OUR FAMILY ALBUM

2023
HELLO THERE!

Dear Birth Mother,

We are excited you are here and learning about our family story. We have always felt adoption was a calling for us years before having children of our own. To us, family truly is everything and we love our children more than anything.

We feel adoption truly is love and the decision you’re making is out of love to sacrifice yourself for another being. We know you must feel nervous or overwhelmed about the decision you have ahead of you. Just know, in choosing our family to raise the life you are growing, our promise is to love your child beyond measure. We are here to support you as best as possible and in whatever way you may need as you navigate this decision.

Thank you so much for visiting our page and we hope you get a chance to get to know us more.

Justin, Ashley & Kids
MEET OUR FAMILY

Our names are Justin, Ashley, Gavin, Ava Marie and Alejandria. We are a close-knit family and we love to spend our time together. Our kids love the holiday traditions we’ve started, road trips in the RV, time at the beach, in the mountains and the simple daily activities like going for a family walk, playing outside or gathering for family meals. We have a strong faith in God and have our Sunday morning prayer time, Bible readings and prayers at bedtime. Our children were so happy to welcome a little sibling this year and then we lost our baby. We want every chance to give our family the joy of bringing a baby into our family again. We feel immensely blessed for the life we have and would love the welcome our rainbow baby into our family through adoption.
MEET ASHLEY

My wife is my best friend, love of my life, and soul mate. We have grown together over the past 21 years and she continually inspires, surprises, and amazes me. She is the most passionate and compassionate person I will ever know, her love for our family and our children is unconditional and limitless. She is incredibly talented, intelligent, creative, and tenacious. My wife has always believed in me and encouraged me to believe in myself and as a mommy she is instilling that self-belief and supportive love in our children.

Fun Facts: Ashley has her Masters Degree in Radio, TV & Film, she’s a professional writer & former journalist, she’s been to 7 different countries and 31 U.S. states. She enjoys traveling, cooking and exercising to stay healthy and loves spending time with our children and family.
Meet Justin

My husband is everything to me and our family. We first met 21 years ago after our freshman year of college and he's been the staple of my life ever since. Justin is hardworking, dedicated, intelligent, caring, giving, funny and most of all he takes care of all of us and puts us first. He is an inspiration to me, my best friend, and he's an amazing father who always knows how to make our kids and myself laugh.

Fun Facts: Justin has his PhD, he is also a professional FootGolfer, he was Valedictorian in HS, he's been to 13 different countries & 48 U.S. States. He enjoys racing in 5k's, FootGolfing, playing with our kids and making memories with our family.
OUR STORY

Summer 2005, a few years after we first met

September 2021, vacationing in Montana


10-year Anniversary Vow Renewal. January 2018
Gavin is an energetic 8-year-old boy who loves building legos, the beach, learning about space, playing soccer and footgolf, running 5k races and showing his love of life on a daily basis. He is a fun big brother, building forts and playing in pretend land with his little sisters and watches out for them everyday. He loves his family and would love the chance to be a big brother again.

Ava Marie is a fun and playful almost 6-year-old girl. She loves unicorns, playing at the beach, coloring and painting, soccer and footgolf and displaying her ‘wise-beyond her years’ personality. She absolutely adores her siblings; Gavin is her best buddy, and Alejandria is her best friend. She loves her family and showing us love and her siblings everyday. She is thrilled to be a big sister again.

Alejandria (Dri) is a chatty and loving 3-year-old little girl who loves unicorns, dinosaurs and dragons. She loves playing make-believe, dress up, kicking a soccer ball, the beach, going on road trips and keeping up with her biggest sibling, Gavin and her best friend, Ava. To us, Dri is already a big sister to her little sibling in Heaven, but we know she will one day get to love on a little sibling on earth.
We’ve started many family traditions over the years and some of those include taking yearly family photos, Christmas matching pj’s, cooking a big Thanksgiving dinner at home, crafting and painting for holidays, having home birthday celebrations, and dressing up and celebrating New Year’s Eve every year, which is extra special since it is our son’s birthday.
Top photo: Easter 2023 continuing our Easter tradition of egg hunts outside in our backyard.

Bottom photo: Gavin graduates Kindergarten and Ava graduates Preschool; we held a backyard celebration for our little graduates!
CRAFTING AS A FAMILY

Photo above: Writing Valentine’s Day cards for friends.

Our kids love to craft for holidays, including Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter and Valentine’s Day.

Bottom Right: Dri, Ava & Gavin after Easter egg hunting!
BIRTHDAYS!!  MATCHING CHRISTMAS PJS!!
NEW YEAR’S EVE & GAVIN’S BIRTHDAY IN NEVADA 2022
THANKSGIVING IN UTAH 2022
5K FAMILY FUN RUNS

VISITING SANTA
OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION
We’ve always found a special place in our hearts for adoption. It’s something we’ve both thought about and considered even at a young age. We had conversations about adoption years before we had children and thought it would be a beautiful thing. Then we had our babies and were so overjoyed bringing them into the world. We contemplated whether we would try for a fourth. It was honestly a hard decision as someone who’s had difficult pregnancies I knew I had to let go of that and decide what to do. In the end, I became pregnant with our fourth, putting my fears of another difficult pregnancy aside. Sadly, we lost our fourth baby. It was one of the hardest things we’ve had to endure in our adult lives. It’s been a journey with many tears, grieving and healing. We know in our hearts now is the time to adopt. That we can welcome our rainbow baby through adoption and love our adopted baby as we have loved bringing each of our babies into this world. We have so much love in our home and yearn to add another little one and love him or her as we have loved all of our children.
OUR ADVENTURES AND TRAVELS
Many of our family adventures begin in our RV, our home on the road.

FootGolf in San Diego as a family, Summer 2021.
BOATING & FISHING IN MONTANA, NO FISH BUT LOTS OF FUN. (SEPTEMBER 2021)
RV Campground in Orange County, California.

Picking flowers and designing our own mini golf adventure.

Enjoying the Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City, Utah.
Wherever we go, we’re on the lookout for Playgrounds, where the kids play whatever imagination game they can dream up.

Gavin and Ava made their own adventure at this Playground at an RV Campground in Orange County, California.
IT’S NOT AN ADVENTURE WITHOUT THE BEACH.

Finding our way to the beach! We love to visit California, including the San Diego area or sometimes the L.A beaches near Newport.

Top (next page): Southern California sunset at the pier.
Bottom (next page): Visiting the Jordanelle Reservoir in Northern Utah.
WINTER WONDERLAND IN UTAH, (SPRING 2023)

Playing in the snow at our vacation house in Utah!

Throwing snowballs and building a snowman. Kids love playing in the snow!
CLOSE TO HOME

Out on a family walk in our neighborhood with our puppy Goldie.
Having lots of fun right outside our door, from the backyard play house to the neighborhood playground.

Or we head to the golf course to play a round of FootGolf or take Gavin to golf lessons.
SNOWY PLAYGROUND IN UTAH
(SPRING 2023)

Kids first time playing in the snow in Utah!

Playground nearby at our vacation home in Utah.
FUN AS A FAMILY

Dressing up Star Wars style for Halloween 2022, let the lightsaber battles begin!
Top Photo: Enjoying festivities at Enchant Las Vegas, Christmas 2022

Bottom Photo: FootGolfing at our neighborhood golf course Spring 2023
One last picture before heading home after a week in Palm Springs with Munkie G in September 2022.
Above: Thankful to have friends who stop by for an afternoon of playing and chasing kids while we’re on vacation in Southern California. (Summer 2022)

Below: When kids won’t smile for the picture, it’s time for the silly pose with Munkie G and Papa B (Ashley’s parents).
Above: Birthday celebration in Northern California with long-time friends. (Summer 2022).

Below: Enjoying a quiet night at home with Munkie G (Ashley’s mom) during one of her visits.
Above: Camping out at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway for NASCAR weekend with visits from friends (Spring 2023).

Below: Supporting a local charity during a FootGolf fundraiser with friends (Summer 2022).
A FRIEND AND HER HORSE, NOW THE GIRLS WANT THEIR OWN!

BELOW: A FUN VISIT FROM AUNT CONNIE AND MUNKIE G.
Photo Above: Ava’s 1st Birthday! Visit from Munkie G and Papa B.

Top Left Photos: Visits & fun from friends

Left Photo: Recent visit from Grandparents in Utah. Our kids love the hugs and love they show.
We thank you for taking the time to look through our book and learn about our family, our story and our journey. We may not know what the future holds, but we know in our hearts our adopted child’s birth mother will always be a part of his or her story. We know you have an incredible and difficult decision ahead of you, we see you and understand those challenges that may lie ahead. Just know, if you chose us, we will love the baby you are carrying beyond measure as we have loved each of our living children and our Heavenly baby. We are sending prayers your way of comfort, grace and understanding through this time.

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