



SCOTT AND LAUREN

HELLO!

WE'RE SCOTT AND LAUREN. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and for considering us as part of your adoption plan.

We hope to open our lives to you by sharing some details about us and why we'd love to care for your child. We're ready to bring a child into our lives and are excited to grow our family through adoption. We hope that you will see how much we love each other and the life that we've built together.

We have so much respect for you as you consider who will parent your child. More than anything, we want you to know that we'll love your child unconditionally and work hard to fill his or her life with hope and joy. We'll devote ourselves to providing your child with a safe home, where they have many opportunities to learn about where they came from and who they want to be in life.

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BECOME
PARENTS THROUGH ADOPTION
AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

We met 15 years ago (in a meeting at work!) and went on our first date for ice cream at the Memorial Union Terrace not long after we met.

After just under 3 years of dating, we decided that we wanted to be married. Scott proposed at Picnic Point and we got married, surrounded by our family and friends, in October 2005.

We moved to Florida for a change of scenery soon after getting married. After a year, we realized how much we missed Madison and moved back to Wisconsin!

ABOUT US

★ **SCOTT** was born in Iowa and spent most of his childhood in Wisconsin and Nebraska. While growing up, Scott played baseball & soccer, went on bike rides with his family, and collected baseball cards. He was in the honors program at the University of Nebraska, where he got a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Scott works in healthcare IT.

★ **LAUREN** was born and raised in Minnesota. When Lauren was younger, she loved swimming, spending time with her grandparents, and reading everything she could get her hands on. She attended college at the University of Wisconsin and graduated with a degree in Management & Information Systems. Lauren works in healthcare IT.

➤ **WE LOVE LEARNING** We highly value learning & education and we push ourselves to learn new things. We've taken classes on origami, estate planning, a new programming language, glass blowing, bike maintenance, and cooking.

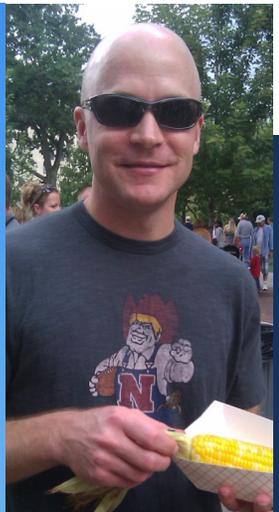
➤ **WE'RE HANDY** We like to build things like picture frames, shelves, and a garden box. We also like to fix things if they break, so we've installed a new faucet and replaced the alternator in our car.

➤ **WE'RE CRAFTY** We like to make things with paper, glue, string, and stickers. We love crafts and some of our hobbies include painting, pottery, scrapbooking, glass mosaics, and sewing.

➤ **WE LOVE BEING TOGETHER** One of our favorite activities is taking a walk when we get home from work. This time spent connecting with each other helps us de-stress, practice gratitude, and stay close to each other.

➤ **WE THINK MADISON IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR US** We love all things Madison and try to enjoy as much of the community as we can. Our favorite summer activities include going to Concerts on the Square, Olbrich Gardens, hiking at Picnic Point, or eating our way around the square at the Farmer's Market. **We can't wait to raise a child here!**

FIVE THINGS ABOUT US



OUR IDEAL SATURDAY...

waking up without an alarm... eating breakfast at Egg & I or Marigold's... garage sale-ing, then the Farmer's Market... strolling down State Street... grabbing lunch and ice cream at the Terrace... making some projects around the house... then taking a nap or watching movies!

ABOUT SCOTT



I like to **BUILD**, create, and fix things. I'm slowly putting together a workshop in our basement where I build picture frames & furniture for our house. I also like to make birthday and Christmas gifts for our family.

I have played **SOCCER** since I was little, and I've even done some coaching. It's given me many good friends and experiences. Soccer is a great way to learn to work as part of a team and get some exercise!

I started **CURLING** last year and have really enjoyed it so far. Both the competition and the social aspect of the Madison Curling Club have been fun.

As a teenager, I read a lot—mostly Black Stallion and Hardy Boys books. After not reading much for a while, Lauren reminded me how interesting a **GOOD BOOK** is. I read about a book a month—mostly fiction.



My dad had a 1965 Ford Mustang when I was a kid, and I've liked cars ever since. I enjoy going to **CAR SHOWS** and seeing Mustangs and other cars and trucks from the '60s.



I love **READING**. My goal this year is 20 books. I've read more than 40 in past years. I like to read mysteries, funny fiction, and non-fiction.

I love **GARDENING**. Each summer, I grow vegetables and sunflowers in a garden box that Scott built and have flowers in our yard. I also like to grow house plants. Tropical plants are my favorite.

I love doing **PUZZLES**, playing **GAMES** and **TRIVIA**. One thing I always look for when we go to garage sales is puzzles — I like to keep my hands and mind busy.

I've always liked **ART**. My grandma liked to sew and knit, so whenever I went to her house, we always made something (usually doll clothes). Some of the art in our house is art that I've made.



ABOUT LAUREN

I'm **ORGANIZED** and messy at the same time. When I clean, I make a bigger mess before it gets cleaner. The Container Store is like home to me!

I'm always dreaming up **HOME IMPROVEMENT** projects for us to work on. Some weekends, we end up at Home Depot more than once! I watch HGTV for inspiration and love to find ideas for our dream house on Pinterest.

ABOUT LAUREN (FROM SCOTT)

Lauren is always looking for ways to make our relationship and our lives better. She is supportive and encouraging. Her insight and advice are very helpful when making a big decision. Plus, she is a planning and organizing champ, which will be very valuable when we have a little one running around!

ABOUT SCOTT (FROM LAUREN)

Scott is patient, kind, generous, and loyal. He's got my back, no matter what. He puts our family first and shows his love by helping others. He laughs easily and often, and is fun to be around! Scott will be a great dad because he likes to teach kids how to do things, is very supportive, and loves to play!

CHILDHOOD BOOK SERIES

- L: The Babysitter's Club
- S: The Black Stallion

FAVORITE BOOK

- L: Me Before You
- S: Eleanor & Park

FOOD

- L: Tacos
- S: Grandma's Caramel Rolls

DESSERT

- L: CAKE!
- S: Chocolate Éclair Dessert

VACATION TAKEN TOGETHER

- L: New Orleans
- S: Washington DC

MOVIE

- L: 50 First Dates
- S: The Force Awakens

FAMILY TRIP

- L: Visiting cousins in Florida
- S: Husker Bowl Games

SPORTS TEAM

- L: Wisconsin Badgers!
- S: Nebraska Huskers!



ACTIVITIES WE DO TOGETHER

- **WALKS** We walk in races like Crazylegs and the Brewers charities walks. It's a great way to get some exercise and help raise money.
- **BEING OUTSIDE** We like to spend time outside as much as we can. We like to hike and take care of our yard.
- **PLANTS, ANIMALS, HISTORY** We love going to zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, museums, and learning about the history around us.
- **BREWERS GAMES** We try to attend a game each year to cheer on our team.
- **ART PROJECTS** We usually have a handful of projects that we're working on around the house. We also like to make handmade cards for our nephew. We also like to go to Studio You to paint pottery.

OUR FAVORITES

WE LOVE TRADITIONS! Traditions were an important aspect of both of our families growing up. They remain a fun way for us to share experiences as a family.

We've incorporated traditions that we practiced while we were younger into our life together and have had fun creating new traditions ourselves. We are excited to start new traditions as we expand our family.

Our current favorites:

- **BIRTHDAY CHAIR** We have a chair that we always sit in to open birthday cards & gifts. The chair was Scott's wedding gift to Lauren.
- **PICTURE ORNAMENTS** Each year, we pick out our favorite picture from the past year and make a Christmas ornament out of it. We then hang it on our tree. We have ornaments for every year that we've been a family to commemorate our lives together.
- **FALL FAVORITES** We have multiple seasonal traditions, but in the fall we really enjoy going to the apple orchard to pick apples, raspberries and pumpkins. We also have fun decorating our house for Halloween.
- **VISITING DOOR COUNTY** One of our favorite Wisconsin traditions is spending time in Door County. We love going to the state parks, shopping, relaxing, and eating at our favorite pizza place.

OUR TRADITIONS



We love to spend as much time with our nephew & godson as we can. He loves to draw, color with Aunt Lauren, play soccer, and wrestle with Uncle Scott!

Since we live about 7 hours apart, we try to call & write to him often, including drawing him pictures or sending him a small treat for milestones like the last day of school, holidays, or just for fun.



OUR NEPHEW ★



OUR FAMILY

● OUR HOME ●



We live in Madison and our home is ready for a child. Our family-friendly neighborhood is quiet and there are many kids around.

Our house backs up to a native prairie so we have a great view of some woods and a pond. We often see deer, wild turkeys, hawks, and many rabbits.

We like to grill and eat out on the deck in the summer. Lauren also has a garden in the backyard and likes to grow vegetables and sunflowers!



Lauren's mom relocated from Florida to North Carolina last year. Her brother lives in Minnesota with his girlfriend and her kids.

Scott's parents recently retired and relocated from Minnesota to Nebraska. Scott's sister and husband also live in Nebraska with our nephew.

We visit our family several times a year for holidays or just for fun!





OUR FAMILY VALUES

-  **LIFELONG LEARNING** We push ourselves to grow our knowledge, learn new things, and challenge each other to see the world in new ways.
-  **LOVE AND EQUALITY** We believe that every person has the right to have equal access and to love who they want.
-  **INDEPENDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY** We strive to take care of ourselves well and will teach our child self-reliance and how to figure things out.
-  **NATURE** We love being outside, and do our best to take care of the environment.
-  **TRY HARD** We have a strong work ethic and try hard at everything we do. We don't always succeed, but we will have tried our best along the way.
-  **LOVE EACH OTHER** We cherish and respect each other and our family. We will extend this love to our child.

Thank you for learning about us. Our hearts are open to you as you make the decision about who will parent your child.

Our goal is to be the best parents that we can be. We don't know what life has in store for us, but we believe that we'll be able to handle any challenges that come our way. We'll work together to provide the best life that we can for our child and will be loving, open, and supportive to whatever he or she needs.

Scott & Lauren



If you have any questions for us or are interested in us adopting your child, please contact Adoptions of Wisconsin by calling 1-866-ADOPTWI, toll free.