

Lisa & AJ





**We are AJ and Lisa.** Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We will be forever grateful to you for giving us the opportunity to become parents. We are excited to be here with you on this journey together. We live in a small town in central Ohio. We first met at AJ's cousin's wedding, where Lisa was a bridesmaid. We instantly connected but had to navigate a long distance relationship. Eventually AJ moved to Ohio where our relationship grew. As a couple, we love to travel, go antique shopping, listen to records, and cook. We both have older sisters and are both close to our families. Lisa has two nephews who are the light of her life. Lisa and AJ were excited to meet their new niece in 2018. Lisa loves to play Barbies and dress up with her. We love spending time with our niece and nephews by taking the boys to Ohio State football games, having sleepovers, girls nights, attending their sporting events, playing board games, or watching a movie. They are the reason we want a family.





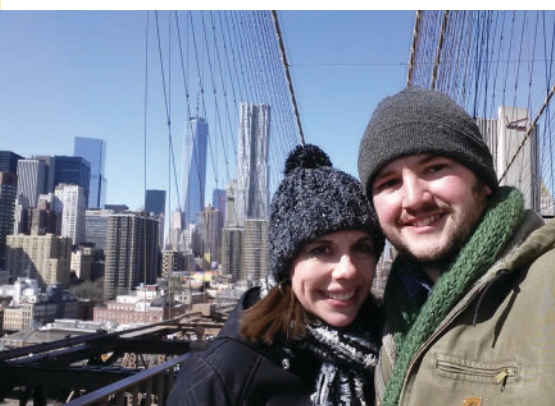
# LISA



Lisa was born in Illinois, and moved to Ohio when she was eight years old. She graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in humanities, then went to Clark State and received a degree in photography. Lisa worked as a professional wedding photographer for almost 10 years. She has since retired from professional photography and now takes pictures for fun. Her favorite subjects are her niece and nephews. Lisa now works for Ohio Health as an at-home medical biller. She loves listening to audio books, going on walks, dancing, and hanging out with her family and friends. Lisa comes from a big family, and family gatherings are always full of aunts, uncles, and cousins running around and having fun. Lisa's favorite holiday is Christmas. Her grandparents always made Christmas special with lots of food, gifts, and family traditions like singing the 12 Days of Christmas. Waking up Christmas morning with all the gifts under the tree was always her favorite. Lisa has always wanted to be a mom. She tends to turn into mom when she is around her niece and nephews, and she can't wait to pass that love onto her own child.



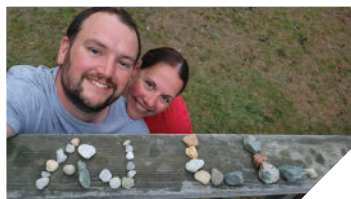
# AJ



AJ was born and raised in Virginia, where he graduated with an engineering degree from Virginia Tech. After college, he moved to Alabama to work for TVA as an engineer. Once Lisa and he started dating, he decided to move to Ohio so they could be together. He now works as an engineer in Columbus. AJ's mom was born and raised in Central Ohio, so he has a lot of extended family here. His parents, sister and niece live in Virginia where he grew up. He does miss the mountains, so we often travel to visit his family in Virginia. AJ loves horticulture, and every summer he grows vegetables in our backyard garden. He also has a variety of house plants. Orchids are his favorite. When not in the garden, AJ spends his spare time working on cars, building model engines, fixing things around the house, or just tinkering at his workbench. He is a true engineer at heart. AJ's favorite holiday is Halloween. Every year, he looks forward to carving a pumpkin, dressing up in a costume, and handing out candy to all the neighborhood kids.

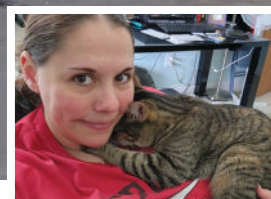






# HOME

We purchased our house after we got married in 2018. We live in a subdivision where there are tons of families and kids. There are two elementary schools in our neighborhood, a walking trail, and several parks for playing. AJ can't wait to show our child how to plant vegetables in the garden, and Lisa is excited to put a swing set in the backyard and ride bikes around the neighborhood together.



*We both have always known that we want children. However, our journey to start a family had a few obstacles in our path. After several failed fertility treatments, we decided that adoption is our best way to start a family. AJ has several friends that were adopted. Hearing their stories and seeing*

*the love their adoptive parents have given them, we knew in our hearts that building our family through adoption was the right path for us. Open adoption has so many aspects to it; we will figure that out together. We want you to know that if chosen, we will give your child so much love and support. Your child will be surrounded by a large and loving network of family and friends. Your child will know what an amazing gift you gave us, and they will always know the love you have for them.*

## BELLA & BINX

In 2022, we adopted two kittens from a local shelter. Our tiger girl Bella and baby boy Binx are full of love and energy. They love to run races around our house, chase after the laser pointer, and have wrestle mania matches anytime day or night. We look forward to introducing them to a new baby sibling.



## WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONNECTING WITH YOU

If you have any questions for us or would like to speak with us about adopting your child, please contact your case worker at Open Arms Adoptions by calling 330-697-4751 or 614-349-1510.