



Lauren + Nick



We're from a little beach town near **San Diego, California.**

We are so **excited** and **thankful** that you've chosen to get to know a little bit about us.

Hi! We're
*Lauren
+ Nick*



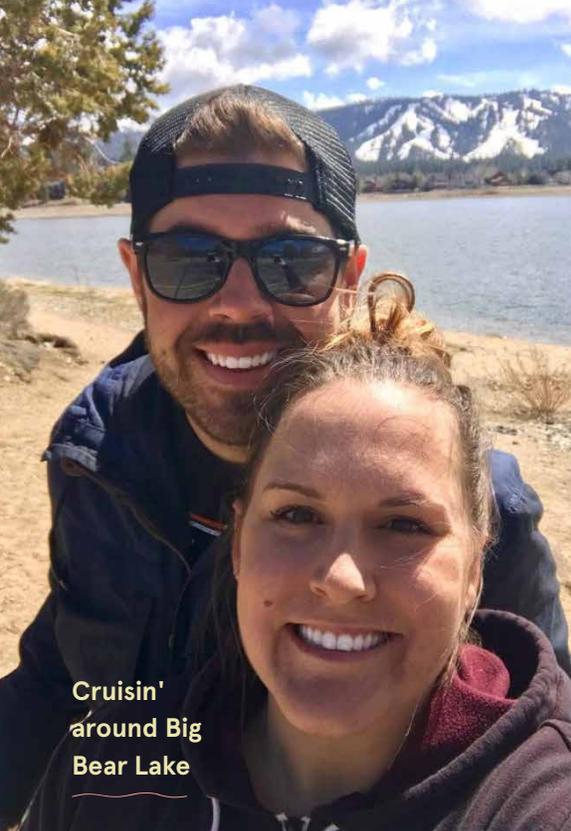
We want you to know how appreciative we are of you for choosing love and life for your baby... it's a truly selfless act.

We knew early on in our marriage that adoption would be part of our life, but we just weren't sure as to when.

We believe we have so much in our hearts to offer a child. After about 6 years of fertility treatments, we finally found clarity that God had a different plan for us, all along. **We have found so much peace in closing that chapter and have found hope and excitement knowing that parenthood is still so ingrained in our hearts.** Through those years, we learned prolonged patience, that we are stronger than we thought, and that more than anything in the world, we both want to be parents. **We promise to love your baby with every ounce of love that we have been waiting for so long to share.** Truth is, we always include our future baby and their birth mama in our prayers, and we always will. We feel honored that you are considering us to parent your child!

With love,
*Lauren +
Nick*





Cruisin' around Big Bear Lake

our love story



We met shortly after we both moved to San Diego and enjoyed spending time exploring our new town together. We connected over our love of sports and then fell in love during a camping trip. A couple years into dating, Nick proposed to Lauren in front of family and friends on New Year's Eve. It has been a tradition every year since to spend New Year's Eve with our closest family and friends, by hosting a get together. **Our lives meshed so well together and our love has held true over the years.**



Our doggies love the lake just as much as we do!



We heard whales when we were snorkeling in Maui!

Camping & Vacations

We love to travel and especially camping in our trailer! We go at least once per month, usually to the beach or driving to the mountains. Our love for the Kansas City Chiefs takes us to games during football season. And we love going on big family vacations as well. Water & sunshine are musts when we plan our vacations!

Our Careers!



Lauren oversees programs for children with autism and has so much passion for helping make things easier for them and their families! Nick is a numbers guy, working with data for a leading biotech company and is very thankful that he is able to work from home. We are both so thankful for flexible schedules!



We have the same birthday!

Not kidding! We usually plan a day trip followed by a great Mexican dinner.

introducing *Lauren* by Nick

Where do I possibly begin in telling you about Lauren?

Lauren is the most thoughtful and selfless person. She's the one that sees a group trying to take their own picture and offers to take it for them. She also never forgets a special day in someone's life. From birthdays to career milestones and anything in between, **Lauren pays attention and will do her best to make those days extra special for her family & friends.** Whether she's lending a helping hand or offering a place to stay for the night, you can count on Lauren to take care of those she loves. And if Lauren says she's going to do something, you can basically cross it off the checklist and consider it done. She is definitely a woman of her word!



Creating a loving nursery after years of infertility feels surreal!



Puppies + Christmas, two of our favorite things!

More than anything I have learned just how resilient and determined my wife is. Nothing will get in the way of her achieving her dream of parenthood... despite the personal sacrifices that she has endured along the way. **Lauren was born to be a mother.** You can see it in the way she interacts with the autistic children she works with helping them progress towards their own goals or dropping in on our nieces and nephews and showering them with hugs and smooches. Lauren's happiest days are when she is around children and I cannot wait for all the amazing memories we have in store for our future family.



Couldn't miss Jett's graduation

This or That

Call or text? Call

Big party or small gathering?

Big family gatherings!

Sneakers or sandals?

Flip flops!

City or Island?

Island, hands down!

Music or podcasts?

Music



Some of my favorites

Favorite Actor:

Vince Vaughn

Favorite Childhood Activity:

Playing soccer

Favorite Dessert:

Apple berry pie



I moss tell you, we LOVE nature!

Nick loves hard, he's fiercely protective and immensely loyal! These qualities alone would make him the best dad but wait, there's more! Nick is the guy that will stay up extra late after work to help someone solve a problem, throw over 100 baseball pitches at the park with our godson, and remind me during the tough days, that God has perfect timing. Nick loves creating memories. He will plan camping trips with family and friends and then be the first up in the morning to make sure everyone has hot coffee and a campfire ready. He is the best host of any party and throws pork in the smoker before the sun comes up just so we can invite people over to BBQ! When I picture Nick as a dad, I see him reading bedtime books and saying nighttime prayers, building forts, going fishing, playing dress up, playing sports, helping with homework, snuggling up to watch movies, making s'mores, lots of laughter, and teaching morals to our kids through life experiences. **I am thankful to have such an amazing, loving man on my team to parent with!**

Let me tell you a little bit about my husband Nick...

introducing
Nick
by Lauren



This was after we wore Chief out at our park



Doin' the Dad poses already



Caught a hole in one with this guy

Cruisin' the beach at sunset



Cheering on our team!

Let's do somethin'



Fun night with our cousins son, Hudson

This or That

Call or text?

Text

Big party

or small

City or Island?

Island, for sure!

gathering?

Both

Music or podcasts?

Music

Sneakers or

sandals?

Sandals

Iced or hot

coffee?

Hot

Some of my favorites

Favorite Actor:

Paul Rudd

Favorite Childhood Activity: Playing baseball

Favorite Dessert:

Ice Cream



our home

We live in the coolest little spot

We live a 10-minute walk to the beach, 5-minute walk to our neighborhood park, and probably a short walk to the best donut shop in San Diego (we may be biased - we had them at our wedding). Our community is extremely family friendly with excellent schools, many parks, beautiful lagoons and trails, and of course local shops! We are an hour drive to the cutest mountain town and best pie shop too. We love nature and couldn't live in a more perfect place.

These two love the beach!



Nick is always sneakin' a smooch, it's so sweet

Chief and Sunny love to go camping



Our home is in the back of a little cul de sac



Just a 10 minute walk to our favorite beach!



Furry Family Members

Chief + Sunny

Chief is a big goofball! He really doesn't like it when we are in separate rooms. He loves having everyone together! **Sunny is 98% lovebug, 2% sass (on a good day).** She always loves to snuggle right in the middle. Both adore kids and Chief will probably sleep wherever the baby is.

Halloween is our favorite!

We always do group costumes (with Chief & Sunny too) and can't wait to add a baby in the mix!



Where is our little Waldo?



meet our loved ones

Grandma and **Grandpa** love classic rock and going to concerts! They also love going hiking and camping as a family! **Nana** and **Papa Raul** enjoy walks to the beach, spoiling their grandbabies and having everyone over at their house for family breakfasts and dinners. They always appreciate family vacations as well! And **Grandpaw** loves his kids, grandkids (and grandpups) and telling stories about his crazy life experiences. There are always so many laughs when he is around!

Uncle Connor and **Uncle Pat** love their dog Cali, their plants and try out new recipes with us. They look forward to adopting in the near future, too! **Auntie Kara** loves country music, coffee, and camping. Auntie Kara is in nursing school, and lives near us. **Uncle Eric**, **Auntie Nikki**, and **(cousin) Kit** love going on adventures, collecting things from nature walks, and they are very artsy/craftsy. They can't wait for Kit to have a cousin, to grow up with!

We have a really big extended family which is so special because everyone makes the effort to spend time together! We all love playing outdoor games, going to the lake/river/mountains/beach, and celebrating all of the holidays! We are very blessed to have such a large loving family who have been so supportive of our desire to adopt.



Playing house with our cousins kids



Silly fun with our siblings at a family wedding

family traditions

Holidays + Celebrations

Christmas with our family is usually an extended celebration! Sometimes this means celebrating Christmas 4 times, but who's complaining? The lights, the smells, giving gifts and of course being with family is what makes it our favorite holiday. Lauren has a tradition of making salsa for all of our family, friends and neighbors.



Annual family river trip



The day we became one family!

our
Promise
to you

Thank you so much
for considering us as
parents for your baby.



We know the importance of this decision and we want to reassure you that we will love your child unconditionally, and endlessly, to the fullest of our hearts. We promise to cherish every moment we have together, create an abundance of opportunities for happiness, laughter, fun and lots of tickle wars, create

a safe and stable home environment, and be there to teach and guide your child through life's ups and downs, always. We promise to respect you, your level of openness, and always speak of you with admiration. **We will continue to pray for you and your baby throughout your pregnancy and are sending the biggest hugs your way!**

With love,
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