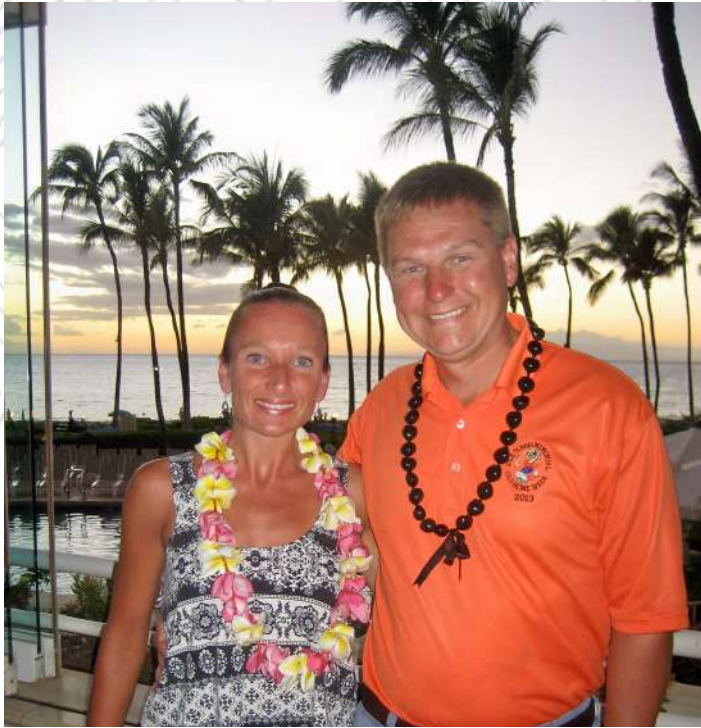




BRIAN & SARA



DEAR EXPECTANT PARENTS,

Hello, We are Brian and Sara and we appreciate that you are taking the time to learn more about our family. Thank you for considering your choices. We are so excited to be adopting and bringing a child into our family! We hope our story will help you in making your choice. Please know that no matter what you choose, we wish you and your child all the best. We hope this book gives you a glimpse about our family. We look forward to meeting you!



about us

WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED 9 YEARS!

We met online through a dating website. Even though we are from different states, we were able to plan some dates where we met half way. It was a very fun time getting to know each other. We shared similar goals and values in life such as wanting to get married and have a family. We eventually met and spent time with each others families. Sara got to know Brian's family during a family trip with Brian's parents and siblings to Gulf Shores Alabama. It was a great opportunity to see how she fit in with the family. Not long after this and discovering our true connection to one another, Brian proposed to Sara on a long weekend trip with her family. All of Sara's family knew what would happen and were good at keeping it a secret from her. Brian wrote a very detailed story of every single date and what he enjoyed about them when he proposed to her. She was impressed and so happy to have found the love of her life! We were married in the summer of 2015. Our love is built on a solid foundation of trust, honesty, communication and fun. We believe in the importance of working together as a team in all that we do. We enjoy spending time outdoors, traveling, going out to dinner, wine tasting, festivals, and listening to live music.

about

BRIAN

Brian grew up in a small town in the midwest. He was raised by loving parents, Mike and Brenda, who just celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. He has a younger brother Brad and sister Mindy who are 3 years and 6 years younger. His brother has 4 kids and his sister has 2 kids. Brian values family and religion. He attends church weekly and tries to grow closer to God every day. He received a Master's Degree in accounting in 2000 and has worked at the same CPA firm since graduating. Brian became a Partner in 2022 and specializes in auditing tribes and local governments. His hobbies include playing golf, jogging, hiking, biking, watching sports and reading. Golfing was a big part of his life and he participated in numerous tournaments throughout the years. He is looking forward to teaching Austin and hopefully another child, and playing together in the future.





about

SARA



Sara grew up in the midwest, and still lives in the same city where all her extended family are . She has one sister, Susie, who is eight years older than her. She enjoys being an aunt to three beautiful nieces. Sara is close with her mom, Mary, and stepdad, Mike. Sara's dad passed away in 1993. She talks about Grandpa David to Austin and tries to keep his spirit alive. Her family have always been very important. She loves hiking, traveling, dancing, music, jogging, skiing, boating, and spending time with family and friends. Sara graduated with a Master's Degree in Social Work in 2004. She has enjoyed working with children and families in a school setting. She now is a stay at home mother to her son Austin. She is excited about expanding her family and for Austin to have a sibling like she does.



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AUSTIN

Austin is 7 years old and will be going into the 2nd grade. He is a very caring, thoughtful, sweet, fun, and creative boy. He is a happy kid and has a zest for life. Austin enjoys playing with his legos, hot wheels and other toys. His favorite thing to do is play outside. He is very social and enjoys being at school with his friends. He loves babies and in general kids younger than him also. He is definitely excited about having a younger sibling. Austin will be an excellent older brother, due to how he will protect and watch out for his sibling. He is great at helping others and being kind. This is something that we make sure to always teach and remind him. Austin will be busy this summer with various summer camps for stem, basketball, golf, and will continue with swimming lessons.







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PEACHES

Peaches is our family dog. She is a "Teddy Bear", which is a Bichon and Shih Tzu mix. Her name fits her so perfectly, because she truly is a peach! Sara got her from a trusted breeder when she was born in 2009. Peaches has all of the qualities you would wish for in a dog. She is wonderful around children, loves to go for walks and be active, is very loyal, loves people, and is overall a very sweet dog. She does not shed either which is a plus. Peaches goes with us as much as possible different places and enjoys going to auntie or grandma's house.





BRIAN'S EXTENDED FAMILY



Brian's family has many traditions around holidays throughout the year. Austin enjoys spending time with his six cousins all ten years old and under. They have a blast playing together. Our favorite holiday is the Fourth of July in our hometown. We all get together for the week and enjoy multiple golf events, a parade, festival, and fireworks. We also get together for an indoor waterpark trip during President's Day every year.



SARA'S EXTENDED FAMILY



Sara's mom, stepdad, and sister all live very close by. We regularly get together for dinners and to celebrate holidays and birthdays. Austin gets lots of attention as he is much younger than his cousins who are all in college now. We recently got to enjoy going to Disney World together, which was amazing! Every year in the fall, we head up north to spend time at our second home and enjoy the beauty of the fall season together as a whole family.





HOW BRIAN THINKS OF SARA

Sara is my partner in life. I love her very much, I feel that she is one of the most generous, caring, loving, and thoughtful people I know. She makes me a better person and continually motivates me through our life. Sara is always willing to lend a helping hand. More than my wife, Sara is my best friend. I feel very fortunate to be married to her and have her in my life. My wish for her is to have the opportunity to be a mother to another child. There is no doubt she is a great mother to Austin. She spends quality time together with him reading, playing games and with toys. In addition, she encourages and guides him always. We will continue to be an outstanding team as parents for another child.

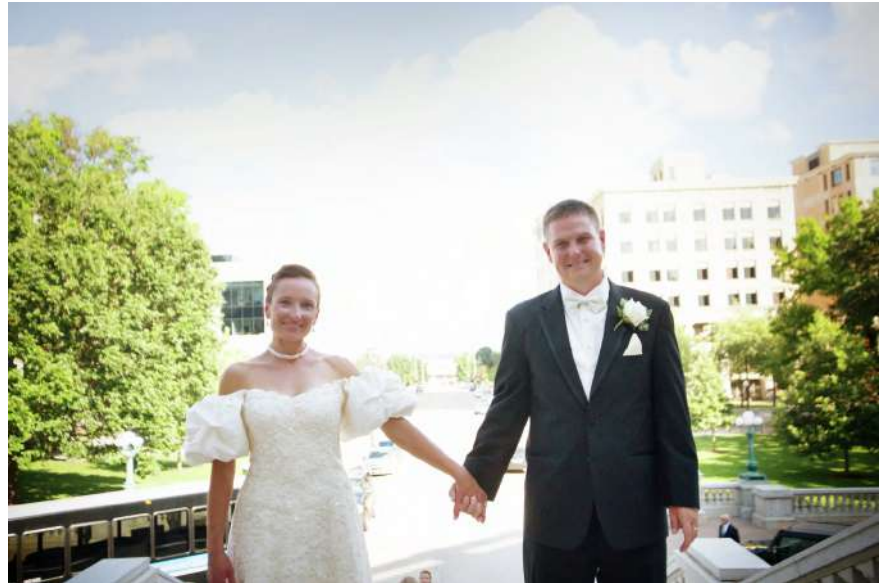


HOW SARA THINKS OF BRIAN

Brian is a devoted husband and family man. He is very kind, righteous, faithful, and intelligent. I know I can always count on him for anything. If I ever doubt myself or get discouraged, he is always there. We strive to fulfill each other's needs. I love him dearly and know that I am so blessed to have him as my best friend and life partner. He is a wonderful dad and husband, because he always makes his family a number one priority. Brian is great at playing with Austin one on one building legos and train sets. He also loves taking him to play outside as much as possible. We have lots of fun together as a whole family and a couple.

Our *home* and
neighborhood





Our home was built in 2017 and is two stories with four bedrooms. We live in a city which has been voted the number one place to live in America! It continues to be top ranked every year for having a great quality of life. It is a wonderful place to raise a family. The school district is excellent, which was a priority for us when searching for our home. There are many parks, beautiful walking paths, lakes, and conservancies near by to enjoy. Our neighborhood is very safe and has many children to play with. We have been fortunate to have next door neighbors with same age children. They love playing together and riding bikes after school.



Our family and friends are excited and fully supportive of our wish to adopt a baby and add to our family! We have enjoyed family vacations together, most recently Disney World, and spending time at auntie and grandma's house for family gatherings. We enjoy playing cards and board games as a family. Austin really loves going to grandma's house for sleepovers and to play often, which allows us to plan date nights and spend time as a couple. Hannah and Rehan are our closest friends and we have enjoyed many fun activities together with their family, including going to a waterpark, baseball game, birthday parties and play dates. It is wonderful having so many people in our lives who are always there for us!

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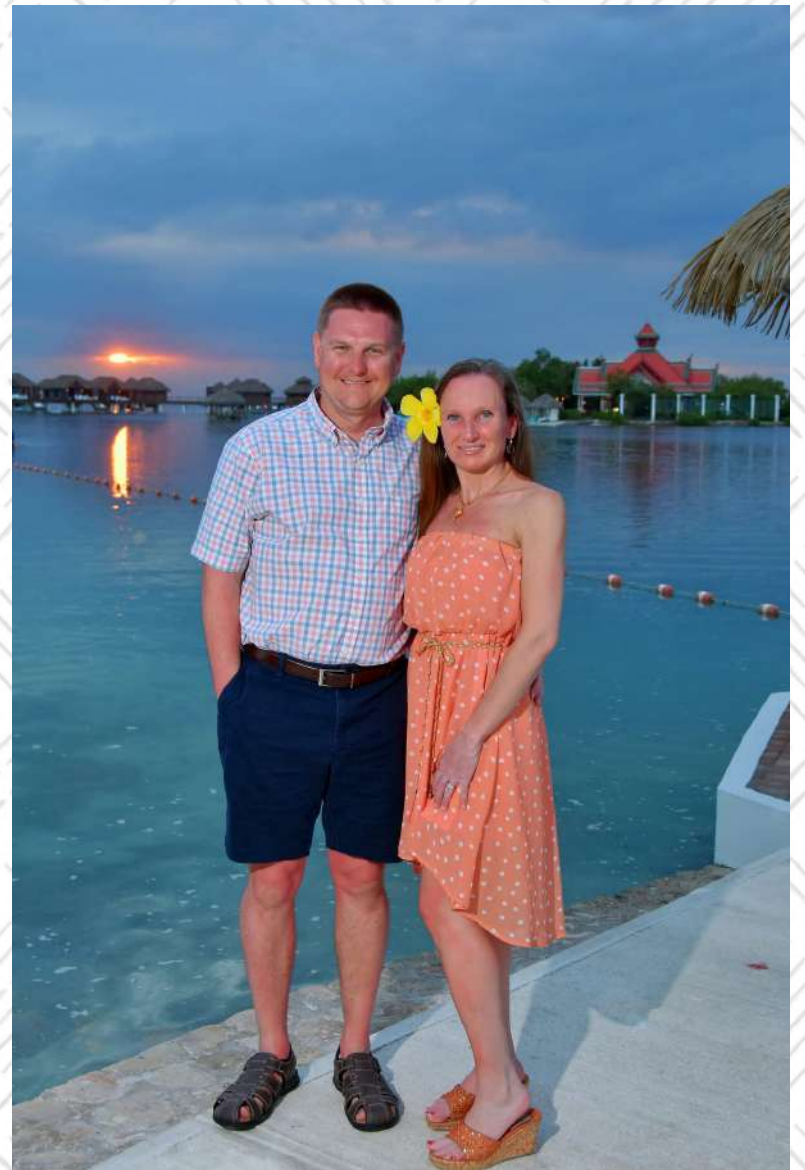
FAMILY AND FRIENDS





Adventures

Together we love to see and experience new places! We appreciate the beauty of the world around us, and try to live life to the fullest. Our honeymoon was in Hawaii. We traveled on a Caribbean Cruise and to Jamaica together twice. Austin has enjoyed traveling with us to Ft. Lauderdale and Orlando, Florida, as well as Chicago and Louisiana. We look forward to more family trips including Mexico, Figi, and Europe some day!



Our Faith

Sara and Brian were both raised in Catholic households and have carried that faith on to Austin and will do so with future children. We value love, respect, forgiveness, patience, honesty, and trust. Psalm from Isaiah, chapter 12, sums up our faith “God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.” Although there are many temptations for short-term happiness in this life that never last and often cause misery, with God we know that we will truly be happy for all eternity. Following God’s messages and commandments is the true meaning of life. There is no greater joy than knowing that if we are chosen, we get to spend eternity with Jesus and those we love. We practice our faith by joining in God’s community at Church every week, daily readings, individual daily prayer and family prayer at dinner time. We read the bible with Austin so he continually learns to know and love Jesus Christ. Through that communication with God, we thank him for all that he has given us and know that when times are difficult, he will be there to get us through. As you journey through this wonderful, but challenging time in your life, may God bless you and be with you as you make this important decision for you and your child.



Our Promise

We have always dreamed about being parents and having another child to raise in a loving home! We are very excited for this opportunity to adopt. We promise to keep your child safe, loved, and thriving by building on their strengths. Please know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child as a part of our family. We honor and will respect any level of openness in contact you wish to have in the future. We hope this book gave you a look at our lives and we look forward to meeting you. Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family.

Sincerely,
Brian and Sara



