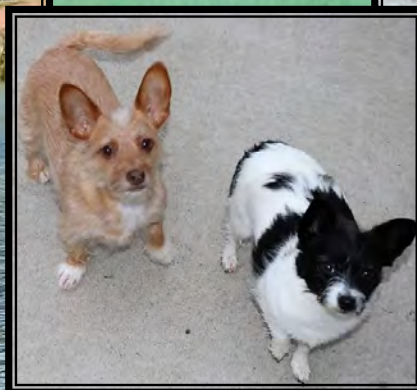


Josh & Nicole



& Wesley

A Family Built By Adoption



Mindy & Sophie

You are Amazing!

We are incredibly thankful for the opportunity to share our lives with you. From the adoption of our son, we understand the courage and selflessness it has taken to make this decision for your child. We know how truly loved he or she is already. Our hope for you is to find a family and home for your child that is rooted in kindness, respect, compassion, and trust. In our home, you would always be honored and cherished for the unconditional love you have shown. We would be forever grateful to be a part of your child's life. Thank you so much for considering us!



About Us



We are a family built through adoption!

Wesley was born to a beautiful, courageous, amazing woman who chose us to be his parents. We have been so humbled by her faith, love, and trust in us. It has truly been our greatest joy to share his life and growth with her. She just came to town for a weekend visit this fall and we had so much fun doing all Wesley's favorite activities together! We would make sure you are always a huge part of your child's life and story, to your comfort.

We have a big, loud, supportive family that loves to cheer each other on no matter the circumstances. 2 years ago Josh's mom decided to run her first marathon. The whole family was there supporting her and waiting to celebrate when she crossed the finish line. Your child would always have our team of cheerleaders to support his or her dreams!



We take a partnership approach in our life together. We don't sweat the small stuff and prioritize helping each other out to meet our goals. When renovating our home, Nicole did a ton of painting while Josh helped lay new flooring. We even built our own headboard from scratch! We attack our goals together and will make sure your child learns the importance of working as a team.

Meet Nicole

(by Josh)

Nicole has always been **great with children**. In college, Nicole taught dance classes for children of all ages. The first show that I attended, one of the dancers came running up to Nicole crying because she had forgotten part of her costume. Nicole took her in the back and whipped up a quick fix with some leftover fabric. She was great at keeping everyone calm and everything went off without a hitch. Your child will be encouraged to confidently pursue his or her passions.



Nicole loves to **go all out when it comes to decorating for holidays**. A few years ago, she insisted we get a second Christmas tree just so she could decorate two trees – one traditional and one purple (her favorite color)! Last year, I came home from a weekend away and our house had transformed from Halloween themed, to being completely covered in Christmas decorations. My favorite part was the new, red ford truck ornament on the tree representing my first car, the same one I drove when we first met.

Nicole loves to pet and play with animals everywhere we go. Recently at the Renaissance Festival she noticed two huge dogs and went right up to meet them. We found out they each weighed 175 pounds and Nicole ended up sharing some of her turkey leg from the festival with them!



Meet Josh

(by Nicole)

Josh grew up on a farm 2 hours north of our home. He is an active outdoorsman who **loves fishing**. Every time we visit the farm, Josh wakes up early and starts each day fishing while the sun comes up. On our last visit, Josh and his grandpa caught so many fish we ended up having a fish fry dinner with the whole family! Your child will have an active father who teaches them to love the outdoors.



Josh has a light-hearted sense of humor and **loves to play jokes on his family and friends**. Just the other day Josh's brother, CJ, was meeting us out for dinner. CJ called when he arrived, and as a prank Josh purposely misdirected him saying we were on the completely opposite side of the restaurant. We laughed in the back corner booth as we watched CJ walk around the whole dining area twice without finding us.

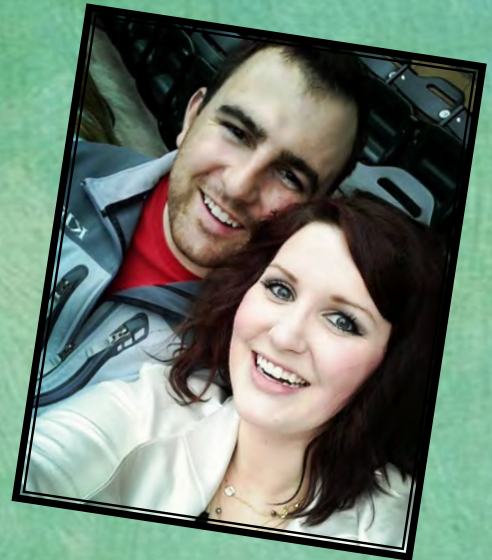
Josh is the ultimate sports fan! He insists on staying home on Sundays during football season so he can cheer on the Vikings. He even bought our dogs a Vikings jersey to wear on game day. All the Vikings fans in the neighborhood love it and give her extra attention and pets for good luck on game days!



Becoming a Family



We met in college when Josh's roommate planned a surprise birthday dinner for his girlfriend, a close friend of Nicole's. **We** had been introduced and crossed paths a few times before but **never thought much about it**. But this time, after a night of conversation and a lot of laughter, we planned a date night.



Our first date felt really easy for both of us. We found that we had so much in common and we already started planning events together that were months away. Josh spoke with his best friend **a few days later** and **told him that he met his future wife**. After two years of dating we got engaged and were married 8 months later!



We met when Nicole was 19 and Josh was 21. Now we have been together 10 years, married for 7 of them. In October 2019, we became parents through adoption. We came to the decision to adopt as Nicole has been Type 1 diabetic since she was 6. Nicole's daily life is not negatively impacted by her Diabetes, but a pregnancy brings more uncertainty and ultimately we chose to grow our family in the healthiest and happiest possible way. We are eager to continue building our family and **look forward to sharing the next chapter of our lives with you.**

Meet Wesley

Your child would have the most energetic, carefree, outgoing big brother! **Wesley is a true free spirit and loves to make new friends everywhere he goes.** Josh has an older brother and Nicole has 3 older sisters. We know that having older siblings that have your back is a huge relief. Growing up, Josh followed his brother through all the same sports. CJ, Josh's brother, was there for Josh's first varsity wrestling match and was able to keep him calm and show him how to prepare. Your child will have a strong support system with Wesley, not to mention a ton of fun!



Wesley loves water activities and sea creatures. This summer, **we got him a light blue bucket hat covered with sharks and whales because of his obsession!** He insisted on wearing his favorite hat everywhere he went. He thought it was so cool when we took him to the aquarium so he could see the real life creatures like the ones on his hat. He kept pointing at the fish then back at his hat yelling "Whale!" We love to include Wesley's interests in his day to day life. Your child will always be supported in their interests.

Wesley's birthmother is a big part of our lives. At first, she wasn't sure how much contact she felt comfortable with. We agreed to take it one step at a time, and see how things went. We became extremely close and are thrilled at how she **has naturally become part of our family.** She loves our texts full of recent pictures and updates. We would hope to maintain a level of openness that you feel comfortable with as well.



Best of Both Worlds

(Country Suburbs)



We live in a **small suburb 45 minutes outside of Minneapolis**. We enjoy the quietness of home but love easily venturing in to the city for a change of pace.

We bought our home 5 years ago to begin our path to starting a family. Josh grew up on a hobby farm and always knew he wanted to live in a rural area. Nicole grew up in the suburbs but her favorite memories as a child were **playing in the back yard**. On one of our hottest days this summer, we set up Wesley's water table and splash pad and he spend the afternoon splashing and stacking all his toys in the water. We have a spacious lot on a low traffic street where your child would play safely and freely.



There is a park on the lake near our neighborhood we take Wesley to every week in the summer. Last summer we had our friends come out to the park with their kids for swimming and a beach volleyball tournament. The kids had the best time racing each other in and out of the water!



Best of Both Worlds

(City Life)

We love being able to **attend** major **concerts and music festivals** in Minneapolis! We usually like country concerts like Jason Aldean and Zac Brown Band, but when Beyoncé came to town, Nicole and her best friend Courtney waited online to make sure they got tickets! The show was delayed because of lightning storms so they waited over an hour in the rain. Nicole says it was totally worth it and the best concert of all time!



The metro area has **a ton of awesome activities for kids**. Last weekend we met up with friends and took the kids to the St. Paul Children's Museum. They had a ton of activities including a child size grocery store, post office, and even a car wash. Being the die hard water activity fan he is, Wesley's favorite part was making a huge splash in the water fountains.

With Josh being such a sports fan we love going to all of the local **sporting events**. Nicole's favorite are the Minnesota Twins baseball games during the summer, but being dedicated sports fans we even attended the coldest Minnesota Vikings game in history at - 26 degrees!



Our Pets

We absolutely love dogs!

Growing up Nicole's family had two small poodle mixes and Josh had cocker spaniels. When Josh was 6 years old, he woke up in the middle of the night with 9 puppies in his bed! Their family dog Molly had her puppies in his blankets while he slept.



We always knew we wanted dogs, so shortly after we moved into our house we rescued Mindy from the Humane Society. **As soon as we got her home, she had an accident on the floor.** She was so scared, but Josh just picked her up and said **"It's okay, this is your home now!"** 2 Months later, we wanted Mindy to have a companion, so we rescued Sophie. We brought Mindy to the shelter to introduce them and they were a perfect match! Now they are inseparable and love to cuddle in piles of blankets.

Our dogs love kids! Wesley never gets tired of puppy kisses and cuddles and the dogs are so gentle. Even last week when Wesley laid directly on top of Sophie totally squishing her, she just made a whining noise but waited patiently for him to get up.



Our Weekends



On the weekend, **our favorite activity is game night with friends and family!** Last weekend our friends, Jordan and Emily, brought over the “Friends” TV show trivia game. We got so competitive we almost finished the game before realizing that we weren’t following the rules correctly and made the game last much longer than it should have! It was still a great night filled with laughter and fun.

During the summer, **we spend our weekends boating with family on the beautiful river.** Our first trip out this summer Nicole’s dad discovered a great beach up the shore. We anchored the boat and spent the day playing frisbee, paddle boarding, and floating in the shallows.



Our favorite Sundays start with **Josh’s famous French toast breakfast.** Josh grew up always having a big breakfast with his family on the weekends. We both have a sweet tooth and this year he found a new recipe for cinnamon roll French toast that we love. When Wesley hears the commotion in the kitchen, he has to know what’s cooking and he finds a way to get the first bite!

Cabin Time

When we are looking for a weekend getaway, we head up to visit **Josh's parents**. They usually have a few animals on their **hobby farm** including pheasants, cows, and pigs. On our last visit, Wesley finally got to ride on the tractor with Grandpa. He spent the rest of the weekend saying "Tractor, Tractor, Tractor!"



Across the road from the farm is the small family **cabin right on the lake**. This is the place we go for **yard games**, bonfires, and time in the water. This summer, Josh's cousin had her graduation party there and the whole family came to town, camped out, and spent the weekend together enjoying the festivities!

Being at the cabin gives us the opportunity to have fun **riding dirt bikes and four-wheelers**. We often take an easy morning ride for a coffee run and then spend the afternoon riding trails in the woods. One weekend we were riding through thick woods and the four wheeler got stuck. We spent 20 minutes trying to get unstuck before Nicole finally pushed it out! Your child would grow up in an active environment full of adventure.



Our People

If you choose us, your child will have 4 great grandparents, 4 grandparents, 7 aunts and uncles and 34 cousins of all ages.

Josh's extended family has always been extremely close. When Josh's Uncle returned from serving overseas, **over 20 of his family members all got together for a barbecue** to welcome him home! It was a fun day filled with great food, swimming, and quality time with the family!



We live **within 40 minutes** of Nicole's whole immediate family and Josh's brother, making it easy to **get together most weekends**. Whether it's just for a family meal or a day trip to the Mall of America, we always have a great time. One Saturday morning this summer we went to the farmer's market with Nicole's sisters and found the best flowers. Each sister bought a bouquet that highlighted their favorite colors!

All of our closest friends have growing families too! **We love getting together with all the kids for fun activities!** Last weekend we went to an apple orchard. It was a perfect, cool fall day. Wesley and his friend Hudson had so much fun picking apples, jumping into the corn pit, and crawling all over the tractors.



Family Traditions

The Christmas season is a huge celebration for us. In early December the family gets together to make **Nicole's mom's famous lemon sugar cookies** and always end the day with our favorite holiday movie, *A Muppet's Christmas Carol!* Last year, Wesley got to try his hand at decorating but he ate more frosting than he decorated.



Every 4th of July the whole extended family spends a weekend **camping** at Josh's parent's farm. Swimming, fishing, volleyball, and a bean bag toss tournament are all staples during this weekend. In the evening, the adults put together a fireworks show for the kids while we warm up by the bonfire and make s'mores. Last year we threw a luau themed party for all of the kids! They loved all the decorations and watching them all cheer when the piñata broke open made it all worth it!

Nicole grew up taking a family vacation each year. **We still plan annual trips that include the whole family.** On our last trip to Hawaii, our favorite part was going on a Whale watching excursion. A whale surfaced and flipped it's tale right next to the boat! If you choose us, we would love to honor your family traditions by including them in your child's life.



Our Weekdays

Nicole is a Manager with a large staffing agency. She works with employees from all cultures and backgrounds. One of the best parts of her job is that she **works from home**. She will be available to your child whenever necessary.



Josh is a Sourcing Specialist for a power sports company. His company focuses on a healthy **work life balance** and gives him the **flexibility** to work around other duties. He will never miss out on any quality time with your child.

We both work predictable, weekday business hours and are always home by 5 o'clock to make dinner and do a fun activity. This summer we packed up dinner and drove from daycare straight to the beach by our house. The hardest part was pulling Wesley away from the water long enough to eat dinner! **Your child would have quality family time every day.**



Thank You

Thank you for considering us to raise your child. He or she is so incredibly loved already. We are ready to provide your child with a stable home filled with love and laughter.

Please know you will always hold a place in our hearts and in our lives. We will ensure your child knows how difficult your adoption decision was, and how much love went into your decision. **We hope to maintain a level of openness** that you are comfortable with.

Words can not express how much it would mean to bring your baby into our home and into our family. We would be forever grateful to share our lives with you and your child.

We hope to hear from you soon!

