

OUR FAMILY

Laura, Nate & Del 



Dear Momma,

Reading this book might not have been part of your plan, but you have always been a part of ours.

We have always wanted to build our family through adoption. Before we even got married, we talked it through and committed to our choice.

I think this sets us apart because for our family, adoption is our first choice. This is an intentional decision; we are doing this on purpose to build our family.

Our views on adoption are so positive – and having a biological child only makes us respect it more. We've been on the same side as you, and truly understand why it's a decision made from love.

Our call to adoption is hard to explain. It's just woven into us. It's sort of like a car trip. You get everyone in the car, start backing down the driveway, and it's like "hey, who are we missing?" And that's how we feel now – there's this one more spot in the car.

We are so ready. We are settled in our home in St. Louis, have stable jobs that we both love, a happy daughter, and space for one more.

Thank you for reading our book and imagining what life could be like with our family.

Love,

Nate, Laura & Del



PS – Here is a video of us :)

OUR STORY

HOW WE MET

We met in college in 2005 through friends.

We knew pretty quickly that we had found our person!



Where we got engaged!

OUR MARRIAGE

We got married in 2011 and still dance and laugh everyday!



Playing pickleball, greeting friends at the airport, and at Ball Park Village

ABOUT LAURA

Positive, Energetic and Funny



This is my family - they are LOUD and loving! I'm the youngest of three girls, and very close to both my sisters.



I love running!
I'm better at pics when I don't see the camera 😊



Me and my two best friends in New York on our annual BFF trip



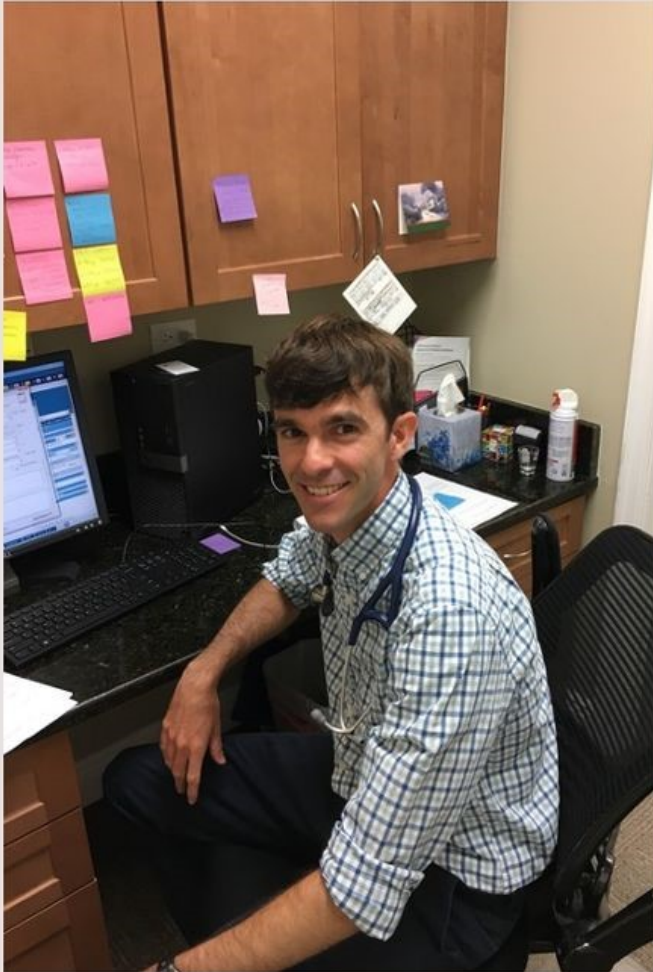
My best "Britney" impression in Las Vegas



I love making and sharing cookies

ABOUT NATE

Enthusiastic, Loyal, and Kind



I am a Nurse Practitioner and love caring for my patients.



I absolutely love being a dad!



My big Cuban family gathered for Thanksgiving



ABOUT DEL aka “the noosh”

Del is 3 years old. She is funny, curious and creative. She is SO READY to be a big sister! She swaddles her teddy bear and practices with her baby doll (A). Her favorite place is the Zoo and we go every week. She loves riding the carousel while we are there (B). Del loves art and we do lots of creative projects (C). We have always cooked together and now she helps getting dinner ready (baking cookies is her favorite though! D).



B



A



C

This apron was a gift from her cousin Emma!



D



OUR HOME

We have a happy home! We live close to Laura's sister and many friends.



Having friends and family "pop in" is our favorite part of living here.

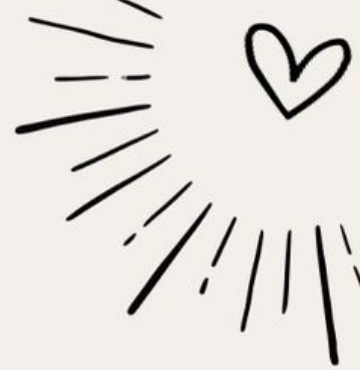
We live across the street from a playground and go almost every day.

We spend most of our time in the kitchen.



We have books everywhere!

Our block is filled with kids, there is always someone to play with.



SHINE ON

When we started our adoption journey, we began writing in a journal. The journal had a sunshine on the cover, and we started calling him/her "Baby Sunshine."

We liked having a (temporary) name, and the word "Sunshine" felt right because their future is so bright.

We find comfort in this name and hope you do too. Even on cloudy days, the sun is always there. **You will always have an important place in Baby Sunshine's life.**

Thank you for reading our book. We hope it gave you a sense of what your baby's life could be like with us.

Love,
Laura, Nate & Del

