

# Amy & Wiley



A GLIMPSE INTO OUR LIFE



# SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU!

We can only imagine what this journey has been like for you. Trying to figure out the best option for you and your child must be emotionally overwhelming. The time, thought, and energy you have put into this decision we're sure has not come easy. But putting your child's needs and future first is what already makes you a good mother. We deeply admire your bravery.

Our journey has had its own emotional challenges. After not being able to get pregnant, we spent months researching our fertility options and meeting with local adoption agencies. Through prayer and faith, it became very clear to us that families can be built through love. God has been preparing our hearts and our home to grow our family through adoption for a few years now. This is a decision we made with profound faith. Rest assured we are ready to provide a life for your child where he or she will experience the greatest level of love, joy, and support. What an honor it will be to help make his or her dreams come true.

As you move forward in getting to know us through this little book, our desire is that you experience more and more peace as you turn each page. Our life together has been filled with so much love and we want to invite you into our hearts so we can share this love with you and your child.



# OUR LOVE STORY

We met in July 2012 at dinner with mutual friends. It didn't take long before we noticed each other. Our conversation lasted until the restaurant was about to close. That night marked the beginning of our life together. The first "I Love You" was said when we got home from a Michael Bublé concert. It was a very sweet and romantic moment because we both knew this was meant to last forever. Two years later Wiley proposed in front of a Christmas tree by a cozy fire in December 2014.

We were married on January 16th, 2016 with over 200 family and friends filling the pews. We felt it was important to incorporate certain Mexican wedding traditions into the ceremony. This included the wedding lasso (or El Lazo), which symbolizes the joining of two lives, along with the 13 coins (or Las Arras Matrimoniales) that the Groom presents to the bride as a representation of Jesus and His disciples, as well as the Grooms commitment to provide for his family. Both of us are fans of the Frank Sinatra era of music and we were able to find a cover band that played that genre of music at the reception. It was a lovely night of dinner and dancing.



It wasn't long before we knew we had something special.





We have been married now for seven beautiful years. Throughout this time, God has continued to be our foundation and strength. Our faith drives our commitment to each other. There is no doubt we are a team. We are not afraid to be pushed out of our comfort zone because it has only proven to make us stronger. There is no problem that we can't solve together. Making time for fun is a priority for us. But what we love most about our marriage is we make each other laugh a lot!



# MY HUSBAND, WILEY



Wiley makes me laugh all the time! Even if he's not trying to, his sense of humor always shines through. What I admire the most about him is his sense of calm. Wiley is very resilient, optimistic, and a problem solver. Relationships matter a great deal to him. Friends and family seek him out for advice and he is someone they can count on. He excels in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and he has proven that this sport is more about mental strength than physical strength. He always has a story to tell, an engaging question to ask, or solid advice to give. Wiley is a man of God, a natural protector, and a loving husband.

I met Wiley when his two sons, Baylor and Bryson, were 9 and 6 years old. Watching him interact with them is one of the reasons I fell in love with him. No matter what phase in life Baylor and Bryson were in, he knew how to adjust his expectations.

Wiley cares for them the way a father should and makes sure they know they can always count on him. They are young adults now, and it is very apparent all the good Wiley instilled in them growing up. I love the way he interacts with our nieces and nephews or his friend's kids. He likes to ask them questions that spark new thoughts or ideas in them. It's very intriguing and adorable, and a lot of times funny, to listen in on the conversations.

Wiley is looking forward to passing down his values, love, resources, and faith as a father through adoption. He sees it as a privilege to be able to offer himself in this way to a birth mother and her child.





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My greatest wish is for my children to feel and know that they are deeply loved and supported by me, always.



# MY WIFE, AMY



There is no doubt that Amy is a physically attractive woman, but her personality is even more attractive. She is very funny, and she makes me laugh a lot. She is also smart, friendly, and generous. She truly feels for others and wants nothing but the best for them, especially for her family and close friends.

Because of her wonderful qualities, I know she will be a mother that is loving, kind, and generous with her time and herself. Amy has a lot of experience interacting with children. Her sister has two children and she has been deeply involved in their lives from the day they were born. I have two boys from my previous marriage and Amy has been in their lives since they were 9 and 6 years old. Although they are now young adults, she is still very active in their lives.

Her relationship with each kid is valuable to her. I know she and our child will both enjoy the most loving and rich bond that every mother and child deserves. I am really looking forward to seeing her raise a child.





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My greatest wish for my children is for them to experience the highest level of happiness every day.



# MORE ABOUT AMY

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My occupation is medical sales. Currently, I focus most of my efforts on eye doctors. I work from home but also meet doctors in their clinics to educate them on ways to better care for their patients. My company values a work/life balance, and my management team supports this by encouraging time with family. I'm planning to take maternity leave once a baby joins our family and then hire a part-time nanny until the baby is a year old. Childcare will continue at a local Montessori or daycare through Pre-K.

Living in Colorado has provided us with the opportunity to enjoy nature. Wiley and I make it a priority to enjoy the mountains in any way we can. This includes hiking, snowboarding, skiing, or spending a long weekend in a nearby mountain town. My health is important to me so I enjoy exercising. Thankfully I found a gym where I have met some incredibly amazing and strong individuals that I call my friends. Lap swimming is an activity that I do often as well. There is a local ceramic shop where I go to paint. It's a very mentally relaxing activity. Other things I love are playing with my adorable dogs, music, movies, spending quality time with family and friends when possible, and volunteering at our church gift shop.



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I am looking forward to the love and joy that will come with adding to our family. I am more than ready to embrace every phase.





## MORE ABOUT WILEY

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Since I graduated from college, I have been in medical sales selling pharmaceuticals and medical devices to physicians. I really enjoy bringing medical value to doctors and their patients. A great advantage of this career is how flexible and family-friendly it is. I work from home and visit doctors in their clinics or during surgery when needed.

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My friends would say that I am dependable, funny, and always up for the next adventure.



Amy and I love to spend time in the mountains. During the winter season, we ski and snowboard. And during the other seasons, we take our dogs on mountain hikes. We even go fly fishing from time to time. My other interests and hobbies include volunteering at Meals on Wheels for a couple of hours each week, golfing, and practicing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Last year I finished writing my first book. It's a short adventure novel about a young boy and a wolf. I consider this one of my most valued accomplishments.

Although this will not be my first time to parent, I am looking forward to the opportunity of parenting again through the blessing of adoption. The world can be wonderful, but difficult at times. So I consider it a privilege to guide and prepare him or her to successfully navigate their way. Watching them grow and experiencing milestones with them is going to bring an incredible amount of joy in our home.

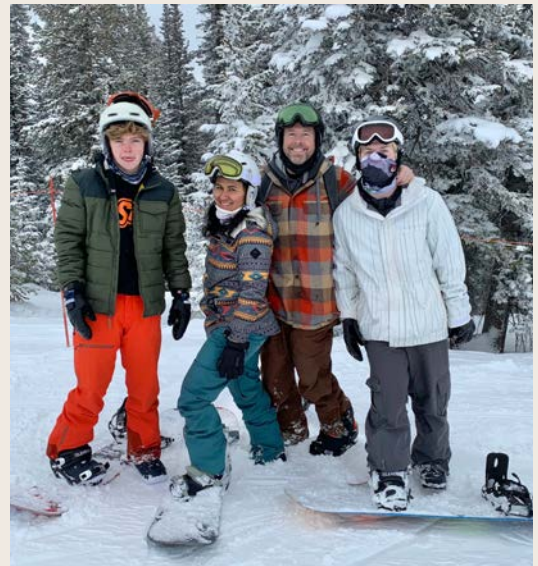


# OUR BOYS



Bryson is 18 years old. He is a senior in high school and will be attending college next fall. Bryson is a very observant young man. He likes to learn about the successes of others and make mental notes. If he's curious, he asks questions. There is a high level of determination inside of him that has allowed him to be successful in areas that interest him. He cares deeply about his friends and family and shares his dad's sense of adventure.

Baylor is 20 years old. He is attending college and majoring in journalism. Baylor has the most contagious smile. He is very social and has a lot of friends. When Baylor was younger, he really enjoyed drawing and was very good at it. That level of creativity has stayed with him throughout his life. Baylor approaches each day with a purpose. If he needs or wants something, he doesn't hesitate to go after it. However, he does proceed with caution when necessary. And when it comes to his family and society, he has a great deal of empathy.



Since Wiley had children from a previous marriage, we had the opportunity to parent together in a unique way. We always wanted them to feel our support, no matter what phase in life they were in. They are young adults now, and it is clear the impact we were able to make in their lives. There is an incredible level of openness, honesty, and comfort between all of us. It's an amazing feeling to see the good choices they are making.

Both Baylor and Bryson were pleasantly surprised when we shared the news with them that we were planning to adopt. Their questions showed so much joy in what this means for our family and for an expectant mother. It was beautiful to see their hearts working in this way. This is an experience they are approaching with a great deal of love and gratitude.





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## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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Since moving to Colorado, nature has become our playground. Snowboarding, hiking with our dogs, fishing, or spending a long weekend in a mountain town are a few of our favorite pastimes. Being in the mountains gives us peaceful freedom, even if only for a short time.

Dining at one of our favorite local eateries is a classic date night for us. We also enjoy cooking at home while listening to different genres of music and enjoying a glass of wine.





When it's time to relax, catching up on a good series or watching a movie is also top of the list for us. In the fall, we enjoy watching football together and even going to a couple of games. We like the NFL but nothing excites us more than college football!

We are blessed to have two of the most wonderful dogs in the world. Kai and Ozzy are German Shepherds. When the boys were growing up, Kai was used to kids running in and out of the house, playing in the yard, and having many sleepovers. Ozzy is the sweetest dog on earth. All he wants is to love and be loved. The kids in our neighborhood that have met Ozzy absolutely love him.

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# OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

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## Wiley's Family



Wiley's family includes his mother Rebekah and husband Jim, and his deceased father Wiley. His siblings on his mom's side include Beth and her husband Jeremy and their three children: Lacy (9), Brady (7), and Dylan (5). His brother Jake is married to Megan and they have Rylan (19), Layla (13), Lucy (8), Arden (7), and Neely (5). He also has a brother, Zach. From his dad's side, his sister Brittney and her husband Jeff have two daughters: Talley (12) and Piper (11).

When we shared the news that we chose adoption to expand our family, many tears of joy were shed on both sides. They are all thrilled to welcome a baby through adoption!



## Amy's Family



Amy's family includes her parents Manuel and Modesta, her sister Annaly and husband Scott. Their children are Gabby (15) and Jens (12).

Both of our families are very loving and close-knit. We are always looking out for each other, ready to provide support when needed. But the best way to describe our extended families is laughter. It happens a lot when we are together. In our opinion, there is no other family with more love and support for each other. Quality time together is important to us so we do our best to visit one another as often as possible.

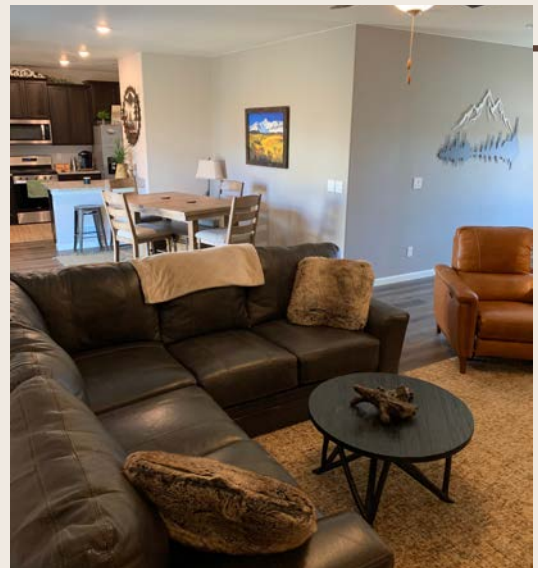
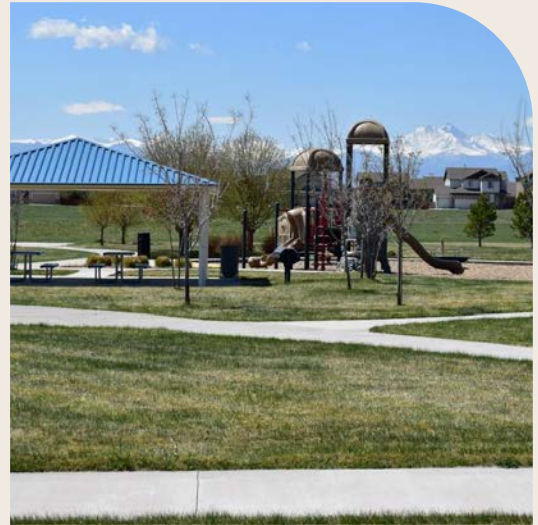




## OUR HOME & COMMUNITY

We live in a two-story house with 3 bedrooms and 2½ baths, and a large backyard where we play frisbee a lot with our dogs. It is a new build in a family-friendly neighborhood just outside of town surrounded by farmland, gorgeous views of the Rocky Mountains, and multiple parks.

There are a ton of kids in our neighborhood. In the Spring and Summer, you will often see them running around, riding their bikes, or playing in the parks. And when October rolls around, it is the ideal neighborhood for trick-or-treating! The winter brings a lot of snow, and this is good for snowmen and snow forts. Many houses, including ours, are decorated for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. We absolutely love decorating the inside and outside of our house for these seasons, especially Christmas. We start the day after Thanksgiving, and it takes us a few days to finish!



We live in one of the most charming cities in Colorado. It certainly has a small-town feel. There is always an event happening downtown, like the holiday lights celebration, parades, or an outdoor concert. Main street is made up of local restaurants, cafes, donut shops, bookstores, boutiques, an arcade, and an adorable paint and pottery shop.

The city has some of the most beautiful parks! The rec center has an amazing indoor pool area with slides for the kids to enjoy. There is a creek that runs through the middle of town where you will see families spending the summer days splashing around and floating on tubes.

We are also members of the local country club where they are constantly hosting events for kids like magic shows, swim parties, arts and crafts, and holiday parties. The school district has a reputation for being among the best in the state. Families often move here from around the state primarily for the schools. All in all, it's the perfect city for families.

# ADVENTURE IS CALLING

We believe life is an adventure. Which is why Colorado is such a good fit for us. We love where we live and the surrounding community. But when adventure calls, all we need to do is get in our car and make the short journey west into the mountains. Our plan is to one day own a home or condo in our favorite mountain town for our family to enjoy long weekends of skiing, snowboarding, hiking, rafting, mountain biking, or just relaxing.



Whether within the state lines, around the U.S., or across the ocean, traveling has been and will forever be a part of our lives. There is so much world to see, and we want to see as much of it as possible.

We cannot wait to introduce our sense of adventure to our child, with the hope he or she will also catch the adventure bug.







# OUR FAMILY VALUES

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Love God - This is the most important value of all. There is nothing more fulfilling or powerful than a relationship with God. We value the Catholic church we attend and the spiritual community centered on faith.

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Togetherness - Quality time is mutually valued in our family. We always look forward to just being together, reminiscing, telling funny stories old and new, learning each other's opinions or insight on various topics, or watching a game on TV. Whatever it is, together is what makes it fun.

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Just have fun with it - Don't worry too much. It's a waste of your time and it won't solve tomorrow's problems. All it does is steal your peace and peace is priceless. Relax and try to not control the outcomes. If you're having fun, you won't be disappointed.











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# THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We hope this book was able to give you insight into our lives and the type of life we want to provide for your child.

If you choose us to be the parents of your child, we want to relieve you of any fears and worries you may have about his or her future. It will be a priority of ours to honor your dreams, hopes, and the level of contact you want to have with your child. We consider this a privilege to be able to do this for you.

Please know that we have an incredible amount of love and respect for you. Creating an adoption plan for your child shows a great level of selflessness and courage. You are the definition of true love. We will make sure your child always knows this about you.

We recognize there are so many unknowns you are experiencing. Whatever you decide, we will continue to pray for God to watch over you and your child as you move forward in your journey.

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“Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop  
and look around once in a while, you could  
miss it.”

— *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*

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“I believe everything we do in life is part of a plan. Sometimes the plan goes as intended, and sometimes it doesn't. That's part of the plan.”

— *Matthew McConaughey*