



*Craig & Alli*





## *Oh, hello there!*

We are Alli and Craig, and we are excited to introduce ourselves to you. Since the beginning of our relationship, we have talked about wanting to grow our family by adopting at least one of our children. After an infertility diagnosis earlier this year, it felt like a clear sign to begin this journey! We are thrilled to grow our family through adoption, especially since this will be our first child and the first grandchild for our parents.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read about us. Although we cannot begin to understand your situation and what you are going through, we acknowledge and appreciate the sacrifices you are making. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for considering us as the possible parents for your child.



# *Our Story*

It may sound odd, but we were both dressed as Santa when we met in December 2016. We were introduced at a brunch at Alli's cousin's apartment before a group of us went to Santa Con. We got to know each other at the event, and Craig asked Alli on a date later that week. Ever since that date, we have never gone more than a week without spending time together. For the first two years of our relationship, we lived about an hour apart. Alli lived in Dayton because of a teaching job and Craig lived in Cincinnati. Because of our distance, we had to learn to communicate well, and it made our trust grow quickly.

When Alli moved back to Cincinnati to be closer to family, our relationship grew even more. We got married in 2022 and probably would have gotten married sooner if not for having to wait for the pandemic restrictions to be lifted.

As cheesy as it sounds, we do love just experiencing life together. In our free time we will take out our kayaks, go on walks after dinner, and watch TV together. Recently we have enjoyed going out to dinner together and making sure to turn off our phones.

We hold respect, communication, and trust as the pillars of our relationship and work on growing in these principles every day. We feel lucky to have support from each other and our families.











### *A Note From Craig*

"Alli is the most compassionate human that I have ever met. She has a large heart that is dedicated to helping others. Alli is a special education teacher who cares deeply for her students. Even her past students continuously visit and seek her guidance. Last school year, Alli would come home and share how she had spent all of first period making sure that each student had something to eat and their hair brushed. I know Alli will make a good mother because of her empathy and love for her students."



# Meet Alli

*empathetic - patient - loving*

Alli has always loved children. From a young age, Alli started babysitting and grew up on a street full of children. At 12 years old she took her first babysitting class and marketed her babysitting business to neighbors. As Alli got older, she began working at summer camps and was a full-time nanny during the summers.

Alli is a 9th-grade special education teacher which means she works with students who struggle in school. She has always had the desire to be a teacher, and her own struggles to learn only pushed her harder to do so. Alli feels that she hit her stride in learning when she was getting her undergraduate and Master's degrees, both in education.

Alli is very involved with her school community. She is the assistant coach for the JV girls' soccer team and advises the Key Club, a community service organization for students. Outside of school Alli loves working with the Special Olympics ski program. Every winter Alli teaches downhill skiing to those with moderate disabilities. In her personal time, Alli enjoys hiking, rollerblading, watercolor painting, and movie nights with friends.

Alli's favorite pastime is reading. Last year she bought a chair from the thrift store to fix up and make into a special reading chair. She could re-read Harry Potter a million times in a row. Alli grew up being read the book, "Guess How Much I Love You." She has a special collection of the book in different languages that her father has bought for her on his international travels. Alli cannot wait to read this book with the baby.

Alli would do anything for her family. They are her favorite people. Along with her family, Alli cannot live without coffee. In fact, her first full sentence as a child was, "I want coffee." She even started a coffee club at work so that they could all share their love of the drink.

Alli is most looking forward to counting those perfect ten toes and fingers again and again. She can not wait to love a tiny human being with her whole being and heart. It is important to her that your baby feels like the most important person in the whole world.







## Meet Craig

*honest – diligent – reliable*

Craig grew up in Louisville, Kentucky and moved to Cincinnati after graduating college. He started working at an investment company making calls and has climbed the ranks to become a managing director. He manages retirement plans for large companies. Through his work, Craig was also able to get his MBA. He is thrilled that his job allows him to work from home. This flexibility will be extremely helpful as our family grows.

Outside of work, Craig loves being in nature. This ranges from kayaking and fishing on the local river to going on backpacking trips with Alli to playing golf. Craig considers himself a lifelong learner and is always trying new hobbies. At work Craig is involved in the mentorship program to help younger coworkers discover their career paths.

Craig recently began to learn to cook. His current specialty is making short ribs. At family dinners at Alli's parents' house, Craig will jump in and help prepare dinner. He also has been more involved in prepping Thanksgiving dinner.

Craig loves traveling. His favorite trip was to Italy. He loved all the sights, unlimited pasta, and delicious gelato. Craig also loved riding Vespas through the countryside and streets of Florence. Craig also enjoys traveling to Boston. His company's headquarters is there, but he always makes sure to get out and explore the city. He loves getting a lobster roll when he is in town.

Craig enjoys completing projects to improve our house, from landscaping to refinishing the kitchen cabinets. His most recent project was trimming back the branches on the trees around the house.

Craig is most looking forward to being a parent and hearing little feet run through the house. He also can't wait to walk to the local coffee shop as a family on Sunday mornings. Craig cannot wait to be a father and expand the love within our family.







### *A Note From Alli*

"Craig is a selfless partner. He is always checking in to see what I need and how I am feeling. One of the things that I love most about Craig is when he buys me flowers when I have a bad day or when he refills my water cup each night before bed. I know Craig will be an outstanding father just by the way that he treats me."



# Community



We live in a three-bedroom house in one of the most desired neighborhoods in Cincinnati. Our fenced-in backyard has a deck and firepit to enjoy with friends. The yard is plenty large enough to hold a playset with extra room for your child to run around with friends. At the end of our street there is a bike path. We are lucky that we can ride bikes from our house to Alli's parents' house. The bike path also leads to a large park with a playground and hiking trails.

We also love that our neighborhood has so many children who can be playmates for your child. On our street there are currently seven children under the age of five with more on the way. Your child will also have access to great schools to make friends and learn all they can.







closest playground



local park - 3rd largest in Cincinnati



hiking trails



Turn right on the bike path to go to Alli's parents' house and hiking trails. Turn left to go to the library and to get fresh donuts.



Local park - lots of rooms for picnics!



Within a short, 15-minute drive we can get to downtown Cincinnati to access multiple parks, the Cincinnati Zoo, and the Cincinnati Museum Center. Many nearby parks include indoor playgrounds and splash pads, allowing for play all year long. One of Alli's favorite memories growing up was going to the museum center on rainy days and playing in the extensive indoor children's play area. Alli cannot wait to be able to do this with a child.



# Craig's Family

Craig's family lives in Louisville, Kentucky. We live less than two hours apart. Craig's parents frequently come to our house and we often stay weekends with them.

When we are in Louisville we spend lots of time with Craig's sister and their many cousins. This occurs not just on holidays, but also to enjoy sporting events, art fairs, and to support each other's activities.

Craig's parents have been married for 41 years. They met at the University of Kentucky, and Craig and his sister also graduated from there. His parents are both retired, and in their free time they enjoy traveling with each other, nurturing lifelong friendships, and taking walks through their neighborhood.

Craig's family enjoys being around water. This includes swimming in the local pool, or at Lake Cumberland, or at the beach. His family goes to the beach every year with the extended family. This love of water transformed into the family fishing together from the time Craig and his sister were very young. His family also has a love of traveling. They have been all over the US, from California to Disney World in Florida. We cannot wait to share these experiences with your child.

*Craig's sister, Kelsey, with her dog Jake.*



*Out to dinner with Craig's family.*



*Craig holding his cousin's daughter, Ivy.*





Craig's cousin, uncle, and dad at a concert.



Alli with Craig's mom and grandma.



Hanging with cousins.



Craig's family in Florida.



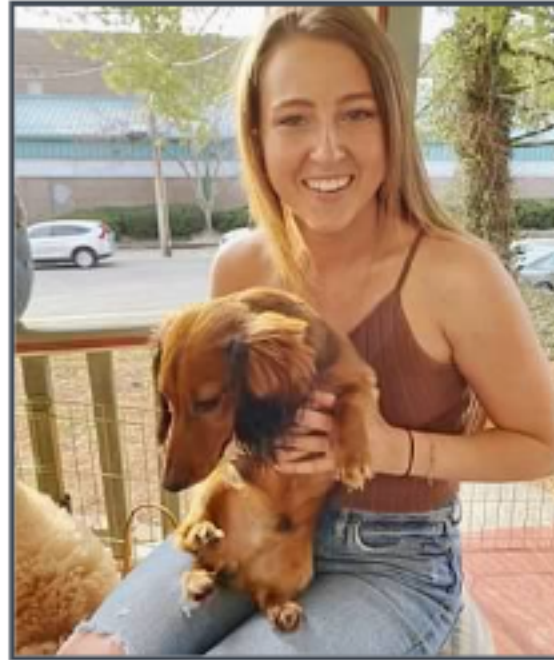
Craig's parents, Barbie and Dave, at Saratoga Race Track.



Alli's dad, Matt, backpacking.



Alli's middle sister, Julia, and her dog, Ernie.



Family vacation on Tybee Island.



Alli's parents celebrating their wedding anniversary.



Festival of Lights at the zoo. Our family goes every year to see the lights and eat sugar-roasted almonds.



Alli's youngest sister, Claire.



Annual girls' trip. This trip was to San Antonio, TX.



Cousin trip to Portland, ME.



## *Alli's Family*

Alli's family all live within a five-minute car ride from each other. We frequently get together with them for a "just because" dinner, and Craig calls us crazy close.

Alli's parents have been married for 31 years. They are ready to retire and spend time with a grandchild. Alli has two younger sisters who are also adults. Her youngest sister has a chromosomal disability so she still lives at home. She might be the most excited about a baby joining our family.

Alli's family goes on a vacation together every summer. We try to find somewhere new to explore, so we rarely repeat where we go. We have been everywhere from hiking in Colorado to Maine. We also love a relaxing beach vacation. In the winter, after the first snow, we all go cross-country skiing together.

Alli's parents love being outside. Her dad has a garden that provides fresh fruits and veggies all summer long. Her mom can be found kayaking, reading, and working with children at the local elementary school.



## *Thanksgiving with Alli's Family*



Every year Alli's family gathers to have Thanksgiving with cousins and close family. It might not be exactly on Thanksgiving Day, but we always make sure to get together. It might come as a surprise, but the men in the family lead this dinner since they are the best chefs!

## *Traditions*

## *Caramel Birthday Cupcakes*



Craig's mother makes her special cupcakes for every birthday. They are amazing vanilla cupcakes with caramel topping. She even makes sure to bring them when we celebrate birthdays in Cincinnati.



## *Christmas Day dinner with Craig's family*



Christmas Day, starting in the late afternoon, is spent at Craig's grandmother's house. His grandmother always makes her famous spaghetti and meat sauce. Craig's cousin recently had a baby who will make a great playmate for your child.

## *Pigabilities*



For the last five years, we have run in an event called "Pigabilities" which is the last mile of the Flying Pig Marathon. It celebrates those who have intellectual disabilities and their athletic abilities. Strollers are allowed and we cannot wait to be able to push one across the finish line.

We have many traditions. Almost all of them revolve around our friends and family. The ones we highlighted here are some of our most treasured.



# Friends

Our friends are a very important part of our circle. They provide us with support, encourage us to grow in our relationship, and make sure we do not take life too seriously. We love the joy they bring to our life!

*Tom & Delaine*  
friends since 2014



"Alli and Craig are not only our best friends, but some of the best people we know. They are one of the most caring and compassionate couples, always checking in to see how life is going, but never prying. They can go with the flow and seldom are rattled by things not going to plan. Their caring natures, compassion, fun-loving personalities, and easygoing attitudes will make them amazing parents."

*Rachael*  
friends since 2001



"Alli and Craig's love and devotion are unconditional and infinite. I have witnessed their persistence and endless shared love within their marriage. Together, they've battled through all challenges that have come their way and become stronger for it. Within their large support system, your child will find themselves accepted, safe, encouraged, and loved."

*Katie & PJ*  
cousins



"We feel so lucky to have known Alli and Craig for most of our lives! We loved them before they met, and it's been such a joy to have watched their relationship grow from the day we introduced them. Alli and Craig are two of the most loving, kind, and nurturing people. They are both very patient and kind. They're constantly surrounded by their large, loving, supportive group of friends and family."













# *Our Promise*

TO YOU AND YOUR BABY

Love fully and unconditionally.

Take risks but own up to our mistakes.

Provide clear and steady boundaries.

Be silly and encourage creativity.

Say sorry and mean it.

Try even when things get hard.

Explore the world and cultivate passions.

Respect others, even when they think differently.

Above all else,

honor our child's past and foster their future.





Thank you for taking the time to get to know us better. We are grateful to be able to share a window into our life with you. To say that it would be an honor to provide your child with a loving home is a true understatement and a privilege that we would not take lightly. We wish you peace, strength, and clarity as you walk through your journey.

*With love,  
Craig & Alli*