



Trip & Nicole

Hello! We are Nicole and Trip.



We are experienced parents of three children and are excited to add another sweet person to our family through adoption. We have always talked about adopting a child. It is a gift and a privilege to raise children, and we take that responsibility very seriously. Our children, Izzi, Eloise, and Nady are dreaming of a baby to love and another sibling to share the fun with. Thank you for taking the time to consider us.

We have been married for 17 years. Nicole was an elementary school teacher for 10 years before she decided to stay home after our first child was born. That was 13 years ago, and Nicole still loves every minute of being a stay-at-home mom. Trip was in graduate business school when we met. He is now a university professor and entrepreneur who works just a few miles from our house.





We are best friends. We do a great job of loving each other and having fun together in the middle of our busy family life. We try not to take the little challenges in life too seriously.

We both enjoy running and swimming. Trip has done many triathlons in the past several years, even winning his age group in several races. Fitness and a healthy lifestyle are important to us. Nicole enjoys running with friends on the weekends. Trip likes running solo, and he gets some of his best ideas during that quiet exercise time. We have fun going to Nady's soccer games Izzi's dance recitals and Eloise's gymnastics events.

Years of teaching experience have helped Nicole make our home an extra special place to grow up. We are artistic and crafty at our house. We like to watercolor paint and make play dough and all kinds of jewelry. Eloise enjoys knitting. She is excited to knit a blanket for a baby sister or brother.



We love musical theater, and Nicole and the girls have been in many musical productions together, such as Peter Pan and Hansel and Gretel. Last year Santa brought a small stage and put it right in our basement play room. It has microphones and a small dressing room....it is creative fun for all. Nady is crazy for costumes. He can often be seen on our mini stage dressed as a pirate, a princess or a silly combination. We like all kinds of music, and often on Friday nights, we will push chairs out of the way and have a dance party in our kitchen. Trip is a great dancer and is the best at spinning the littlest dancers around.

Nicole loves to cook and bake. Mealtimes together are important to us. We gather around the table for whole wheat pancakes before school and homemade pizza on Friday nights. Nicole is especially good at hiding veggies in everything, even cake!





Our 13-year-old, Izzi, is excellent at cookie baking, and she likes to make dinner for all of us once in awhile.

We look forward to going together to the bustling farmer's market on Saturday mornings. We buy as much fresh food at the market as we can, and all of us love the warm donuts they make right on the spot! Trip and Nady love to seek out the blue grass music at the market. We like to grow our own fruits and veggies, too. This year in our garden we had strawberries, cucumbers, peppers and watermelon. We have four adorable chickens that give us fresh eggs.

We enjoy having animals around and believe that caring for animals teaches children compassion and responsibility. We have three bunnies, a guinea pig and a little furry dog right now. We have had baby goats and a lamb in recent years. Nady is hoping for a piglet! We haven't said yes to that, at least, not yet!

Hurray for Grandparents

We are grateful for our extended family and we look forward to seeing them as often as possible. Nicole's parents live in Ohio where she grew up. We see them for most holidays and special events. Trip's parents live about an hour away. We see them often during football and basketball season; they come to town and we have fun going to the games together. Trip's dad is a big fan! We both have siblings that live within two hours of us. Trip has one brother and Nicole has one sister. They are both married and have kids. The cousins have a great time together since they are all very close in age.



The Place We Call Home

We live in a large five-bedroom home situated on three lush acres. We have a huge basement play space with a wooden play kitchen, baby dolls, Legos, trucks and cozy couches for snuggling up. Our yard has the perfect combination of open grass for running and woods for exploring. We have neighbors close by, but our yard is completely private, thanks to all the lovely old trees. We are lucky to live in a district with excellent public schools. Many children in our neighborhood attend the same school and all ride the bus together.

We live in a college town in Virginia. The university draws people from all over the world to our community. Our children have teachers and friends from India, South Africa, Japan, China, Brazil and Israel. We often attend college sporting events, especially basketball and football. There also is a large arena that allows for Broadway events, concerts and the circus. We recently went to the circus just five minutes from our house! We ate popcorn and laughed at the silly clowns and dancing dogs.

Our town is surrounded by beautiful mountains, plenty of green space and farms. We like to pick peaches in summer and apples and pumpkins in the fall. We like to travel to the nearby city several times a year to see a Broadway show, go shopping or visit museums. It is a great place to raise a family!



Out & About



As a family we have fun hiking in the beautiful mountains of our home state. We have hiked with our babies in slings and backpacks. We look for nests and peek into holes in trees and try to guess who might live in them. Squirrels? Bunnies? Picnics are our favorite weekend activity.....sometimes at a local park, sometimes in the woods, sometimes in our own back yard.

Trip grew up sailing with his family, and Nicole grew up boating on a river near her hometown, so we all like our water sports. We often travel to the coast to sail, kayak and play on the beach.



We take our bikes with us when we go on road trips so we can explore new places on two wheels. Our babies have all loved seeing the world from the back of a bike in a child seat, with a helmet on, of course!

Last summer we went to San Francisco on a long vacation. We biked all around that part of California, even across the Golden Gate Bridge. We all love to travel. Each summer we spend time on an island off Massachusetts. It is an idyllic place where we swim, sail, ride bikes and play on the beach for hours. Trip braves even the coldest water to ride the waves with the kids. This is our all-time favorite picnic spot, and Nicole makes the most amazing picnic lunches when we go to the beach.

Family Values



We are grateful every day for how fortunate we are. Helping others is an important part of our family life. We take every opportunity to help in our community. The church we attend is committed to service in our town and around the world. While we have chosen to attend a Christian church, we teach our children respect for all faiths and religions. Recently, we got a prayer book from the library filled with prayers from all around the world. At our mealtimes, Nicole taught everyone a different prayer each night, one from Nigeria, Ireland, Liberia and others.

We celebrate all the Christian holidays and have so much fun going all out for Christmas! We like to get our tree the day after Thanksgiving so we have a whole month to enjoy the magic of the lights and special ornaments that we have collected over the years.

Photo Album



Love & Happiness Always



We see parenting as a gift, an honor and a responsibility. We are committed to loving our children, biological or adopted, unconditionally. Our greatest hope for them is to be happy. We want them to grow up feeling secure and safe, knowing that they are free to explore and live out all of their dreams.

We would be honored to give our love to your baby. What an amazing mother you are to be taking this time to create the best possible life for him or her. We look forward to meeting you to discuss the possibility of us parenting and loving your precious little person.



Thank You