



ashlee + mason



hello

WE ARE MASON AND ASHLEE AND WE ARE SO
EXCITED YOU ARE GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY
TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES.

We have waited for the perfect time to add to our family, and we know that time is here!! We will never be able to fully understand how difficult this must be for you, but we are so thankful for the gift you are giving us in considering us to adopt your baby. We are both so in awe of you; of your strength, your compassion but most of all for the love you are showing in helping us grow our family. We are so excited to be on this journey and can't wait to fall in love with our child.

We want to thank you for considering us for adoption. **We would be honored for you to choose us to love your child, but we hope that whatever choice you make leaves you with peace and confidence in your decision.**





why adoption?

WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DRAWN TO ADOPTION.

We never felt the desire to have a biological child and always knew if we decided to grow our family it would be through adoption. **We are certain that we can give a child a life of love, devotion, kindness, and care he or she needs to flourish and grow.** We will work hard every day to ensure that our child feels the love and support we surround them with.



our story

We met when Ashlee was working part time at the gym Mason belonged to. We dated for about 2 years before getting married in 2012 at a small but beautiful ceremony in Ashlee's hometown. **Marriage certainly isn't easy, and we've had our challenges, but year over year we have worked hard to build a solid foundation for our marriage.**

OUR RELATIONSHIP IS FUN - WE LAUGH A LOT AND CAN BE VERY SILLY.



"We are each other's best friend and love sharing our life together."

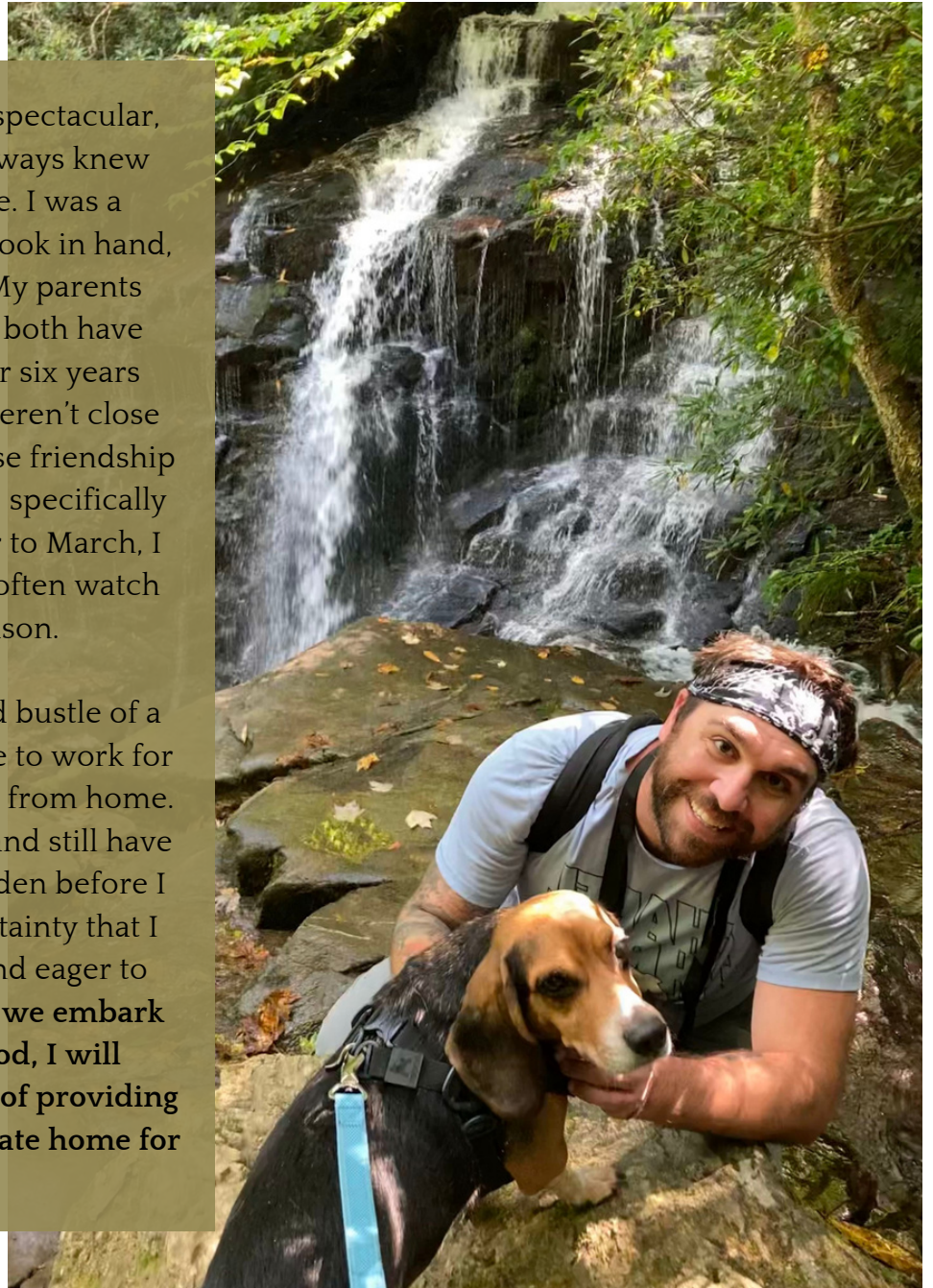




about me, mason

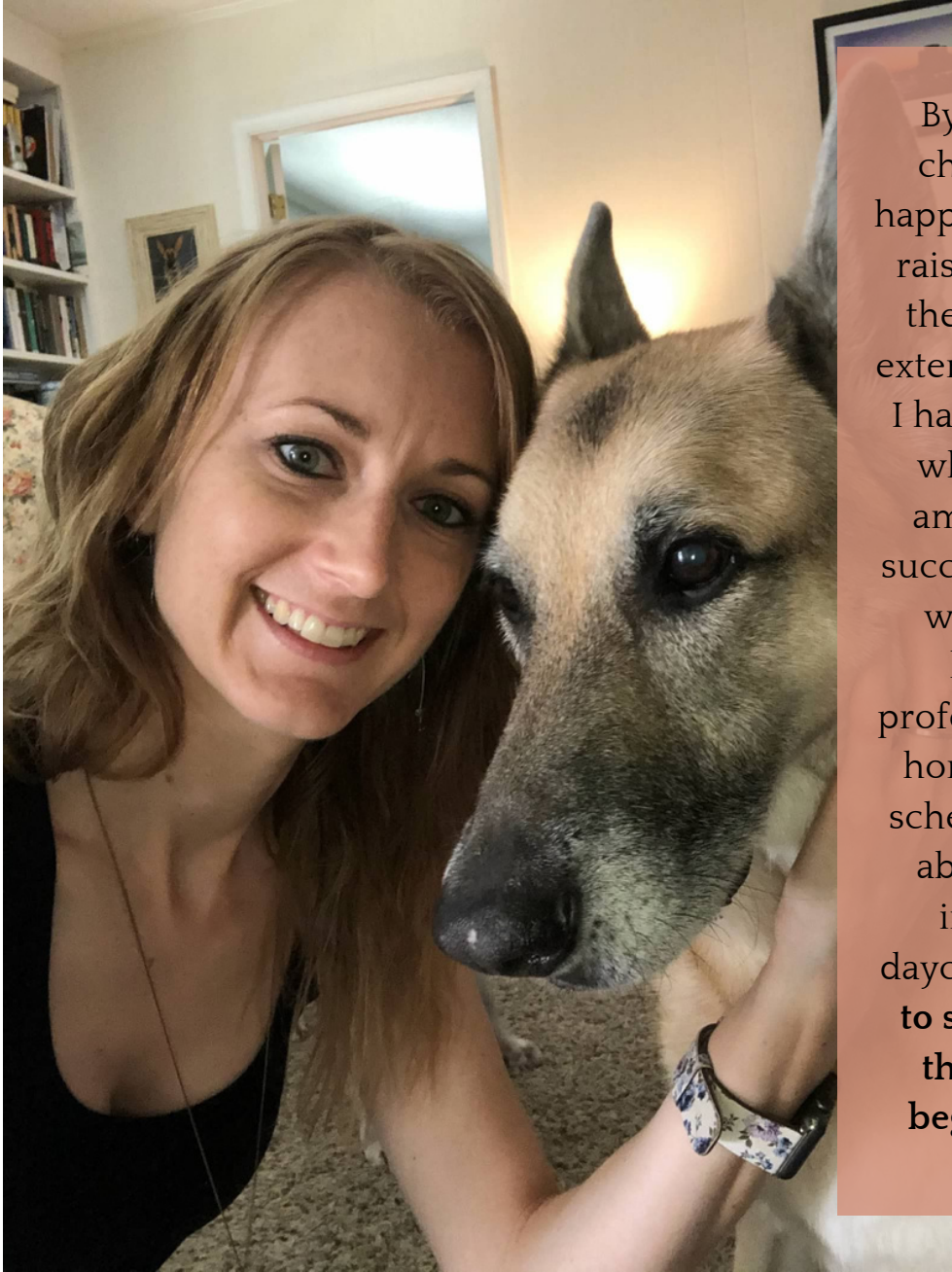
I had a fine childhood - it wasn't spectacular, but I never missed a meal and always knew how to find my way back home. I was a curious, quiet kid; usually with a book in hand, often with dirt under my nails. My parents divorced when I was young and both have since remarried. I have a brother six years younger than me and while we weren't close growing up we've developed a close friendship as adults. I love college basketball, specifically the UNC Tar Heels. From October to March, I follow every game they play and often watch the highlights in the off season.

I was never one for the hustle and bustle of a traditional office so I feel fortunate to work for a company that allows me to work from home. I enjoy being able to get off work and still have time to exercise or play in the garden before I get dinner ready. I know with certainty that I will be a great father - curious and eager to learn and grow with our child. **As we embark on this journey into parenthood, I will structure my entire life in service of providing a healthy, loving, and compassionate home for our family.**



I GREW UP IN A SMALL FARM TOWN IN NORTH CAROLINA.

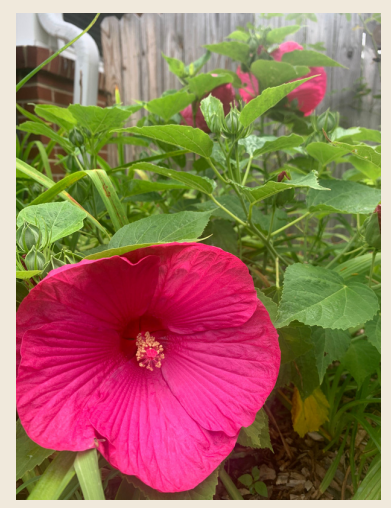
about me, ashlee



By all accounts, I had an idyllic childhood. My parents are still happily married after 41 years. They raised me and my two siblings in their hometown surrounded by extended family and lots of friends. I have three nieces and a nephew who I love watching grow into amazing humans. I have built a successful business as a hair stylist which I run from a converted bedroom in our home. My profession allows me to work from home and maintain flexibility of schedule; because of that I will be able to keep our child at home instead of enrolling them in daycare. **I'm so honored to be able to share in all their firsts and be the one to teach them as they begin to learn, grow, think and become a happy human.**

I GREW UP IN A SMALL TOWN IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF NEW YORK.

our home and community



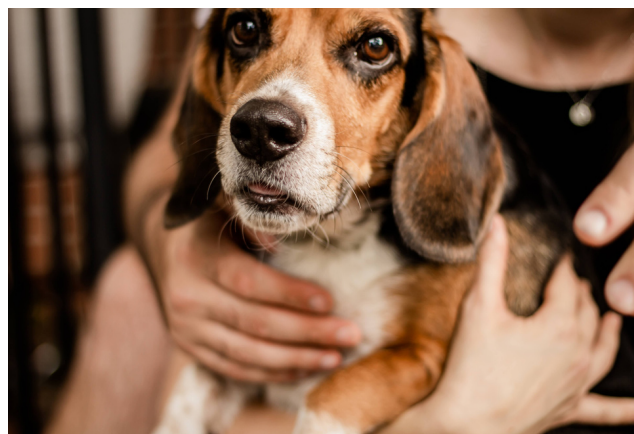
WE LIVE IN A QUAIN TOWN NORTH OF RALEIGH; OUR HOME IS ONE BLOCK OFF MAIN STREET.

We live in an area with a strong sense of community and wonderful neighbors. We can walk to get ice cream, a sandwich, or coffee. There are antique stores to browse and live music plays on the weekends. We fill our home with love, laughter, friends and family. Our best friends live next door with their two young children. We meet in our joined yards almost daily to play and the kids often show up at our door to say hi!



our pets

MEET GRAHAM AND STUART



Our cat, **Graham**, showed up on our porch one cold winter day in 2010 and has lived with us ever since. He's sassy but sweet and mostly loves to follow you room to room, always being close but never too close!

We recently adopted **Stuart**, a sweet and gentle pup with soulful eyes who just wants to love everyone he meets. Both boys are looking forward to meeting their new sibling!

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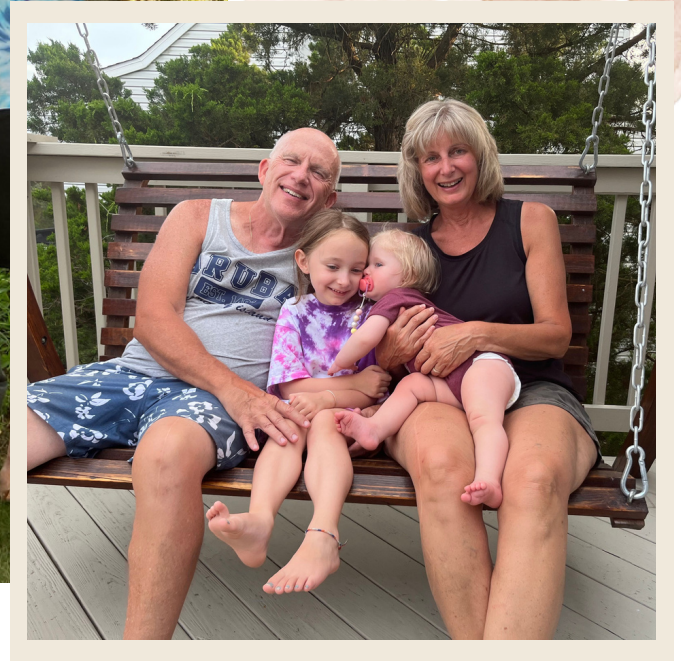
our interests and hobbies

We enjoy being outdoors, hiking, gardening, and traveling. Mason's family owns property at a few freshwater ponds around us and we enjoy taking the kayaks out, fishing or camping on the property. Most nice days you will find one or both of us in the flower or vegetable gardens. We feel there is such a great purpose to nurturing life from the soil beneath our feet. We also love to watch the wildlife in our yard and gardens. We have a picnic table where the squirrels can eat, we put out food for the deer and rabbits, we also have bird baths and feeders. And, of course, caring for pets is a big part of our life, a part that we are excited to share with our child.

Meditation, mindfulness and yoga are exercises we enjoy and use often to help us focus, stretch and slow down. **At the end of the day we really look forward to relaxing on the couch together enjoying the stillness.**



TRUTHFULLY, WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE ALL THE THINGS WE LOVE WITH OUR CHILD, AND EVEN MORE EXCITED TO FIND OUT WHAT INTERESTS AND HOBBIES THEY HAVE TO SHARE WITH US!



family traditions

When Ashlee was growing up, her maternal grandmother rented a beach house every year for the whole family to gather. I have such fond memories of the time we spent at the beach together. My immediate family has carried on that tradition. **We rent a beach house in Delaware every year and vacation together.** It's really special that we get to make those memories now with our children and it gives us an opportunity once a year to all come together and enjoy some much-needed family time.



meet our families

WE HAVE A LARGE EXTENDED BIOLOGICAL FAMILY.

Ashlee's side lives mostly in the Northeast but we see them a lot via FaceTime and stay in contact through texts and calls most days of the week. Visits aren't frequent but we try to get together at least a few times a year. Mason's side of the family all live within a few hours drive from our home. We get to see them a lot more frequently and often enjoy meals with them a few times a month.





our chosen family

The small group of friends for whom we love deeply - are also a huge part of our life. We are lucky to be surrounded by an amazing group of people. They are always there with support and love through all life's ups and downs. We feel incredibly fortunate to live next door to our best friends and their 2 young children.



WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE NOT ONLY SUPPORTING AND CHEERING US ON BUT ALSO READY TO LEND A HAND OR ADVICE ANYTIME WE NEED IT. EVERYONE IN OUR LIFE IS SO EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR LITTLE ONE INTO THE FAMILY!

our promise

AS PARENTS WE WANT SO MANY GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL THINGS FOR OUR CHILD.

We will encourage a thirst for learning. We'll teach thoughtfulness and intelligent conversation. We will show them how to laugh, how to be silly, and how to have fun. We promise to do whatever we can to help them grow into open-minded and compassionate people.

We promise to always be there to pick them up when they fall, celebrate with them when they succeed, and encourage them through it all. We promise to lead by example and show them what true love feels like. We believe that a child we adopt will come to know what we know: there's love in everything you see or touch or learn, so long as you're willing to feel it.

We hope that you enjoyed our story! We are thankful for the opportunity to show you who we are as a couple, and who we will be as parents. **In us, you have found two people so tightly bonded by love, respect, and kindness for one another that we absolutely MUST share it with a child - the child you're helping us bring into the world - because children are the future, and the future needs so much love.**

LOVE,

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