MEET OUR FAMILY
Dear Expectant Parents,
We are Austin and Nichole and we thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family. We feel honored you would even consider giving us the opportunity to love and raise your child. We know this is not easy and your courage is beyond what most can comprehend. We are so excited to be adopting and bring a child in to our home! We hope that by sharing a little bit of our story, it will help you see what a loving home we have to offer. Please know that no matter what you choose, we wish you and your child well, and we are praying diligently for you. We hope this book gives you a glimpse in to our life and shows you that we will love your child unconditionally and we can not wait to welcome them in to our family. We look forward to meeting you!
Sincerely,
Austin and Nichole

...and this is just the beginning
Nichole and Austin met at work as teachers in 2015. Austin then became Nichole's son Travis's teacher in 2016. They reconnected a couple of years later in 2018 and began dating. As the story goes, they ran into each other by chance and decided to meet up for drinks to catch up. They have been inseparable since. In February of 2020, Austin proposed to Nichole up in Calico Ridge near Red Rock Conservation Area, which is one of Nichole's favorite places to hike. They were married in a small intimate ceremony within a few months of becoming engaged. They wasted no time starting a family and discovered they were pregnant right away with their son Bradley. Nichole and Austin love to go to concerts together and their favorite band is The 1975. They also love to take road trips to see the Texas Rangers play baseball any time the Rangers are within a few hours’ drive of their home. They also love to take road trips to see Nichole's parents and visit the great outdoors in Utah. They enjoy camping and fishing with Nichole's family. It has been an exciting and busy first three years of marriage, but we are so excited for what is to come and look forward to adding another baby to our family through adoption.
Austin was born in St. Louis, MO. He spent the first 11 years of his life there before moving down to Texas, where he spent the remainder of his childhood. Austin graduated high school with a scholarship to play baseball in college. He attended college in Nebraska where he obtained a degree in Education. As soon as he graduated, he was offered a position teaching in Nevada. He then attended UNLV to obtain his Masters in Education. Austin currently teaches middle school and coaches football in the fall and baseball in the spring. Austin is a HUGE sports enthusiast and a very loyal fan to the Cowboys, the Texas Rangers and Dallas Mavericks! We attend as many games as we possibly can when they play close to our house. He also loves to attend Golden Knights games whenever possible. Austin is a loving and patient father. He was made for the job! He loves working with children in his profession and has a passion for helping others. He is always helping at school or our church in any way that he is needed.
Nicole was born in West Covina, California, but moved to Nevada when she was 5 years old. Nicole stayed in Nevada for all of her schooling from grade school to college. Nicole attended UNLV and the University of Phoenix and has a Bachelor of Science in Human Services and a Master of Science in Education. Nicole currently teaches Pre-K at a local private school. Nicole’s favorite thing to do is travel anywhere: short trips, long trips... It doesn’t matter! She loves them all and wants to show her kids as many places as possible! Her favorite type of trip is anywhere tropical. Her favorite vacation spot of all time is St. Maarten in the Caribbean. Nicole is also a big fan of snowboarding in the winter months and boating with the family in the summer months. She also loves a good fishing competition to see who can catch the first fish when the family goes camping all together!
TRAVIS

Travis is a vibrant and smart 16 year old sophomore in high school! He is an awesome big brother, friend, and son. Travis is learning how to drive and wants to chauffeur us everywhere we need to go so he can get his driving hours to be able to get his license soon. He plays football for his school and is a dirt bike enthusiast! Travis saved up enough of his own money to buy himself a new dirt bike and he loves to go riding with his buddies. We are very proud of him and can't wait to see where his life journey takes him! We are truly blessed to have him as our son!
BRADLEY

Bradley is a wild, spunky, and curious 2 year old! He loves anything outdoors and wants to play in the water all day long. It is his favorite thing to do! He loves going to the park and to the ranch around the corner from our house to feed the horses their apples and carrots. Bradley is learning so much so fast! He truly is a sponge of all information. It is amazing to watch him learn and grow at such a rapid rate, and we are blessed to be his parents!
Meet Gussie, Zach, and Brad! Gussie and Zach are Austin’s siblings. Gussie is a nurse in Nebraska and Zach lives in Alaska, where he is stationed in the Army. We love when they come to town to visit us. Brad is Austin’s dad and goes by Pa. He lives very close to us. We see him often, and he always comes over to help baby sit or have family dinners and watch sporting events!

Meet Janet and Randy, Austin’s mom and step-dad. They go by Nana and Opa! They, too, live close to us, and we see them often for family dinners and hangouts! We are very grateful to have family so close by.

Brad (Pa!) is the pastor at our church. It is really cool having Austin’s dad be the head of our church and getting to learn from him every week! Bradley always wants to help him preach the sermon by running on stage to get to his Pa! Everyone knows when Bradley is in church, they can hear him yelling, "Pa!" He wants to see him right away and sit with him.
We love to go fishing and camping with Grammie and Papa!

Meet Nichole's dad, Travis! We call him Pops. He passed away when Nichole was pregnant with her son Travis. We miss him and it is important to me to keep his memory alive and that my children know about him. He was one of the funniest and kindest people I know!

TOGETHER IS MY FAVORITE PLACE TO BE

Meet Carol and David! These are Nichole's parents, and they go by Grammie and Papa. We love seeing them when we go to Utah, which is usually 4-5x a year. They come to our house throughout the year as well! We spend majority of the holidays together, and on Christmas, we spend it with both Nichole and Austin's families together!

Meet Chad! We call him Uncle Chaddie! He is Nichole's brother. He lives in Tahoe, and we love when he comes to visit! He is always up for a fun time and loves to play with the kids!
Our promise to you...

We have always dreamed about adding to our family through adoption. It is a calling that God has placed deep in our hearts, and we are very excited to be adding another child to our home. Please know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child, and we will make sure that he/she will be proud to be adopted by our family. We promise that we will always honor you and where your child came from. You are a blessing to us, and the brave choice you are making is not lost on us. The magnitude of your graciousness is something we will be forever thankful for. We hope this book gave you a look at our lives and helped you to see what a beautiful life we would love to offer a child. We look forward to meeting you, and thank you for taking the time to read about our family.

Sincerely,
Austin and Nichole
Nichole always gets the family matching Pi's for Christmas morning!

This is our Pup Phoebe

This is our home! We live in a small gated neighborhood that has lots of community activities for families like movies in the park!

We have a park in our neighborhood with a basketball court and pool, and the kids love to swim!
THE STORY OF

our family