

MATT & LAUREN



Hello,

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us.

Before we introduce ourselves we wanted to express our deepest respect and admiration for the selfless love, care, and strength you are showing. We are committed to honoring that throughout your child's life and ensuring they grow up proud of who they are and where they came from.

You will always hold a special place in our family's heart and we will ensure that your child knows that every choice that led them to be raised by us, was made with love.

We hope this book will give you a deeper understanding of who we are and what we can offer as parents. We are ready to grow our family through adoption and can't wait to share with you the love we have to give.

With love, Matt & Lauren



Our Timeline



DECIDED TO MOVE IN TOGETHER, AND RESCUED OUR CAT JERRY.



GOT ENGAGED IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN



BOUGHT OUR FIRST HOME

AUGUST
2015

JULY
2017

AUG
2018

PRESENT
DAY

AUGUST
2016

NOV
2017

MARCH
2021

LIVING HAPPILY WITH OUR TWO DOGS AND ONE CAT

MET IN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN AND WENT ON OUR FIRST DATE. OFFICIALLY STARTED DATING LATER THAT MONTH.

MATT GRADUATED FROM BUSINESS SCHOOL AND WE MOVED TO BOSTON, MA



GOT MARRIED ON MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN



OUR BEGINNING



Camping in Sliver Lake, Michigan



Matt's Graduation



MSU vs. Michigan Game



Zip-lining in Puerto Rico

We met on a dating app in 2015. We were both living in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the time. Matt had just started his Master's in Business Administration at the University of Michigan and Lauren was working at a local hospital.

Our connection was instant!

We moved in together in 2016 while Matt finished his last year of business school. In 2017, Matt graduated and got a job in Boston, MA.

Obviously, Lauren was moving too!

OUR ENGAGEMENT & WEDDING

Engaged in Boston

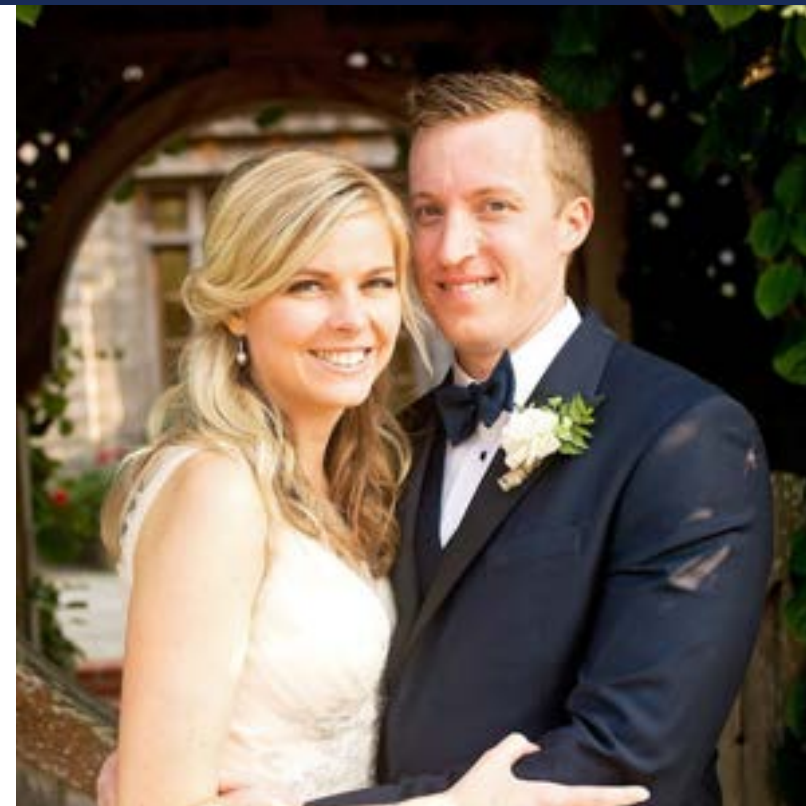


Engagement Photos

We moved to Boston in July of 2017 and fell in love with the city. In November 2017, Matt proposed to Lauren in Boston Public Garden in 35-degree weather, and Lauren (of course) said "YES!"

We were married less than a year later on 8.18.2018 on Mackinac Island, which is a small island in between the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan.

Married on Mackinac Island, Michigan



Mackinac Island was our first "couple trip" when we first started dating and holds a special place in our hearts.

The day was perfect!

PRESENT DAY



In June of 2020, we decided that it was time to really find a place where we could put down roots and start our family.

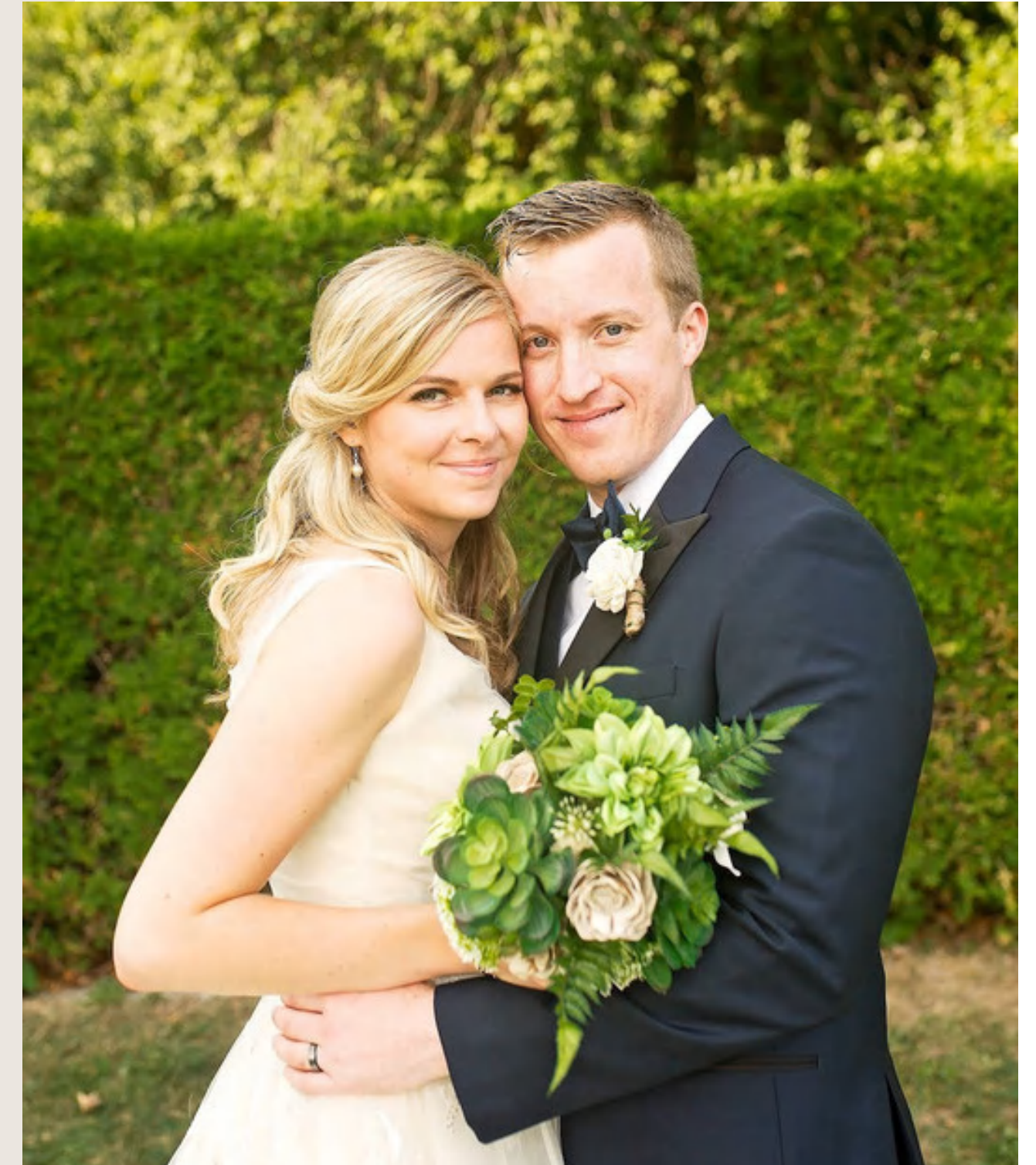
We love Boston but wanted to be close to family in Connecticut and New York.

So we bought our first home in March 2021 and moved to Connecticut!

After settling into our home, we decided it was time to begin our journey to start our family. From the very beginning of our relationship, we have discussed adoption and so, now that we had the right environment, we decided to put those plans into action.

Why are we adopting?

We have known since the beginning of our relationship that we wanted to build our family through adoption and provide a loving and caring home for a child. We want your child to know that they were chosen and are a part of our family while honoring their unique background and heritage. We are completely open to providing whatever level of openness and connection you may be comfortable with. We have been preparing and thinking about this for the many years of our relationship and are excited to start this next chapter with you.

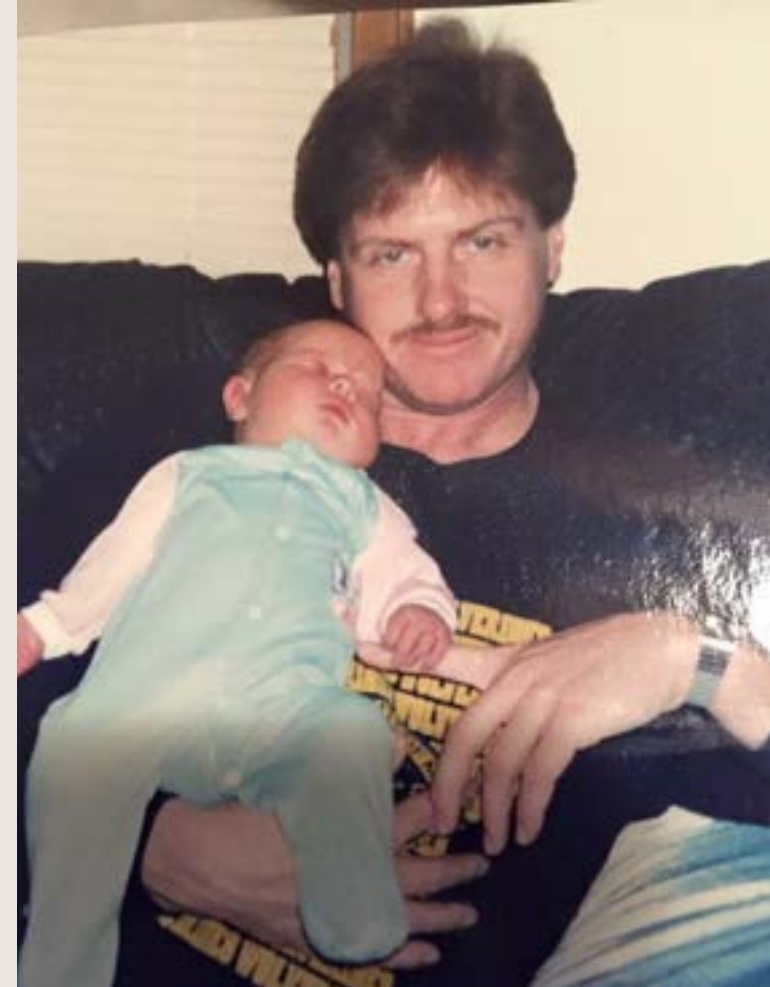


About Lauren

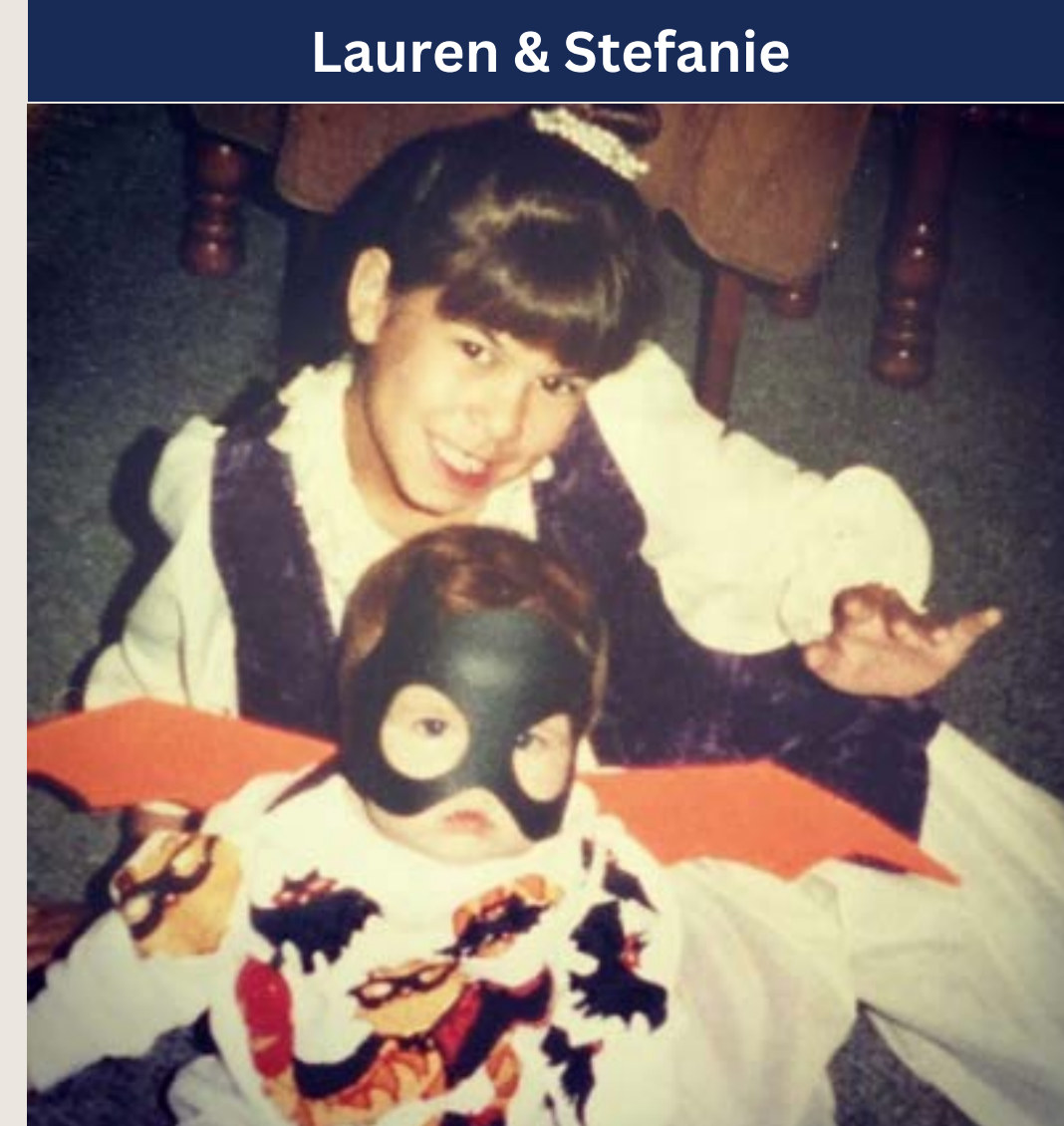
- Lauren was born in Michigan in a small town on the west side of the state
- Lauren has two amazing parents and two sisters. Lauren is the youngest child.
- Growing up, Lauren participated in cheerleading, track & choir
- Lauren went to Michigan State University and studied health science
- She works as a project manager for hospitals and works to improve healthcare for patients and staff
- Lauren has a master's degree in public health and is getting her doctorate in public health leadership

FAVORITE THINGS

- HOBBY: SEWING & MAKING CLOTHES
- ANIMAL: HUMPBACK WHALE
- FOOD: ANYTHING CHOCOLATE
- TV SHOW: FRIENDS



Lauren & Her Dad



Lauren & Stefanie



Cheerleading in High School with Chelsea & Nicole



Lauren's College Graduation

What Matt Loves About Lauren...

Lauren is a truly one of a kind human being. She is always looking for the next adventure, and the next challenge. I am amazed at what she is able to get done every day. She will definitely be "that mom", the one who is always organizing a fun activity, sewing a costume for a special event, or just making chocolate chip pancakes on a random morning.

Lauren is very loving and caring and it shows with how she treats me, her family, and our pets. There is no one I would rather have on my "team". I know that any child would be lucky to have her on their team too.



Feeding a Giraffe at the Naples Zoo



Having a blast at the Danbury Train Museum with Rorie and Sully



Lauren wearing one of her sewing creations

About Matt

- Matt grew up in a small town in the Poconos (Pennsylvania)
- Matt has two loving parents and three siblings (2 sisters and 1 brother).
- Growing up, Matt participated in baseball and quiz bowl
- Matt went to Fordham University and studied economics.
- Matt served in the Marine Corps for 4 years and deployed to Afghanistan as a Logistics Officer in 2014
- He works as an Associate Director at a pharmaceutical company and is going back to school to study healthcare policy.
- Matt has run two marathons, one for a veteran's charity; he is also a volunteer firefighter

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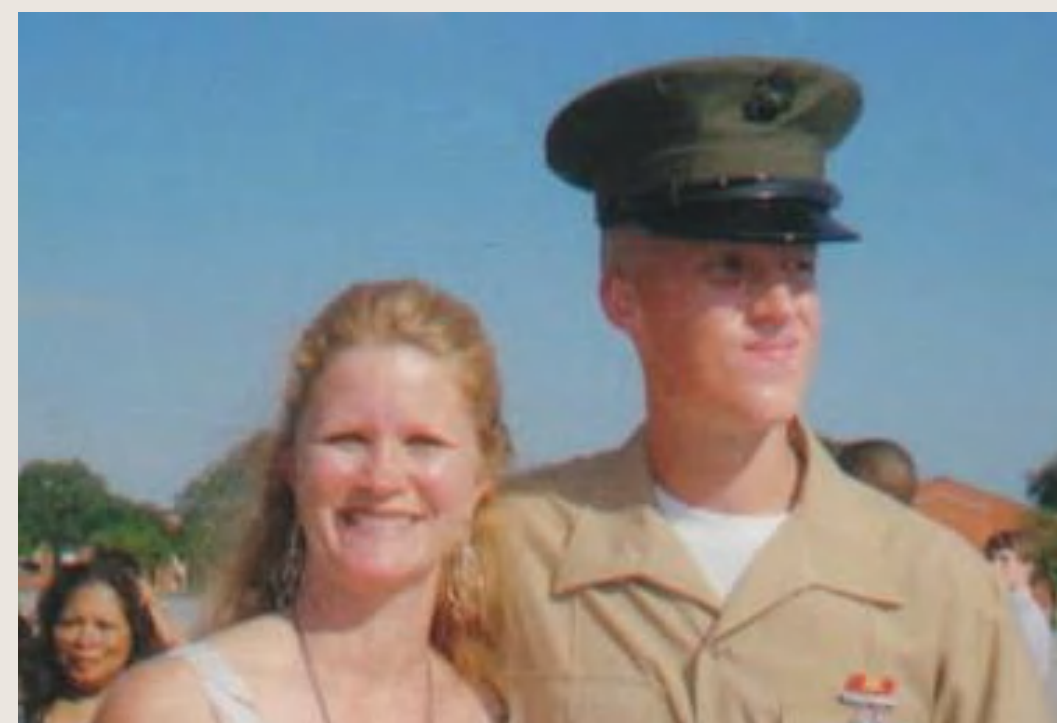
- HOBBY: RUNNING, WEIGHTLIFTING, READING
- ANIMAL: DOGS
- FOOD: CHICKEN PARM
- TV SHOW: THE OFFICE



Matt was second place in the Danbury 5k!



Matt in the Firetruck at the Danbury Memorial Day Parade



Matt and his Mom after graduating from boot camp



Matt in Little League

What Lauren Loves about Matt...



"Saving" the Dog in his Fireman Uniform



Play time with Rorie and Sully



Trick or Treating with Tripp



Ready to Run the NYC Marathon

Matt is one of those people that I can spend all my time with and never get bored. He is goofy, silly and makes me laugh every day with his antics. He is a rock - always level headed in any situation we've faced. He makes me and everyone around him feel comfortable and at ease.

He is incredibly smart, and I'm continuously wowed at what he knows and how many answers he can get right on Jeopardy. He has so much passion for learning and growth - he is always striving to be the best version of himself. I'm so excited to see him become a Father, he is the best dog dad and uncle, always taking the time to play with our nieces and nephews. I know he will love your child unconditionally.

Our Pets



Jerry

Age: 5 years old

Breed: Cat

Favorite Things: Food, Lauren & Napping on the table



Louis

Age: 3 years old

Breed: Corgi

Favorite Things: Food, Snuggling, playing with tennis balls and doing tricks



Henry

Age: 1.5 years old

Breed: Corgi

Favorite Things: Food, Laying on your lap, playing at the dog park and going on hikes

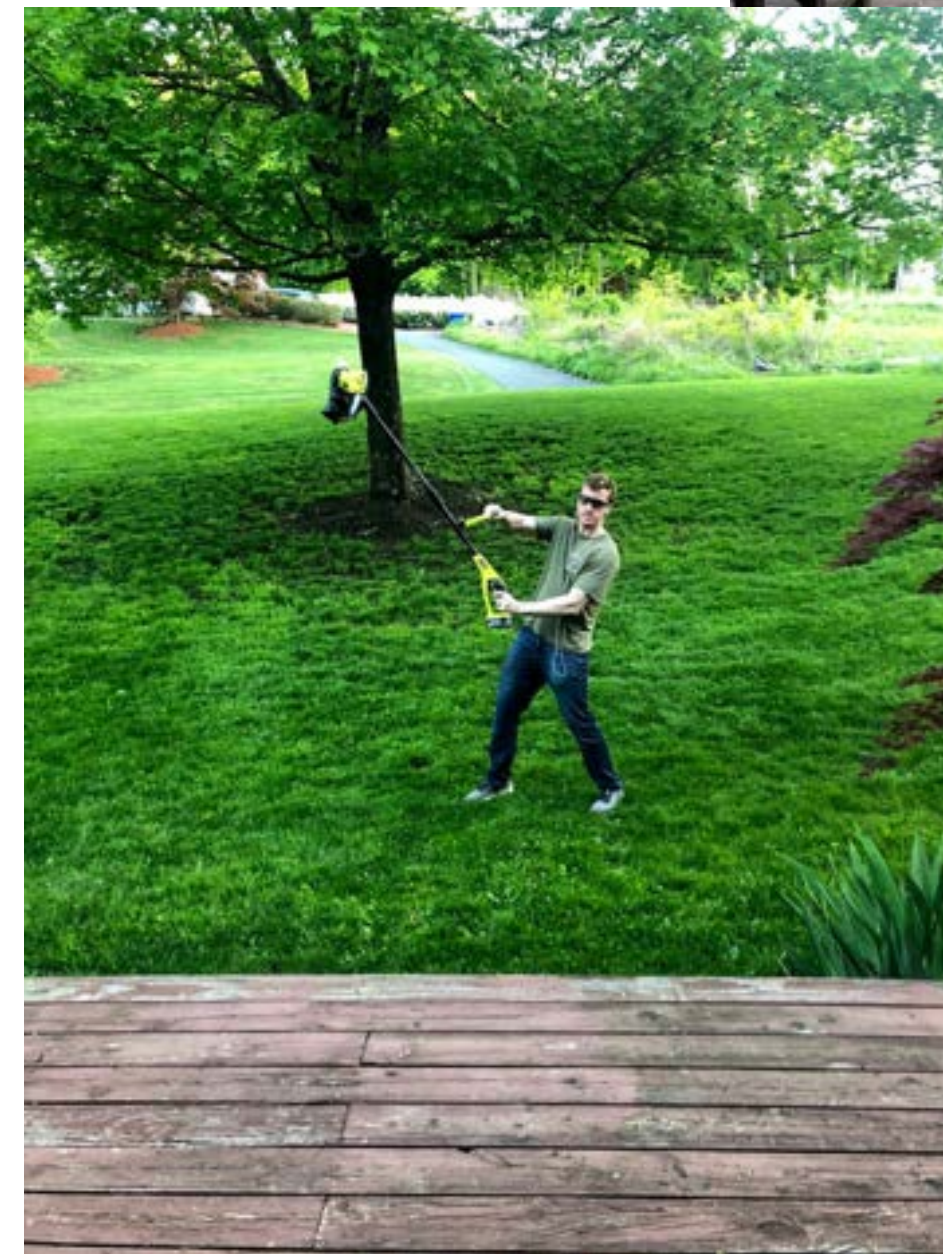
OUR HOME



We have a 4 bedroom, 4 bathroom home with a large front & back yard. We love to see birds and wildlife right outside our window.

We also have wonderful and supportive neighbors and a safe street for walking! We look forward to taking your baby out in the stroller for a family walk to the local playground.

Posing on the back porch after Lauren graduated



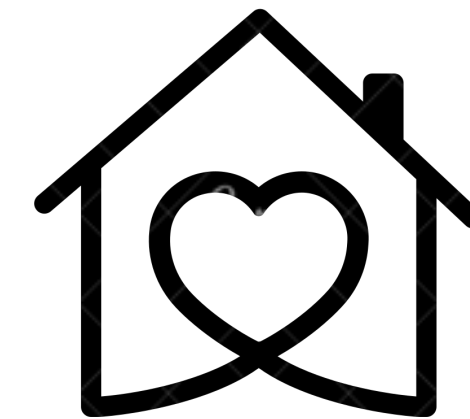
Lush Green Front Yard in Spring Time!

INSIDE OUR HOME

Kitchen is great for baking with family



Snuggling on the Couch in the living room



OUR HOME

Family Room is Perfect for our Christmas Tree



Master Bedroom with Cozy Fireplace

OUR HOME



Our nursery is coming together!



We've been gifted clothes for your baby from our family

OUR CITY

Danbury is a diverse and vibrant city, with a lot of New England charm! The city hosts frequent family- friendly events for holidays and summer concerts. Every year we go to the summer fair which features rides, livestock shows and a craft fair. Our area of Danbury is close to schools, parks, playgrounds and hiking areas.



Holiday Celebration at the Danbury Green



Summer Festival on Main Street



Hiking in Tarrywile Park

Christmas Snuggles



Waiting for Turkey at Thanksgiving



Our Families & Traditions:

We both come from big families! Lauren has two siblings and Matt has three siblings, we have nine nieces and nephews between us - ranging from ages 9 months - 10 years old. Everyone is so excited for our your child to join the gang!

Much of our family lives nearby in CT & NY - with Lauren's sister (and her three children) only 20 minutes away and Matt's brother & mother one hour away. We normally do a two-week trip to Lauren's home state of Michigan every summer and spend the time going to craft fairs, camping and spending time with extended family members.

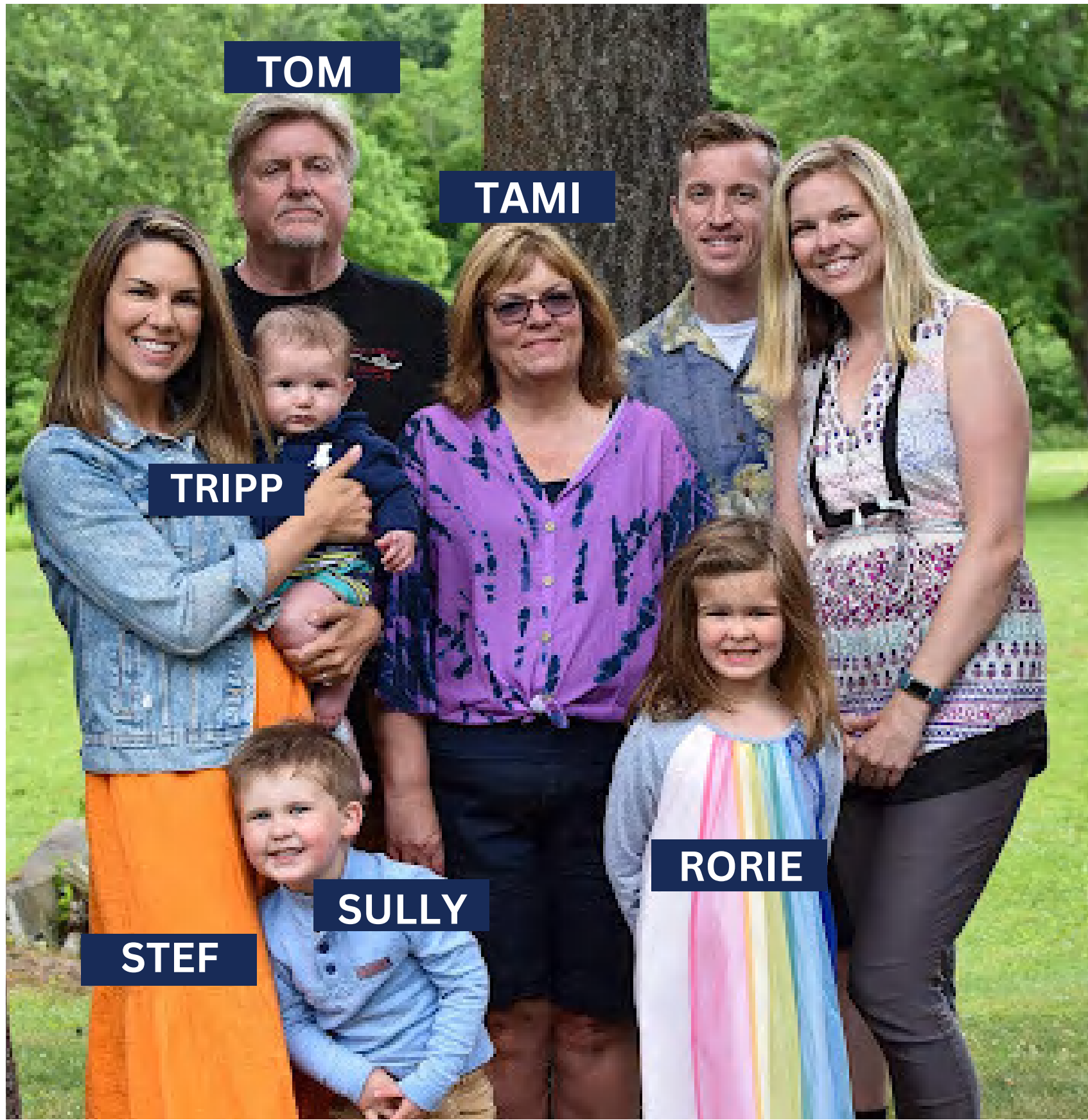
We spend every holiday together - with Thanksgiving and Christmas being especially fun because we try and get both families together in one spot! We always play board games, eat cookies and our brother-in-law makes the best dinner for Christmas eve.



Drawing with our Nieces



Games on Christmas Eve



OUR FAMILIES - LAUREN'S SIDE

Lauren's mom & sisters



Family Escape Room



Summer in Michigan



Lauren's Bridal Shower



Stef and Lauren in Miami

Family Trip to North Carolina



Nichole and Lauren in Massachusetts



Taking the Train to NYC

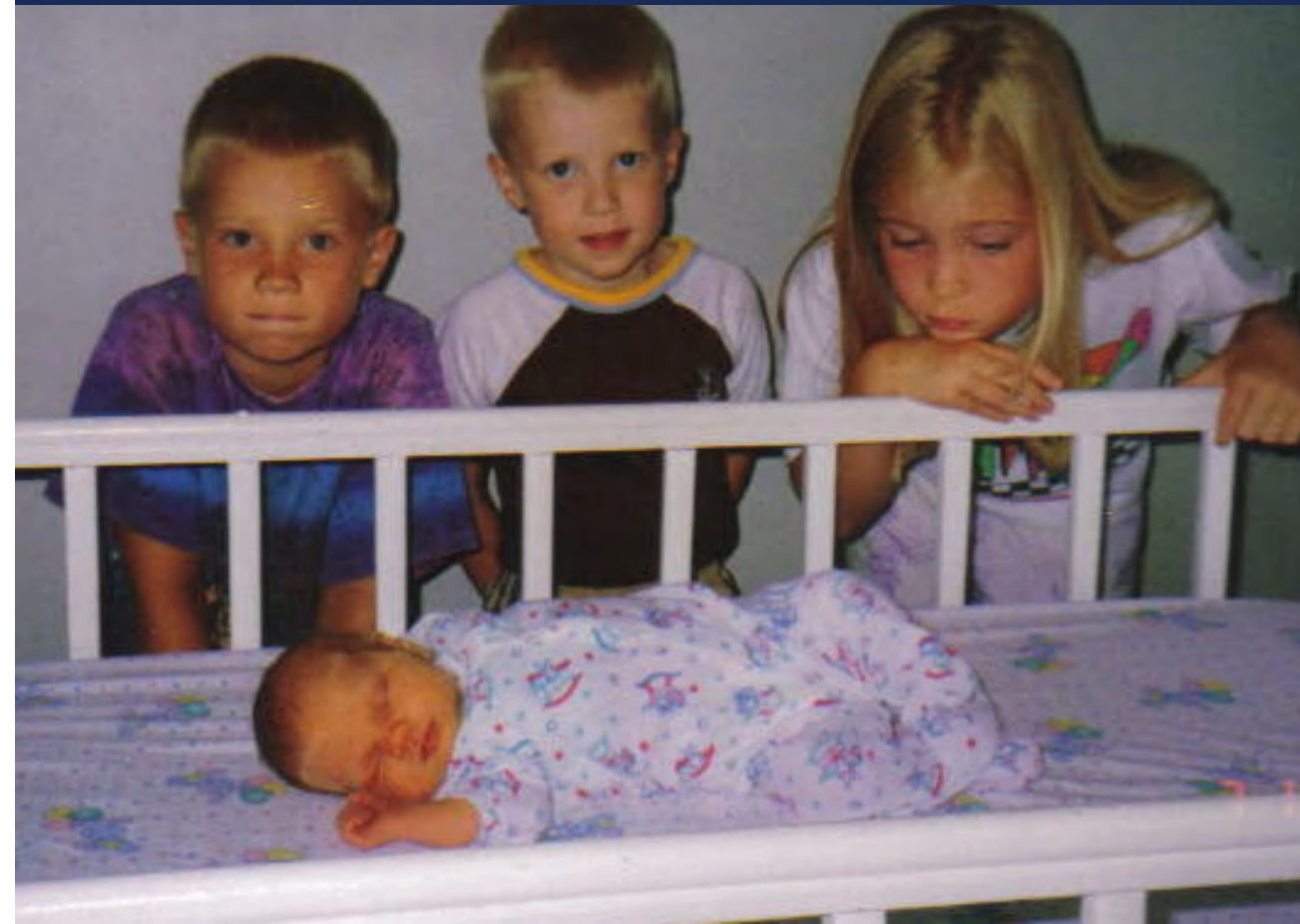


OUR FAMILIES - MATT'S SIDE

**Matt & three of
our
nieces/nephews**



The Four Siblings, 1993



Family Photos on Long Island, NY



Baseball Game in Seattle



Family Trip to Florida



Matt and His Parents



Baby Grace & Uncle Matt

Trick or Treating with Sully & Tripp



Lauren & her Mom



Train Ride with Mason and Lauren's Mom



Tired but Happy after running the New York City Marathon

New Hats from Aunt Lauren and Uncle Matt



Celebrating Sully's 4th Birthday

OUR FRIENDS

We have a wonderful group of amazing friends who are excited for us to be adding to our family. They are spread out so we get to travel to new places to see them often! They are so excited to meet your baby!

Tracy & John - Friends from College



Laura and Lauren in Naples, FL



Chelsea, Nicole & Lauren has been best friends for 14 years



Ashley & Judith - Danbury Friends



Zach & Jess - Friends for over 20 years

OUR LIFE

Our favorite things to do together are: trying new restaurants, traveling, watching our dogs play at the dog park, watching football and Jeopardy, playing mini golf and spending time with our family & friends

Dog Park Days



Kayaking in Boston

San Francisco



Enjoying the Pumpkin Patch



Cape Cod

OUR LIFE



We volunteered as actors in a haunted house to raise money for charity

Ice Skating in Boston



Hiking in Montreal, Canada



Eating Pretzels at a Baseball Game

Taking Louie on a walk



WE ARE SO EXCITED TO TRAVEL AS A FAMILY OF THREE!

Enjoying Niagara Falls



Seattle, Washington



Trip to Paris, France

OUR PROMISE

We are so excited to be growing our family through adoption. If we are given the opportunity to welcome your child into our home, we plan to raise them in a home filled with love, respect, empathy and adventure. We want them to feel that they have a safe space to learn and explore the world around them, whether it's our own backyard or elsewhere. We plan to help them engage with their friends and grow strong and healthy relationships.

As your child gets older, we want to give them any opportunity they would like to explore their interests and education. We will always make sure they they know of your love for them and are open to any level of connection that you would like.

We hope that this book gives you a little bit more understanding of our lives and our extended family. Thank you for taking the time to read this. We look forward to meeting you.

Love, Lauren & Matt





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