

# TRAVIS & KENDRA







# HELLO

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time to get to know our family and for considering us in this difficult decision. We deeply admire your strength, courage, and love. Please know that no matter what, you are not alone - we are here for you. We are holding you in our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers every step of the way. Being adoptive parents, we know how much you love your child.

***If we have the honor of raising your child, we promise to love, cherish, and nurture them with all that we are. Your child will always know of the deep love you have for them, and we will always honor and respect you in our home.***

No matter where this journey leads, please know that your voice matters, your story is important, and your life has immense significance. We are here for you, sending you unwavering love and support in every moment.

with so much love

*Travis & Kendra*



# OUR STORY



We met during college at the church we were both attending—and still attend to this day!

What initially drew me to Travis was his love for God, how much joy and laughter he brought into my life, and the meaningful yet effortless conversations we shared. What initially drew me to Kendra was her patience, ability to really listen, and love for the Lord.

Our early dates were a mix of fun and adventure, from grabbing a meal together to seeing a movie, rock climbing, or exploring new areas. We would go on walks as well and spend the time talking, getting to know each other. We dated for five months and then got engaged. We were engaged for a year and then married!



## *Our marriage now*

WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED  
FOR 11 YEARS!

Our marriage thrives on a foundation of communication, commitment, and faith. What makes our bond so strong is our shared dedication to each other and to keeping Christ at the center of our relationship. Even in challenging moments, we are able to find joy and laughter together. When conflicts arise, we resolve them by talking openly and truly listening to one another, ensuring that both of us feel heard and valued. We keep our connection alive by spending quality time together each evening and making sure we are continually pouring into our marriage.



12. 2011

MET AND FELL  
IN LOVE

05. 2012

PROPOSED  
AND SAID YES!

05. 2013

GOT MARRIED  
AND CELEBRATED

04. 2015

BECAME PARENTS  
FOR THE FIRST  
TIME

10. 2015

BOUGHT OUR  
FIRST HOME

*As husband and wife, we share a love of exploring the world and seeking out new experiences together.*

*Traveling to new destinations is one of our greatest joys, as it allows us to discover diverse cultures, beautiful landscapes, and new adventures together. We also enjoy playing board games and being in nature together, especially hiking!*



# OUR HEART FOR *adoption*

Having the honor of being adoptive parents and walking through adoption before, we have experienced firsthand the profound joy it brings. Not only in building a deep, meaningful bond with our child but also in forming a beautiful relationship with their biological family. Our family multiplied greatly when we adopted our son— a blessing we are forever grateful for. We are so thankful to have an open adoption where Anders gets to see how deeply two families love him.



## We want you to know...

01. Keeping our promise to you with an open adoption matters to us greatly. We will always keep you connected to your child as they grow up.
02. Adoption is truly the heart of two families coming together with the deep love for your child in the middle of that. Your child will always know you love them.
03. We want to honor you in this journey, get to know you, and find meaningful ways to support you throughout. We hope you will see we are a family that loves big.



## *our heart to yours*

We also know that adoption is a journey filled with both joy and sorrow and we promise to honor and hold both with tenderness and care. Your child's story is one of love, and we will always acknowledge and respect the depth of that love, ensuring they know how cherished they are by everyone who cares for them.





## ABOUT OUR OPEN ADOPTION

We adopted Anders in 2019, and his life has brought endless joy to our family. We have a very close relationship with his birth mom. We text and send pictures multiple times a week and treasure our in-person visits. We cherish his birth mom and our close relationship with her so dearly. We believe that an open adoption can be so beautiful for everyone, and we will always follow through with the promises we make.

We talk about adoption openly in our home and always with the utmost love and respect for our son's birth mom. ***Anders knows his birth mom loves him immensely, and we take every opportunity to support his relationship with her.*** He also knows he can ask us anything and we will answer honestly and with respect, in a way that is appropriate for his age. Our son's birth mom is an irreplaceable part of our family, and we love her so, so much! She said she 'd be happy for us to include photos of our relationship in our book!







## AS A MOM, KENDRA HAS THE BIGGEST HEART

She's a fantastic wife and mother; I love watching her teach our kids and show them how to live out our Godly values through her life and actions. Kendra's favorite thing to do with our boys is to read out loud with them. We have a large library of kids' books; the kids cuddle up and listen to her read for over an hour at a time. She loves to encourage and help them use their imagination to create an awesome playtime inside the home and out in nature when we go hiking. She knows how to speak softly and show them she cares.

MEET

*Kendra*

## MY JOY AS A STAY AT HOME MOM

I am a stay-at-home mom. It is an incredible blessing and a job I do not take lightly. My primary responsibilities include managing all aspects of the household and, most importantly, caring for and educating our children. I love the quality time I get with our children, getting to be present for every moment big and small, and having so many opportunities to teach and guide them daily as a stay at home mom.

PATIENT - KIND - GENTLE







## IN TRAVIS'S WORDS...

Kendra is patient, kind, and balances me. Anytime I begin to overreact to something, she knows just what to say to calm me down. Her gentleness and beauty make her stand out in every room she's in (not to mention the bright pink clothes she's often wearing, ha!). She is the best listener I've ever known. "Getting her 2 cents in" is not on the forefront of her mind; she just wants to listen and help you instead of commandeering a conversation. I also love how hard she works for our family and the joy she brings to our home. She enjoys cooking dinner for us as well as other families we host in our home.

## A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

- PLAYING THE PIANO
- READING A GREAT BOOK
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- ANYTHING OUTDOORS
- QUALITY TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- CHASING SUNSETS AND RAINBOWS





HE BRINGS SUCH ENTHUSIASM AND JOY TO EVERY MOMENT HE SPENDS WITH OUR KIDS.

Travis is an extraordinary father, and one of the things I admire most about him is his boundless energy. From a game of tag to a long hike through the woods, he is always ready for an adventure. What truly sets him apart, though, is his ability to connect with kids at their level. He has this special gift for making every interaction feel meaningful and fun, no matter what the activity is. Whether he's building awesome LEGO creations, playing board games, or bouncing with them on the trampoline, he throws himself wholeheartedly into whatever the kids are doing. His willingness to immerse himself in their world shows just how much he values those moments with them. He makes even the ordinary moments so memorable!

MEET

*Travis*

## I LOVE MY FAMILY-FIRST CAREER

I'm a Facilities Manager for a large company, handling buildings across our state. I mostly work from home with occasional travel needed. My job is very flexible and includes time off after we welcome home a child through adoption for bonding. I am so grateful to work for an organization where I really get to put my family first.

ENERGETIC - KIND - OUTGOING







## IN KENDRA'S WORDS...

Travis is truly incredible. His love for the Lord shines through in everything he does, and he leads our family with wisdom, love, and care. His sense of humor keeps our home filled with laughter, and he always knows how to bring joy to me and our kids. Full of energy and ready for any adventure, he brings excitement to even the simplest moments. His caring and protective nature is evident in the way he continually puts the needs of our family above his own. Whether it's leading a Bible study, helping someone move, fixing a car, or anything in between, he's always the first to step up. He has a genuine servant's heart and I feel so blessed to walk through life with him.

## A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS

- HIKING AS A FAMILY
- READING WITH MY BOYS
- ROCK CLIMBING
- LISTENING TO PODCASTS
- TALKING THEOLOGY WITH FRIENDS
- TIME WITH MY FAMILY



# our BOYS



## ANDERS — 5

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Anders is adventurous and energetic, always the first to try something new! He is also very caring & sensitive. He recognizes the emotions of others around him and responds with such compassion. Anders is very athletic and excels at any sport he tries! He enjoys gymnastics, soccer, tennis, and riding his bike.



## MURPHY — 7

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Murphy keeps us all laughing! He's the kind of kid who is naturally hilarious without even trying. Murphy is also tender with a soft, kind heart that is loving and gentle with others. Murphy enjoys giving BIG hugs, art projects, playing board games, and jumping outside on the trampoline.



## DESMOND — 9

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Desmond is fiercely protective over his brothers, always looking out for them with a kind and honest heart. He is naturally curious and loves learning, both through schoolwork and through exploring outside. He enjoys nature, catching bugs, building Legos, and playing tennis! He has a love for life!



# FAMILY TIME TOGETHER IS OUR *favorite time*

Our family loves spending time outdoors together! We enjoy hiking and exploring nature, whether it's on a fun trail close to home or a beautiful national park during our travels. Spending time with friends is also important to us, and we love gathering for fun and fellowship. We enjoy playing games together as a family as well, and there is always a lot of laughter! During the summertime, one of our favorite things to do is go swimming at Grandma and Papa's house! Getting out of our normal routine and planning a camping adventure is always on our yearly family must-do's! We love to go camping with Mimi & Poppa during the warmer months!

***We are always open to trying new activities and can't wait to see what your child loves - to incorporate their favorite things and create new family rhythms!***

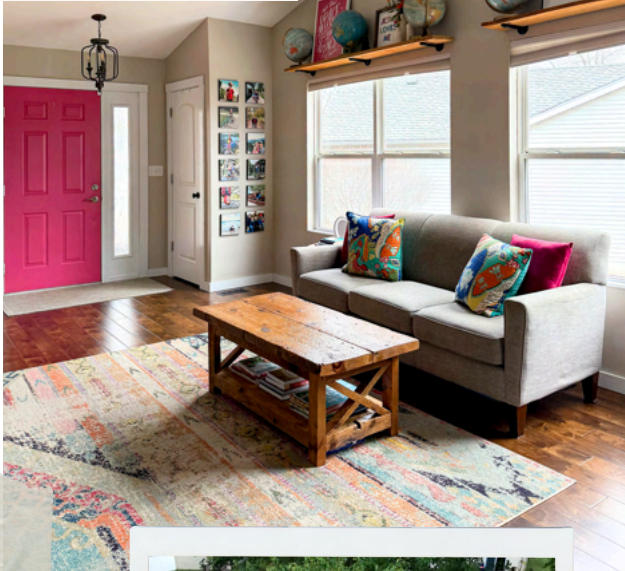




# Our home

LOVE IS WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF OUR HOME. IT'S FOUND IN BIG HUGS, LAUGHING TOGETHER, CHEERING EACH OTHER ON, LEANING ON ONE OTHER DURING TOUGH TIMES, AND JUST BEING TOGETHER. ABOVE ALL, WE HOPE OUR HOME IS A PLACE OF LOVE, SAFETY, AND WARMTH. THESE ARE THE MEMORIES WE CHERISH, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO CREATE EVEN MORE AS OUR FAMILY CONTINUES TO GROW.

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We live in a 4 bedroom, 3 bath modern home. We have a spacious backyard with a playset and a trampoline. Our backyard also backs up to a wooded area that the boys love exploring and playing in!

With Travis working remotely and Kendra homeschooling our children, we make an abundance of memories at home! Our days are full of learning, from mastering ABCs to getting creative with paint projects to baking delicious cookies to snuggling up on the couch with a good book. We believe in making everyday moments fun, whether it's breaking out into spontaneous dance parties or building forts out of blankets and pillows!

We come together every evening for dinner together as a family- a treasured time when we share our day, laugh, and connect.





*community*

WE LIVED IN THE MIDWEST IN A  
FAMILY-FRIENDLY TOWN

We love raising our kids here! It really is family focused with parks, splash pads, hiking trails, and great restaurants! We are also located just outside of a large city that is very diverse and has many kid-friendly activities such as a zoo, children's museum, and a science center! It is safe, fun, and families here live in community with one another.





## OUR SUPPORTIVE *family*

We are incredibly grateful for our extended family—they are a constant source of love, support, and joy in our lives. Both sets of grandparents are deeply involved and spend time building relationships with our children.

We see Travis's parents two to three times a month, and their home in the country is one of our favorite places to be. We love swimming in their pool during the summertime, wading through the creek, and exploring the woods together.

On Kendra's side, we see her parents, brother, and his family about once a month. Our time together is always filled with laughter, whether we're camping, playing games, or just being our naturally goofy selves.

***Our extended family is overjoyed to see our family growing, and they are ready to welcome a new little one with open arms and loving hearts! Your child will not only be deeply cherished by us but will also be surrounded by a family eager to celebrate, nurture, and walk alongside them every step of the way.***







**Kendra's parents** are Roy & Yvonne. They are loving, kind, and both have a heart of service. We are very close with them and the boys adore their Mimi and Poppa! The boys love going camping with Mimi & Poppa where they have all kinds of fun from making s'mores, to going fishing, to riding bikes together! Kendra's brother and sister-in-law, Kent & Renea, have two children - Henry (4) and Josie (2).

**Travis' parents** are Marty & Beth. They are generous, caring, and some of our favorite travel buddies! The boys love spending time with Grandma & Papa, especially if that time is spent outside exploring their creek and woods. Grandma and Papa aren't afraid to join in on the outdoor adventure which is so meaningful to our children. Travis has one sister, Page, and a brother Trevor who has two children - Hunter (13) and Emma (10).



WE WILL EMBRACE YOUR  
CHILD AND LOVE THEM  
FULLY! OUR FAMILY WILL  
SPOIL THEM WITH LOVE,  
KINDNESS, JOY, AND  
AFFECTION.





# OUR FAMILY TRADITIONS

MAKING LITTLE MOMENTS MAGICAL FOR OUR FAMILY  
IS SOMETHING WE CHERISH. JOY IS WHAT WE WANT  
OUR CHILDREN TO REMEMBER.

## *Birthdays*

Birthdays in our family are extra special. We start the morning with cinnamon rolls, a tradition we all love. The birthday boy or girl gets to choose how they want to spend the day and where they'd like to eat—making the entire day all about celebrating them and reminding them just how loved and cherished they are.



## *Christmas*

We cherish holiday traditions with both sides of our family! We celebrate Christmas at Kendra's childhood home, creating new memories with our kids. On Travis' side, we often travel to celebrate the holiday's with family—last year in Colorado, the year before in Mexico! We also cut down a live Christmas tree with our boys each year, a special tradition we look forward to all year long!

## *Fourth of July*

For the Fourth of July, we celebrate at Travis' parents' house, spending the day swimming in their pool before enjoying a spectacular fireworks show put on by Travis' dad. It's always a highlight of our summer!



We would love to hear of any traditions you  
would like to see celebrated in your child's life  
as they grow up!



# VALUES



## WHAT WE BELIEVE

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We are very involved in our church, attending worship service, Sunday school, and Awana weekly (a program at our church that teaches children about God and focuses on memorizing Scripture). We are surrounded by a wonderful church family that supports, encourages, loves, and cares for us in ways that strengthen our faith. We also prioritize spending time in the Bible together as a family and incorporate scripture into our homeschool lessons. Our hope and prayer is that our children will be a reflection of Jesus - kind, compassionate, humble, and courageous.





## HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

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We truly love where we live and plan to stay in our current home! Being near family is a blessing, and we also have an incredible community of friends that we are thankful to walk through life with. We love traveling and plan to continue adventuring together in the years to come! There are several national parks on our list that we are looking forward to exploring, and we would also like to visit some new beaches!

One place we visit regularly is Arizona. We affectionately call Arizona our “home away from home” as it has become very familiar to us over multiple visits, but even more so because it holds a huge piece of our hearts as our son’s birth mom and family live there. Our open adoption with our son’s birth mom has been an incredible blessing, and we cherish our visits with her. We are wholeheartedly committed to cultivating a relationship with you, prioritizing in-person visits and embracing an open adoption with love and intention.



***We have homeschooled our children for the past 5 years and plan on continuing to homeschool. Here are a few reasons we love homeschooling!***

-Homeschooling encourages curiosity, creativity, and a lifelong love for learning.

-It allows us to have a flexible schedule and prioritize quality time as a family while nurturing our children’s relationships with one another.

-Homeschooling gives us the opportunity to provide an education tailored to each child’s unique learning style, strengths, and interests.

-Through homeschooling, we can incorporate our faith into daily learning. We weave biblical principles into every subject, helping our children grow spiritually while developing academically.



*we want to be intentional parents  
who are apart of our children's  
lives in personal loving ways.*









## FROM OUR HEART TO YOURS

*we promise these to you*

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### WE WILL HONOR YOUR STORY AND YOUR ROLE

WE WILL HONOR YOUR STORY AND THE BRAVE, SACRIFICIAL DECISION YOU MADE. YOU ARE THE FOUNDATION TO YOUR CHILD AND WILL ALWAYS BE RESPECTED AND CELEBRATED IN OUR HOME.

### LOVE YOUR CHILD UNCONDITIONALLY

WE WILL LOVE YOUR CHILD WITH ALL OUR HEARTS, CHERISHING THEM AND GUIDING THEM WITH GRACE AND TENDERNESS AS THEY GROW. WE WILL ALWAYS ENSURE THEY KNOW OF THE INCREDIBLE LOVE YOU HAVE FOR THEM.

### INCORPORATE YOU INTO OUR FAMILY

WE ARE COMMITTED TO HAVING AN OPEN, HONEST, AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU. YOUR VOICE WILL ALWAYS MATTER, AND WE WILL ENSURE YOU NEVER FEEL SHUT OUT. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A VALUED, CHERISHED, IRREPLACEABLE PART OF OUR FAMILY.

### CREATE A HOME FILLED WITH LOVE, FAITH, AND JOY

WE PROMISE TO RAISE YOUR CHILD IN A HOME FILLED WITH WARMTH, JOY, AND LOVE. WE WILL TEACH THEM ABOUT GOD'S LOVE, GUIDING THEM TO LIVE WITH PURPOSE AND COMPASSION, GROUNDED IN FAITH.

*Travis & Kendra*





WE PRAY YOU ARE SURROUNDED BY LOVE,  
AUTHENTIC CARE, AND AMAZING SUPPORT AS YOU  
WALK THIS JOURNEY AHEAD. WE HOPE WE GET A  
CHANCE TO MEET YOU SOON.