



Carly Jo & Chance



“faith is taking the first step even when
you don’t see the whole staircase”
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

HELLO,

Thank you for getting to know us--we are excited to get to know you as well. We know this is a difficult and confusing time. We hope that you feel supported and loved no matter where you are at in your journey.

We are honored you would consider us as you plan for your future. If you decide to make an adoption plan, we promise to respect you and whatever level of openness and contact that you want to have with your child. We are full of hope that our lives might intersect with yours and the life of a beautiful child will forever be better for this journey we choose together. We hope through the words and pictures in this book you can get a glimpse into our lives and that this may be the beginning of something beautiful.

our hearts are with you, Carly Jo and Chance



HOW IT BEGAN

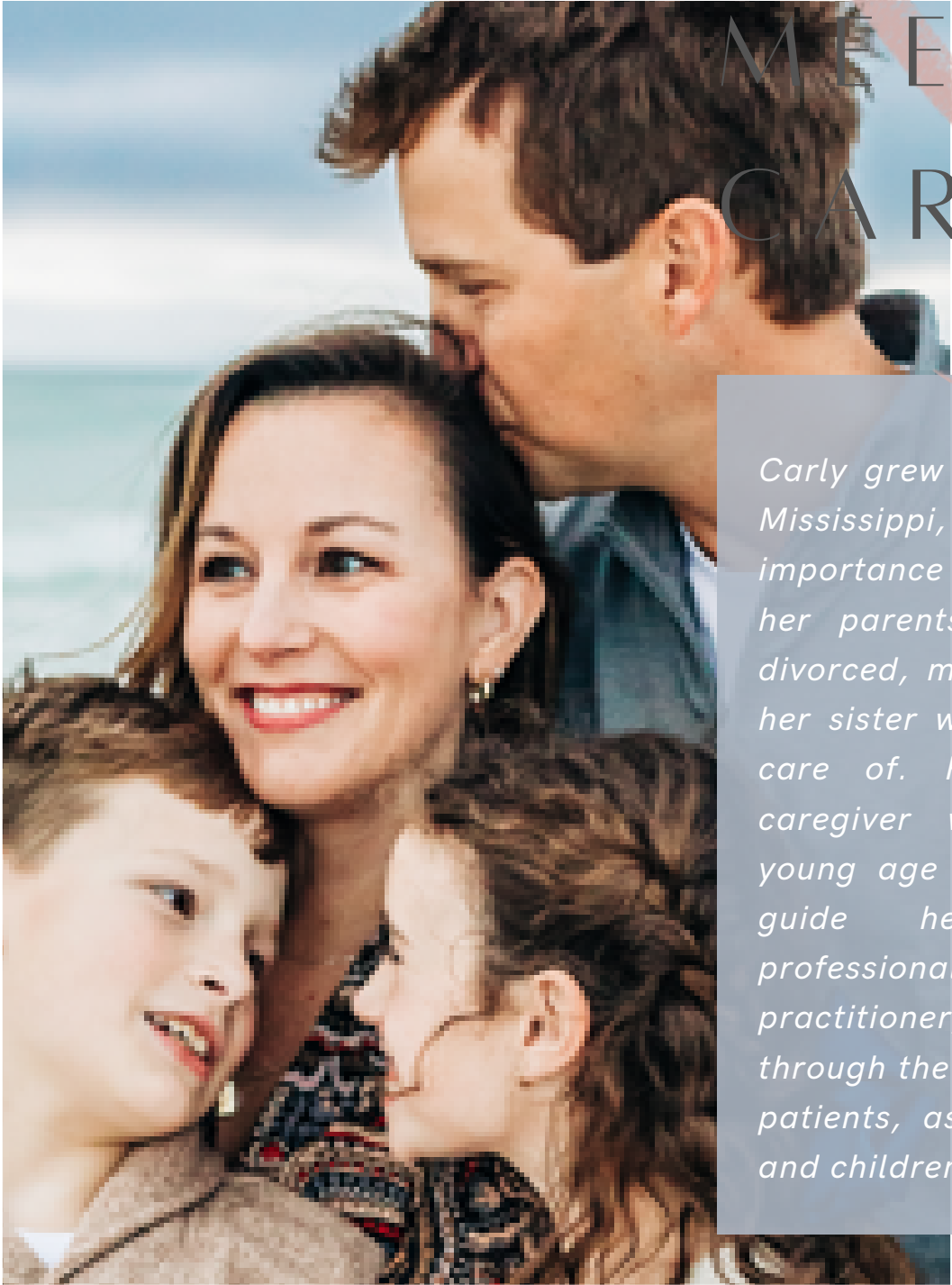


I met Chance, a senior, my freshman year of college. I was immediately drawn to his maturity, quiet demeanor, and handsome looks. We shared a similar upbringing in rural towns and a love for football, family, and the South. For Chance, I was easy-going and nurturing and we fell in love quickly. We've been married now for 15 years. Though we could never anticipate the highs and lows of our lives, with each new milestone, we have grown stronger and more in love than we were when we first met.



Why we are adopting

Carly struggled with the birth of our biological son, Ty. The process of conceiving again was no longer an option for us. We knew we wanted to continue to grow our family. In 2014, we were blessed by the adoption of our daughter, McKenna. We have always desired to have a larger family. We are lucky to have an incredibly supportive family behind our choice to adopt again and who are eager to meet the newest member of our family.



MEET CARLYJO

Carly grew up in a small town in Mississippi, where she learned the importance of love and care from her parents, who despite being divorced, made sure that she and her sister were always well taken care of. Her desire to be a caregiver was evident from a young age and has continued to guide her academic and professional career. As a nurse practitioner, she finds purpose through the attention she gives her patients, as well as her husband and children.

Nurse Practitioner

a few favorites

reading -- dancing -- yoga -- cooking

Carly is kind, strong, and devoted

When she's not working, Carly loves to cook and can often be found in the kitchen with her kids, just as she did with her mother and grandmother growing up. She also enjoys dancing, listening to music, reading, and cozying up on the couch at home to a good romantic comedy.

Carly is kind, strong, and deeply devoted to everything she does. She will be there for her friends and family to celebrate the good times and to hold and support in hard times. She is stylish, creative and amazing at achieving any task or event. She is thoughtful, detail oriented, and laid back enough to adjust or go with the flow when things don't go according to plan. She loves snuggles and reading books with the kids, fresh air in the summer and hot drinks and cozy blankets in the winter.

from Chance



MEET CHANCE

Chance was raised in a small town in Mississippi, where he spent his childhood surrounded by the joys of farm life, fishing, and family. His mother's Italian heritage instilled in him a deep appreciation for her cooking and her love for Jesus. His father, on the other hand, taught him the value of hard work and respect for the great outdoors. He is passionate about ensuring his children have the same opportunities he had as a child and that they are always well taken care of.

Assistant Manager

a few favorites

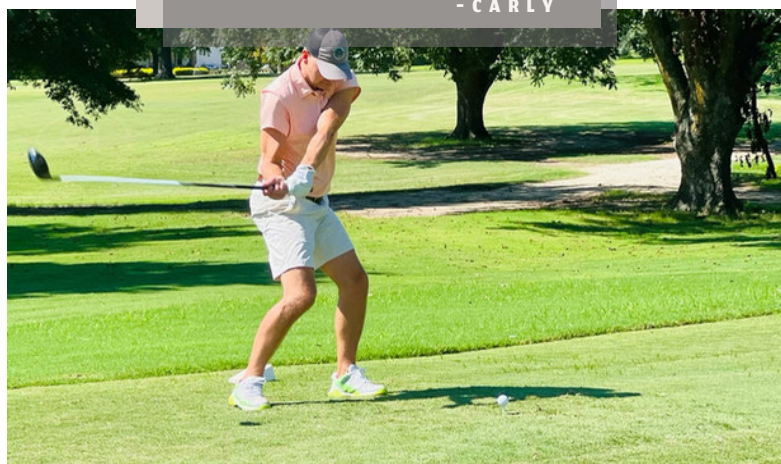
fishing - golf - football - the lake

Chance is an associate manager on a sod farm where he utilizes his degree in Turf Grass Management. When he's not working, he enjoys spending time with his children, taking them fishing, golfing, and watching sporting events. He is often found coaching their teams or putting in extra practice in the yard at home. Despite his busy schedule, Chance always makes time for his loved ones.

Chance is a selfless, hardworking, and caring individual who puts his family and friends above all else. He is a natural provider and protector for our family.



I just adore
how much
Chance values
time with family.
- CARLY





MEET OUR KIDS

McKenna + Ty



TY IS KNOWN BY FRIENDS AND TEACHERS ALIKE FOR HIS LOYALTY, KINDNESS, AND INTELLIGENCE. HE ENJOYS READING, PLAYING BASKETBALL, AND VIDEO GAMES. THIS YEAR HE IS LEARNING TO PLAY THE STEEL DRUMS AND ACOUSTIC GUITAR. HE IS MOST EXCITED ABOUT HAVING A SIBLING TO TEACH THEM THINGS HE WISHED HE HAD KNOWN GROWING UP, AND LOOKING OUT FOR THEM AS AN OLDER BROTHER.

TY, AGE 11

FAVORITES:
PIZZA
MARIO BROS.
JOKES
BASKETBALL



McKENNA. Age 9



Favorites:
Spaghetti
Roblox
Talking with friends
Soccer



they can't wait for another sibling

McKenna was the most amazing gift I never expected. Although we had no doubt that adoption was the right step, we could not have fathomed how naturally she would integrate with our family. I cannot imagine what our family would be without her. She knows she was adopted, and it has always been an open conversation in our family. She is proud of this fact and knows how much our family is blessed with her in it. Because of this, she is most excited to be going through this process again. She is eager to have a younger sibling to love and teach them how special they are.

MEET DELTA

our miniature goldendoodle, has been a cherished part of our family for three years. She is mild-mannered, smart, and absorbs attention. The kids teach her new tricks and fetching the ball. She will even sit with us at the dinner table in an open chair, which our friends and family find comical.





WELCOME TO OUR HOME

Our home is our sanctuary. Most of our cherished moments are spent at home, where we find comfort and solace from the craziness of work and school. We moved into the house about five years ago and redesigned the interior to create an open floor plan that incorporates togetherness and comfort. We enjoy hosting friends and family therefore having an inviting space was essential.



home to us is.....

Our weekends are mostly spent cooking dinners, enjoying movies and games with the kids. We also love attending music concerts together, as a song can bring so much emotion and memories. You will often find us dancing around the house to music from everything Bruno Mars to Adele.

Our best friends have kids similar in age who have grown up together. We meet every Sunday evening for dinner as a family. We've been doing this since they were first born.



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We love our community

about our neighborhood

We believe there is much wisdom in the proverb “it takes a village to raise a child,” not just because you need help in raising children, but we believe the quality of life and education are dramatically increased by our relationships and we grow as people when we open our minds and hearts to the experiences of others.

Our neighborhood association is known for hosting family events such as Halloween parties, Fourth of July parades, and back-to-school functions. You can often find a food truck in the neighborhood, and families riding around in golf carts to visit friends. Our cove is securely situated behind the local public high school, where you can hear football games and the band playing during the school year. We also have a luscious Greenline for outdoor activities such as walking and biking.





Our life TOGETHER

Every summer, we travel to the beach to visit Carly's dad and step-mother. Our kids are drawn to the water. We spend our summers on the lake or in the backyard pool. We travel to sporting events and are always up for a new adventure.

We try to plan vacations with the kids to allow them to experience the world. Our favorite trip as a family was recently to Universal Studios, where the adults had just as much fun as the kids. No rollercoaster was too scary, and the kids are already talking about the next time we go back.

life is short and it is here to be lived



t h e h o l i d a y s

we love to celebrate

Most holidays are spent with a mixture of family members and friends and we love to host. Being from a blended family, we embrace the mixture of religions and culture in our home. Our new tradition is spending Thanksgiving at the beach. It's a nice change of pace from the summer heat to fall and bonfires on the beach. When we're at the beach, the kids are recharged, and there is a unique appreciation for life as you step away from the chaos of everyday. Carly Jo grew up where every holiday was celebrated, not just the major ones. Life is too short not to enjoy the little moments that bring joy and happiness for the kids. We decorate often and celebrate big.

This is our family



Chance's parents were married until his mother passed away. His father was previously married, and Chance has a half-sister from that marriage. She and her husband live nearby with their three older children, who have become role models for our kids. His dad visits frequently and we cherish having his sister and kids close to us.



Carly's parents divorced early on but remained close supporting her and her younger sister. They often spend holidays and events together despite being separated. Carly's dad is remarried, and her mother now lives nearby. She is great help with the kids. Her sister lives in Chicago with her husband and two kids.



Our promise to you

Our promise to you is that we will love and treasure the beautiful life that you carried and nourished. We will devote our lives to providing a joyful, safe and unconditionally loving home. We will raise this child to have a deep appreciation for you and the decision you have made. This special child will be raised in a home full of love and laughter, given the freedom to become the person they choose to be and will be surrounded with support from family and friends alike.



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THANK YOU