

# Justin and Leah



While we try to teach our children all about life,  
Our children teach us what life is all about.

~Angela Schwindt

Dear Birth Family,

Our names are Leah and Justin. Thank you for letting us share ourselves with you. We can only imagine what it must be like for you to choose an adoptive family for your baby. We are filled with much gratitude and admiration for the selfless choice you are making. Our hope is that our story and photographs will assist you in your decision.

We want to build our family through adoption because we have an abundance of love to give to a child. Children have always been very important to us. We are blessed with three young nephews and one niece, but would love to add to our family. Leah grew up with two brothers and Justin grew with one brother and one sister. We have always wanted to have children and we believe now is a good time to add a child to our home. Leah has a lot of time to spend with a new baby, and Justin is fortunate to have a flexible work schedule, which helps.

It isn't just us who want to add a baby to our family; our parents are also very excited about having a grandchild. We can't wait for the day we can tell our family that we are going to have a child. We have loved every minute of our marriage, and we can't wait to add a child to our family. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family.

We hope the following pages will provide a glimpse into our family and life.

Thank you,

Justin and Leah

## Fun Facts about Leah and Justin



**Leah**



**Justin**

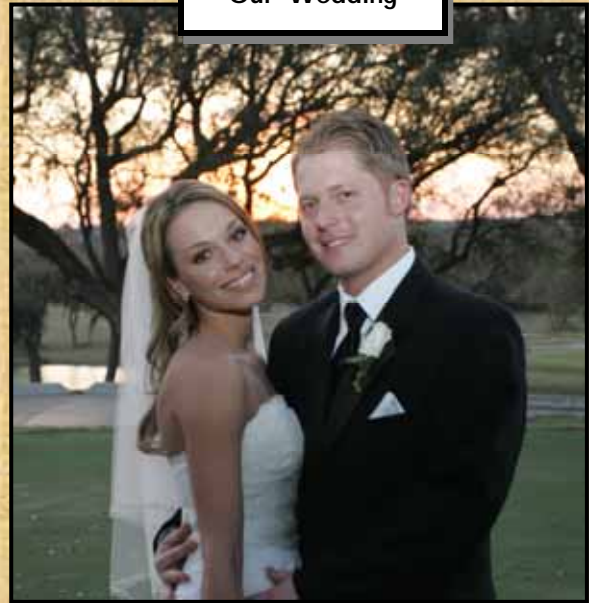
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<b>Favorite Movie</b>	Sex and the City	Dark Knight
<b>Favorite TV Show</b>	Ugly Betty	Lost
<b>Favorite Magazine</b>	US Weekly	Men's Health
<b>Favorite Childhood Memory</b>	Christmas eve	Christmas mornings
<b>Favorite City</b>	New York	Cabo San Lucas, MX
<b>Favorite Sport</b>	Basketball	Basketball/Football
<b>Favorite Athlete</b>	Tom Brady	Tim Duncan
<b>Favorite Family Activity</b>	Playing Board Games	Fishing
<b>Collections</b>	Antique Silver Figural Napkin Rings	Baseball Cards, Coins

## How We Met

We met and became friends during high school. Leah was a freshman and Justin was a junior when we met. We remained friends over the years and eventually began dating during Justin's sophomore year in college. We have been together ever since. Our first date was to a basketball game, which is one of our favorite pastimes. We dated for six years and are now happily married. We've been married for three years now and our relationship is still one of mutual love, respect, and commitment to our vows. We work together well as a team in caring for our daughter and home, and in supporting each other's individual interests.

Our Wedding



## Justin

Justin was born and raised in South Texas. Justin graduated from a small university in 2003 with a degree in Business management. He works in the investment banking industry, and has been with his current employer for the past 6 years.

Justin with his father, nephew and brother.



Justin and Gus, one of our cats.

Justin has a very close family, and spent many holidays with extended family – cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. At Christmas, everyone in the family would gather at his grandparent's house for several days of food and festivities. Justin's family was also committed to domestic and international travel, which fueled a curiosity that still exists to this day.

## Leah

Leah also grew up Texas. She graduated from the University of Texas in 2005 with an undergraduate degree in Education. She has recently finished Master's in Speech Pathology. She is currently helping children in the public school system at a local elementary school. Leah enjoys her work with children and cherishes the flexibility working in the school system provides

Leah's graduating class



Leah and one of her best friends

Leah has two older brothers. Shaun, the oldest brother, lives in California and recently got married. Ryan, the middle child, lives in Texas with his long time girlfriend. Leah's entire family is very excited about welcoming a new baby into the family and is very supportive of Justin and Leah's decision to adopt.



Leah with her Family  
Ryan, Dad, Shaun, and Mom

## Values, Goals and Education

We both grew up in Christian environments. We believe Christianity, and religion generally, provides the foundation for a strong moral upbringing. We regularly attend a nondenominational church that has wonderful children's programs and plan to provide our children a background in Christianity.

Education is very important to both of us. Leah has a Master's degree and Justin also plans to obtain a Master's as well, in addition to continuing education classes in areas of interest.

One of our primary goals as parents is to ensure that our children enjoy life today, but are also well positioned to pursue their own goals and dreams in the future.

## Our House and Neighborhood

We live in a great, safe neighborhood with many kids riding bikes, playing basketball and all sorts of other activities. We live very close to two parks and frequently ride our bikes. Our neighborhood also has tennis courts and a community pool, which are readily accessible. We have lots of kids of all ages in our neighborhood.



**Our Home!**

We have a four bedroom house, with a separate guest house. The baby will have his/her own room.

When we are not at home we love to get away to our families vacation home on the Texas coast. We love to relax in the sun and go fishing together. Justin has been fishing with his family since he was less than a year old, but Leah is new to the excitement.

## Vacation Pictures



Our Coast House



Cabo, Mexico  
Our First Vacation



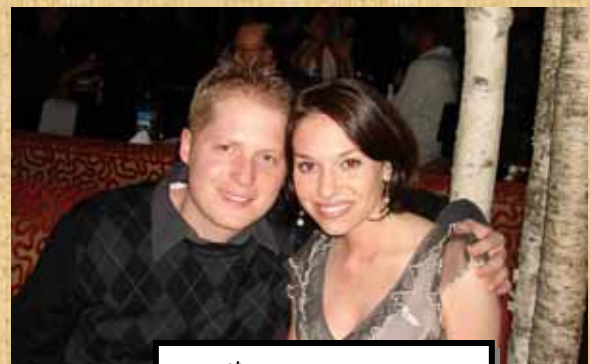
Leah in Cabo San Lucas



Leah Fishing in Cancun



Visiting the Ruins



1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in  
Las Vegas



We believe we have plenty of love and time to share with a child. We would really like to add a child to our family, and after much consideration we decided to pursue adoption. As you can hopefully tell, we are very excited at the prospect of adding a baby to our family, and believe we can provide much love, fun and security.

Thank you for reading our letter and considering our family for your baby. We have so much love to give your child. If you choose us to be the adoptive family for your child, he/she will always know how special you are, the sacrifice you have made, and the wonderful gift you have given us. Should you wish to receive pictures and letters over the years, we would be honored to share the gift you have given us with you.

