



Arturo & Lauren



Hello!

We want to start by saying thank you for taking the time to get to know us and thank you for choosing adoption, we know that it is not an easy decision by any means, so from the bottom of our hearts thank you. We have always known that adoption would be a part of our story and our family. Even as we were first dating and talking about our future plans, we agreed that adoption was something we both felt strongly about. After we got married we hoped to have a child before adopting but after two years of trying we decided to take a year off from trying to conceive and just take time to pray and ask God for guidance. During that year we decided that in vitro fertilization was not for us and that we were ready to pursue adoption whole-heartedly.

This book is just a snap shot of our lives, but we hope what you see is two people who love each other deeply, so many family & friends ready to become grandparents, godparents, aunts & uncles, etc., and a beautiful life and home for your child.

So... without further ado, this is us!



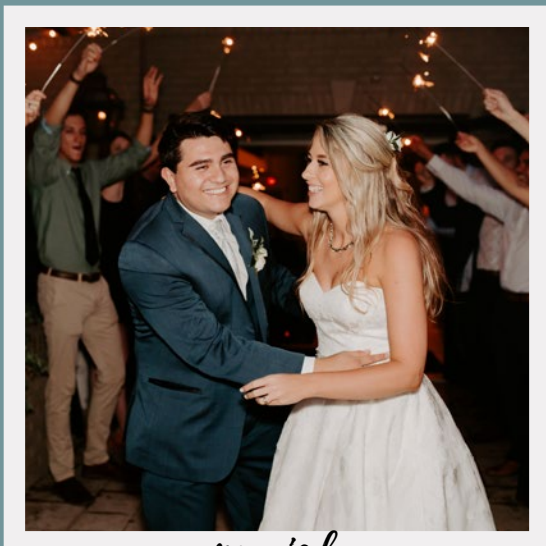
our story



first date



engaged



married

We met while studying at college. Arturo met my roommate in a class and then she introduced us. We were close friends and then best friends for a year before we started dating. Arturo likes to say I turned him down, but he had so many girls who liked him, I didn't want to get my heart broken. Once I finally realized that sometimes you have to take risks for the best things, I gave him a chance.

We quickly knew that we wanted to spend our lives together. We always talked about how important having a family was to us, and we agreed no matter what, we always wanted adoption to be a part of our family and our story. We have been married for five years now and are so excited to begin growing our family.





meet Lauren

Lauren is a registered nurse and rotates through three of our local emergency departments. She loves helping others and can make you feel safe in even the scariest situations. Lauren loves to encourage others & inspires you to never give up, if she loves and believes in you then you can do anything. She is almost never the loudest in a room, unless she is cheering you on or proud of you, then she always is. From early on in our relationship Lauren told me how important becoming a mom was to her. I have no doubt that she will be the most kind & loving mom, if you could see all she has done already to prepare for your little one you would be amazed.



LAUREN LOVES:
ARTS & CRAFTS
RUNNING
BEING OUTSIDE
SWIMMING
TRAVEL



meet Arturo

Arturo has his Masters in Business and works in healthcare administration and works from home most days. Arturo is originally from Mexico and is fluent in both English & Spanish. Arturo is the kindest, most genuine man I have ever known. He hates to see anyone off by themselves and goes out of his way to make that person part of the group and feel welcomed. Arturo is incredibly selfless, he is always making sacrifices for others and never expects anything in return. Arturo is a natural with kids and I have no doubt that he will be an excellent father. Arturo is always ready to talk through things and forgive.



ARTURO LOVES:
SOCCER
GOLF
FAMILY TIME
COOKING
TRAVEL



our adventures

RED RIVER GORGE, KY

We love spending time outdoors
and seeing new places.



TORREON, MEXICO

We traveled to visit Arturo's
grandparents and for Arturo to
participate in 'la Danza.' It was Arturo's
dream to participate in this all-day
dance to honor his Mexican heritage.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Laying concrete floors for those in need,
one of our favorite experiences!





*everyday is an adventure
with you*



our home



HOME
Sweet
HOME

We have lived in our current home almost 4 years, it was built in 1988 and has been renovated extensively by the previous owners since then. It is a ranch style, open floor plan with 3 bedrooms & 2 full bathrooms. We live in a small neighborhood of about 20 homes, and most of our neighbors are young families or retired. We run & walk in our neighborhood and always feel safe. We have a large fenced in backyard for the dogs and love hosting family and friends.



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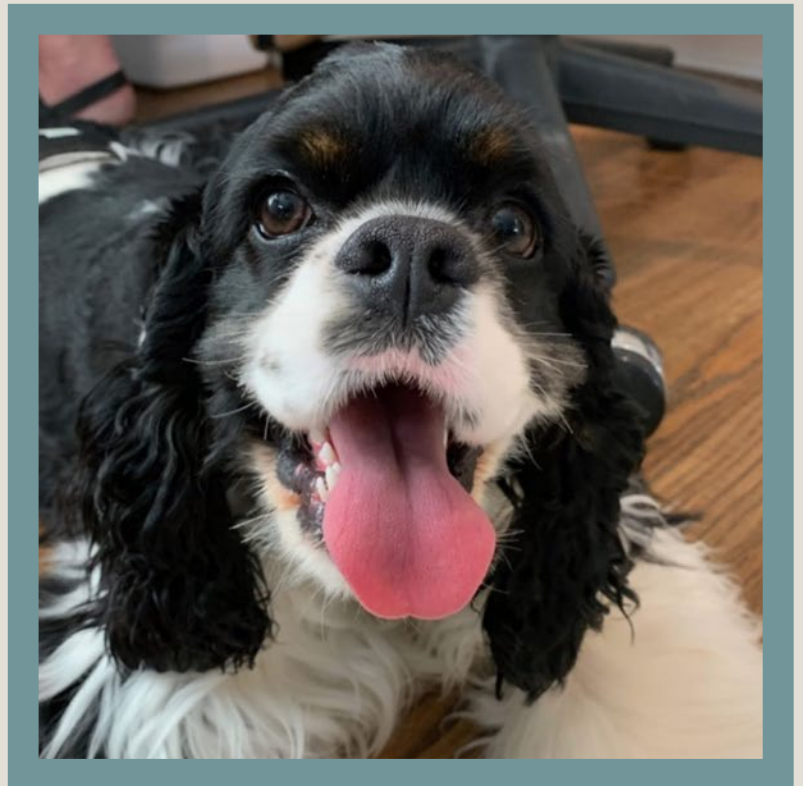
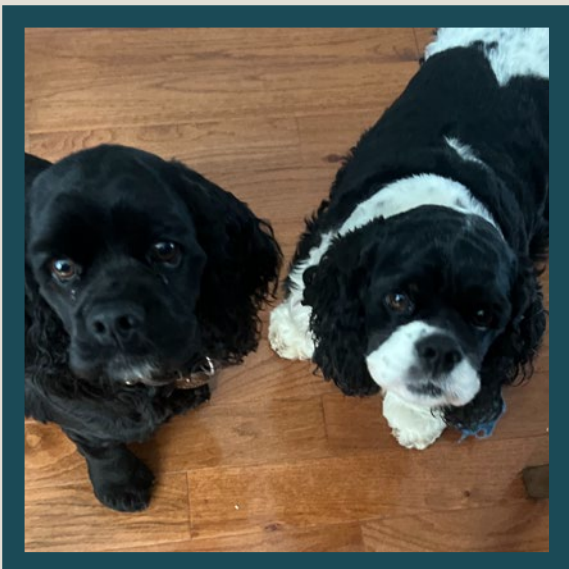
*love grows best in
homes
just like this*



Bear & Ellie 🐾



This is Bear & Ellie! They are American Cocker Spaniels that we have had since they were puppies. They love being outside or laying on the couch. Both Bear and Ellie love children, they are so kind and gentle.





our family



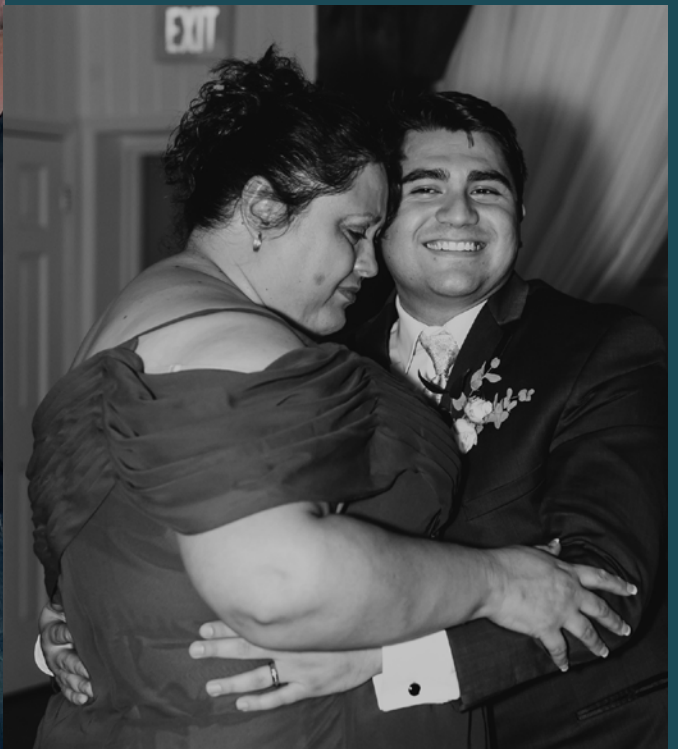
Many members of Arturo's family live in Mexico but they travel frequently to visit us. We spend almost every weekend with Arturo's parents and siblings that live close by, making traditional Mexican foods & spending time together.

Meet my dad Javier, Mom Sofia, brother Orlando, Sister Ana, Brother Jorge, his wife Sara, & their kids Legend, Sayge, & Ansel. This photo is from our annual family trip to Florida. We make this trip every year to see my brother Jorge & his family since they live in Florida.



This is our precious god daughter & niece Carolina! We have been so lucky to spend time with her as she grows and get lots of experience changing diapers and learning how to care for a baby.





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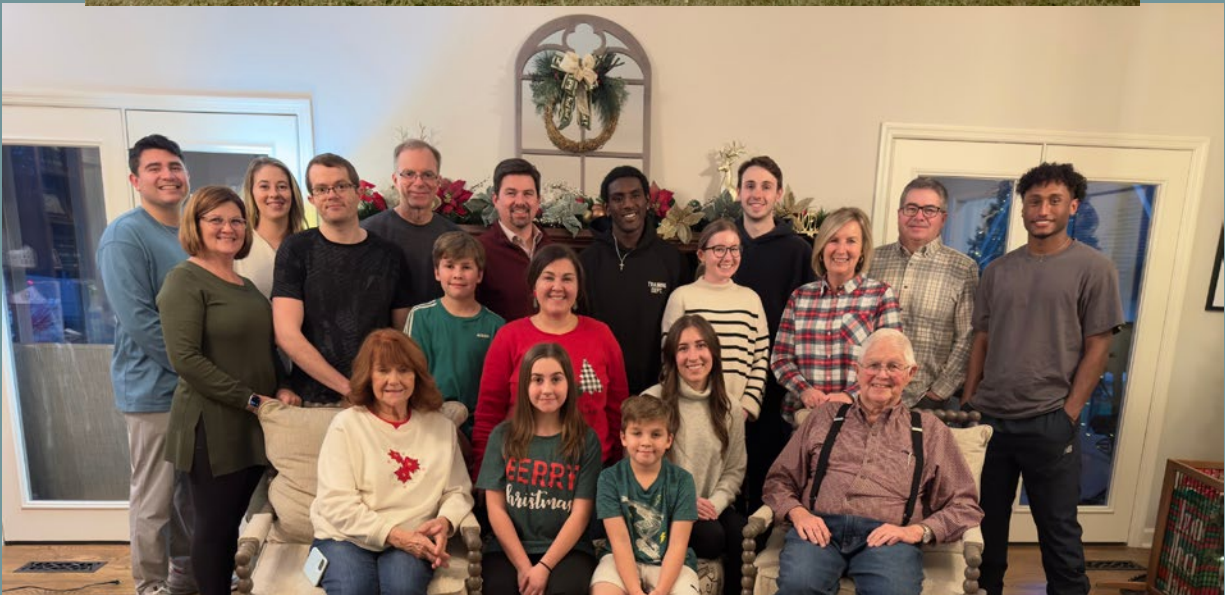


This is my mom's side of my family! Our family is so lucky to already have adoption as part of our story, first & fourth on the left are my adopted cousins Haile & Adamu. We are so grateful our child will have family that is adopted to share their experience with.

Meet my Dad Bruce, Mom Renae, & my brother Brandon! Brandon is an Occupational Therapy student & hopes to work with special needs children when he graduates. Both of my parents teach a class of about 20 kids every Sunday at church.



Theo is our first god child. We are so lucky to have been asked to be his godparents and love watching him grow up.



our community

We are blessed to have support from so many different groups of people in our lives. These are just a few of the people who are in our corner and we consider some of our best friends. Many of our friends are young or new parents themselves and they are all so excited for us to adopt and become parents. We have even been lucky enough to have friends who have adopted and have helped us prepare as we best we can to become parents.



our values

family

Family is the most important thing to both of us. We always prioritize spending time with our families above all else and when we have children it will be no different. We can't wait to share all of our family traditions with our child.

faith

We are Christians and want to raise our children in church and teach them about Jesus. We believe in the Jesus who washed feet and showed love to everyone. We do not believe in shame or hatred.

acceptance

We believe in loving & accepting people no matter their beliefs, race, who they love, or anything else that makes them different from us. We will accept & love our child no matter what choices they make or who they choose to be in life.

love

To us to love someone means to speak and listen to them with respect. To learn what is important to them and show them it is important to you too. Love is showing up even when you are tired because that person's happiness is the most important thing to you.



our promise

We promise to love your child as our own and that our love for them will be unconditional.

We promise to teach your child about their heritage and honor their experience as an adopted child.

We promise to support your child's hopes and dreams. Baseball, violin, art, ballet, soccer, you name it we will be there cheering them on, so proud.

We promise to raise your child in strong Christian values. We promise to be models of Christ's love and to always give forgiveness. We promise to work everyday to make sure this child knows they are always loved & accepted with us.

We promise to always honor you. We will always speak of you with respect and make sure that your child knows how much you love them.

We promise to stay in touch with photos, calls, Facetimes, visits-whatever you are comfortable with.

All our love,

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