



LAURA AND JAMISON

DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

We cannot even begin to imagine the thoughts and feelings you must be having right now. Whatever your circumstance may be, we want to thank you for taking a moment to take the first steps in getting to know us. We will never know what it is like to be in your shoes, feel your feelings, and do what you have set out to do. But what we do know, is that we can provide your baby with a loving, caring, and fun environment to grow up in to be the person they were born to be. We are a good mix of organization and carefree, of logic and fly by the seat of your pants, of fun and seriousness, of play time and work time, of expectations and passion, of considerate and accountable. We are active people who enjoy long adventures to relaxing days at the beach. We would love the opportunity to bring a child into our lives to share with him or her all the wonderful things that make us, us.

Our names are Laura and Jamison Smith. We live in a quiet beach town in Southern California. Jamison is a Fire Captain and Laura is a Behavior Analyst who provides behavioral therapy and parent training to children and families with Autism, other developmental disabilities, and families who might need a little extra support. We are active and enjoy swimming (well Laura does), cycling, and running to stay healthy. If the sun is out, you will most likely find us sitting at the beach or walking the streets of our town. We enjoy cooking, reading good books (Jamison likes mystery and Laura enjoys nonfiction), and traveling around the world. Both of us view family as an important part of our life and cannot wait to have our own.

Getting to know someone can be hard, changes are hard. We want you to know that we value your health and safety as well as that of your unborn baby. We are open to semiprivate adoption and providing you with pictures and short emails a few times a year shall you want to know how your baby is doing. Thank you for trusting us and taking the time to learn more about us. It would be an honor to raise your baby and we look forward to being matched with you.

Yours Truly, Laura and Jamison



WHY ADOPTION?

The funny thing is, on our second date, we both talked about the idea of adoption and how it was something that both of us saw as part of our futures. We are healthy people who believe in maintaining healthy lifestyles. Consequently, we believe that the human body will successfully reproduce if it is supposed to. Therefore, the use of treatment to facilitate reproduction was not an option for us. We are content with this decision. We want to be parents and after trying to conceive for a year and one miscarriage, we have opened the doors to adoption.

We both experienced a culturally diverse childhood but for different reasons.

Jamison grew up in a town that was home to many different cultures. Laura was able to experience culture by having the opportunity to travel around the world.

Today, Jamison and I value a culturally diverse community.

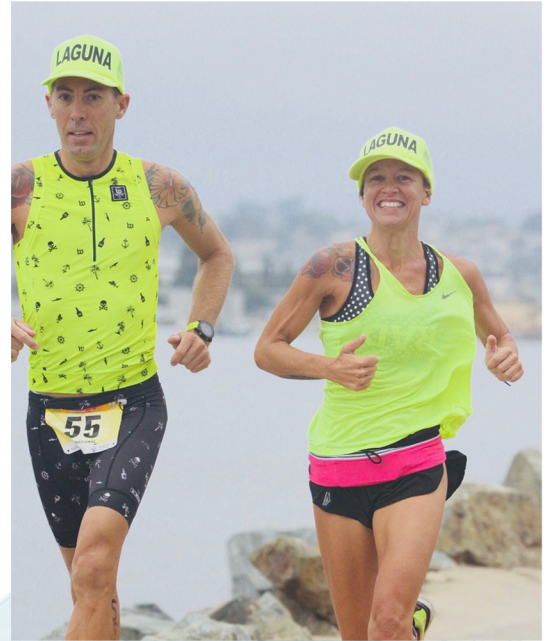
While we welcome the opportunity to parent any healthy child, we have always wanted to parent a child whose family may have come from a different culture. We are excited that adoption has the potential to provide us with that opportunity.



Adoption is a journey. One can do all the research in the world to educate themselves on the process however, what makes adoption special is the physical journey both the birth mother and adoptive parents get to experience. Things happen for a reason. There is a reason we are here, there is a reason you have found our profile.

ABOUT LAURA

I was born and raised on the east coast in New York and moved to Southern California after college. I knew from a young age that I wanted to work with children in some capacity. Upon graduating from college, I started working as a behavior therapist working with children with autism. I have been helping families, parents, and children ever since. I am a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst. I have been practicing for 19 years. I am a Department Director in a Pediatric Clinic that provides Occupational, Physical, Speech, and Behavioral Therapy to children. I also get to work with each family in the home setting providing parent training on developmental milestones and discipline strategies. I love my job. When I am not working, I spend most of my time with my family, my husband.



I am generally a happy, carefree individual. I am a helper by nature. I am extremely patient. I just want everyone around me to be happy. I am so in love my husband and it makes me so happy that we have some many hobbies in common. Consequently, we spend a lot of time together and I wouldn't have it any other way. I have always wanted to have a family of my own. I try every day to be an exceptional wife to my husband. I know that I will also be an exceptional parent to a child. I'm hoping adoption can make that dream come true for my husband and I.

I LOVE...

swimming
cycling
running
cooking
traveling
beach time
our chihuahua!

ABOUT JAMISON

I work as a Fire Captain with a large fire department in Southern California. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my wife, planning travel, cooking, cycling and running. I really enjoy my job and training for endurance sports because it suits my personality. Being organized, determined, a hard worker, and a planner suits my lifestyle and is a good yang to my wife's more laid-back personality.



I LOVE...

endurance sports
cycling
running
cooking
traveling

I really love spending time and life with my wife and would like to grow our family to share all of the wonderful things we do. We have a lot of fun together, agree on parenting styles, and really want to raise a child together. I am very organized and plan. Laura likes to take care of things as they are presented to her. I am always on the go. Laura likes to go slow. Our different ways of doing things and looking at the world, are what make us a strong team, and would benefit how we approach parenting.



ABOUT LAURA, FROM JAMISON

My wife Laura has the biggest heart out of anyone I have ever met. All she wants is for everyone around her is to be happy. She is very patient and laid back until it comes to her passion of children's behavior, which is what she does as a profession. This is where she comes alive, is a leader, and really knows she can make a difference. Laura absolutely loves her job as a behavioral analyst for children with disabilities and autism. I love that I get to see the smile on her face when she talks about work, because she loves it so much. Behavior therapy is truly a passion for her, not a job. Laura would be a good parent because she is fun, caring, values family, and knows what does and does not work, since she has basically taught dozens of parents, how to properly parent their children throughout her career.

ABOUT JAMISON, FROM LAURA

My husband Jamison is one of the funniest people I have ever met. He is my best friend. He lets me know every day how loved and appreciated I am. I honestly believe that Jamison was brought into my life to make up for my deficits. He is logical and efficient. He planned our entire wedding in France from our couch in Southern California. He is always looking out for my best interest. He is supportive but will always provide another perspective so that I can make the right choice. Jamison is going to be the best father. His tenacity and passion for life keeps me going. When I want to quit, he guides me. He is accountable and probably the most dependable person I know. He has taught me the importance of morals and values. I fully trust that he will be all of this if not more when he becomes a father. Jamison and I have had a lot of conversations on parenting. Just like every other facet of our life, we believe to be the best parents, you need to work together and be a team. Team Smith is ready for this adventure.



OUR FAMILY

Our family is small, it's us, and our 14-year-old Chihuahua, Nacho. We spend as much of our free time as possible, together. We both value family and look forward to sharing it with a child.



We come from very similar but very different families. Similarly, we both grew up in a home with our Mother, Father, and we both have Brothers. We both lived in neighborhoods that had many other children the same age. We were always playing outside and active. What makes our families different was the way in which we were raised. We find these differences to be a blessing in disguise as it provided us with a plethora of examples of what to do and what not to do when it comes time for us to have our own family. We are still very close with our families. Jamison's family lives 20 minutes away and we see them frequently for dinners and holidays. Laura's family lives on the East Coast. We face time weekly to keep them up to date with our lives as well as to be in touch with theirs. We try to see Laura's family 2-3 times per year. Last year, our families joined us in France for our wedding. We were so grateful to share the experience with them.



We love family traditions! Since we have started dating, we have started a few new traditions. One that we need help on is getting Jamison to wear matching pajamas on Christmas, maybe a baby in matching board shorts will solidify this tradition for us!

We also eat tacos every single Tuesday no matter what's going on or where we are!



OUR HOME AND COMMUNITY

We, at least once per day, talk about how much we love our home. We live in a three-bedroom cottage just steps from the beach. Our home is spacious and organized but also, relaxing and comfortable. We have a fenced in backyard that is perfect for evening BBQ's and a large front terrace that is perfect for lounging. We live on a quiet street and are within walking distance to the beach, parks, shops, and restaurants. Our community is small. While it can be vibrant and full of life during the summer months, it resorts to being a sleepy beach town during the winter. It is an incredibly peaceful place to be when the sun is coming up and all you hear is the sound of the waves crashing.



Our home and community are safe. We leave windows open for the ocean breeze all year long. Our community is also home to some of the best schools in the area. Our local schools rank in the top 25 of best school districts in California. Our neighborhoods are full of families and children. Whether at the beach, the park, or just out for a walk you will always find others outside playing and socializing. We also love that our community offers a lot to its families including concerts in the park, a public art walk every Thursday, a free trolley that picks you up and takes you throughout the town, as well as many other events and festivals. We might be biased but we truly believe our home and community is the most wonderful place and would be perfect to raise a child.

FROM OUR HEART TO YOURS

The adoption journey is a special yet heartfelt experience. Its unique in that it tugs on the heart strings of everyone involved. Everyone's life is so different. For whatever reason, we have been brought together and our family profile has been placed before you. We can sit here and write a million things that might make us stand out from other profiles. But words don't do anyone justice and we believe actions are what set people apart. We hope that you can find a way to trust our words and open your heart to us. We know that we will make mistakes but promise that we will be the best parents that we can be for your baby. We wish for you to be content with your decision to place your baby up for adoption and find peace in knowing that your baby will be loved extensively.

