



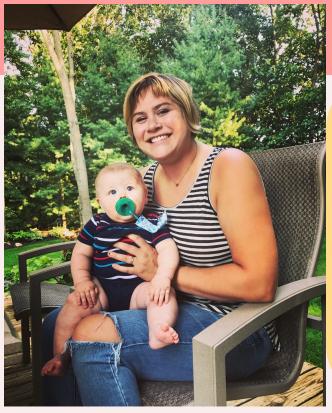


Dear Birth Parent,

We could never shorten to just a paragraph what your love for your child, your selflessness, and bravery mean to us. We know that not one part of your journey has been decided lightly and we hope you know that we also will only ever want what is best for this child's future. We hope that future involves knowing all they can about you, and staying connected in whatever ways are possible so that they will always know they are loved by many people in many places. This is just the beginning of our connection to you and we want you to always feel our support and encouragement for your best future. Thank you for getting to know us, we hope to get to know you so much better too!



We met in 2010 in Nashville, Tennessee when Meg was working in the music industry and Cait was in cosmetology school with Meg's roommate. We spent our first date at a haunted house the week of Halloween to celebrate Cait's birthday. It wasn't the right time for us and life took us in two very different directions: home to Michigan & California. Thank goodness for social media reconnecting us years later! Cait proposed on a road trip to Lake Tahoe and soon after, became a Michigander. We had the sweetest, most intimate ceremony at the courthouse and bought our first home in Meg's adorable hometown. We have always dreamed of raising our family in this lovely community close to grandparents & cousins and can't wait to share our love of road trip travel with our kids to visit all our favorite people!



About Megan

At Work: Meg is a logistics manager for everyone's favorite shopping destination and leads a team of 20+ people every day! What started as a part-time summer gig turned into a career when Meg fell in love with the inclusive, fun environment. She works super early every morning which is perfect for Cait because it means she gets to come home and cook delicious meals to share every night!

At Home: Meg prides herself on having a warm home that is fun for our nieces and nephews to come hang out in. She loves to cook and actually considers deep cleaning on her day off to be a stress relieving, fun activity. She usually spends her Wednesdays hiking local trails with our pup Tilly and doesn't ever let the tons of lake effect snow stop her. She thinks she is the champion when it comes to the family ping pong battles but Cait knows better. She is the child that her siblings would call sensitive, affectionate, and extremely loving and forgiving. She knows exactly how to navigate tough moments with our nieces and nephews and is always the go to hug for teary moments and celebrations.

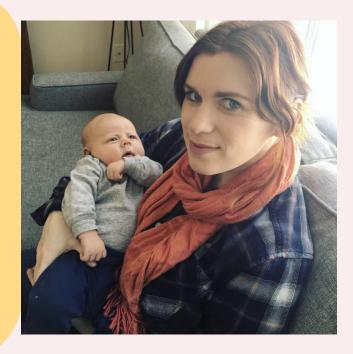
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About Caitlin

At Work: Cait is the Admissions Leader at a school for future cosmetologists and has been in the beauty salon industry for 9 years. She's helped hundreds of young women and men find their passion and creativity and learn how to turn their hobby into a lucrative career! She is lucky enough to work for a small, family owned organization that is extremely supportive of our adoption plans and is very flexible about Cait's schedule and ability to work remotely.

At Home: Cait brings passion to everything in her life. Family and friends are very important to her no matter the distance. She always believes in doing the right thing and cares deeply about her convictions. She has a great love for photography and takes beautiful family portraits. She is a pillar of strength in tough times and her love is always unconditional. She brings laughter and silliness to our home with her kitchen dance parties and ridiculous voices and movie quotes. She has been known to get lost in a book for hours and not go to bed at a decent time. Her family would call her cautious and she thinks hours of research on any given subject (vacations, cooking, parenting, culture, photography) is never a waste of time.





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About our Family

The draw to being in Michigan has always been the closeness of Megan's parents and siblings and their children. Nana and Papa's house is the go-to hang out all summer for barbecues, games, movie nights, pool days and celebrations. Summers are busy with being the cheering section at the kids soccer games, beach days, and trail hikes with the dogs. Fall must always include a trip to pick apples, road trips to Traverse City or Virginia to see siblings and kids, and a last hurrah concert, play, or kids choice special day before school starts again. Cait's parents love coming to visit the Midwest and we are so fortunate that our families enjoy each other's company immensely. Traveling with Megan's family is one of our favorite pastimes. Mackinac Island & Siesta Key, FL are common destinations and we are counting down until our big Disney adventure together next year!

About our Community

The town we live in is a destination for travelers from all over! It has a bustling famers market and activities like street performances in the summer and even the smallest, sweetest family inclusive PRIDE festival with live music. We live just five minutes from Lake Michigan so there are endless activities available like kayaking, dune rides, and fishing. We are lucky that we get the small town atmosphere to grow our family in but are close enough to Grand Rapids and Chicago to provide so much culture, art, and diversity.





