



COLE & TREY





Hello!

We're Trey and Cole, and we are so excited to tell you a bit about ourselves and the life we've built. As you'll read, our family story is about so much more than the two of us and our daughter. None of us would be where we are without the love and support from our families, our friends who are like family, and the birth family of our daughter. It's a gift that we're excited to pay forward as we grow our family through adoption.

We want to thank you for having the courage to choose adoption. We know you have dreams for your child like any parent, and we want to do our best to make those dreams come true. We are hopeful that our story will give you the confidence to know that our home will be an incredible place for your son or daughter to be raised. Thank you for considering us to be parents to your child.

About Us

Like true millennials, we met through online dating in 2012. While we met online, our relationship was quickly thrust into the real world when Cole had the guts to text, "Are we going to hang out or what?" after only a few days of messaging. Trey agreed to meet at a local park to take Cole's new puppy, Leila, on a walk.





What started as a short stroll turned into hours talking and getting to know each other. Now, over 10 years later, we're married and live in our dream home with that same loving dog and our wonderful little girl, Ivy. Even with all the ways our lives have changed, we still value those little moments.

There are lots of things that we've come to love about each other, but our initial attraction was to the others curiosity and ambition. When we met, Cole was one week shy of graduating with his doctorate in audiology, while Trey had only recently finished graduate school and was advancing his career in marketing. Learning is a lifelong passion for us both. Cole is now a professor of clinical audiology while Trey is a VP at an advertising agency, managing young strategists. We hope to pass our curiosity and love of learning new things on to your child.

Fun is a hallmark of our relationship. There isn't a day that goes by that we don't make each other laugh. Whether we're traveling to a new destination, visiting with family, enjoying a game night with friends, cheering on our favorite sports teams, or enjoying a homemade dinner and movie, one of us is sure to be thinking of his next joke (whether it's good or not). We're both lucky to work for companies that value work-life balance and give us the flexibility to work from home or parttime as needed. Our home is always lighthearted, and we know your son or daughter will always be comfortable here.





My Husband, Cole

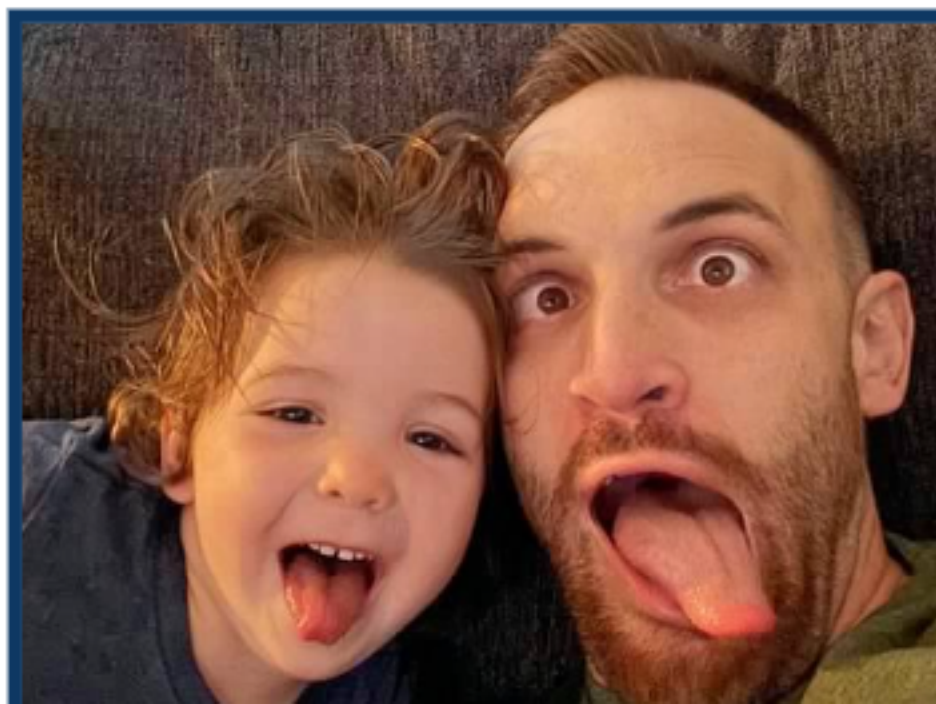


Cole is by far the biggest goofball I have ever met in my life, and that's what makes him my favorite person. No one else can make me laugh before I'm even fully awake. Cole is quiet, but no one loves more intensely. Cole's smalltown Kansas roots are reflected in so much of his personality. He is hardworking, loves being outdoors, and is fiercely passionate when it comes to family.

I joke that my life with Cole prepared me for parenthood because he is such a kid at heart. He loves games and never turns down a chance to compete (if he knows he can win). He is a bit of a picky eater which, as an adventurous foodie myself, I've just had to learn to accept. The amount of random trivia he knows is mind-blowing. If I'm having trouble identifying an actor, Cole probably knows their name, age, most of the shows or movies they've been in, and exactly how many awards they've won.

A lot of Cole's favorite activities come from his upbringing. His whole family loves to play cards. I've never met anyone who loves a round of Gin Rummy as much as Cole. He's also not afraid to get his hands dirty and will spend a full day on a home improvement project or working in the yard.

Cole is exactly the father I always thought he would be. It's no surprise that he was the first one to make our daughter laugh. From funny faces to silly voices, Cole always knows exactly what will get the deepest belly laugh from Ivy. He's also incredibly patient and has been so supportive as we've navigated parenthood together. He matches Ivy's energy every day, and I know that energy will only grow as we welcome another child into our lives.



My Husband, Trey



When meeting Trey for the first time, you will notice a few things instantly. He has the brightest smile, the loudest laugh, the tightest hugs, and he's very tall (6'5"). Trey's greatest attributes are his patience and resolve. He does not overthink. He does not leap before he looks. And on top of all that, he is funny and charming. My goal every day is to make him laugh, and he always delivers with a belly laugh that could wake the dead.





As a former college athlete, Trey is passionate about his health and fitness. He grew up as a military brat, which probably explains why he's the most easygoing and flexible person I know. Seeing him interact with our daughter makes me fall in love with him over and over. His relaxed personality makes him a great dad. He goes with the flow and follows wherever Ivy's wild imagination takes him. He also keeps her grounded and finds ways to make learning fun.

Trey volunteers as a board member and marketing chairman at the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired. He also chairs the marketing committee for the Kansas City LBGT Chamber of Commerce. When he's not exercising or volunteering, we usually wind down at the movies or by taking our dog for a walk.

Trey's drive, compassion, humor and patience not only make him an ideal husband, but also an ideal dad. I cannot wait to see him love your baby and guide the person they become.

Our Daughter, Ivy

Ivy is an observant, confident, empathetic, adventurous ball of energy who makes every day of our lives the best day ever. She adores her dads and melts our hearts with an unprompted "I love you" or request for a "big hug" at just the right moment. She has incredible emotional intelligence and is starting to communicate her feelings more clearly each day.

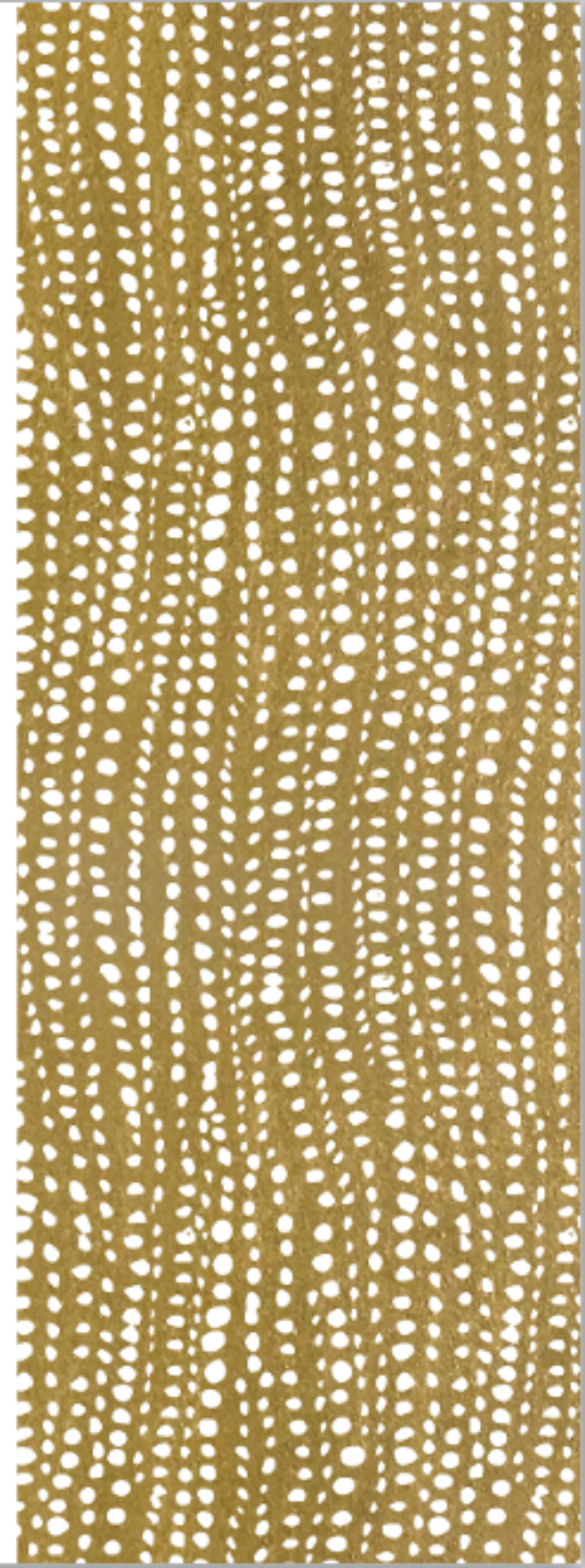
At 2-1/2 years old, Ivy is firmly in her "big girl" era and isn't afraid to let you know it. She has started preschool and loves talking about the things she's learned, art she's made, and good times she's had with friends. She's incredibly independent and will always ask to do something herself first ("I try it?" she always asks) but also isn't afraid to ask for help when things don't go her way.

Ivy is developing a bit of an artists spirit and constantly wants to color or draw and is starting to work on writing her own name. She's even known to express herself through movement and loves an impromptu dance party.

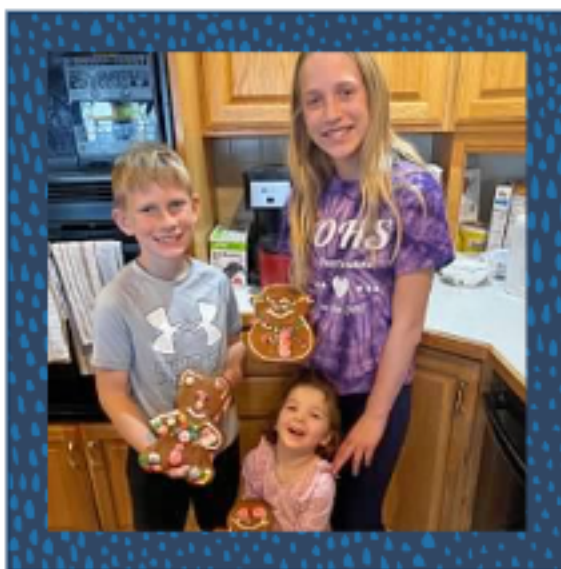




Ivy is a caregiver at heart which she shows by diligently caring for her baby dolls and other "stuffies." She also has a soft spot for animals and wants to love on every creature she meets. This nurturing energy is why we know she will be an incredible big sister. She wants to demonstrate everything she knows for a baby brother or sister.



Our Family





We both come from very tight-knit families. Cole has a very large, loving family a short, five-hour drive away in western Kansas. Cole grew up on lots of land with two brothers and an extensive group of cousins. Cole's family gatherings are still held in the house where he spent most of his life. His older brother has two kids who cant wait to welcome your child into the family when we gather for holidays and birthdays.





Trey grew up in a military family with his brother and sister and lived in five different states before college. While it's not easy being so far from his family, who have settled in North Carolina, he loves the stability of the roots we've laid in Kansas City. He gets very excited when we fly to North Carolina a few times a year for visits and holidays. Trey's mom is extremely excited for your child to join the family and to have another grandchild to love on.







Our Friends

Kansas City wouldn't feel so much like home if it wasn't for the support of our awesome friends. In the past 15 years, our friends have quickly become an extension of our family. As they've grown their own families through marriages and having kids, we've felt our own chosen family grow. Many of our friends have kids under 5 years old who are sure to become your sons or daughters first friends.



Holidays and major milestones are twice as important for us because they usually involve family celebrations as well as gatherings with our friends. Any occasion is fair game to become a celebration. Our annual Oscar watch party and cook-off, a bunch of Chiefs football and Royals baseball tailgate parties, and weekends at the lake are just a few of the things we look forward to most with friends each year.



With both of our families being out of state, we've fully embraced the idea that it "takes a village." Our friends and their families are a big part of our daughter's life. Ivy adores her chosen aunties and uncles and pretends to drive her toy cars to their house when we're just hanging out at home. Ivy is also a natural-born girly-girl, so were lucky to have so many great ladies in our life to give her strong female role models.



Our Home & Community



We purchased our 3-bedroom home 7 years ago on the south side of Kansas City. Our house is on a quiet, tree-lined street with plenty of other young couples, many with kids. Our neighborhood is a fun offshoot of the city with plenty of parks, schools, and small shops and restaurants. Ivy loves to be outdoors (regardless of the weather) and frequently asks to go to the playground, ride her bike, or just take a walk.

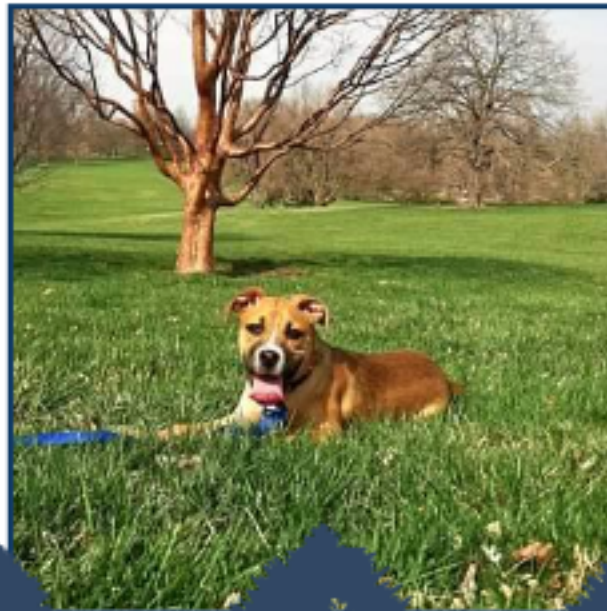


Although we love our little neighborhood, we also like to get out and experience everything that Kansas City has to offer. We are big sports fans and love to get to Royals baseball, Chiefs football and Sporting KC soccer games when we can. We look forward to sharing all of KC's great, kid-friendly attractions with your child, whether its the Kansas City Zoo, Worlds of Fun, or Legoland.

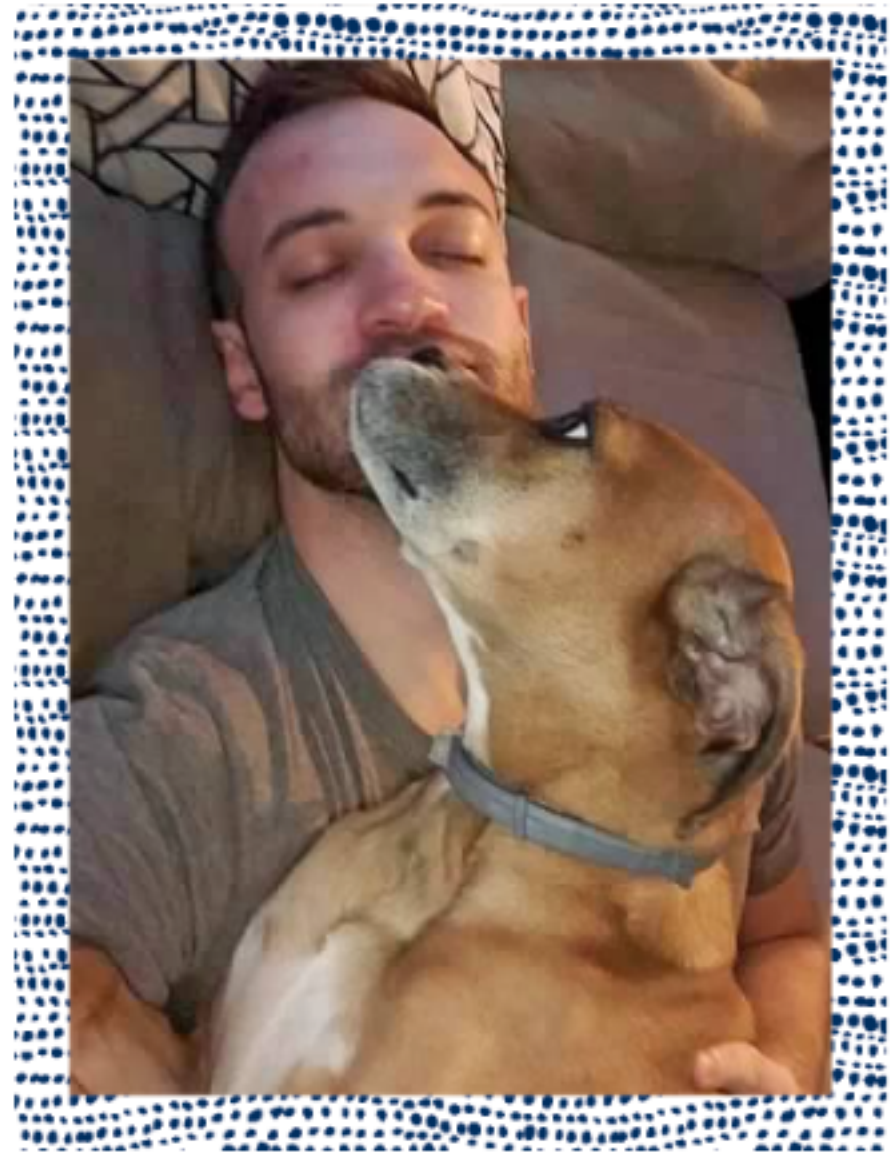


Our Dog, Leila

Leila is a Boxer mix who is only slightly older than our relationship. Leila loves everyone and quickly became Ivy's best friend. While Leila has always been a big fan of snuggles, we don't think she was prepared for Ivy's aggressive brand of love. While it often looks like Ivy is smothering her, Leila has always been a good sport and loves to return the favor with doggy kisses.



Leila is also a bit of an entertainer and never shies away from an opportunity to show off her tricks. It never gets old hearing Ivy's laughter as she tries to get her to roll over, a process that involves walking in circles a few times to get ready before finally flopping on her back and flipping over. Leila loves attention and will usually run a few excited laps around the room as everyone applauds a successful trick.



A photograph of two men, one white and one Black, embracing warmly on a rooftop. The man on the left is wearing a bright yellow sweater, and the man on the right is wearing a grey sweater over a blue and white checkered shirt. They are both smiling and looking towards the left. In the background, a city skyline with several skyscrapers is visible under a clear sky.

Our Promise to You

Thanks for considering us as parents for your child. We hope you have a little better understanding of who we are and our family values and can envision the type of life we can provide to your child. We have so much respect for the decisions you're making to give your son or daughter the best possible future through adoption.

We are excited (and, like anyone, a little bit nervous) to welcome another child into our home. It's impossible to say that we'll always be perfect. Nobody can be. But there are a few things that we can promise you and your child:

Our home will always be a safe & supportive space for your child where they can be who they are without fear.

We will promote the same values that we expect of ourselves like respect for others, love of family, and unlimited curiosity.

Everyday decisions we make will be made with your child in mind. Our children will always come first.

Your child will always know how much they are loved by you.

Thanks for taking the time to get to know us.