

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER WAITING FAMILY

Lauren and Kevin



Thank you so much for taking the time to read our story and consider us as potential parents of your child. While we can't understand the wide range of emotions you're experiencing right now, we recognize that love is the foundation for your decision. Lauren was adopted as an infant, allowing us to experience first-hand the rewarding, and yet incredibly difficult process adoption can be. Through adoption, Lauren grew up surrounded by love, family, and amazing opportunities. If you choose us, your child will experience that same love every single day. We hope that Lauren's experience with adoption will be a source of conversations and strength for your child as they grow in our family.

We have a one and a half year old daughter, Emmy, who is an energetic, outgoing, and happy toddler with an infectious smile. She loves knocking down towers, hugging her monkey, and eating everything except for broccoli. She is always dancing, and we are excited to give her a brother or sister to dance with.

We've been together for ten years (married for four). We're a bit nerdy - Kevin is a scientist at an automotive company, developing technology for self-driving cars. Lauren is a scientist at a public university, helping to test safety systems to keep adults and children safe in automotive collisions. In our free time, we love being out in nature. Our home is close to a couple state parks. Every weekend (when there's no snow) you'll find us hiking the parks' trails with Emmy. We love nature-filled vacations, and we are looking forward to hiking and renting cabins with our children. We are close with our families and visit every few months. They all adore Emmy and shower her with love, and are very excited for another child to dote over. In the summer, Lauren enjoys gardening and Kevin loves cooking using the fresh veggies from the garden. During the weekends, our kitchen usually smells like homemade bread or cookies, thanks to Lauren's baking. Since we always have music playing at home, most days include a family dance party before Emmy goes to bed. We also enjoy relaxing on the couch with a book or a movie, which usually includes our cat Gus sleeping on Lauren's lap. We laugh and smile every single day.

We are both nervous and excited about our adoption journey. We hope to get the chance to meet you and hear your story. We know you want nothing but the best for your child. We have plenty of love to give your child if you believe that we are the right family to give it.

About Lauren

- **Age:** 33 years old
- **Work:** Research Scientist
- **Movie:** Wall-E
- **Hobbies:** Gardening, baking, running, piano, reading
- **Holiday Tradition:** Making rice pudding with my dad every Christmas
- **Childhood Memory:** Summer trips up to Canada
- **Sports Team:** Green Bay Packers
- **TV Show:** Parks and Recreation, Agents of Shield, Game of Thrones, and The Great British Baking

About Kevin

- **Age:** 33 years old
- **Work:** Research Scientist
- **Food:** All of it!!
- **Movie:** Blade Runner, Alien, Arrival
- **Hobbies:** Cooking, running, climbing, drumming, electronics, reading, snowboarding, friends, family
- **TV Show:** Parks and Rec, The Office, Arrested Development
- **Vacation / Travel Destination:** Kayaking in Alaska / Anything outdoors!