



DEVONTEE
and JORDAN

OUR NOTE TO YOU



HELLO

it's so nice to "meet" you

Dear Birth Mother,

Hello, we are Devontee and Jordan and we live in Florida. Thank you for taking the time to read our story and beginning to get to know us.

We can't begin to understand the magnitude of your decision; considering adoption is one of the most generous and selfless acts and we are here to support you and pray for you and with you along the way. We know you are making this decision out of love and want to assure you we are more than ready to love and care for your child, no matter the obstacles.

Having a family has always been the most important thing to us and after losing our little one at 6 weeks we knew now was the right time to pursue adoption and expand our family.

WITH LOVE & APPRECIATION

Devontee & Jordan



OUR STORY

We met in Germany in 2013 while working at the Child Development Center (CDC) on base. Devontee started working at the CDC about a year after I had been there. Our story starts out a little funny, you know the term 'don't judge a book by its cover?', well that is exactly what I did with Devontee. I was on track at my job, I loved it and was determined to get where I wanted to be and having another teacher in the area disrupted that. I saw him as someone in my way and didn't like that. But, we worked with the same age group so our paths crossed a lot. Overtime I realized my judgements about him were incorrect and we started having conversations outside of what was needed for work. Before I knew it, in 2014, we started dating and our story goes from there.

The first two and a half years of our relationship we lived in Germany and traveled as much as we could. We were fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to travel and experience what we did. We continue to keep up our travels to this day.

In 2016 we relocated to Texas and Devontee joined the Air Force. Currently we are located in Florida, with our dog, Lily, and cat, Sirius.



WHY WE ARE ADOPTING

When Devontee and I met we were working with kids. We both believe that the main thing that attracted us to each other is how we both interacted with children.

We have both wanted to have a family since we were kids.

After we got married, in 2016, we started trying to build our family. For years we didn't get any results. We endured lots of doctors appointments, surgery and an ectopic pregnancy. Through all of this one thing kept coming to our mind, adoption. We have always talked about adopting in the future because we both wanted a big family. After everything we have tried we decided now was the right time. We have been ready to start a family for years and we are even more prepared now. We do believe everything happens for a reason and everyone has their own path. We believe our path is to be parents in whichever way God has planned for us.

**'HOWEVER MOTHERHOOD
COMES TO YOU,
IT'S A MIRACLE.'**



MEET *Jordan*

Hello, I'm Jordan! I'm 28 years old and being a military child, I was raised in many different places! I have one brother, Joseph, who is two years younger than me. I was raised alongside my brother by my strong, single mother. The three of us remain very close to this day.

My mom was in the military which blessed us with many travel and living opportunities. We lived in both Wisconsin and Texas, twice, but then we moved to Okinawa, Japan when I was 14 years old and to Germany when I was 18 years old. Growing up overseas was an amazing experience that I wouldn't change for the world. I was able to experience other cultures and ways of life that I believe makes me very well rounded.

Cooking and baking is one of my favorite hobbies. I love experimenting in the kitchen and always trying something new. In my free time I enjoy reading, playing video games, watching tv and taking time to relax. In the summer I enjoy going to the beach and being outside.



WHAT I
LOVE
ABOUT *Jordan*

WRITTEN BY Devontee

Jordan has one of the biggest hearts out of anyone I've ever met. She goes out of her way to make others feel welcomed, accepted and loved. She has a love for cooking that she can't wait to share with our future little one. She is extremely comforting to be around and I know her comforting and empathetic nature will make her an amazing mother.



Jordan's Favorites:

Food: Pasta

Movie: Harry Potter Series

Holiday: Christmas

Color: Rose Gold

Place to be: A bookstore



MEET *Devontee*

Hello, I'm Devontee! I'm 29 years old and the oldest of 4 children. I have two younger brothers and a younger sister. They are all under the age of 18 and live with my mom and dad in Alabama.

I was raised by my mom and dad, who was in the military. Growing up I played sports like I breathe air. I played basketball, football and ran track. To this day I still play basketball as much as I can. Fortunately, I had an amazing opportunity to play professional basketball in Germany for 3 years, it was one of the best opportunities I have been presented. While living in Germany I was able to learn German, travel through Europe and learn about different cultures. This opportunity blessed me with knowledge and perspective I couldn't get elsewhere.

I have a few hobbies with sports being the top one. I love playing and watching basketball and football especially. I enjoy being active, whether it be a small walk or run or going to the gym. In my free time I enjoy playing video games, watching tv and learning new things. Living in Florida I take advantage of going to the beach when possible and visiting theme parks. I love being outside and being adventurous.

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT *Devontee*

WRITTEN BY Jordan

Devontee has a very infectious energy. It's near impossible to be around him and not laugh. He is still a kid at heart and I whole-heartedly believe this will help make him the best dad. He knows when to be serious and when to play. He loves cartoons and is already collecting DVDs of his favorite childhood shows to share with our future little one. He is a great leader and teacher. There is never a dull moment when he's around. Added bonus: he could write a book of dad jokes already!



Devontee's Favorites

Food: Grilled Cheese

Movie: Harry Potter Series

Holiday: Christmas

Color: Purple

Place to be: Basketball Court

**'YOU CANNOT SHARE YOUR LIFE
WITH A DOG...OR A CAT, AND NOT
KNOW PERFECTLY WELL THAT
ANIMALS HAVE PERSONALITIES
AND MINDS AND FEELINGS.'**



MEET OUR PETS

We have two amazing pets, Lily and Sirius. Lily is our Sheltie mix pup who was rescued in 2018. She loves cuddles and treats. She is always following me around and I just know she will be the best playmate for children. Sirius is our cat we adopted in 2019. He is very playful and loves to be in the sun. Lily and Sirius love to play together and they make the house fun.

HOME

We live in the panhandle of Florida in Crestview. We live only 30 minutes from the beach and love going there. We own a 3 bedroom house and can't wait to turn one of the rooms into a nursery!

We have a large, fenced in, backyard and plenty of room in the front yard for playing! We live in a nice neighborhood that has many children that are always outside playing. We love to go on walks or runs through our neighborhood.

Crestview is a smaller town but close to larger towns. It's the perfect mix of city, country and beach. There is a large military community and lots of opportunities in the area.

**THERE IS NO PLACE
LIKE HOME.**



**'TRAVEL OPENS YOUR HEART,
BROADENS YOUR MIND,
AND FILLS YOUR LIFE WITH
STORIES TO TELL.'**



Mallorca, Spain



Big Ben
London, England



Brandenburg Gate
Berlin, Germany



Palace of Versailles
Versailles, France



OUR TRAVELS

When we were kids we both traveled with our families, rather it be for sports, vacations or moving. We both developed a love for traveling and seeing new places and things. We were fortunate enough to meet in Germany and spend the first two and a half years of our relationship traveling in Europe.

When we moved back to America from Germany we kept up our traveling through the states. We try to travel as much as we can, even if it's a short weekend trip to somewhere new.

A couple of our travels goals are to visit every National Park and step foot on every continent.

We remember how much fun we had traveling as kids and the memories we still have. We can't wait to make these memories with our own family.





MEET OUR FAMILIES

JORDAN'S FAMILY

I grew up with my mom and brother. My mom was in the military so we moved a few times while we were growing up. With it being just the 3 of us and moving states and out of country we became very close. My mom and brother are some of my best friends. Although we live in different states, we talk often and see each other a few times a year, especially on holidays. My mom is extremely excited to be a 'Mema' and she will be amazing! My brother is going to be the most fun uncle a kid could ask for.



DEVONTEE'S FAMILY

I grew up with my mom until I was 8 years old. At 8 my mom married my dad and he adopted me. When I was in high school, my mom and dad decided to extend our family and gave me 3 amazing siblings, two brothers and a sister. I was able to experience and learn so much helping my mom with her pregnancies and after my siblings arrived in the world. My family lives a short 5 hour drive away from us and we see them throughout the year and on holidays. We all talk often and remain close despite the distance. My family is my biggest support system and they are so excited to be Grandma, Grandpa and the most excited aunt and uncles you'll ever meet.

**BEING A FAMILY MEANS
YOU ARE A PART OF
SOMETHING VERY
WONDERFUL. IT MEANS
YOU WILL LOVE AND BE
LOVED FOR THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE.**





IN OUR

Family...

We talk it out, we take time to listen and communicate in our house. We will always listen to our children's needs, wants, concerns and ideas. We will emphasize the importance of finding their niche, whether it be sports, technology, dance, building, etc. We will provide the tools and support they need to reach their goals. We understand each child is different in the way they respond and learn and we will always do our best to respect our children's individuality.

IF YOU CHOOSE US, WE COMMIT TO:

- Always have fun
- Provide a stable, loving home
- Put their needs above our own
- Provide many experiences and opportunities
- Always take time to listen
- Love one another more than life itself



ONE LAST THANK YOU

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us. We hope you were able to get a glimpse into what life is like in our family. We have always had a passion for children and are so excited to start our own family. We understand this isn't an easy decision to make but we will be there to support you every step of the way. Any child we adopt will learn about how their first family made this decision out of love. We will share the parts of your story you want shared with them. They will know nothing but love for you. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

DEVONTEE *and* JORDAN

"A MOTHER'S LOVE FOR HER CHILD IS LIKE NO OTHER LOVE. TO BE ABLE TO PUT THAT FEELING ASIDE BECAUSE YOU WANT THE BEST FOR YOUR CHILD IS THE MOST UNSELFISH THING I KNOW."