

# Heidi & Walker







# *Introduction*



*Beach trip to Amelia Island*

Hi! We are Walker and Heidi. We appreciate you taking the time to learn a little more about us. We know the choice you are making takes lots of courage. We respect you for putting the life of your child first as you make an adoption plan.

We feel truly blessed that you want to know more about us. We hope that through this booklet you will get a better feel for the kind of parents we would be for your child. We want you to know that we are well prepared and capable of providing a safe, stable, loving and happy home for your child.

We are excited about the opportunity to become parents through adoption once again. Our son Kole is now three and a half years old, and adopting him has been the greatest joy of our lives. We look forward to expanding our family and sharing our love with another child.







*About us*





*Halloween carnival*



*Checking out the boats at the marina*



*St. Thomas, USVI trip*



*Kole turns 2*

We met in college through a group of friends, dated for five years and have been married for nine years. We have a very positive, loving relationship which is built on trust and respect. We like to travel, watch movies, and spend time hanging out with our families and friends. Walker is considered the “grill king” in our family so we are usually the ones entertaining, which we love.

We truly treasure our family time with Kole and can’t wait to share this with another child. We love to take Kole out to Heidi’s dad’s farm just a few minutes from our house to see all the cows and ride the tractors. We feel sure this is something your child will enjoy as well.

We enjoy spending time traveling to our favorite beach vacation spots year after year with our families. For us the beach has been such a nice place to celebrate the blessings of family. The best part for us is playing with Kole and the other children on the beach. We look forward to the day when we will have another child along with us for the traditional family trips.

The three of us also love taking walks together in our neighborhood. We are in the process of teaching Kole how to ride his bike, so he usually rides as we walk. Our new puppy, Buddy, also loves to follow along. There are lots of families who stroll their babies on walks and we can’t wait to join them!



*My husband, Walker*



I feel truly blessed to be Walker's wife. I know that my life is so much better because he is in it. Walker is very patient and caring. He is always considerate and respectful to others.

He has proven to be an amazing father to Kole. Walker and Kole love to play t-ball in our back yard. They also go on a lot of golf cart rides around our neighborhood and through the wooded area behind our house . Kole likes to call it "their adventure." When indoors, Walker and Kole often build things with Legos and play with toy cars and trucks on the floor; many of them were Walker's when he was a little boy. Kole likes to help his daddy with yard work and anything involving tools. Walker and Kole both love music, and Kole enjoys watching his daddy play the guitar. Santa is bringing Kole his very own toy guitar this year so they can play together! It is obvious by the smile on his face that Walker enjoys every second with Kole.

Walker is a wonderful role model to our son. He has a secure and enjoyable career in agricultural sales. He enjoys fishing, hunting, working in the yard and grilling. In my opinion, his best characteristic is the fact that he always sees the best in every situation.

A short time ago, we made the decision that we wanted to become adoptive parents again. Walker commented to me that he felt very thankful that we would be able to add to our family through adoption because of a selfless and courageous decision made by the child's birthparents. I know Walker is always going to be the best dad that he can be simply because he feels blessed and very grateful that he'll have that chance through adoption.



*Walker playing a song*



*Kole and Joella go for a ride*



*St. Thomas USVI*



*The "grill king"*



*Play time*



*Swimming fun*





*My wife, Heidi*





*Yard work in our new home*



*Kole's cousins party*

Heidi is such a generous, caring and loving individual. She is a fantastic mother to Kole and treasures her time with him. She reads to him every single night and has since he was a baby. They also love to make crafts together. They recently made a gingerbread house. Kole really enjoys helping Heidi cook, too. He likes to stand on his step stool and be her little chef. Kole even makes Heidi dress up in his Spider Man and Batman costumes which she gladly does as they role play. Playing on the swing set together is something else they enjoy as Heidi has been teaching Kole how to swing by himself.



*Teamwork making a cake*



*Girl time...making jewelry*

She is nurturing, compassionate and loving. She was a second grade teacher for five years before becoming an elementary school counselor. I have always loved hearing her share stories about her students. She has a true passion for children of all ages, which is very apparent when you see her interact with kids of any age.



*Touring the U.S. Virgin Islands*



*Susan G. Komen fundraiser*

Her favorite hobbies are reading, shopping, cooking and spending time outdoors. Heidi always works hard at everything she does. She puts a lot of effort into her work and into making our house a home. She is very outgoing and friendly which makes her a joy to be around.

I am eagerly awaiting the opportunity for her to be mom to another child. Being a mom is a role that I think she has always been meant to fill. Her job at an elementary school allows her to have a work schedule that is well-suited for parenting. She has two months off in the summer and lots of time off during the holidays.





*Our son, Kole*



Adoption has already proven to be such a blessing to our family. We were fortunate to be chosen by Kole's birth mother three and a half years ago to be his adoptive parents. Kole has been such a joy and we have an immeasurable amount of love for him. He has added so much happiness to our lives and taught us the true meaning of love. We are excited to have this opportunity to expand our family through adoption once again.

We know Kole is going to be a wonderful big brother. He is a very friendly and loveable toddler who rarely meets strangers and loves playing with other kids. We recently built our home in a newer neighborhood where lots of younger families with smaller kids live. This has been so much fun for Kole! He also loves hanging out on the farm and being around all the tractors and animals. He enjoys being outdoors and also likes to be read to. He has an immense collection of books.

Kole attends a three-year-old class three mornings a week at our church preschool and absolutely loves it. He began attending the preschool last year as a two-year-old just two mornings a week. Kole stays with his Mimi (Heidi's mom) during the work day when he is not in school. His Nana (Walker's mom) also comes and keeps him one day a week so he gets plenty of time with his grandparents.



*Kole loves the cotton field*



*Nana giving a push*



*Buddy loves licking Kole*



*Kole and cousin Emma snuggle*





*The guys on Walker's side of the family*



*Heidi's families beach trip on Amelia with all the kids!*

# *Family*

Heidi grew up with her parents and brother in the small town that we currently live in. She grew up on a farm and had many relatives living close by. Her dad farmed cotton, tobacco and peanuts and raised cattle. Her father, uncle and grandfather also planted a garden each year. She and her cousins enjoyed helping out around the farm and harvesting vegetables in the summertime. It really taught them to appreciate family and gave them many wonderful memories.

Walker also grew up in a small town in Georgia with his parents and younger brother. He lived in a great neighborhood where several of his friends that he has today also grew up. Riding four-wheelers, camping out and fishing were all activities that Walker and his friends enjoyed doing as he was growing up. He and his younger brother also liked playing in their family's pool and riding in the canoe around their pond.

Each of us has one brother. Walker's brother recently got married, and Heidi's brother has triplets that just celebrated their first birthday. We have plenty of kids to play with in our family.



Both sets of our parents have been very excited about becoming grandparents again. They are such a special part of our lives, and being grandparents brings them such joy. Heidi's parents live about 10 minutes away and Walker's parents live about 45 minutes away. We know we will continue to have plenty of help from the grandparents. Heidi's parents have been married for 38 years and Walker's parents have been married for 37 years.

We spend a lot of time with our extended family as well. Heidi has lots of little ones on her side of the family. They come over often and we always enjoy their company. Holidays are the most special times for both sides of our families. The women and little girls in our family look forward to cooking, decorating and shopping together around the holidays. The men and little boys, on the other hand, look forward to playing games outside and watching sports on television. Since both of our parents live pretty close by, we are usually able to celebrate the holidays with both sides of our families.



*Kole and his great granddaddy*



*Kole's Mimi & Papa*



*A picnic in the sun with Heidi's parents*



*Pool fun at the beach with friends*



*Celebrating Walker's grandparents 90<sup>th</sup> b-days*



*More b-day fun*





*Our Friends*



Our friends are an important part of our lives, too. They are all thrilled about our adoption plans and look forward to being a part of the lives of both of our children. We enjoy hanging out with other couples that share similar interests as we do. Most of our friends have children, so it's fun to have them be a part of our gatherings as well. We try to get together often to cook out with our friends, go to the movies as a group and just hang out outdoors with them. We have two other couples that we consider our closest friends. We try to get together at least once a month for supper. We call this our "supper club" which for us just means taking turns cooking and hosting the meal. This is a fun time for all of us to catch up. The kids always have a blast.



*Heidi & Kole with best friends at lunch*



*Waiting to hunt Easter Eggs*



*Putting up corn from the farm*



*Walker's off coast fishing fun*



*Walker and buddies gigging*



*Meet & Greet for Heidi's friends new baby*



*Happy girls*





*Our Home*





**We live in a suburban neighborhood about five miles outside of a small city in Georgia. We take a lot of pride in our home and enjoy spending time there. Since we built our house, we have worked hard to make it a wonderful place where we can raise our family.**

**We enjoy visiting and hanging out with our neighbors, most of whom have small children. There are several ponds and lakes in our neighborhood to enjoy throughout the year. We have a great back yard that is well-suited for a swing set and a pool in the future.**

**There are many great schools nearby. There is also a beautiful state park within a few miles from our house.**

**We look forward to expanding our family in our new home. We are excited about raising our children in a small town, too.**





*Thank You*



We would like to thank you for taking to time to consider us as adoptive parents for your baby. Although this booklet only gives you a glimpse as to the kind of people we are, we hope that you have a better understanding of what your child's life would be like if we became his/her adoptive parents.

We are anxiously awaiting the day when we become parents again and expand our family. We know the responsibility is one that comes with great joys and challenges. However, we want you to know that the life we will provide for your child will be one full of love.

Our goal as parents is to provide our children with opportunities to be themselves, love themselves and others, and be healthy and happy individuals. We plan to provide them with all the necessary tools they need to discover themselves and appreciate who they are. We also want to provide them with learning experiences that they will be able to carry with them throughout their lives.

We are Christians and want to raise our children in a church where there are lots of activities for them. It is our belief that adoption is the perfect path to parenthood for us. We feel grateful that despite our struggles with infertility, we are still given the chance to be parents.

We hope that you are able to make an adoption plan for your child that brings you peace. We respect you for wanting the best possible life for your child. Please know that our intentions are to simply provide your child with the best possible life we can by loving him or her unconditionally.

Thanks again for considering us!





