

*Hello from...*



Fred & Emily





# a letter to you



Dear Mom,

Though we don't know what it's like to be in your shoes, we are moved by the compassion you have for your child by looking into all your options. We're humbled by your interest in our family and your decision to learn more about who we are. Together, we are a very resourceful team and can help with whatever you may need. And if we can't, we will move heaven and earth to find someone who can. Above all else, please know that we value and respect you, your decisions, and your wishes.

With gratitude,

*Fred & Emily*







# Why Adoption?

We tried to have children naturally, but we've processed through and now come to realize adoption as our plan in building our family. We know the timing is right; not only are we financially stable and have flexible careers, but we have the love in our hearts to nurture a child as he or she grows. We are both extremely motivated to learn as much as we can about adoption and parenting so we can be a blessing to our future child and their first family—you!







# How it all began

Emily spent much of her life trying to find someone that could live up to her dad, Dennis. Even if it took a while for her to recognize it (Emily turned Fred down a few times before she took a chance!), she found those qualities in Fred. We went bowling for our first date and as they say, the rest is history! What Fred admires most about Emily is her persistence. Emily says that Fred's positive attitude—even first thing in the morning—is what really sealed the deal for her. While Emily leads with her heart, Fred leads with his head. Our differences broaden our perspectives. Resiliency is our major strength as a couple. We're soulmates that never give up.

Some of our sweetest memories are from our engagement and wedding. We got engaged at Emily's parents' house. Fred called TSA before our flight to Cincinnati to let them know he had hidden a ring in his jacket. Emily couldn't figure out why he was so nervous and told the TSA agents jokingly, "Don't mind him, it's his first time flying." They all laughed, but unbeknownst to her, they were laughing because they were in on the plan! Fred asked her dad for permission and proposed right there in front of them. We had an intimate wedding with only family and our closest friends at a local Catholic Church. Being the focus of attention was not fun for Emily, but when Fred grabbed her hand, all the nerves and stress went away. It was a beautiful day that we'll never forget.







Hi! I'm Emily. I'm from Cincinnati, OH and the oldest of five children, so I was lucky to help raise my siblings. I have a big family...and I mean BIG! I'm the proud aunt to 22 nieces and nephews! Family has always been important to me. In fact, my mom is my best friend and was even my matron of honor! A fun fact about me is that I grew up very close to an amusement park. I actually landed my first full-time job at the park, and this is where our entire family made many of our memories together.

## A snapshot of Emily

- Loves the great outdoors
- Could eat pasta every day of the week!
- Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership and Real-Estate License
- Works as a Vacation Rental Manager






A man and a woman are smiling together in a laboratory setting. The man is wearing a white shirt and the woman is wearing a black top. They are standing in front of a large piece of scientific equipment with a blue and purple glow.

# *What Fred says...*

"Emily will make an awesome parent because it has been the one thing she has always wanted! She will be that blanket of love a child needs and be there for them always!"

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# Meet Fred



Hi there! My name is Fred and I was raised in Shalimar, FL. Maybe it had something to do with living on the coast, but I have a passion for all things outdoors, including fishing and just being on the water. A funny story is that, when I was a kid, I nearly set the Junior Angler World Record with a 70-pound Cobia! I have an older sister who was born with high-functioning Autism. Because of that, I acted more like a protective older brother growing up. Looking out for my sister, Jordan, taught me patience, humility, and kindness.

## A snapshot of Fred

- Fishing and golfing are my favorite hobbies
- Owns a business
- Bachelor's degree in General Health Science
- Lover of Mexican cuisine





# What Emily says...

"He always puts his family first. It is amazing seeing him with his 90-year-old grandmother, special needs sister, and every child he encounters. I know he'll be a hands-on dad."





# Our Values

## a s f u t u r e p a r e n t s

### FAITH

We want the child we raise to have every tool available for when times get tough. For us, faith is way more than the routine of going to a physical location; it helps guide us spiritually in decision-making. We would not insist that a child have the same beliefs as us, but are open to them exploring different faiths for themselves.

### FAMILY

If chosen to parent your child, they will be loved by so many. Our relatives come from different backgrounds and parts of the country, but we always show kindness, respect, and actively engage in each other's lives. We love to spend birthdays and holidays together.

### RESPECT

We will teach respect, not command it! Instilling this value starts at home by modeling respect to each other, but also at work with our peers. We'd like to raise a child with the understanding that the key to success is showing respect to everyone in their community, no matter their differences.

### EDUCATION

We have both been blessed to have amazing educational backgrounds and we are committed to providing the same for your child. Emily's mother is a retired teacher, so we know how very important it is to make sure children have the best education possible.





# Our Family



Both of us were raised with strong family values. We were taught to put family first and to always have each other's back. Emily's parents live in Ohio, and we are fortunate to see them five to six times a year. Fred's family is local, and a part of our daily lives. When we get together, we usually do it over food! We will cook massive dinners, eat, and hangout. We also play table games like Yahtzee. When we aren't together, we're always in contact. Jordan, Fred's sister, calls us multiple times a day and is a regular at our community pool. The picture below was taken after Jordan decided to cut her hair short like Emily and donate it to Locks of Love! The support and love we have from our both sides of our family is unconditional, and we are so grateful!





# Future Cousins. Future Best Friends.



All the experience we have with acting as supportive siblings and role models prepared us to take on the titles of Super Aunt and Uncle to 22 kiddos! Every adult in the family does whatever it takes to make this lovable crew smile. Pictured below is Auntie "Em" in the bunny suit for Easter. We can't wait to show your child this kind of love! We love that the child we parent will have so many cousins close to his or her age.





# There's No Place Like

# Home

We have a beautiful newly renovated 2BR/2.5BA townhome across the street from the beach with a fenced-in backyard. The plan is to renovate the second bedroom into a dreamy nursery. Our open concept floorplan makes a cozy environment for relaxing while cooking and entertaining guests.

One of the perks of our neighborhood is how quiet it is. The calming atmosphere would make an ideal place for a child to grow up. Other children live nearby, including our niece, baby Iza. Her parents, Dan and Laura (Emily's brother and his wife) are just a mile up the street from us! They stop by frequently, and so does their dog, Roo!





# Our Community &

# Daily Life



Our town has many astounding qualities, but none better than the stunning white sands of the Emerald Coast. There are also a lot of restaurants and things to do nearby. We are lucky enough to have flexible work schedules, so we get a lot of quality time together to spend outdoors, attend community events with friends, and even ride the 4-Wheeler!



We imagine lots of time spent playing on the beach with a little one, and can't wait to include him or her in on the best part of our day, which is family dinner.

As often as possible, we enjoy traveling. We want to take a little one anywhere they would want to go and see the world! Spending the time we have off from work together is what's most important to us.







We have one pet, but she is honestly more than that... Princess Leia is a beautiful, nearly 7-year-old Silver Lab. She is a total Momma's Girl and gets along well with other animals and children too. Pictured above is her best friend and cousin, Roo. Even though Fred trained her to be a hunting dog, Emily has somehow turned into her napping buddy, doing laundry buddy, making the bed buddy, and everything else buddy! Below you'll see that Fred's sister, Jordan, is also one of her favorite people. Princess Leia is such a cuddle bug.







# Our Promise

If you choose us to parent your child, we promise to give the support and love your child needs to not only be happy, but to thrive! We want to honor you and your child by helping them live up to their fullest potential and succeed in life! We promise honesty and communication. The more people in a child's life to love them, the better. If you choose an open adoption, we are thrilled to include you in your child's life as much as you would like. More than anything, our goal as parents is to help a child find happiness and peace. Thank you for taking the time to learn a little bit about us. From the bottom of our hearts, we hope that the decision you make brings you peace knowing that your child will be loved always.

