

Dear Birthmother,

Hi. We are Gavin and Taylor and we want to thank you for reading our letter. We know that this is going to be one of the hardest and most thoughtful decisions you will ever make, and there are no words for how thankful we are for you considering us as adoptive parents for your baby. There is nothing we want more in our lives than to share it with a son or daughter, and we will shower that child with as much love and guidance as possible. We look forward to meeting you and sharing in this journey together. We will be as involved as you want throughout the whole process and want to be a positive force in this experience whether you decide to pick us or not.



About Us:

We both grew up in Oxnard and have lived a couple blocks away from each other our whole childhood. We started dating in high school and got married in 2008. Early on in our marriage Taylor got pregnant and when she was 8 months pregnant our unborn son died. It was a very hard time emotionally but we got through it together. We have been trying to get pregnant again the last 8 years since then but are unable.

A few years ago we moved into our dream home. It was built in 1920 and we love the historic neighborhood feel. We live on a cul de sac where it is nice and quiet with lots of trees and big front lawns. We envision many fun bbq's in our backyard with our friends and their children and ours.



A typical weekend for us is doing some chores around the house, playing with our cat and 2 dogs, trying a new place for dinner with our friends, or having them over for a home cooked meal. We love to cook together and then play a board game after. Which we often do game nights with our friends.

Our religion also plays an important role in our lives. We were both born and raised as Jehovah's Witnesses. We want to raise our children with the same

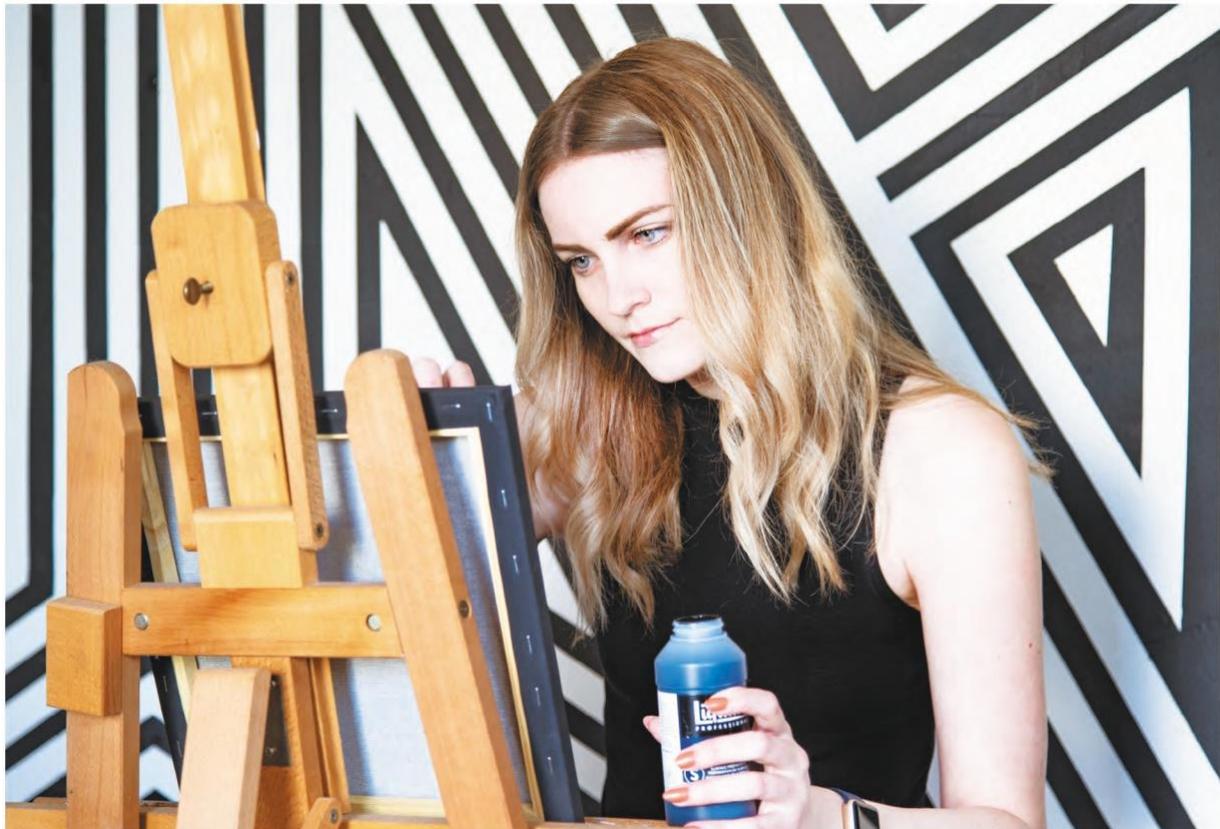
loving and spiritual guidance that we were raised with. We are close with our relatives and spend as much time with them as we can. Luckily most of our relatives live within an hour or less of us. So we get to see them often. Both of our parents also live very close to us which will be great because they are all very excited to have their first grandchild.



We think our work schedule will be beneficial when raising a child. Taylor works for a few hours in the morning at an elementary school. And Gavin works mostly in the afternoons doing architectural photography. We are always home in the evening together. And if Gavin does have to work in the morning his mother, who lives a few minutes away, works from home and would love to babysit. Which is also convenient because her house is right across the street from Taylor's job.

About Taylor:

I grew up doing many different hobbies and I want the same for my child. I would be going to ballet lessons and then coming home to play soccer with my brother, doing art projects together, or acting out a play we had written. I have always loved art and I love to paint even now. I enjoy going to museums for inspiration. I also like going golfing with our friends. After high school I took a job at the school district. I'm a Paraeducator and spend my days at work helping kindergarten students write their name, do art projects, work on their numbers and alphabet, and help students that are having a rough day. I love my job because I feel like I get to make a difference in the students lives, and get to experience all of their achievements.



A few years ago I was suffering from depression and was diagnosed with Bipolar disorder. I now see a therapist regularly and take medication that makes me feel normal again. Because of this I feel much empathy towards people going through struggles in their life, and I feel like this is beneficial in raising a child because no matter what unexpected things they may go through I will be there to help them through it. I know it can be hard for people to have open conversations about some topics, such as mental health. But I feel it is important to be completely open and honest with someone whom I wish to have an important relationship with.

The greatest moments in my life are getting to spend time helping the students I work with and the time I spend with my friends kids. Both me and Gavin are extremely excited to bring a child into our happy family!

About Gavin:

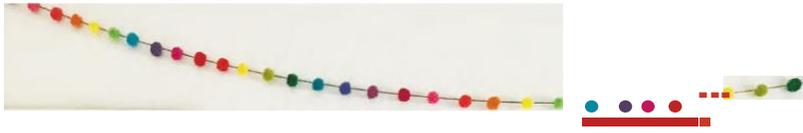
I was raised with the idea that children should be able to follow their dreams and can do anything they set their minds to. This mentality has stayed with me my whole life and I strongly feel it has led to my happiness today. As a kid, I was encouraged to pursue a variety of things I was interested in. I loved art, sports, and academics, but my true passion was music. At a young age I picked up my dad's guitar and started strumming. With a bit of guidance from my dad, my musical journey began. I've since played many instruments in many bands, from my high school marching band to a fun rock band with my best friend and my brother in law. Instilling a love of music into our child is something very important to me, but I will lovingly support anything they wish to do.

I currently work as a freelance architectural photographer. What is that you ask? Well, you know when you look at pictures of hotel rooms online, and then when you actually check in, the photo on the website looked way nicer than in real life? I am to blame for that. I love my job, and I'm very fortunate to be able to support my family doing something I am passionate about. I look forward to being a dad and hope I can be half as good as my dad is to me. I know that when we are able to finally become parents all the tear filled days wishing and praying we could get pregnant will disappear as if they never happened.



Our Future:

We have always envisioned children as a part of our life. And now that our friends and cousins have children, we have been especially enjoying it. But we are ready to add a new member to our own family. And that includes you too! We would love to be as close or as distant as you want. Which could include sending you letters, pictures, etc.



We would love to care for your baby as our own, and give as much love and attention that our families have given us. Thank you for taking the time to read our letter.

Sincerely,

Taylor and Gavin

