

Chase and Wendy

Welcome to our Family!

When we were dating, I told Chase that I may not be able to have children. He quickly responded "Hey, we can adopt!" and told me he had an adopted niece and nephew. I excitedly responded that my oldest niece was also adopted. Two years ago we became parents to a beautiful baby boy through the miracle of adoption. Our little family and our extended families on both sides have been so greatly blessed by adoption! We are excited to start this adoption journey as our hearts and home are ready for another child to join our family. Thanks for taking the time to get to know us!

Love in our home is shown through words & actions, opportunities to develop interests & talents are provided, education & learning is encouraged and family traditions are plentiful. We are excited to welcome another child to our home and help them achieve their highest potential by giving of our time, energy, tears, cheers, patience and lots of love.

We hope to enjoy an open adoption, unless you desire differently and we will respect your wishes. We know that adoption results in an increase of "extended family" and we look forward to creating a relationship that is most beneficial to our child. We are excited to get to know you, please feel free to contact us via phone, e-mail or social media.

We are amazed at your strength and humbled by your selflessness. We pray that as you make important decisions in your life, your heart will be comforted and answers to your prayers will be clear and abundant.

Lots of Love, Chase, Wendy and Rex







How it all started...

Nine years ago we went on our first date. Wendy accidentally swore at me, | fell in love with that girl off the farm and asked her out for the next night. She said yes, shut the door and ran up the stairs to throw up from the food poisoning she got from dinner that night. But we still went on a date the next night, and the next night and... we never stopped! It's no Cinderella story, but it's our story. Wendy said the food poisoning was worth it!

We were married in 2007 and finished college together at Utah State University before moving to Davis County, Utah where we purchased our home. We became parents in 2014 to our son, Rex, and he's been the greatest joy of our lives!

We like to try new things together; like taking a ballroom dance class, snorkeling in the Caribbean and attempting DIY home projects. We both love Disneyland, Mexican food, the beach, going on walks in the canyon, funny TV shows, Christmas, playing games, birthdays and ice cream. Oh, and, we really like each other...a lot!

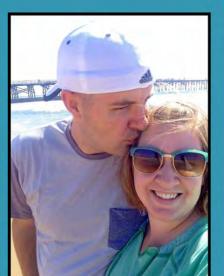


















All about Wendy... (by Chase)

Wendy sees the best in everyone and helps others to see their own potential and gain confidence. She is beautiful, smart, sassy, absolutely hilarious, hard-working, confident, fun, secure, spontaneous, non-judgmental and real (she is who she is and never puts on a show). She never takes anything too seriously and she's not easily offended. She loved to dance as a young girl and inherited her grandmother's love of traveling. She loves fireworks, rain, avocados, shopping, photography, fish tacos and awkward situations (weird,] know). Wendy makes friends instantly and is constantly planning parties, outings and vacations with family and friends. She's always the life of the party with her contagious smile and ability to make others laugh.

Wendy grew up on a dairy farm and has an amazing work ethic. She also has an incredible mind: she earned her Bachelor's degree when she was 20 years old and later her Master's degree with a 4.0 GPA - all while working full time! I've never seen Wendy intimidated by anything; she's confident and secure with who she is. She always notices when others need help and is not shy at all- she jumps right in and recruits the masses if needed. She keeps us all laughing, smiling, learning and serving.

Wendy is the center of Rex's world and the most wonderful mother. She is loads of fun and keeps his social calendar full of playdates, trips to the park and learning activities. Wendy spends hours outside with Rex drawing letters with chalk on the driveway, helping him ride his scooter around the neighborhood, pushing him on the swing and building sand castles over and over again just so he can smash them.

Wendy always makes Rex feel included; he is never too young or too little to participate in any activity. She is incredibly patient, positive and respectful. I'm always amazed to watch Wendy communicate with Rex - she gets right down on his level and explains difficult concepts in words he can understand. Whenever Rex tells me about something new he's learned, I ask him, "Where did you learn that?" and his answer is always the same: "From my mama!". He adores her, as do I.

Wendy has helped me to see my potential, encouraged me to excel and supported me through my weaknesses and will do the same for our children.



















All about Chase....(by Wendy)

The thing | love most about Chase is how attentive and thoughtful he is. He remembers special dates and plans fun ways to celebrate them. He is so good about noticing what needs to be done and jumps right in to help. Chase loves scuba diving, hiking, camping, fishing, movies, reading and is a fabulous cook! Rex is always so excited to help daddy make homemade pancakes and syrup on Saturday morning. A few random things about Chase: he loves stale marshmallows, hates having hair on his head and loves to make me laugh until | squeak. Chase is an easygoing guy, but is always up for any party or vacation that | plan.

Chase grew up in Idaho and enjoyed playing basketball, canyoneering, and backpacking in the mountains with his brothers. He went on a two-year service mission to Florida where he gained a great love for southern barbeque. He started working at the age of eight and has been employed ever since. He earned two Bachelor's degrees in Accounting and Economics and enjoys working as an accountant where he gets all sorts of nerdy excited over awesome spreadsheets and macros he creates – which I find adorable (and hilarious!). Chase's goal was always to find a job that provided for his family and was flexible so he could take time off for family events. We are so blessed that he found a job with all those perks and he truly enjoys his work.

Chase is a very involved father - he's never missed one of Rex's doctor checkups, always taking off work to come. He plans on attending all of his childrens' soccer games, dance recitals, etc. - just as his dad did. He's incredibly competent and knows Rex's routines just as well as 1 do. Nothing makes him happier than being a dad and spending time with his son. They spend a lot of time outside together working on things in the garage and taking care of the yard. Rex follows him around and Chase includes him in everything he does and teaches him along the way. At two years old, Rex knows how to work a shovel and can help move dirt, has the fine motor skills to hammer nails into a board and can use a screwdriver. He mows right alongside daddy with his play mower and has his own little rake to help with leaves.

If someone is in a bad mood or has their feelings hurt, Chase is quick to respond. He is the kind of dad that our kids will go to when they are sad, disappointed, frustrated or happy-because he is easy to talk to and listens well. I love this man so much and I love watching him be a dad. I am so grateful for the kind, attentive father and husband that he is!



All about Rex...

Rex is the best surprise we've ever had! Two years ago we received a phone call that a baby was born and his birth parents were considering adoption and wanted to meet us that very night. We spent hours that evening visiting with them and were thrilled when they asked us if we would adopt him into our family. The very next day, exactly 24 hours after we learned of his birth, we met his birth parents at the hospital for placement and came home with a beautiful dark eyed baby boy with dimples that would melt any heart. We are incredibly grateful for the love of his birth parents and their confidence in us. We are the luckiest!

Rex radiates joy and happiness with his friendly demeanor and signature dimples. He yells "hello" and waves to everyone he sees and makes friends wherever he goes - no matter the age. He is strong and agile with incredible determination and endless amounts of energy. He runs fasts, jumps high and learns quickly. He loves robots, dinosaurs, tools, the beach, family movie night, Disneyland, Curious George, and playing with his cousins. Rex gets his beautiful coloring from being mixed race Mexican/Puerto Rican/Caucasian/Italian.

He's a fantastic helper around the house; always excited to wash dishes, vacuum, do laundry and help with yard work. He enjoys hiking, digging in his sandbox, camping, swimming, swinging, playing hide and seek, jumping on his trampoline, singing songs, going to grandpa's farm, shaking his booty to music and going for walks around the neighborhood to find friends and visit with neighbors. His favorite foods are fruit of any kind (especially berries), olives, marshmallows, cucumbers, fries and ice cream. He's mastered the letters of the alphabet and recently conquered potty training. He is compassionate, kind, friendly and silly. His cute giggle and dimples fill our home with happiness!

When we asked Rex if he wanted to be a big brother he said, "Baby be so happy mine house!" We think so, too, and can't wait to see him take on his role of big brother!



Our Home...

Our quiet little cul-de-sac is not so quiet between the end of school and bedtime because all the neighbor kids love to get together and play outside; riding bikes, playing basketball, and enjoying night games. Our neighborhood is active and very close - we often go on picnics to the park and have weekly playdates. Some things that attracted us to this area are the great schools and a small town atmosphere while still being close to an amusement park, water parks, museums, splash pads, the library, walking trails, numerous playgrounds and just a short drive to the airport. Living close to the mountains puts us near rivers, ponds and hiking trails to explore.

We live in Davis County in a city rated as one of the safest in Utah. Our home has plenty of room for our family to grow. We have a fenced backyard with a swing set, sandbox, garden, little trampoline and a slide going off the deck. Chase is itching to put his woodworking skills to use and make the ultimate tree house for Rex! Wendy's photography skills are apparent on the walls of our home where many happy memories are displayed. Her shopping and decorating have turned our house into a home where we frequently entertain family and friends.





















Summer Fun:

Our summer usually kicks off with a visit to Wendy's sister's ranch to enjoy the mountains. Rex loves riding the horses and four-wheelers. We enjoy going to small town parades, fairs and attending lots of firework shows. We have season passes to a local amusement/water park and like to spend a few hours on summer nights riding the rides and going down waterslides. We love to feed the ducks at the pond, go on hikes, take a few camping trips with our neighbors and spend plenty of time at the pool. Oh, and we eat a lot of ice cream!













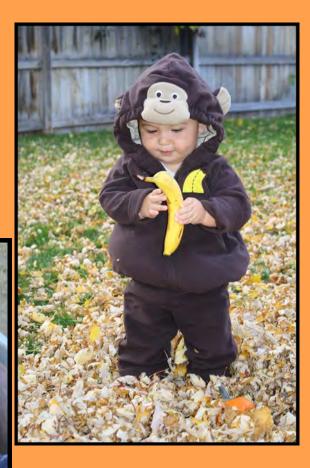
Fall Festivities:

As the weather gets cold we try to drag out our summer season just a little longer with a family vacation to the beach. Then the crisp fall air leads us to bake and eat everything pumpkin and our meals become delicious with produce from our garden. There are many walks in the canyon to enjoy the changing colors and we love raking and jumping in the leaves with Rex. We look forward to going to the pumpkin patch to pick pumpkins and we have a great time carving and painting them together. We love Halloween and always dress up in great family-themed costumes. We usually spend Thanksgiving with Wendy's family and the day after Thanksgiving with Chase's family in the mountains having a bonfire and cutting down our Christmas tree.











Winter Traditions:

We're always excited for the Christmas season and having a child in our home has only made it more magical! During the month of December we do the "12 Dates of Christmas", a tradition started by Chase when we were dating and still continues ten years later, although now it's a family affair. We spend Christmas with Wendy's family and New Year's Eve with Chase's family, playing games and eating tasty appetizers. This past winter brought out the two-year old in all of us as Rex helped us rediscover our love for making snowmen, having snowball fights and sledding in our huge new sled that holds all three of us. We always take a vacation to someplace warm in February, usually California, because we get anxious for Spring and sunny days.

















Spring Happenings:

We get our garden planted and get all geeky excited when things start to sprout. Coloring and decorating Easter eggs is always a favorite and per tradition we eat Easter dinner on plates designed with food to look like bunnies. Wendy's family gets together for a big family dinner in early Spring and we eat her mom's homemade rolls and raspberry jam until we can't move. Rex loves going to Baby Animal Days and holding all the cute little animals. We also make a trip to Wendy's family farm to ride on the tractors and feed the baby cows. We love spending time outside with Rex drawing with sidewalk chalk, swinging, and playing in the sandbox.









Vacations

We value family time and enjoy getting away and spending quality time making memories together. We have an unofficial rule in our house that our toes need to touch the ocean twice a year. Rex has traveled with us to

Lincoln City, OR, Monterey, CA, Disneyland, and two vacation to San Diego, CA. We will always treasure memories of him crawling around on the beach, learning about ocean life at Sea World, tide pooling on the coast, eating ice cream on the pier, and going on his favorite Toy Story ride at Disneyland over and over - 18 times to be exact! The gift we were most excited to give Rex for his 1st birthday was a Passport and we hope to travel with our children around the world as they grow so they can experience other cultures, explore beautiful places and have grand adventures.









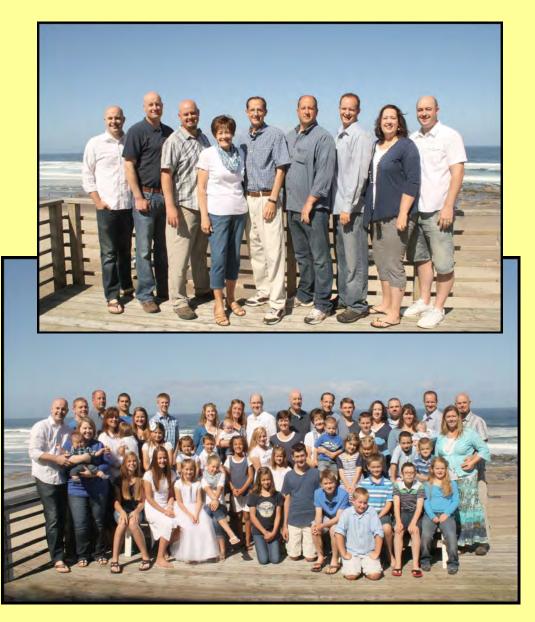






Extended Family

We both come from large families so we spend a lot of family time together at reunions and parties enjoying many family traditions. Chase's family loves to play games and camp while Wendy's family loves to spend time on the farm and joke around together. Having big families on both sides also means lots of cousins for Rex to play with - he has seven cousins his age which means built in playmates and friends for life. We live close to most of our family members and have great relationships with them. Rex has four involved grandparents and two great-grandparents that are wonderful influences and eager for more grandchildren to love. We are grateful for family legacies of hard work, dedication, continual learning, honesty and service to others and plan to pass that on to the next generation.



This is Chase's family . He is the youngest of 6 brothers and 1 sister (1 brother not pictured). These photos were taken on a family trip to the Oregon coast.



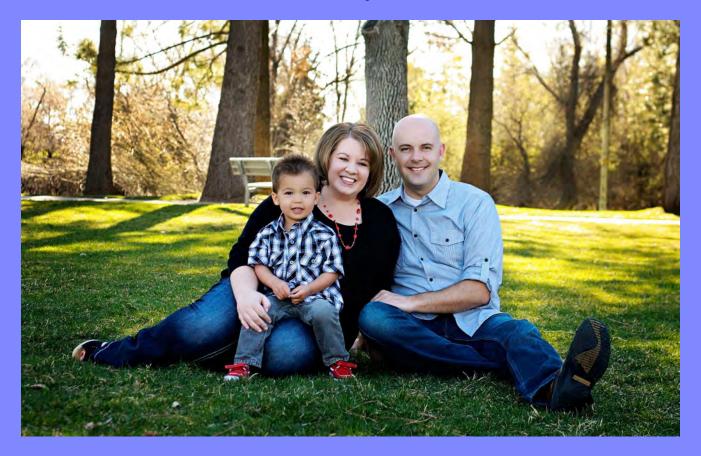
Wendy's grandparents (Rex's great-grandparents):





This is Wendy's family. She has 5 brothers and 1 sister (one brother passed away). Her two youngest brothers are twins. These photos are taken in front of their old family barn. Thanks for taking the time to learn about our family. We would love to get to know you better and answer any questions you may have.

Lots of Love to You, Chase, Wendy and Rex



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