

Brett and Laura





Hello!

We are Brett and Laura from Chicago, Illinois. We live in a great neighborhood with our daughter Charlotte and dog Dante.

We decided to adopt because we are unable to have another child biologically but we have so much love to give and cannot wait to see another child grow up. Our daughter loves children and would be the best big sister! We are hoping for an open adoption to give your child all the support and love they deserve from all familial relationships. We dream of seeing our children grow up in our happy and loving home where they can feel supported in creating the life of their dreams. We are excited to see our children ride a bike, slide down a slide, learn to swim, tour the world and just find joy in our beautiful world. Thank you so much for choosing to read about us. We would love to get to know you more!



OUR STORY

We have so much in common that it would seem that we were destined to be from the beginning! We first met at a mutual friends' housewarming party after we both had moved home to Chicago (Laura from Tennessee and Brett from Wisconsin). That night we began to talk about our adventurous childhoods, dreams of the future and our families. We discovered that we were both going to Soldier Field for different events that following weekend: Brett to a Northwestern fundraiser, and Laura to a glow-in-the-dark 5K. Brett waited until the 5K was over and then ran down all the steps from the Soldier Field dome, jumped over the fence and onto the field. We danced, laughed and kissed, then it was sealed! Six and a half years later, we are still each other's best friends. We have deep conversations, tackle tough challenges, and find joy in traveling and funny Tik Toks. We are excited to share our love, persistence, and joy with your child.



Meet Laura

“Laura is a warm, outgoing, and positive person. She loves to try new adventures and is always planning something to do for the weekend from a museum, to an art show, to a food festival.

She truly can find joy in any part of life, and loves to take us along with her! Laura brought me balance while letting me know it is okay to let go and enjoy life. Laura is also the comfort in our home. Whether we are having a hard day or going through a tough phase in life, Laura is there with a comforting hug and a smile. She is very good at redirecting and correcting behaviors and finding the positive in events, making her one of the most loving parents I know. Most of all she loves to get together with friends and family whether it is formal or on the fly, especially when it involves all of us. Laura and I are so excited to welcome a child into our home and we hope you will give us that opportunity.”

—Brett

Things that make Laura happy

- Funny jokes
- Chasing Charlotte and Dante around the house
- My students succeeding
- Charlotte being silly
- A good book



LAURA'S CAREER

Laura is a Chemistry and Biotechnology teacher to English as a Second Language students. She loves to help her students see the fun and joy in science with hands-on projects and experiments. She is also a special education teacher and works hard to make science accessible to all students. It is her favorite thing to hear a student say, "this is easy" or see their happy faces when they are engaged in an activity.



Meet Brett

“When I first met Brett it was at my childhood friend and her husband’s housewarming party. The delight on their faces told me that he must be something special, and indeed he is.

Brett is calm, dependable and loves to find a good Tik Tok shake restaurant or dance club. He is the best father, as he is patient, affectionate, and loves to chase our daughter around the house. He truly understands what it means to be a father, which is more than just playing tag, but involves brushing teeth, putting kids on the bus, and working on homework. I often find Brett and Charlotte cuddled up on the couch watching Star Wars together. When I met Brett I knew he’d be an amazing husband, but had no idea what a strong partner he would be. He finds the joy in the hardest moments from losing his father to my miscarriage. He keeps our family moving forwards, holding our hands to reach the light on the other side. He is always there for us and I cannot wait to see the joy and strength he brings to our future child.”

—Laura

Things that make Brett happy

- Tickling Charlotte
- Hilarious TikToks
- Charlotte excited about anything
- Being someplace warm
- Watching movies



BRETT'S CAREER

Brett works in the rental car business which gives us the great perk of allowing us to have a free rental car whenever we travel! He does an amazing job mentoring his workers and building great relationships. He knows all the ins and outs of how to make his team successful and customers happy.



Meet Charlotte

Charlotte is our 3.5 year-old playful, biological child. She is rambunctious, curious, loves to make you laugh and does any daring thing she can do from jumping off the couch onto blankets, to going down super high waterslides.



Charlotte loves to watch movies, play with slime, or run around the house with our dog Dante. She is an adventurous eater and loves things like hummus, avocado, olives, and pickles. Charlotte cannot wait to be an older sister. When we asked her if she wanted a brother or sister, she said both! She asks us daily when our baby is going to get here so she can take care of it. She also tells other people we are just waiting for them to come, but they can visit the baby when it gets here. Charlotte loves to hold babies, calm them by telling them "shh, it's ok your mommy is here" and sing songs. Our favorite activities to do with Charlotte is to show her the world from swimming at our local pool, to traveling to the Cayman Islands to see the Manta Rays. We try to go to a museum, pool, ice skating rink, movie, or something every weekend. We love seeing her eyes light up with new ideas for everything she sees. We cannot wait to share this enthusiasm with her sibling!

We will teach our children

- To be kind
- To be personable
- To solve problems
- To be adventurous
- To be curious



Our Home



We share our home
with our adorable dog
🐾 Dante!



We are blessed to live in a cozy neighborhood full of loving neighbors with lots of young children running around. Our spacious home allows us to host movie nights, family parties, and also a comfortable space for us to eat and play together as a family. Our favorite parts of our home are our giant backyard with a pavilion to shelter us from the sun and provide a place for outdoor dinners. We also love our finished basement full of toys to give us a great indoor space in the winter.

We live by a beautiful park with multiple playgrounds, a duck pond, an outdoor waterpark and a sledding hill. In the winter we spend hours going up and down the sledding hill as fast as we can. We also enjoy year-round walks to the park with our neighborhood friends.

Chicago has crazy weather, so we get to enjoy bright spring flowers, warm summer nights, cozy falls, and snowy winters. We make the most of each season by planting a garden in the spring, boating and camping in the summer, going to outdoor concerts in the fall, and sledding and skiing in the winter. We also spend a lot of time traveling to as many places a year as possible from Mexico to Canada to Italy as well as Florida to see Laura's parents.

Our Family



Nonnie, Poppie, Grandma, Aunt Liz, Uncle Derek, Aunt Colleen, Uncle Jon, Averie and Aidan, and our own cousins, great aunts and uncles are so excited to meet our future baby!



We love our home and most weekends there is a family member hanging out or eating dinner with us. We enjoy countless events with my cousins and their families from birthdays, to christenings, to block parties. We travel about every two months to a new destination with Grandma or visit Nonnie and Poppie in Florida. Every summer we spend a week in a resort with a circle of cabins filled with Brett's extended family. We swim, fish, play volleyball, or just sit with them and watch the sun go down. Each Christmas we travel to Disneyworld with Grandma to get some Florida sun in our matching pjs. Every spring break we head to Puerto Vallarta Mexico to enjoy the beach, restaurants, and joy that Mexico brings. We know our baby will be snuggled by everyone and grow from each adventure.





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Thank you!

We are so happy you chose to read our profile and are in awe of how courageous you are to choose this path for you and your child.

We look forward to future communication with you and a lifetime of openness to give your child the best well-rounded relationships they deserve. We hope to talk to you soon!