

Chase & Wendy



Welcome to our Family!

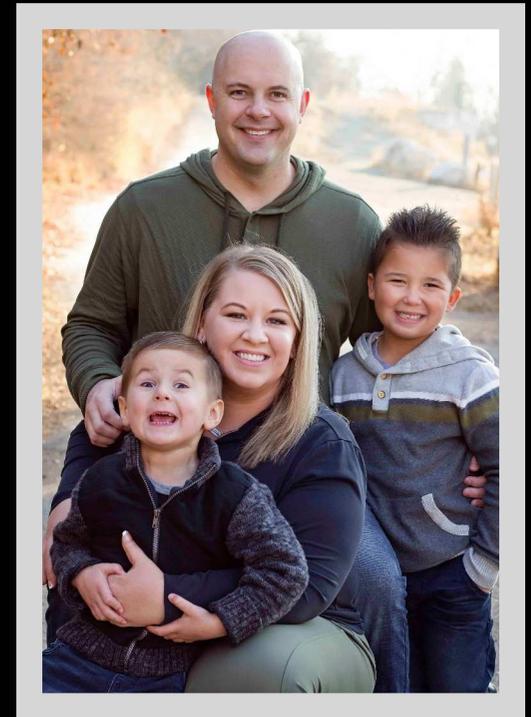
When we were dating, I told Chase that I may not be able to have children. He quickly responded, "We can adopt!" and told me he had an adopted niece and nephew. I excitedly responded that my oldest niece was also adopted. Together we've adopted two little boys that have brought great joy to our lives. Our little family and our extended families on both sides have been so greatly blessed to grow by adoption. Our hearts and home are ready to adopt another child. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us!

In our home love is shown through words & actions, opportunities to develop interests & talents are provided, education & learning are encouraged, and family traditions are plentiful. We are excited to add another child into our family and help them achieve their highest potential by giving of our time, energy, tears, cheers, patience and lots of love.

We hope to enjoy an open adoption, unless you desire differently, and we will be respectful of your wishes. We look forward to discussing how we can create a relationship that is most beneficial to our child. We know that adoption results in an increase of extended family and we want you to know that we are excited for that. We love having open adoptions with our boys' birth parents - to the extent they are comfortable with- and we work hard to keep our promises, respect boundaries, include them in our lives, and honor them in our home. We are very open to phone calls, texts, social media, letters, and visits (including travel). We always say we can never have too many people loving our children. We are grateful they have so many people in their lives that love and care about them- what a blessing!

We pray that as you make this important choice in your life, your heart will be comforted and you will feel at peace with your decisions.

Sending our Love,
Chase, Wendy, Rex & Kyle



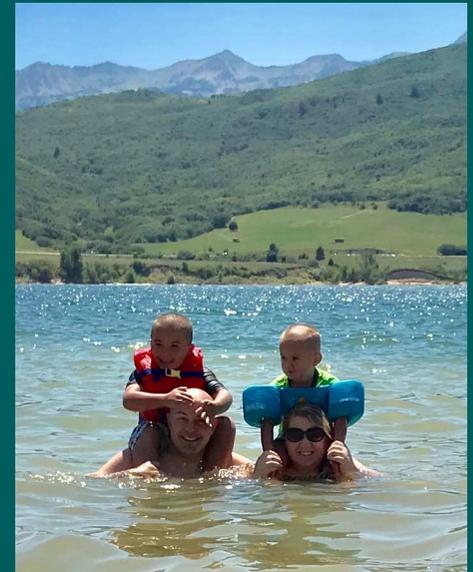
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Our Family

Together as a family we love to go camping, play games, explore new parks, go hiking, have friends and family over to our home, go fishing, hang out in our cul-de-sac with our neighbors, do puzzles, go swimming, complete art projects, go kayaking, find fun new hiking trails in our area and frequent splash pads. We also love Disneyland, finding new camping spots, going to any lake, and really being together anywhere near mountains or the beach. In the coming pages we will share more about our family traditions, family members, home and community.





A Little About Us

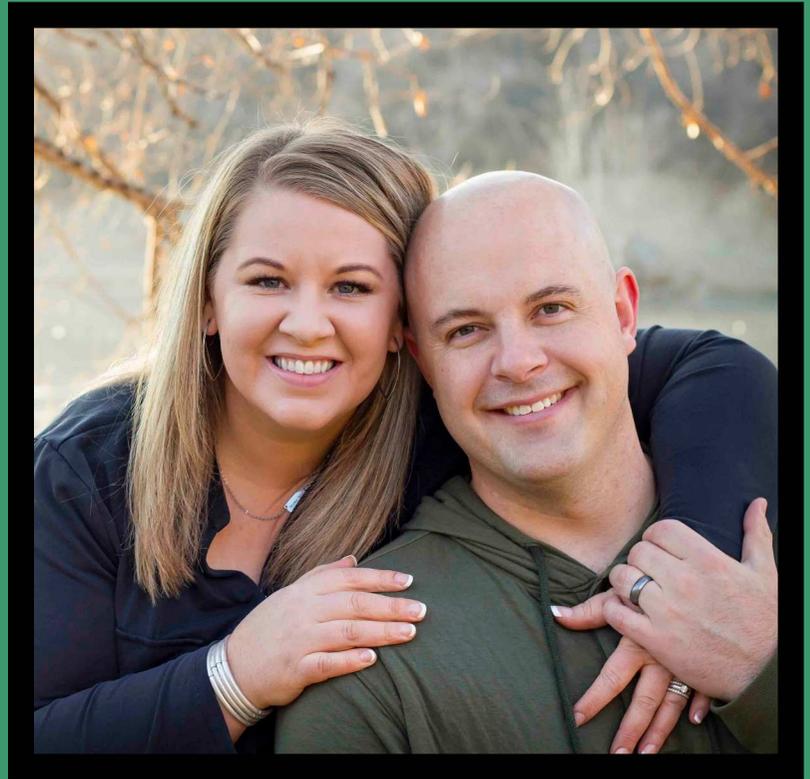
Fifteen years ago we went on our first date. Wendy accidentally swore at me and I fell in love with that girl off the farm, then asked her out for the next night while walking her to the doorstep. She said yes, shut the door and ran up the stairs to throw up from the food poisoning she got from dinner that night. But we still went on a date the next night, and the next night and...we never stopped! It's no Cinderella story, but it's our story. Wendy said the food poisoning was worth it.

We were married in 2007 and finished college together at Utah State University. We moved to Davis County, Utah after graduation and purchased our first home. We both love Disneyland, Mexican food, the beach, going on walks in the canyon, funny TV shows, appetizers, snorkeling, sushi, the fall season, game nights with friends, listening to comedians, remodeling our home, vacationing and ice cream.

Being parents to Rex and Kyle has been the greatest joy of our lives! We work well together as a team, using our individual strengths to care for our family while always being flexible in our roles and supporting each other.

We are financially stable, have no debt other than our home, save and invest wisely. and have excellent insurance coverages. We also both have the education and experience to independently support our family financially if needed.

If a mother & father can
love more than one child,
then why is it so hard to
understand a child can
love more than one
father & mother?
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Our goals as parents:

- 1) Instill confidence in our children & support them in their goals
- 2) Love our children unconditionally & always be a safe place for them
- 3) Raise independent thinkers that respect beliefs & choices others make
- 4) Encourage hard work, emphasize integrity & teach empathy
- 5) Create a home with kindness, laughter, forgiveness, patience & love

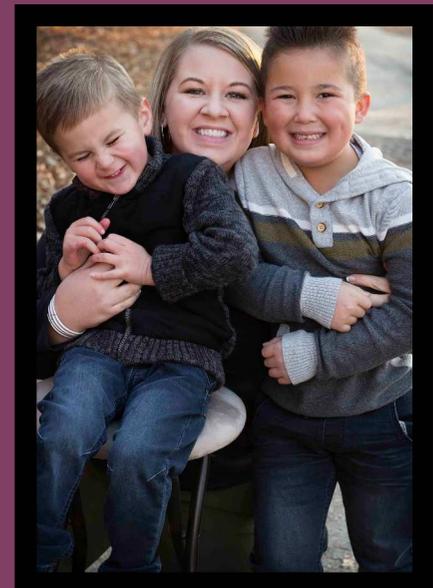
All About Wendy

-Written by Chase

Wendy is the life of the party with her contagious smile and ability to make others laugh and feel comfortable. She makes friends instantly and creates fun wherever she goes. Wendy is intelligent, beautiful, patient, sassy, hilarious, forgiving, compassionate, hard-working, confident, fun, straightforward and non-judgmental. She is known for her work ethic, leadership, and integrity. She never takes anything too seriously and isn't easily offended. Wendy loves fireworks, nature walks, rain, fast-paced card games, hot tubs, photography, teaching finances, fish tacos, and evenings out with her friends. She always notices when others need help and is not shy at all- she jumps right in and recruits the masses if needed. Some random things about Wendy: She's a finance nerd, is terrible at video games and loves awkward conversations (weird, I know).

Wendy grew up in Northern Utah working hard on a dairy and alfalfa farm. She loved to dance, play soccer, rollerblade, and play the piano as a young girl. She inherited her grandmother's love of planning vacations and traveling. She graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Family Finance and later earned her Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. Her education and experience has helped us navigate social, emotional and behavioral needs with our children. She currently works from home as a Contract Manager for a medical practice management company and is able to set her own flexible hours.

Wendy is the center of our boys' world and an incredible mother. She's the mom that jumps in the leaves, rides in the sled, gets her hair wet in the pool, and plays in the sandbox. She's the mom that has her kids repeat positive affirmations on the way to school and yells "be the kindest kid in class!" as they jump out of the car. She's the mom that makes holidays and birthdays magical. She's the mom that is a safe place for an array of emotions and always has great advice and a comforting hug. She's the mom that invites all the neighborhood kids over for an impromptu water party with popsicles just because it brings her joy to have a yard full of happy kids. She's the mom that volunteers at school, makes sensory bins, sits on the floor and plays with them, has kitchen dance parties, and involves the boys in her workouts with superhero capes and masks on. She's the mom that loves her boys fiercely, advocates for them, and instills confidence in them. Our boys adore her – as do I. She helps us all see our potential and keeps us laughing, smiling, learning and serving. We are the luckiest!





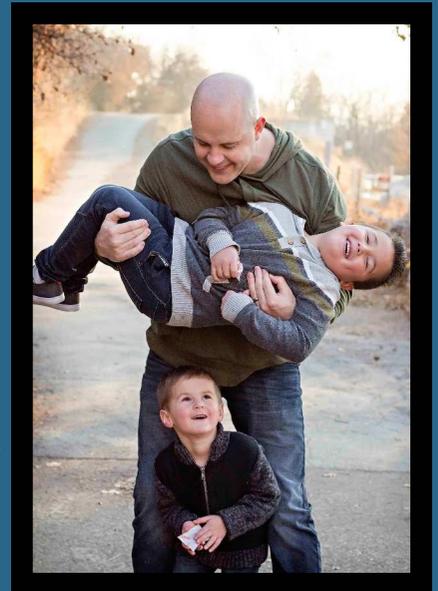
All About Chase

-Written by Wendy

Chase is thoughtful and attentive - he always notices what needs to be done and jumps right in to help. He is an easygoing guy but always up for any party or vacation that I plan. Chase loves scuba diving, hiking, tennis, camping, fishing, movies, reading, pickleball, woodworking, and is a fabulous cook! A few random things about Chase: he loves stale marshmallows, hates having hair on his head and loves to make me laugh until I squeak.

Chase grew up in Idaho and enjoyed playing basketball, canyoneering, and backpacking in the mountains with his brothers. He went on a two-year service mission to Florida where he gained a great love for southern barbeque. He started working at the age of eight and has been employed ever since. He earned two Bachelor's degrees in Accounting and Economics and enjoys working as an accountant where he gets all sorts of nerdy excited over awesome spreadsheets and macros he creates. Chase's goal was always to find a job that provided for his family and was flexible so he could take time off for family events. He found a job with all those perks and he truly enjoys his work. He works from home three days a week and in-office 2 days a week.

Chase is a very involved father. He's incredibly competent and knows the boys' routines just as well as I do. Nothing makes him happier than being a dad and spending time with his sons. He is the dad that our kids go to when they are sad, disappointed, frustrated or happy- because he is easy to talk to & listens well. He's the dad that uses vacation days from work to volunteer at preschool. He's the dad that asked for special permission from his boss to start work at 6am so he can be home at 2pm to spend more time with his boys. He's the dad that makes dinner with his boys while teaching them to cook and has a tradition of making Saturday morning pancakes with them. He's the dad that insisted he got the 5 AM bottle feeding with both our babies because he wanted to see them before work. He's the dad that makes awesome birthday cakes for our boys. He's the dad that tickles, plays, loves, disciplines, listens, hugs and kisses. He's the dad that can fix anything and is always showing his boys how to do it even though it takes 5 times longer. He's the dad that volunteered to coach soccer even though he knew nothing about the sport. He's the dad I dreamed my boys would have and the greatest example to them. He's also the dad that is so humble and says "I'm just a regular dad". But I disagree- he's an extraordinary dad and I'm so grateful for the kind, attentive father and husband he is.





Our Home & Community

We live in Davis County in a city rated one of the safest in Utah, with excellent schools and great community programs. We love the small-town atmosphere while still being close to museums, water parks, libraries, amusement park, splash pads, walking trails, and playgrounds- all places we frequently enjoy. Living close to the mountains puts us near rivers, lakes, camp sites, and hiking trails we explore, and a short drive takes us to the airport for adventures further from home.

Our home is safe, clean, warm, welcoming, and comfortable. It has space for our family plus room to host parties and guests. We have a playroom stocked with toys to encourage imaginative play, a closet full of art and sensory supplies to inspire creativity, a cupboard full of games to play together, and exercise equipment to keep our bodies healthy and moving.

Our backyard is fenced with a trampoline, giant sandbox, large swing set, slides, a climbing dome, fire pit, and garden boxes. In the summer we add a water table, slip 'n slide, and kid pools. Nothing makes us happier than looking out the window and seeing a yard full of kids laughing and playing.

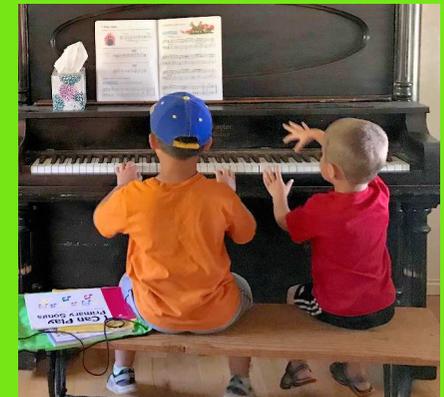
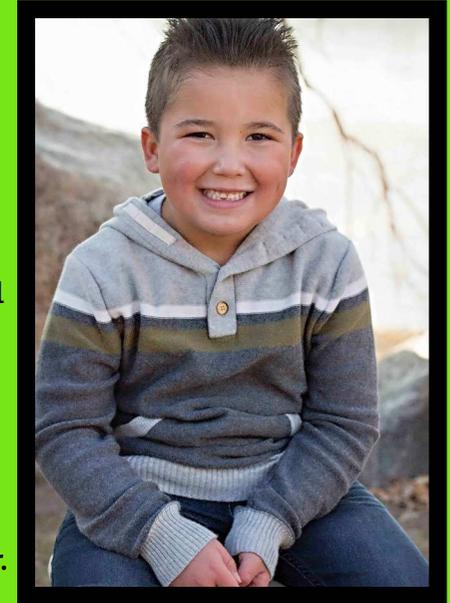
We live in an active neighborhood with plenty of friends for our children to enjoy childhood with. There is a culture of play and friendship here. If you pull into our cul-de-sac in the evening anytime from spring to fall, you will find children racing on bikes and scooters, parents turning jump ropes, sidewalk chalk drawings, kids walking around with popsicle dripping from their face, groups of teenagers playing night games and a soccer or basketball game going on. You will hear happy squeals from kids bouncing on trampolines, laughter from adults in lawn chairs visiting, and even an ice cream truck that sings a song as it winds through each evening. The best part is that we have kind neighbors all around us that love & encourage our children and support our family through trials & successes.

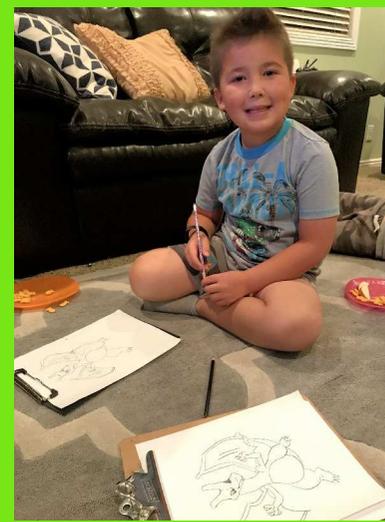


All About Rex

Rex is 7 years old and in 1st grade. He loves to read, do science experiments, play the piano, build with his tools, play tennis and soccer, ride bikes, build with LEGOS, rollerblade, play Mario Kart, draw, plan holiday parties, run with his school running club, and make forts with his little brother. He is social, friendly, smart, determined, and creative. Rex's beautiful dark skin comes from his Puerto Rican/Italian/Mexican mixed race.

The best day of Rex's life was when he became a big brother. He is protective of Kyle and loves to play with him. He is excited to be a big brother again and says he's going to be really helpful now that he's older and will hold the baby and read to them a lot. When Rex was 4 years old, he randomly asked us one day when his baby sister was coming to our family. He was so sure and has asked many times since – so he's hoping for that baby sister. He says he is happy to have another little brother, too, but our house might be a little too stinky with so many boys. Ha!





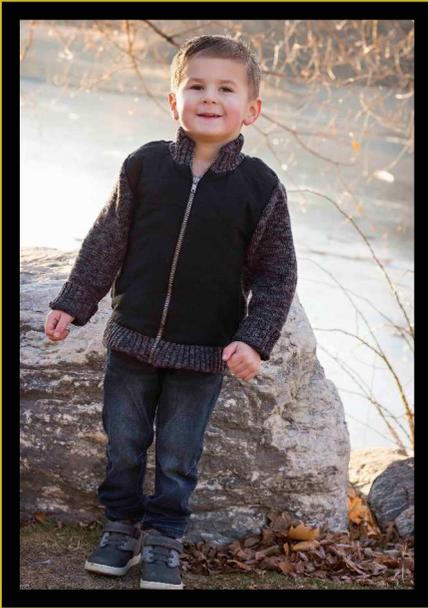
Rex's Adoption Story

Rex was the biggest surprise of our lives! Seven years ago, we received a phone call that a baby was born- his parents were considering adoption and wanted to meet us. We spent hours that evening visiting with them and felt an instant connection with them. We were both humbled and delighted when they asked us if we would adopt him into our family. Exactly 24 hours after we learned of his birth, we met them at the hospital and came home with a beautiful dark eyed baby boy with dimples that would melt any heart. We have a deep respect and love for his birth parents and are incredibly grateful for their love and confidence in us.

We have an open adoption with his birth parents including texts, Marco Polos, emails, visits, and social media. They live in Weber County, UT. We've exchanged home addresses for mailing and we've visited each other's homes. We've always been open to having more involvement with them and their extended family and will continue to respect their choices through the years and be flexible as relationships change.



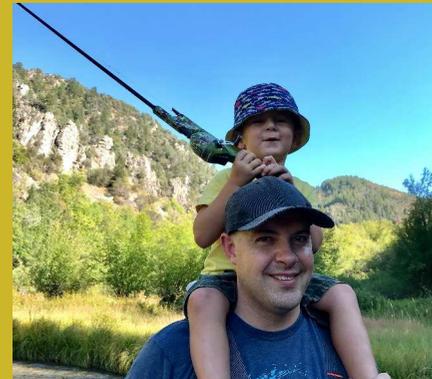
Chase and Rex's birth father loving on him together in the hospital



All About Kyle

Kyle will be four in May and goes to preschool. He loves trains, cars, sharks, Olaf, candy, snuggling his stuffed animals, playing soccer, coloring, play-doh, reading books, going for hikes, playing in the sandbox, building with his magnet blocks, and being super bounced on the trampoline by his big brother. He is silly, tender, big-hearted, clever and easygoing. Kyle was recently diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. He's a brave fighter and hasn't let it slow him down.

Kyle is really excited to be a "great big brudder just like Rex!". He says he wants to snuggle the baby in a soft blanket and say "shhh shhh shhh" when the baby cries. He's also excited to feed the baby a bottle, push them in the stroller, and "share all my toys!".





Kyle's Adoption Story

We connected with Kyle's birth mom through an adoption agency and social media. We were surprised and excited to receive an email one day from her asking us to adopt him into our family. We built a relationship via text and email in the last two months of her pregnancy and met up with her and her mom for dinner a month prior to delivery. We were very privileged to be at the hospital for Kyle's birth. Wendy cut his umbilical cord and we were both admitted to the hospital with him and his birth mom. We had adjoining rooms with her and we all spent two days loving on Kyle together after his birth. We were also able to meet many extended biological family members that came to visit. It was such a sacred, beautiful experience. We admire and respect her and are so grateful she has let us in to her life and been involved in ours.

We have an open relationship with his birth mom- including texts, social media, Marco Polo, email, and yearly visits. She lives in Clark County, NV. We've exchanged addresses for mailing and have been in each other's homes. We also have an open relationship with her extended family. Our boys call her younger siblings "cousins". We never made that connection for them- they just know they feel like family and we love that!



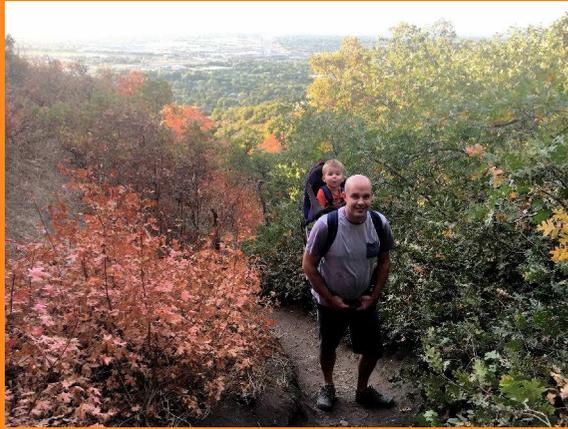
Wendy and Kyle's birth mom loving on him together in the hospital

Summer Fun

Our summer usually kicks off with a visit to Aunt Ginger's mountain ranch (Wendy's sister). The boys loves riding horses and four-wheelers, fishing, and exploring the mountain. We enjoy going to small town parades and fairs. Our cul-de-sac does a big firework party to celebrate our State holiday and we have several fun family reunions throughout the summer. We have season passes to a local amusement/water park and like to spend a few hours on summer nights riding the rides and going down waterslides. We love to feed the ducks at the pond, go on hikes, take a few camping trips with friends and enjoy going to the lake, tubing the river, and kayaking. Our community sponsors some fun sports camps that we enroll the boys in. We also spend plenty of time playing in the sprinklers, kid die pools, and slip 'n slide in our own backyard.







Fall Festivities



Around labor day we make a trip to Wendy's family cabin and enjoy fishing, playing ping pong, and hiking. As the weather gets cold we try to drag out our summer season just a little longer with a family vacation to the California beach. Then the fall air leads us to bake and eat everything pumpkin and our meals become extra delicious with produce from our garden. There are many family walks in the canyon to enjoy the changing colors and we love raking and jumping in the leaves with the boys. We look forward to going to the pumpkin patch to pick pumpkins and we have a great time carving and painting them together. We love Halloween and will dress up in family-themed costumes as long as the boys will let us. We usually spend Thanksgiving with Wendy's family and the day after Thanksgiving with Chase's family in the mountains having a bonfire and cutting down our Christmas tree.



Winter Traditions

During the month of December we do the “12 Dates of Christmas”, a tradition started by Chase when we were dating and has now become a family affair. This includes several fun Christmas activities, outings, and service opportunities. On Christmas Eve we have a tradition of eating pizza in the car while driving around to see Christmas lights. We always stop for hot chocolate and walk through some local light displays. Chase’s family has a New Year’s Eve party playing games and eating tasty appetizers. The boys have helped us rediscover our love for winter by making snowmen, having snowball fights and sledding in our huge sled that holds our whole family. When the boys look out the window and see snow, they immediately get their boots on and grab their small shovels because Wendy has taught them at a young age to serve our neighbors by clearing their driveways. On Valentine’s Day Chase helps the boys take roses around to all the neighbor girls their age to spread the love and we have a family “love dinner” where we share all the things we love about each member of our family. Chase and the boys tap our maple tree out back in late winter and cook the sap down to delicious syrup. We always take a vacation to someplace warm in February, usually California, because we get anxious for Spring and sunny days.







Spring Happenings

We plant our garden together and get really excited when things start to sprout. The boys both play soccer and we love cheering them on from the sidelines. Coloring and decorating Easter eggs is always a favorite and, per tradition, we eat Easter dinner on plates with food placed to look like bunnies. Wendy's family gets together for a big family dinner in early Spring and we eat her mom's homemade rolls and raspberry jam until we can't move. The boys loves going to Baby Animal Days and holding all the cute little animals. We also make a trip to Wendy's family farm to ride on the tractors and feed the baby cows. We love spending time outside drawing with sidewalk chalk, swinging, jumping on the trampoline, flying kites, and playing in the sandbox. We get excited about the many walking and biking trails near our home and find ourselves exploring new parks often. Our spring often ends with a yearly camping trip with Chase's family.



Wendy's Family



Wendy has 5 brothers and 1 sister (her oldest brother passed away when he was 21). Her two youngest brothers are twins.



These are Wendy's parents. The boys love to visit their farm and have bonfires with cousins in their pasture.



These are Wendy's 89 year old grandparents. They have been married for 70 years! The boys love to visit their mountain cabin.

Chase's Family



This is Chase's family . He is the youngest of 6 brothers and 1 sister. He is also the shortest at 6'2"!

We both come from large families, so we spend a lot of time at reunions and parties enjoying many family traditions. We love to play games, go camping, and vacation with our families. Having big families on both sides also means lots of cousins, aunts, and uncles to love our boys. They are so lucky to have 54 first cousins that are built in playmates and friends for life! We live close to most of our family members and have great relationships with them. The boys have four involved grandparents and two great-grandparents that are wonderful influences and are eager for more grandchildren to love. We are grateful for family legacies of hard work, dedication, continual learning, honesty and service to others.



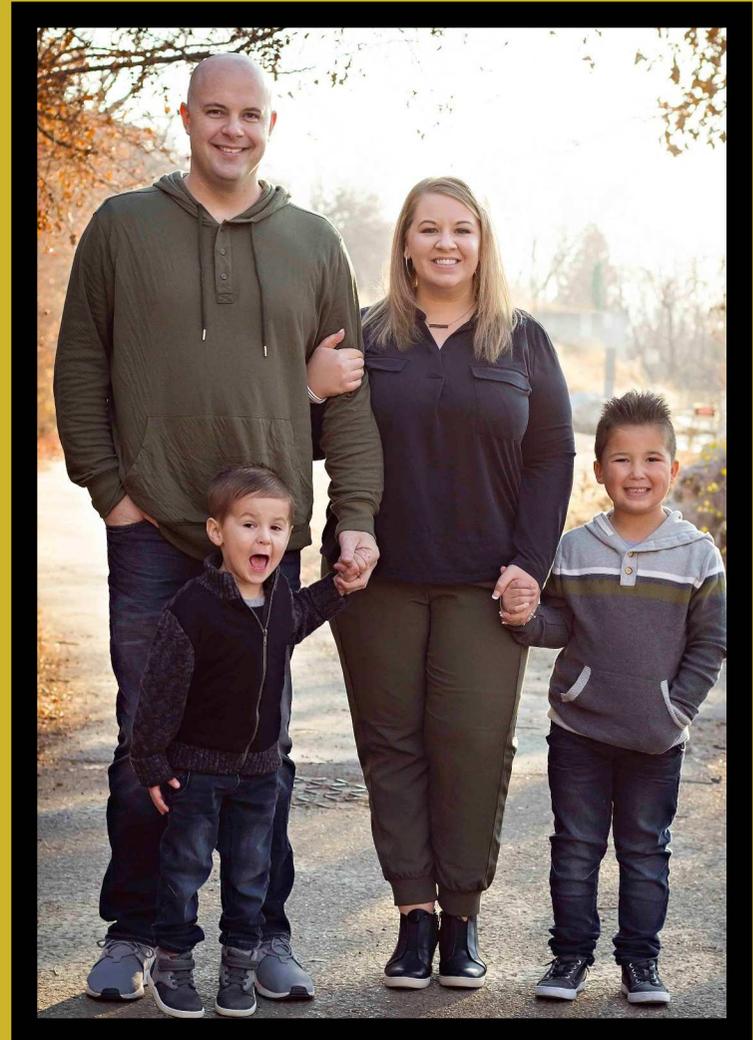
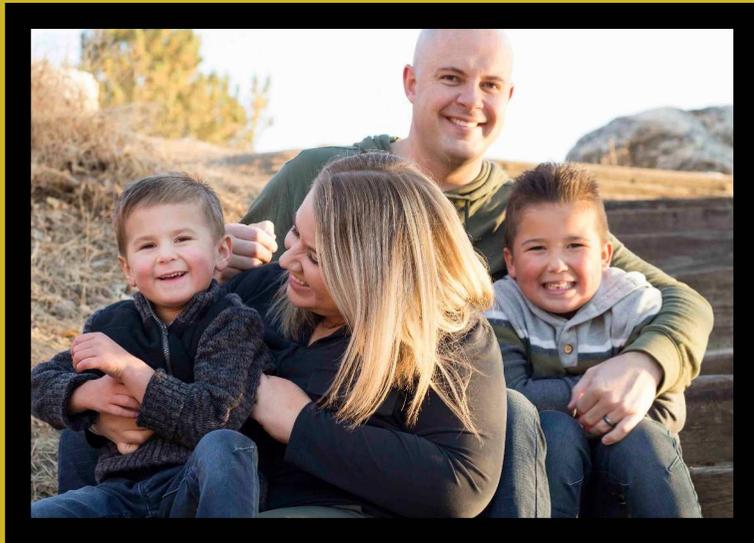
These are Chase's parents. The boys love their giant swings and going camping with them.

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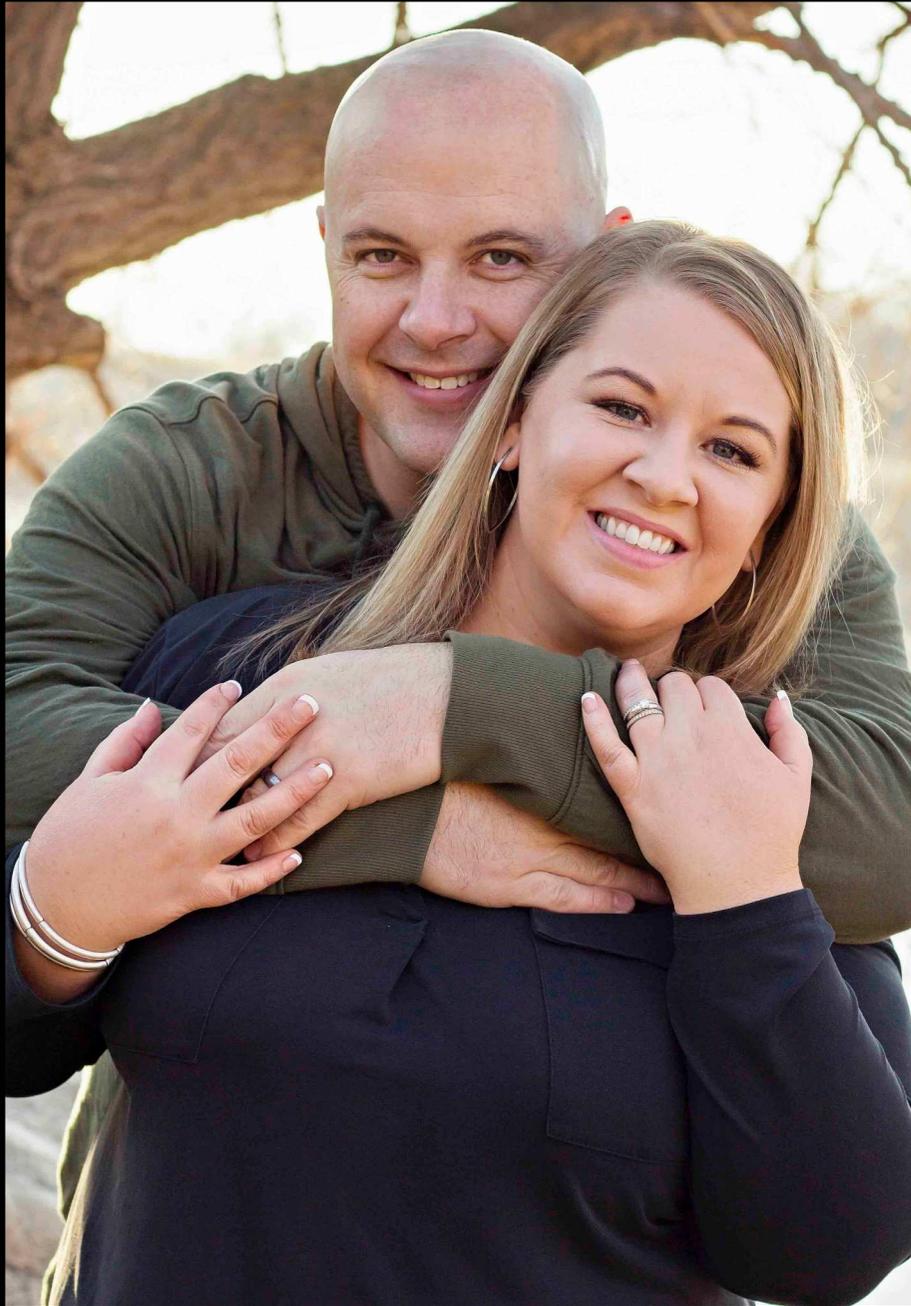
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