We want to thank you for considering us to parent your child. We can't imagine what an incredibly difficult decision it must be, and we can't tell you how much we admire you. We look forward to expanding our family and loving him or her with all our hearts.

We adopted our sweet daughter Mary at birth four years ago and desire to become a family of four.

Know that we love our daughter unconditionally and if you choose us we will love your baby the same. We have made it our mission to raise a caring, happy, confident child, and look forward to the opportunity to provide her a sibling.

Thank you for considering our family!
We are law school sweethearts who met on our first day of classes. It was love at first sight. We dated for seven years before we were married in March 2014. We were very much inseparable during our first semester of law school and we had a great time during those first months hanging out and getting to know each other. Over 15 years later, there is nothing we love more than spending time together laughing.

*I have found the one whom my soul loves.*

*Solomon 3:4*
Wedding

Family is important to both of us and it was important that family was at the center of our wedding day. Our wedding was perfect and everything we dreamed it would be. It was held in a beautiful space in an old historic French neighborhood. We made sure every detail that went into the ceremony and reception spoke to our personalities and our love story.

Meara’s brother officiated a very personal and thoughtful ceremony and Nick’s brother served as best man.

It was a beautiful night with laughs and lots of dancing to the live band. We often joke it was the most fun we never want to have again.
What I love about Meara

Meara is the heart of our family - providing constant love and support.

Motherhood came so naturally to her and I am always impressed at how she is able to make even the mundane feel special. Meara is easy going and finds joy in every day. She is fiercely loyal and loves big.
Meara's Favorites

FOOD: Pizza
SHOW: FRIENDS
VACATION: Beach
HOBBIES: travel, listening to podcasts, cooking, spending time with friends
What I love about Nick

Nick is the anchor for our family - keeping us grounded. He is the vacation planner in the family and always ensures there is something for everyone! I am often in awe of Nick's intelligence. He is an amazing dad. He is patient. Nick is always up for playing dinosaurs or attending a tea party with Mary. I can't wait to see him with another baby!
Nick's Favorites

FOOD: Pasta
SHOW: Seinfeld
VACATION: Mountains
HOBBIES: running, reading, playing guitar/piano
The meaning of unconditional love comes to life in parenthood.

We knew from the beginning that having children was important to both of us but we knew we were unable to have biological children. Choosing adoption was such an easy and natural decision, and led us to our precious daughter, Mary. Mary recently turned four and being her parents is an incredible honor. We respect her birthparents and have honored our communication commitment to them. We know that we have so much love and gifts to offer and we look forward to expanding our family again through adoption.

Mary has been such a blessing to our family. She is outgoing and spunky, yet kind. We often sit back and admire her self confidence and ability to make friends wherever we go.

She is an amazing kid and we cannot wait to watch her step into a new role as big sister. We know that she will be nurturing and excited to share her interests and toys with a baby brother or sister.

**Mary’s Favorites**

- **Food:** Salmon, bean and cheese tacos
- **Show:** Bluey
- **Vacation:** visiting cousins
- **Hobbies:** playing dinosaurs, going to the playground
Meara’s Family

I am close with my family even though they all live in another state. We make sure to plan visits and holidays so we can be together often.

My mom, Marsha, recently retired from her position as a college professor and she intends to spend more time with us to bond with her grandchildren.

My only sibling, Will, is three years younger. We were best friends growing up and still remain close. My hope is for Mary to have a similar sibling relationship and as parents we will work to forge that bond. We are also very close with his long-time girlfriend, Wendy and it is really fun to see their bond with Mary. I am also very close with my cousins and Mary is close to their children. They are a few hour drive away so we see them a few times a year. Those get togethers are always so special.
Nick’s Family

My parents still live in the house I grew up in about 20 miles from where we currently live. My mom, Kim, is a pediatric nurse practitioner and an invaluable support and resource. She cannot wait for another grandchild. I have one brother, Alex, who lives a mile from us. He was recently married to his longtime girlfriend and Mary stole the show as a flower girl. She has a unique bond with her uncle and aunt, and it is really nice they live so close.

Both of my grandmothers are still living and live close to us. We are fortunate to see them often and they are just in love with Mary and look forward to more great grandchildren.
We love to travel and explore new places.

Attending local events in our town whether it be a food festival or music in the park is always something we look forward to. For the holidays we always request family memberships to the zoo, children's museum, and adventure parks rather than gifts. We love to have fun as a family.

As a couple we are striving to visit every state in the United States and we are about half way there! Mary has enjoyed tagging along for many of the adventures.

**Family Travel Bucket List**

1. Hawaii
2. Spain
3. Washington, DC
4. New York, NY
5. Vermont
6. Maine
7. Puerto Rico
8. London
9. Alaska
10. Costa Rica
Our home was built in 1932 and we have had the privilege of living in it for 10 years. We have made so many memories here from Nick proposing, birthdays, holidays, and bringing Mary home.

We have a large family room in which we like to snuggle on the couch with popcorn and watch movies. A playroom in our basement is a favorite for Mary and all her friends with a play kitchen, basketball hoop, tool bench, trampoline, and bounce house!

We have a large, flat, fenced yard which is great for playing soccer and tag. When Mary was younger, we had a swing hanging from the tree. Over the years, we have cultivated a vegetable and fruit garden. In years past, we have had an overstock of zucchini, this year it was tomatoes and strawberries!
Our Community

We have great neighbors that we know and trust. We have a few babysitters on our street and lots of kids of all ages. Our neighborhood is safe and everyone is friendly. We have several large parks/ playgrounds within walking distance, and we are frequent visitors.

We live in a close knit community with block parties and parties in the park during the Fall, Spring, and Summer. The neighborhood pool is a hotspot in the summer and Mary especially enjoys the lazy river. We enjoy our neighborhood and diverse neighbors and our school district is one of the top in the state.
Holidays in our home are special. Nick and I have worked hard to create our own family traditions. Christmas services are big in our church and always so magical. We look forward to it every year and seeing it through Mary's eyes makes it even more special. We spend Christmas Eve with Nick's extended family, Christmas morning at home, and then jump on a plane to have dinner with Meara's family. With two children in tow we may need to slow down but family will always be a part of our Christmas traditions.

Thanksgiving and Easter are spent at Nick's parent's house with extended family. There is always lots of laughs and board games!

Fourth of July in our neighborhood is a big deal and we look forward to festivities with friends and family. Our neighborhood hosts a large parade and carnival along with several nights of fireworks. We are fortunate to live close to friends with kids Mary's age and it's fun to watch them run around enjoying the festivities together. Mary is always excited to run into school friends at the carnival!
Our Children’s Education

Our children will attend our local public schools. It is a wonderful school system with small class sizes which we love! We feel they are capable of educating all students no matter the circumstance, needs, etc. We love that our preschool is play based where children are able to explore and learn through nature and interactions with their friends and surroundings.

Faith

Our children will be baptized in the Methodist church. As our children grow up, they will attend Sunday school classes and continue to grow in their faith. We will say our nightly prayers and thank God for all he has given us! We will teach our child(ren) that even when times are tough, you have to trust God’s plan!

Our Home

We love where we live and intend to stay here for years to come. At some point, we may need to move to a larger home but for now it is perfect. We love that everyone has their own space and plenty of room for family gatherings. We want to provide a warm and welcoming home!
Our promise

We promise to be open with our children about their story and family.

We promise to always speak of you respectfully and love you as an extension of our family. We promise to honor the commitment we make with you.

We will ensure that our children know they are loved unconditionally and accepted by all of us.

We are affectionate and love out loud!

We will be the safe space for our children to learn, grow, and develop into their true, authentic selves. We will nurture their interests and provide them space to learn and explore not just the world created for them but an appreciation for other cultures as well.

We will share with them our love of travel, sports, music, and community.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

Please know that we respect you, we love you, and we are praying for you and your baby.

Meara + Nick
Thank you for considering us.