

Meet Stacey and Mike



Meet Stacey

I am 36 years old and grew up in a small town. My family includes my mom and dad and my younger sister. As a family we enjoyed camping, playing sports and spending time with our extended family, all things I still enjoy today!

My family would describe me as a shy kid who loved to read and play outside. It was important to my parents that I was brought up with the mentality of “you can do anything a boy can do.” With this mindset, I was often the only girl playing a pickup game of any sport with the boys. This saying still rings true today, as I take pride in learning and doing things independently.

As a Recreational Therapist, I work with people of varying disabilities and ages, helping them achieve joy and purpose through recreation and leisure. I absolutely love what I do and feel so lucky to get the opportunity to work with amazing people every day!



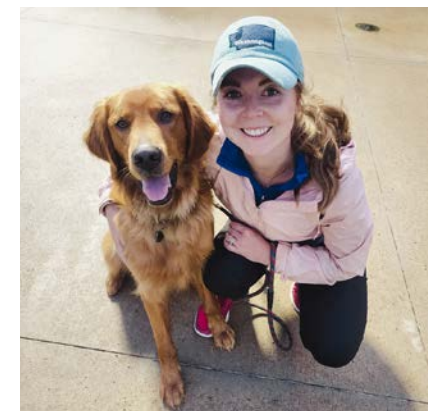
On most days you can find me:

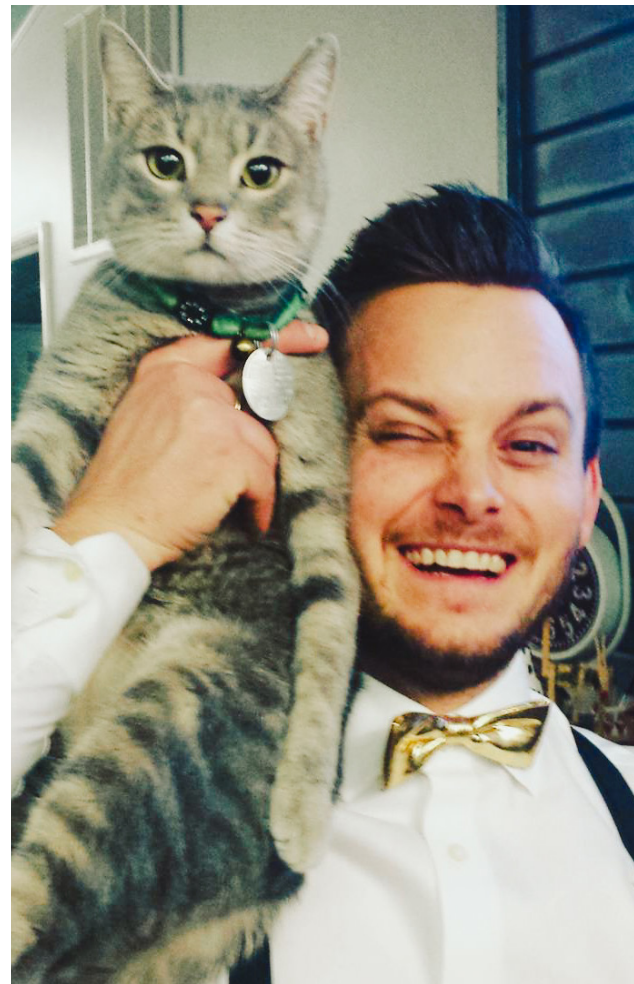
- Drinking coffee
- Reading a mystery novel
- Teaching my dog Walter new tricks
- Exploring and discovering new places
- Gardening
- Sports



Stacey is the sweetest, most pure-hearted, genuine, & true person I've met. She does everything with nothing but great intentions. She pours her heart into everything she does and to everyone she meets. She is up for anything, FUN!, light-hearted, and quirky. :) She is an amazing wife, confidant, and friend. I'm beyond excited to share a family with her and cannot wait to spend everyday with her being the Mom she so deserves to be.

- Mike





Meet Mike

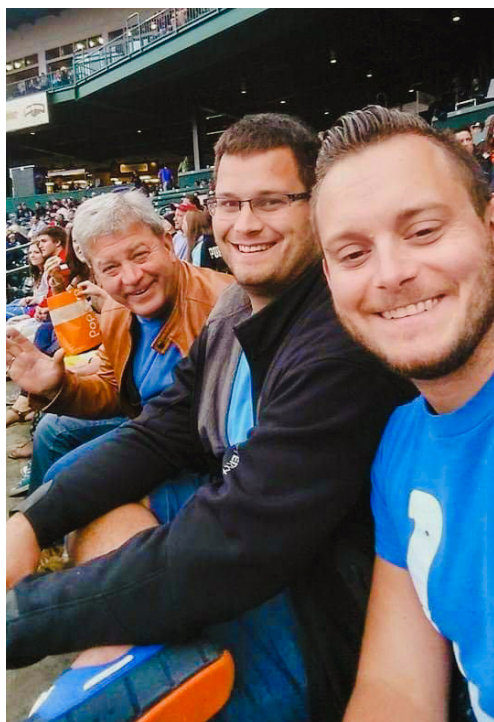
I am 36 years old and grew up in Northern Indiana. My family includes my Mom, Dad, and brother. I have many great memories with my family on the lake, swimming, boating, fishing, playing with frogs, and fireworks over the water on the 4th of July!

My family would have described me as a shy, timid kid. However now, that is a different story. Through trying times as a child of divorce, I've found myself as someone who is determined, driven, ambitious, has many friends and associates, and deeply values family and friends.

As a Realtor, I've served the community, family, and friends and I love it everyday! I love getting the opportunity to meet new people and help them through one of the biggest days of their lives!

In my "free time," I enjoy:

- Camping
- Sports
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Playing with my dog & cat
- Gaming
- Spending quality time with my family



Mike is kind, passionate and always the life of the party. His personality lights up the room and he makes everyone feel welcome. Mike has a zest for life that is infectious and one cannot help but have fun when you are around him. He cares deeply for his family and puts them first above all else.

- Stacey



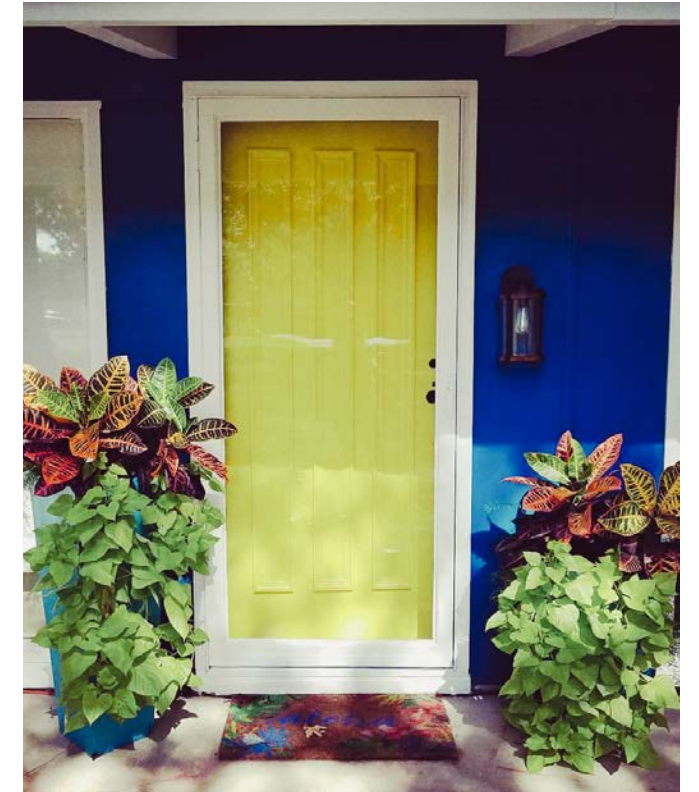
Our Story so far



We met in 2008 at a summer camp in Indiana for children with disabilities. Our friendship grew over the summer and we remained close friends at a distance (2,500 + miles!). When Mike found out Stacey was returning to camp the following year in 2009, he offered her a ride to camp from the airport and the rest is history.

Stacey went back to Canada after camp ended that summer and what once was a friendship at a distance blossomed into a romantic relationship. After many flights from Canada to Indiana and back, hours of long distance phone calls and countless texts, Mike proposed to Stacey at the summer camp where they had first met.





Our Home

We live in a 4 bedroom ranch style home. We fell in love with the neighborhood because of the large yard and beautiful mature trees. Our backyard has lots of space to run around, a deck for relaxing and sharing meals and a garden where we grow tomatoes, strawberries and peppers.

We have lived in our home for 7 years. With lots of love, hard work and sweat, we have completed many projects to make it uniquely our own.



We Promise...

to read a story every night before bed

to teach your child to lead with kindness

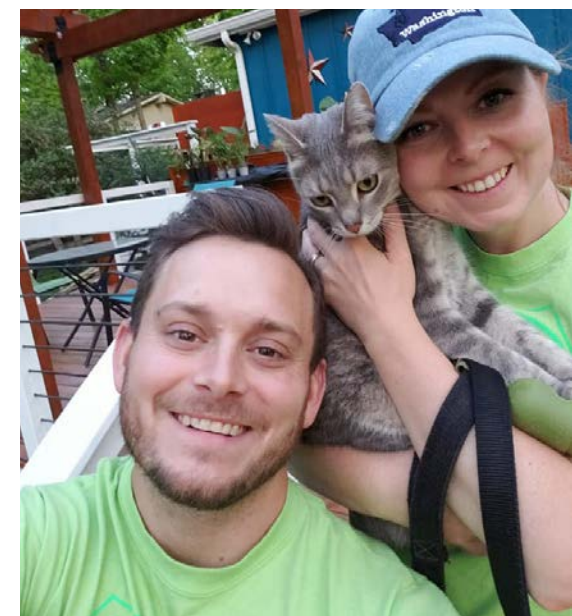
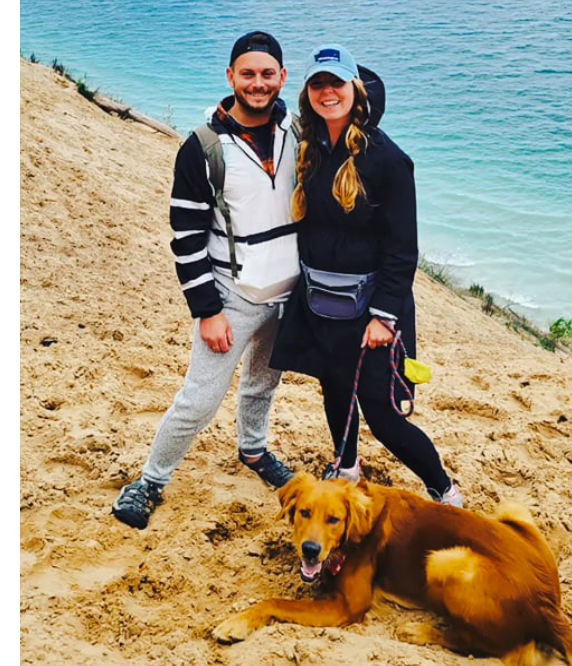
to love them no matter what

to embrace your cultural traditions and backgrounds

to communicate with you in the way we agree on

to help your child explore their passions

to take opportunities to talk about you and your family





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We searched for the best way for us to become parents and grow our family. We spoke with close friends and family members about their own personal adoption experiences. Adoption has always been a part of Mike's life as his Dad, Aunt, and Second Cousins are all adopted.

We feel like now is the right time to begin the journey to become adoptive parents and share the love that is already in our hearts.



Our Path to Adoption

Family is important to us and we always knew we wanted children. After trying for years to conceive naturally, multiple rounds of IUI and IVF, we took time to heal and grow as a couple.

Though our journey has had many ups and downs, we have fallen in love with the idea of adopting and are beyond excited for the opportunity of finally having and raising a family together.

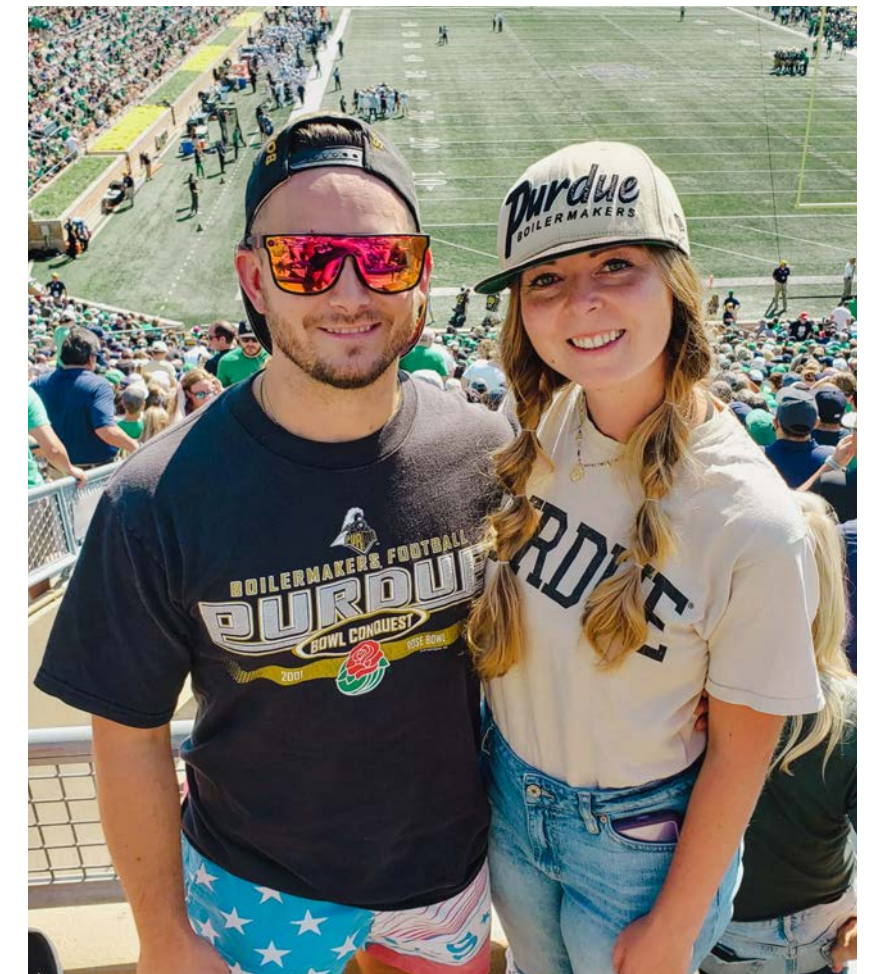




Our Family

We are a fun loving couple who are always up for adventure. We love to explore and try new things. We love hosting friends and family for good food and even better conversation.

A typical evening together usually includes cooking dinner and sharing our day's events, followed by taking our dog, Walter, for a walk around the neighborhood, and later curling up to binge a few episodes of our most recent show.





Walter and Gus

Our family also includes Walter, our 1.5 year old golden retriever and Gus, our 8 year old rescue cat.

Gus can be described as our Dog-Cat. As a kitten, Gus would walk on a leash in our apartment building to burn energy. He loves people and is always looking for a warm lap to curl up on.

Walter can be described as a ball of energy. His favorite activity is anything that involves retrieving a ball. He loves daily walks, learning new tricks and cuddling on the couch at night.



Uncle Mike and Auntie Stacey



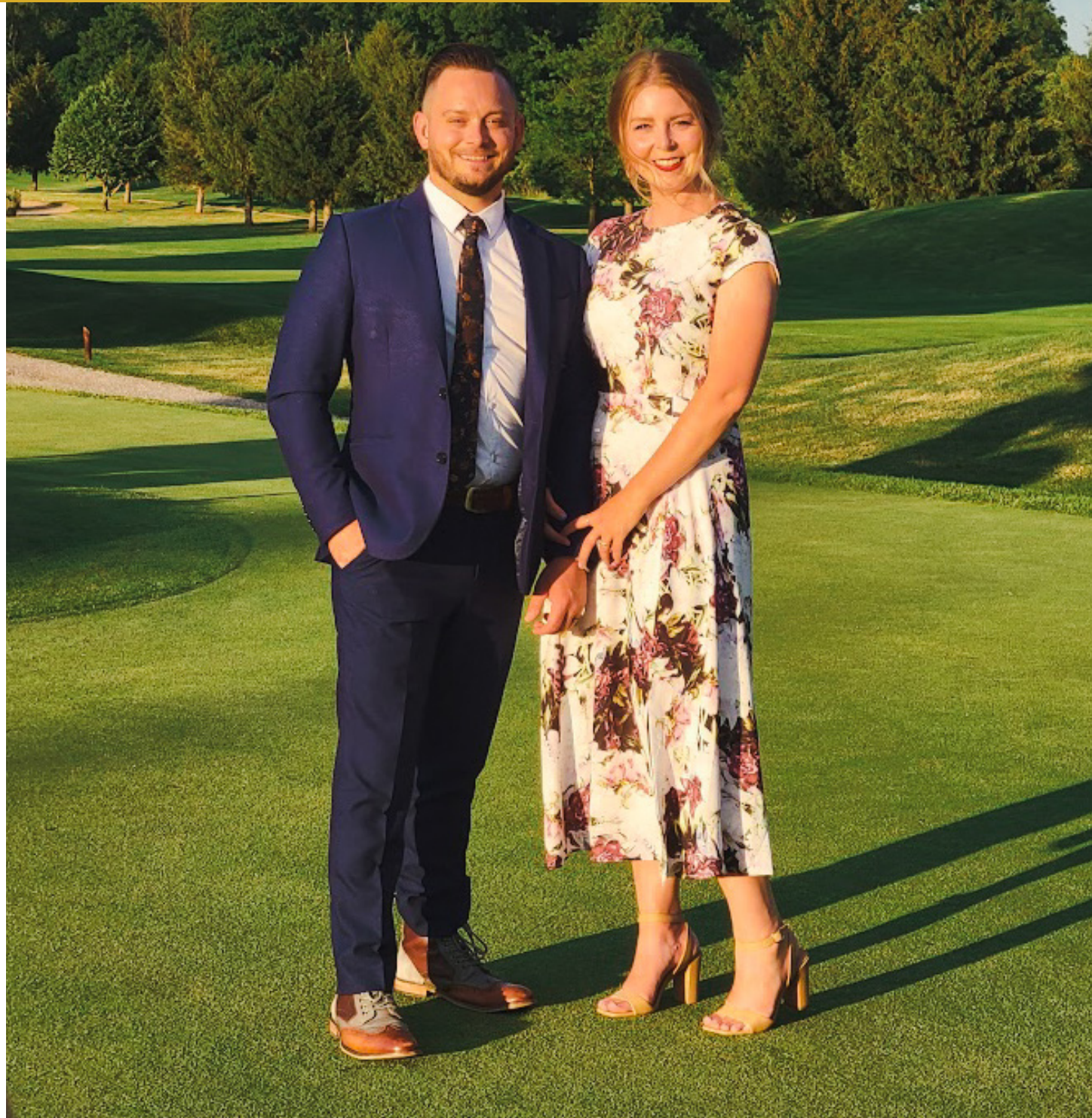
We have three nieces on Stacey's side of the family. We love to play outside together riding bikes, going to the park, and playing basketball. On rainy days, we spend time together reading, curled up on the couch watching movies and making crafts.

A new tradition we have started with the girls is Uncle Mike dressing up as Santa Clause, bringing gifts "accidentally" left in the sleigh.

We love our nieces so much and we have so much more love to give. Our hearts are overflowing with love for your child.



Looking ahead



We are so excited to become parents, and cannot wait to get the opportunity to share the love we have in our hearts. Creating special moments and sharing experiences is something we've always dreamt of.

Our love and support is with you as you make this difficult decision. We would feel so honored for you to choose us. We look forward to getting the chance to talk and learn more about you.

