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**JAMES, KERRI & DUKE**

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## HELLO

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us through the pages of this book.

We don't know what it's like to be in your shoes, but we see you and we honor you for making a decision that is right for you. Regardless of if you decide to parent or to place your baby, we are full of gratitude to have this connection. **You are so loved.**

We are excited to grow our family through adoption once again. In 2023, we welcomed our son into our lives through adoption, and he has brought more love and joy into our home than we ever imagined. Parenting him has been the greatest honor, and we are ready to expand our family, knowing how deeply rewarding and beautiful this journey can be.

**Adoption holds a special place in our hearts, and we can't wait to welcome another child into our home.**

One thing that we've learned throughout the years is that life is not perfect- it is full of twists and turns, good times and bad, heartache and joy. Through it all, becoming parents has been the most profound and humbling experience of our lives. **The thought of being chosen to love and parent another child fills us with trust, hope, and gratitude as we embrace this next chapter in our family's story.**

We appreciate you spending time with us by reading through the pages of this book. It is a privilege to connect with you.

**With Love,  
Kerri & James**



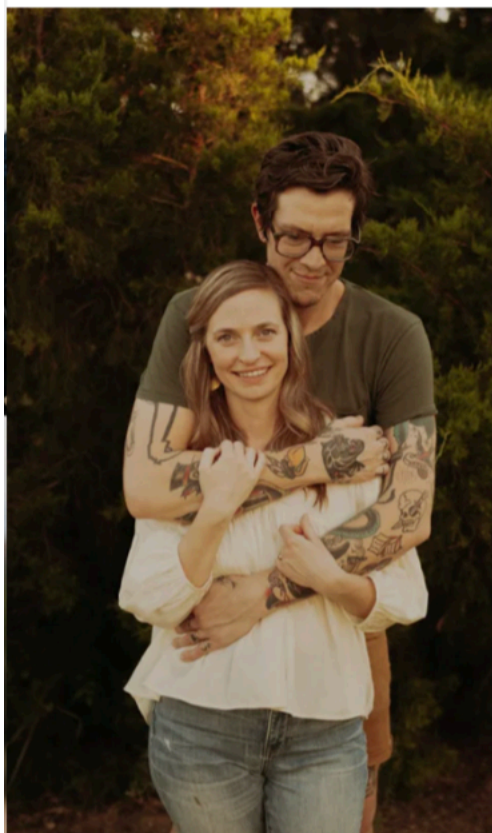


## MILESTONES

- 10/2017: Kerri & James Met
- 05/2018: First Date
- 02/2019: Engaged
- 05/2019: Married
- 03/2021: Moved to Texas
- 01/2023: Adopted our Son

## OUR STORY

Our story began with a kitchen island! In 2017, after moving to Arizona, I (Kerri) was looking for someone to help build a kitchen island for my home. A friend recommended James, who owned a custom furniture business, and I decided to reach out. When James walked through my door for the first time, there was an instant connection! He built me a beautiful piece of furniture, but life took us in separate directions. Six months later, a mutual friend asked if she could set me up on a date, and by sheer luck, that person was James! We went on our first date a few days later. By our third date, we both knew we wanted to walk through life together.



We got married exactly one year later under a full moon, surrounded by our closest friends and family. It was a weekend full of love, laughter, joy, and togetherness. The kitchen island James built has become a symbol of our story and the heart of our home. It's where we gather with friends, share conversations over morning coffee, enjoy homemade pizza on Friday nights, and dream about what comes next.



## MEET KERRI

**Friends say I am:** Loving, generous, supportive

**Inspired By:** The beauty of this life

**A few of my favorite things:** Being a mom, time in nature, fresh flowers, reading + learning, traveling + exploring, spending time with friends and family, and going on morning sunrise walks

I grew up in a small town in Ohio. Over the past twenty years, I've built a career focused on growing businesses and leading teams of people. I am passionate about exploring the unique and individual worthiness of a person and supporting them in living their very best life. Currently, I am the Vice President at a company that creates science-based athletic play programs for kids.

**Motherhood is my greatest joy.** Being a parent has taught me so much about unconditional love, patience, and the beauty of seeing life through the eyes of a child. My purpose is to be a vessel of love, and this shows up in how I nurture my family, connect with others, and cultivate joy in my life.

I want to grow our family because I believe in the incredible gift of raising and supporting another human being. I want to nurture their inherent gifts, encourage their dreams, and provide them with the unconditional love and support they need to flourish. Motherhood is my favorite role, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to love and guide our son.

## KERRI IN JAMES' WORDS...

"What I love most about Kerri is her kindness, positivity, and capacity to love. She is so excited about being a parent and pours her whole heart into it. She will go above and beyond to be understanding and nurturing, while still teaching and guiding a little human.





## MEET JAMES

**Friends say I am:** Hardworking, funny, smart, creative

**Inspired By:** Music and art

**A few of my favorite things:** Woodworking, creating art, playing the guitar, listening to records, and spending time outdoors

I grew up in a small town in Ohio, where I spent my childhood exploring the woods and swimming in the lake. Those early days instilled in me a love for nature and a deep curiosity about how things are made. As an artist and guitar maker, I get to channel that curiosity and creativity into designing and building unique pieces that bring joy to others. Whether I'm crafting a custom guitar or working on a painting, I find immense fulfillment in turning ideas into tangible creations.

Creativity, music, art, and design are my passions, but what excites me most is the opportunity to share these with my family. **Becoming a parent has been the greatest adventure**, and I can't wait to continue growing our family. I look forward to teaching our children about the world, supporting their interests, and encouraging them to follow their dreams. Whether it's building something together in the workshop, exploring nature, or just enjoying music, I'm eager to create memories as a family.

## JAMES IN KERRI'S WORDS...

"What I love most about James is his kind and generous heart, his open mind, his creativity, and his sense of humor. As a dad, James has an incredible ability to connect deeply and lovingly. He will keep our kids safe, love them fiercely, and join them in exploring a world where imagination and creativity come to life."





## MEET DUKE

Duke is our sweet, loving, and joyful two-year-old son. Adopted in 2023, he has brought so much love and joy into our lives. Every day, Duke reminds us of the wonder and beauty of childhood with his kind heart, curious mind, and contagious laugh.

Duke is full of energy and enthusiasm for life. Some of his favorite things include playing baseball in the backyard, riding his bike through the house, and spending time with his friends at the park. He adores his grandparents and lights up whenever he visits them. At home, he loves reading books, dancing to music, and finding creative ways to make us all laugh.

One of the things we love most about Duke is his inquisitive and caring nature. He's endlessly curious about the world around him and approaches life with an open heart. Our friend recently had a baby, and Duke is captivated by him, always pointing out how tiny and cute the baby is. He is gentle, thoughtful, and already shows signs of being a wonderful big brother.

As Duke grows, we are excited for him to have a sibling with whom he can share a special bond through adoption. We know he will be a loving and supportive big brother, ready to share his kindness, laughter, and sense of adventure.

Duke truly is the sweetest little boy we have ever met, and being his parents has been the greatest gift. We can't wait to see him grow, learn, and make beautiful memories with his future sibling.

















## OUR HOME

Our home is filled with love, laughter, and a deep sense of togetherness.



Located in Texas, we are lucky to live less than five miles from Kerri's parents, her sister, and her sister's family. Being close to family means there's always a sense of connection and support, whether it's sharing a meal, celebrating milestones, or simply dropping by to say hello.

Inside our home, the kitchen is the heart of our family life. We love cooking meals together, listening to music, and catching up on our day. It's a space where traditions are honored, like homemade pizza nights, and new memories are created, like baking cookies for the first time with our son.

One of our favorite times of the year is celebrating Duke's birthday at home. It's a joyful occasion filled with friends, family, delicious food, and plenty of laughter. Those celebrations are a reminder of the love that surrounds us and the memories we continue to build as a family.

Our home is more than just a place to live; it's where love grows, traditions are cherished, and new adventures begin.



## **IN OUR FAMILY...**

We love each other unconditionally

We are creative and have fun

We are kind to people

We are worthy







## OUR PETS

Our home is filled with love, not just from us, but from our furry companions as well. Loretta, our affectionate dog, and Willie Nelson and Dottie, our cuddly cats, are beloved members of our family. They each have their own sweet personalities and love being around all three of us. When Duke was a tiny baby, they were especially drawn to him, curling up beside him with gentle curiosity. Willie has a particular talent for finding cozy spots — even Duke's high chair has become one of his favorite napping places! Our pets bring warmth, joy, and endless snuggles to our lives, and we love seeing their special bonds grow alongside our family.









## OUR FAMILIES

I (Kerri) am really close to my family! My parents and my sister and her family live less than five miles from us. On my side, we have a nephew (16) and a niece (11) who we love dearly, and it has been such a joy to see them bond with Duke. We see my family often, whether it's weekly visits, spending holidays together, or taking summer vacations. Our son adores his grandparents, aunt, uncle, and cousins, and they've become such an important part of his life.





I (James) am an only child, and my parents live in a suburb of Phoenix. We love visiting them, sharing meals, and playing games as a family. They have been amazing grandparents to Duke, and we cherish the time we spend together, whether in person or through frequent video calls to stay connected.

Both of our families have embraced adoption with open hearts and have been deeply supportive of our journey to grow our family. They were thrilled when Duke joined our lives and are so excited for us to adopt again. A new addition to our family will be surrounded by a loving and close-knit extended family who can't wait to create more special memories together.







## **BEFORE YOU GO WE WANT YOU TO KNOW**

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. Through the pages of this book, we hope you've seen the depth of our love, the joy we bring to life, and our heartfelt intention to raise children who are kind, creative, and fully expressed. If you move forward with a plan to place your baby for adoption, and if you choose us, these are the promises we will make to a child:

**To love them unconditionally, exactly as they are**

**To honor and celebrate their background, story, and biology as essential parts of their identity**

**To nurture their unique interests, talents, and passions**

**To instill in them a sense of worthiness, empowering them to pursue their biggest dreams**

**To provide a safe, supportive, and loving home and community**

**To create a family life filled with fun, creativity, music, adventures, open communication, and the joy of simply being together**

We recognize the weight of the decision you are facing, and we want you to know that we are holding you in our hearts and thoughts every day. While we cannot fully understand what this journey feels like for you, we honor your courage and your love for your child.

In our own lives, we've learned that in moments of challenge, finding stillness, connecting to our inner wisdom, and trusting our hearts have guided us to the right next step. We hope that, as you navigate this time, you're able to care for yourself, listen to the voice within, and trust the strength and wisdom you already hold. And when words or decisions feel heavy, we've always found that music—the simple joy of a favorite song—can provide solace and clarity.

We hope we get the opportunity to meet you. No matter what you decide, please know that you are seen, valued, and deeply loved.

**With love and gratitude,  
Kerri & James**







