“IT IS GOOD TO LOVE MANY THINGS, FOR THEREIN LIES THE TRUE STRENGTH, AND WHOSOEVER LOVES MUCH PERFORMS MUCH, AND CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH, AND WHAT IS DONE IN LOVE IS WELL DONE”

VINCENT VAN GOGH
Hello! We are Michael and Ashley. We are truly excited for this journey, and cannot thank you enough for taking a moment to get to know our family. While we cannot fathom what you’re feeling as you read through words, and try to find the best fit for your child. We remain optimistic that we can earn your trust through this small glimpse into our lives. We made the decision to adopt after a tough pregnancy and a deep desire to grow our family. We understand that life takes each and every one of us on different paths, timing and circumstance can make those roads difficult to navigate. We hope our story will help you in making your choice and help to shoulder some of your burden. No matter your decision, we wish you the best of luck and strength in the coming months. Most importantly we hope for the best possible life for your child filled with everlasting love and adventure.

With love
I grew up in a small town in California with my parents and an older sister and brother. We didn’t have much, but both parents worked every day to ensure the three of us enjoyed life to its fullest. I have always loved knowledge and learning, which has served me well in my adult life and career. The first and only one in my immediate family to graduate college with a bachelors degree in business. I absolutely love to read anything I can get my hands on, love to do puzzles with the family and enjoy being outdoors camping when we can. I unfortunately lost both parents in my thirties, and this has strengthened my value of family and time. Traveling and spending time with my loved ones is my happy place. Creating lasting memories that my children can carry with them is everything.

WHAT MICHAEL SAYS

Ashley is an extremely intelligent woman who is built on commitment. She has worked extremely hard in her professional life to create a comfortable environment for her family. Her goal in life was to be able to give her family more than she had growing up, and she did just that. Ashley has a heart of gold. She is a warm and devoted Mother, who is the most caring person you will ever meet. She sacrifices so much of herself for everyone else. She is a wonderful wife and has an extraordinary way of making everyone feel special. She has so much love to give to nurture a growing family.
HELLO

MEET MICHAEL
Growing up, my parents instilled the values of hard work, honesty, and how to live with a sense of integrity in my brother and me. When I graduated high school, I joined the Navy to see the world and develop self-discipline. A short twenty years later I retired from Naval service and I transitioned to a job as a Department of Defense contractor. Being gone so much during my time in the service has made me greatly appreciate the time I do have with my family and has taught me how to serve my community through giving back. I enjoy taking our family to the movies or going camping outdoors. I started a nonprofit hockey organization to give kids from lower-income homes the opportunity to have fun and develop their skills.

ASHLEY SAYS

Michael’s intelligence and how he applies that in his day to day life has amazed me from the day we met. He truly enjoys knowledge, history and the impact both have on our world. He worked tirelessly in the military for 20 years and retired so that he could watch his children grow up and be present in their lives. Michael can build a relationship with anyone he encounters within seconds of meeting them. He has a charisma about him that puts people at ease, but still maintains the military rigidness in a very succinct and dynamic way. He is big on integrity and equality. Will always fight for what is right and fair and champion for change whenever it is needed. He gives himself in so many ways, but first and foremost he is front and center encouraging Chase and I in everything we do. He is our biggest cheerleader!
MEET CHASE
Chase is a creative, energetic, kind hearted and goofy eleven year old. He loves to draw, play video games and can usually be found supporting his team in net. Chase has a huge heart, he loves with his whole being and has been anticipating being a big brother for as long as he could talk. He loves animals and dinosaurs, so much you need google to keep up with him. Chase loves to travel and cannot wait to show his new brother or sister all of his favorite places.

Thank you for considering us. I have always wanted a sibling and I promise to be a great big brother.

~ Chase
When we first laid eyes on our house, we immediately envisioned our family gathering around the large kitchen island and having birthday parties out by the pool. Our house is in an established neighborhood attracting many young families and offering a brand new state-of-the-art elementary school, and over 85 acres of parks. We have 3,200 square feet, making up four bedrooms, three full bathrooms, and a half bathroom. The front of our house looks out upon a community green belt that provides an open space for kids and dogs to come together and play.
Our community is centrally located with an easy trip to the mountains, The Colorado River, or California’s beaches. There are over 5 parks within walking distance of our home, which feature splash pads, community pools, basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts and soccer fields for the children to play. There is always a strong emphasis on family, with community movie nights, farmers markets, and concerts in the park.
We love sports and try to attend as many live games as we can.

We started a non-profit youth hockey foundation and personally work with and develop over 60+ kids, 14 years of age and younger.

We own a 34’ RV and love to explore and camp whenever we can get away.

Our family takes at least one big vacation every year.

Mike completed 11 deployments prior to his retirement from the US Navy.

Ashley is the first member of her immediate family to obtain a college degree.

It’s a family tradition to decorate the entire house for Christmas the day after Thanksgiving!
Instead of gifts for our son, we choose to go on a special family trip for his birthday each year:

5 - Disneyland
6 - Universal Studios
7 - River Camping
8 - Caribbean Cruise
9 & 10 - COVID :(
11 - Hawaii

We hope to visit Alaska soon!
The words “thank you” seem much too simple to express the depth of our gratitude. We are eternally grateful for your time, and taking a moment to read and learn about our family. We promised to love and support this child in everything they grow to be, create memories they can carry in their heart, and love with everything we have. We promise to be strong role models that show this child that love and support can move mountains. We promise to give this child the opportunities necessary to achieve all of their hopes and dreams. Most importantly, we promise to love big.