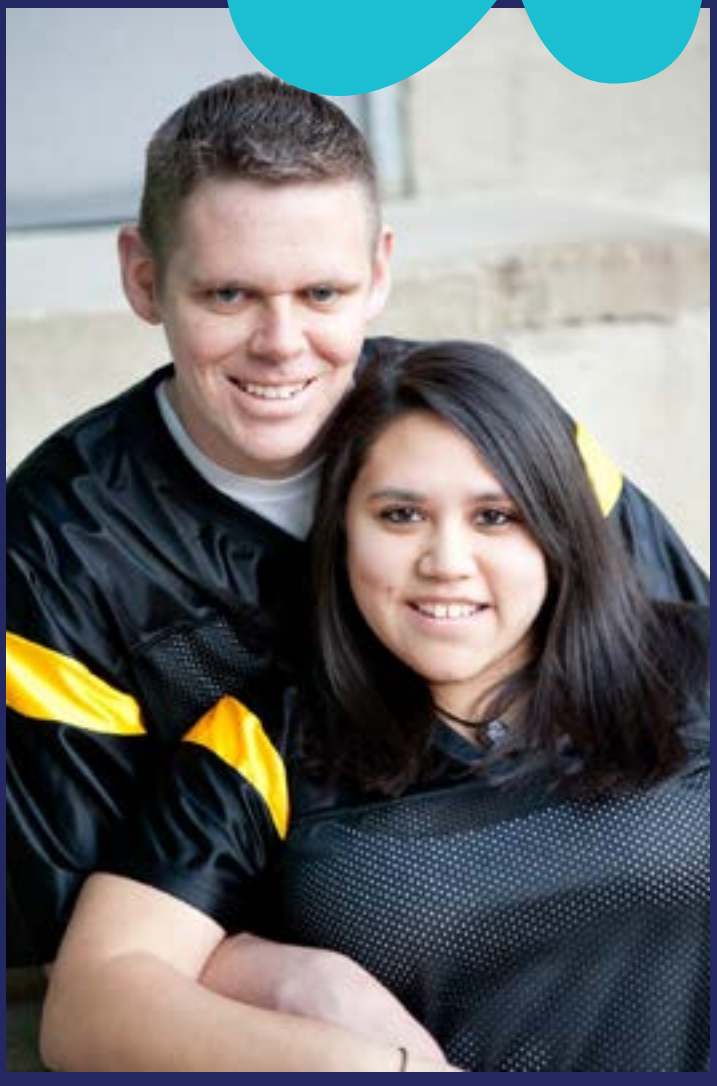




WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

We met when Nikki's best friend started working with Stephen. Stephen slowly started hanging out with Nikki's group of friends playing video games, going bowling, and even took a couple college classes together. After years of being friends, Stephen finally got up enough courage to ask Nikki out and we haven't left each others side since. We got engaged 4 years later and have been happily married since 2013! We like to spend our time going to sporting events, watching movies, and traveling to see new places together. We hope to show our kids someday what doing life together really looks like and be a good example of a marriage with God at the center, a lot of patience, dedication, and respect.







OUR HOME

In 2020 we bought a new home that gave us a little bit more room to grow into, along with a bigger backyard so that we could build our dream pool. In 2025 we made that dream pool a reality. We have loved spending the last two summers having BBQ's and swim days with friends and family in our own backyard. We have a theater room in the basement for family movie nights and football games. We also made two dedicated playrooms in this house that have been life savers on rainy days and long winters. Since moving to this neighborhood, over the years Stephen's family have also slowly moved within walking distance to us. It started with Stephen's parents moving into the neighborhood across the street to downsize and be closer to Morgan. A couple years later, Stephen sister Melissa and her husband Travis moved into our neighborhood. And last year, his other sister Kim bought a house in the neighborhood across the street as well. Needless to say there is never a shortage of family around. We love walking to grandma's house or one of the two parks near us and playing together watching the kids ride power wheels and explore.





ABOUT MORGAN

In February 2022, we adopted a sweet baby girl named Morgan! Morgan has been the biggest ray of sunshine in our lives, bringing so much joy throughout our whole extended family. She is the girliest of girls with the most empathetic heart we have ever seen in a child. Never wants anyone to feel sad or left out and has always been the first to share her toys. Morgan loves singing, dancing, talking, and making up her own songs. Once she feels comfortable around someone she can happily chat their ear off for hours. She will tell you everything that has ever happened to her and to anyone she has ever met. Morgan is so gentle, analytical, and cautious, which is why it was so surprising to us when her love for thrill rides made an unexpected arrival and her personality. We haven't found a ride yet that she hasn't wanted to try!

She is currently 4years old and just started Pre-K. Between gymnastics, dance, swim lessons, and soccer this girl keeps us on our toes. She is beyond ready to be a big sister and be the best role model, protector, teacher, and best friend to her baby brother or sister!





MEET FINLEY!



Our family also includes Finley, our Siberian Husky. Finley is very gentle, loving, and like most Huskies, he can be a little stubborn and mischievous at times. Morgan is the only one Finley will listen to. He will run away from us nonstop for 30 minutes in the back yard as we try and get him to come inside. Morgan will walk right over to him grab his collar and Finley will just walk right on inside with her!

WHERE WE COME FROM

We were both fortunate to be raised in God loving households where family was always a priority. We also both came from a family of 5 with parents who remained happily married.

Stephen's mom has stepped into the role of Grandma perfectly. We have Fun Fridays with Grandma every week where they do crafts, plant flowers, and spend time together. And of course there is never a shortage of snacks or sweets at grandma's house!

Everyone in our family is extremely supportive and can't wait to add another child to our family!













Stephen has two fun, loving twin sisters, who absolutely love being the fun Aunts. Kim, has a little boy that she watches every weekend that has become one of Morgan's best friends and basically like family. Kim has made it her mission to have the "Fun House" for all the kids. She is always planning some type of fun activity, ice cream treat, or something that requires a change of clothes being sent with Morgan. And of course slime, there's always slime. Stephen's other sister, Melissa, and her husband Travis just welcomed their first baby girl Molly, into the world and Morgan couldn't be taking her new role of Big cousin any more seriously. She is constantly checking on her for a diaper change or if she needs a pacifier and always suggesting to buy Molly a new toy.

Nikki was lucky to be raised by the most generous, loving, devoted parents out there. They were foster parents for many years until they chose to adopt on three different occasions, her sister Jodi, her brother Travis, and saved the best for last, Nikki herself! Adoption was something that had always been made to make each of us feel super special about ourselves and Nikki has always appreciated that her parents made it that way for them.

Nikki's sister-in-law Ari, and sister both live locally but most of her extended family is retired out in Estes Park Colorado. We love being able to take trips up into the mountains to visit and spend time with them.













FROM HERE TO THERE

Traveling has always been something we've enjoyed doing together. In the years we have been together, we have spent our honeymoon in Jamaica, our one year wedding anniversary at Seaworld in Florida, our 3 year anniversary in Los Angeles, California, visited Colorado many many times, and traveled to Las Vegas a couple times. As a family, we have definitely passed the travel bug onto Morgan. One tradition that is especially meaningful to us is celebrating Morgan's adoption day each year. Whether it is a simple staycation, a weekend getaway, or a larger family trip we always make time to honor and celebrate this incredibly special day. It marks the moment our family was forever changed, and it is a tradition we will continue for Morgan and any future children we are blessed to adopt. She been a beach girl in Gulf Shores, Alabama. A city girl in st. Louis with lots of fun museums. An animal lover in San Diego, California, where she had the opportunity to visit San Diego zoo, the Safari Park and SeaWorld. Recently, we visited Estes Park, Colorado with Nikki's Sister and sister-in-law, to visit family where Morgan had no fear riding the mountain coaster up there. We absolutely love seeing new things and making memories as a family together.









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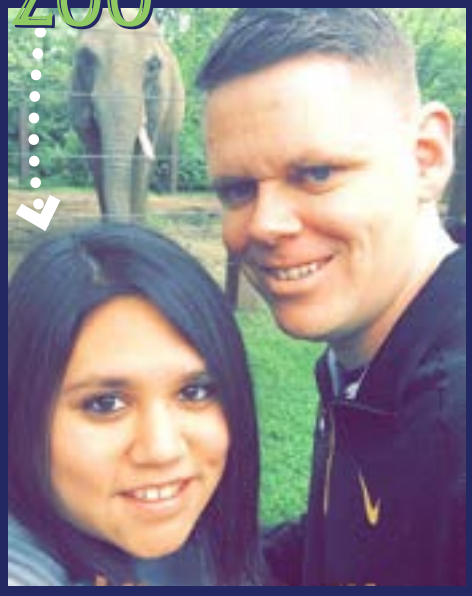
JUST FOR FUN







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DEAR BIRTHPARENT(S)

We would like to thank you for taking the time to view our profile and getting to know us. We cannot begin to understand what this journey has been like for you, but we commend you for your courage and determination. To be given the opportunity to walk along side you in this experience is indescribable.

Your child will grow up in a devoted, caring, and God loving home. Your child will have no shortage of growing and learning opportunities. We put education first along with living a healthy and active lifestyle. They will have every opportunity to be involved with any sports and extracurricular activities they would like. We want nothing more than to teach your child how to grow up to become a honest, loyal, and compassionate person.



We are praying for you as we know this decision isn't an easy one. We want you to know that it's up to you on how much contact you would like to have. We hope this profile gives you a glimpse of who we are and what your child's life will look like as part of our family.

THANK YOU,
STEPHEN, NIKKI, & MORGAN

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