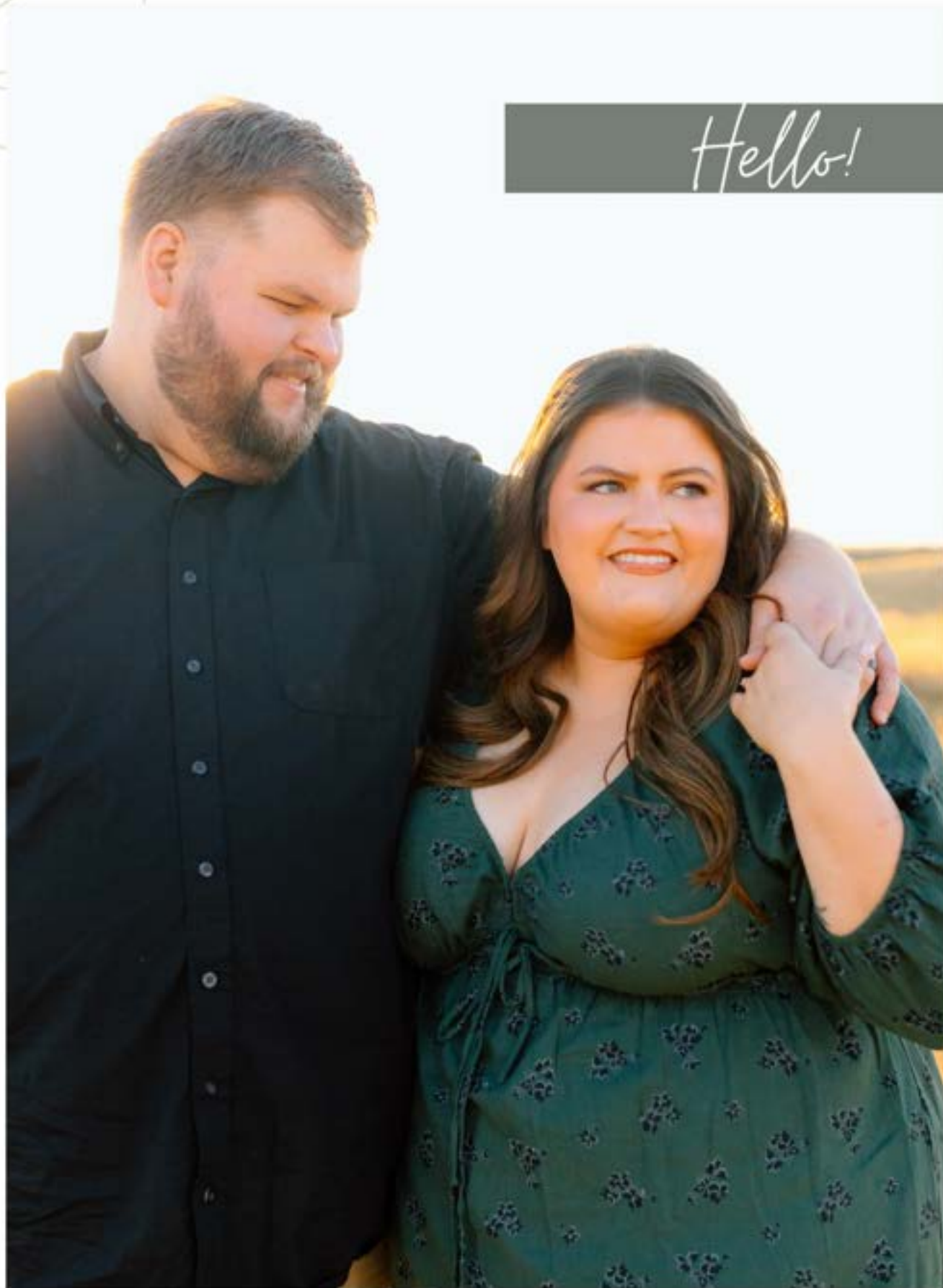


Matthew + Hannah



Hello!





We see how much **courage** you have and we pray that you are filled with **strength** and **peace** during this time. **You are not alone.** We hope to give you the assurance that we will protect your child and give them a blessed life. We pray you feel loved by the adoptive parents you choose for your child and that they give you the support and the unconditional love that you need. As we look to the future we would love for you to be a part of our forever family.



It's So Nice to Meet You

We first want you to know how much you already mean to us; thankful is too small of a word to express how we feel. Our prayer for you and this decision you are considering is that you will feel at peace with the family you decide best represents the life you want your child to live. A life that is filled with love, hope, opportunities and a plethora of people who love and care for them. We pray that you are shown appreciation for your selflessness and understanding and that you fully trust the adoptive family who you choose to guide your child through life and know that they have the best intentions to give your child the absolute best life they can. We can only hope that even before meeting us in person, that you feel the admiration and love we feel for you. **You are more than this decision to us, you are a continued reminder of a selfless love and that something bigger than all of us exists.**

Our dreams for your child, if chosen, are that they lead a life guided by the Lord, that they become a positive influence in the world, and that they feel strong and confident in whatever the choices they make. Our biggest desire is to raise a good human. **We will never be able to feel the feelings you have in this moment of time, but know that we are here to support you.** We are here to love you. Our promise to you is to tell your child about the love you have for them, about the reasons you chose adoption, and how much they mean to you. We promise to show our love, support, and encouragement every day.

Matthew + Hannah



Why Adoption

Our journey to adoption started early on in our relationship. We knew that we wanted to be parents no matter how it happened. We found out in 2018, a month after being married, that having children naturally would not be safe for Hannah. Even though that was hard to come to terms within the moment, not for one second did the chance to be parents ever escape our vision for our lives. We know that parenthood is still possible for us through adoption. Hannah's parents have always been there to reassure us that even though our journey to parenthood might not look typical, we are writing our own story, and we weren't meant to be typical. We didn't go through Hannah's health struggles at the beginning of our marriage and the trials that we experienced to not use our blessings and learned experiences to better the lives of those around us. **We truly believe we were meant to grow our family through adoption and we are so excited to be on this journey.**



Adoption Connections

Hannah's mom and uncle were adopted through marriage after their birth father left the family when they were very young. Our friends, Cambria and Chris, have adopted all three of their kiddos, each through different avenues and at different ages. Watching them parent their children and showing them love has been an amazing example for us.

We have been married for 7 years

Our relationship developed quickly after we met. We hadn't focused on dating throughout our teen years or college years as we were both really education and career focused. We say it's because God knew that we would need each other. Matt grew up in Minnesota and Hannah grew up in Washington, so our paths never crossed physically, but we believe in that invisible string theory. There was definitely a reason that we ended up together. Our marriage works because of the respect we have for each other and the honesty and love that we live through. One of us is always there to pick up the others shortcomings.

As our relationship has grown, so has our faith. We have had to overcome some things early on in our marriage with Hannah's health that most people do not have to deal with until much later in their lives. Our faith in God was our saving grace and we were able to learn patience, unconditional love, and the gift of grace. We overcome difficulties and struggles by communicating with love and honesty. We believe that honesty is the reason our relationship is healthy. It gives us both the opportunity to share our feelings without being judged. The five love languages are also a huge part of how we learned about what is important to each other. This concept has helped us through disagreements and anything hard that has come up in our relationship.

We are truly each other's best friends and we love spending time together. We love to golf together, go to the movies, play board and dice games, watch sports, and cook new recipes.





Our Days Together

Our typical evenings always include cooking dinner together. We like to eat dinner together with no phones so that we can connect with each other and hear about our days and any plans we have for the week. Every other day we go to the gym in between work and home, which helps us clear our minds of any work stressors. Our weekends are filled with chores and house work, family dinners, dinners with friends, and Hannah often has open houses, and showings for her clients.

We go to Minnesota at least twice a year to visit Matt's family. This is a priority for us so that we get to see our nieces and spend quality time with them. We get to take them to their dance and gymnastics classes, watch them do their homework and play every card, board, or dice game that they want. We love to spoil them!

We go to the lake with Hannah's family every other year and spend a long weekend with no service and enjoy laughter, kayaking, and golfing.

Our Milestones

January 2017 - Met online

January 2017 - Officially started dating after we went on ten dates in two weeks

August 2017 - Moved in together

October 2017 - Engaged

November 2017 - Rescued our first puppy, Luna

January 2018 - Bought our first Home in Minnesota

September 2018 - Got married

November 2018 - January 2019 - Our biggest trial, Hannah's surgeries

February 2019 - Rescued our second puppy, Finn

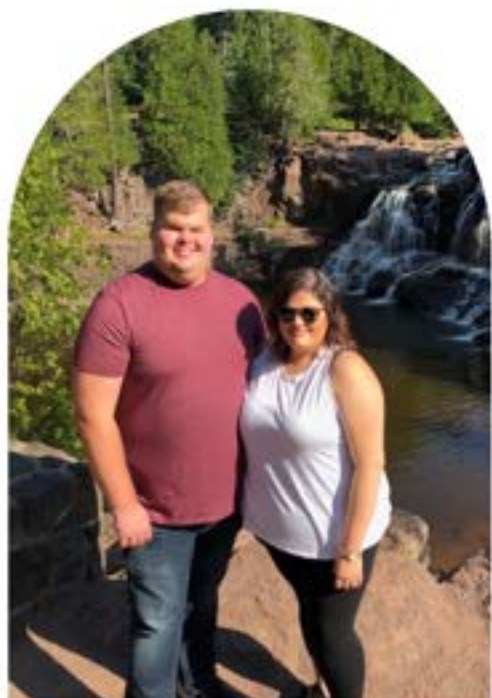
January 2020 - Moved back to Hannah's hometown in Washington

March 2024 - Officially started our adoption journey

September 2024 - Purchased our home

November 2024 - Rescued our third puppy, Walter

Our Family Values



TIME TOGETHER

We love spending time with our families. We love just being with each other, whether we are having a game night, a dinner party, going golfing, watching our favorite sports teams (Seattle Mariners and Seattle Seahawks), or going to a movie. Hanging with our parents and siblings is something that makes us so happy!

SPORTS

Sports are a huge part of both sides of our family. We both grew up in large sports families and played almost every sport there was. It gave us a wide range of skills and we believe that sports help with learning how to work with others, to have a healthy relationship with competition, and learning about staying healthy, in body and mind.

FAITH

Faith is very integrated in our family. We attend church on Sundays and worship music plays at home while we do our chores and plan our weeks. Our children will be raised in the Catholic Church. We plan to have our children attend Sunday School and partake in the Holy Sacraments. Once they are adults, they will be able to choose any sacraments they want to participate in like baptism, first communion, and confirmation. Our children will learn the values of compassion, grace, and loving others.

KINDNESS + HONESTY

We want everyone in our family to possess values like kindness and honesty. We hope that our children will be able to be as honest as possible in any situation but also do it with kindness. It is very important to us to raise good human beings, and we believe having an honest, loving heart is a great place to start.



Our Sweet Dogs

Luna is our Boxer, German Shepard, Staffordshire Terrier mix. She is calm, lovey dovey, and loves to play, cuddle with our nieces, and give lots of kisses. Finn is a Dachshund, Golden Retriever mix. We like to say he is almost sloth-like; he is calm and loves to snuggle under blankets and watch movies with kiddos. Walter is a mutt mix. He loves to play fetch with anyone until he is tired and turns into a small ball and cuddles on his dog bed. He loves playing with our nieces when they are in town. All three dogs will be wonderful with a child!



KIND, RELIABLE, CREATIVE



My Husband **Matthew**

My love for Matt started the first time we met. It was his kind eyes and smile that drew me in. We spent four hours chatting about everything in our lives; our families, our childhoods, and our dreams. I fell in love with him on that first date. Matt does not like to talk about himself at all, and it's because of how humble he is. But I will brag on him because he truly is the best. He is stable, kind, generous and loving. He is super smart and has an analytical brain. He wants everyone around him to be happy and have a good time. Matt wants his family to be set up for the future and for his future kids to never need anything. He lives with a purpose of making everyday better than the last. **I am blessed to have Matt as my husband and partner for life. His support is constant in my life, but he has shown up even more through the hard times. God has given me the partner I prayed for my whole life and I am so thankful.**

I cannot wait to see Matt become a father. I just know that he is going to be one of the best. One of our first dates was babysitting for some close family friends and watching him interact with those kids was when I knew he would be a great daddy! He is the favorite when it comes to our nieces, and that's because he shows them how much he loves them by being interested in all of their activities and schooling. He is a kind and gentle giant to all of the kiddos in our family, which is probably because he is just a giant kid at heart. Any child that we are blessed to raise will be so lucky to have Matt as their dad. I cannot wait to see him flourish in that role.

MY OCCUPATION

I work as a Data Analyst for a global food manufacturing company. One of the things that I enjoy most about my job is that I am able to combine both analytical thinking as well as my creativity in creating reports or data tools that will make other people's jobs in my organization easier. I enjoy being the one that is able to help provide solutions to problems. The company is family focused and my position is very flexible. I can work from home or alter work hours when needed. I will have time off for our adoption and look forward to spending that time bonding as a family.

Meet Matthew



I enjoy golfing, playing card games and board games with family and friends, creating and crafting with my hands, and playing music on my Mandolin. I love listening to music and have a wide range of favorites from classic rock to country to bluegrass. My favorite meal is Surf & Turf (Steak & Lobster). I love a cold Dr. Pepper Zero...it is always refreshing. Besides golfing and hanging out with our families, my favorite things to do are working with my hands, doing woodworking or creating fidgets out of chain materials. I also love watching anything that is considered SciFi, from Startrek to Stargate. It is fun to watch shows that take you out of reality.

I look forward to becoming a parent with all of my heart. I look forward to helping a child to experience as much of life as possible. From simple trips to the grocery store where my arms and shoulders are their race track for their toy monster truck, to the larger experiences like trips with the extended family, I am excited for all of it. I wish to pass on the love and values that my parents shared with me. Growing up, our church community was an important part of our lives. Sunday's were centered around God and coming together as a family for pancakes after church. I am excited to model the same things for my children.

I believe that showing love within a family is not just about the big events and grand gestures, but more about showing love for one another in everything you do every day. Showing up everyday, even during the hardest times is the best way that I know how to love and honor Hannah and this is how I want to show up as a father as well. I want to be a father who strives to bring love into each and every action. I will honor my children by being a solid presence in their life that they can always rely on to be there for them.

DETERMINED, LOVING, STRONG



My Wife **Hannah**

The first thing that attracted me to Hannah was her kindness and compassion for others, especially with children. I remember the first time I saw her interacting with the children of a family friend. From that moment on, I knew with all of my heart that God had placed us in each other's path. One of the things I most admire about Hannah is her strength and determination. She always looks for the best in every situation and in every person. I love how she always tries to spread love and kindness to everyone she meets. Hannah is a dedicated person and that shows everyday in her work. She works extremely hard to make the lives of her clients better. One thing I notice about Hannah at work is that it doesn't matter her clients budget, she helps everyone the same and wants to help them find the perfect home. This just exemplifies her compassionate heart. I am so lucky to have her in my life. Hannah and I have become partners in everything and I would not be the man I am without her.

Hannah is going to be a strong, kind, loving and determined mother. I cannot wait to watch her hold our child for the first time. I just know that she is going to show more love than could ever be imagined. Our nieces and nephew adore her and she is the best pseudo aunt to our friends' kids. She is so good at showing interest in all of their favorite things. One of Hannah's love languages is gift giving. She always gives something meaningful. This quality is going to shine with our future children. She is going to make every day a celebration and show her love to them at every step.

MY OCCUPATION

I work as a realtor and the Chief Operations Officer for a high producing real estate team. I enjoy my job so much. I get to help families through one of the biggest purchases in their lives. It brings me so much joy to give these families keys on closing day. I also work in the administrative side of the business and get to use my skills in research and data. My job is family-friendly and very flexible. I will get six weeks off for the adoption and an additional six weeks to work from home. I will then get a flexible schedule of working from home three days a week and Matt will have the other two days to work from home. Our plan is to not have to utilize childcare until our child is two years old.



Meet Hannah



I love listening to music of all genres and going to concerts. My favorites artists are Leanna Crawford, Ella Langley, and Maggie Rogers. My love language is giving gifts, so I love to find gifts for people that are unexpected. I love working out and playing golf. My whole family plays, so it is always a fun time when we can all go together. I love to knit and have started making blankets for my friends and family as gifts. Even though real estate is my job, it's also one of my passions in life. I love searching through Zillow for homes that my clients could potentially be interested in.

My favorite food is pepperoni pizza with pineapple and my favorite drink, besides water, is hands down an iced americano with cream.

I look forward to becoming a parent and guiding my future children through life with joy and love. I grew up in a traditional household with my mom, dad, and younger brother. My childhood was full of love and fun with a level of responsibility to be educated and have a relationship with the Lord. My parents did everything in their power to give us everything we ever wanted and needed. As an adult, I am so proud to have learned about hard work and a tough work ethic from my parents. As I think about my future children and what kind of childhood I want them to have, it starts with a relationship with the Lord and two parents who want the best for them in every aspect of their lives. I want my children to know that I am here for them through any joyful or challenging experience life throws at them.

I choose to be a helper in Matt's life so that he is not alone. I choose to love him by partnering with him through all of the decisions he has to make, so that he doesn't have to make them on his own. I respect Matt because he shows me equality in our relationship, he shows me love and the option to be my own person. He has chosen me over and over again, as I have chosen him, over and over again. Matt has given me a life to be proud of. I will always be there for him through good or bad, sickness or health.



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We live in a three bedroom, two bathroom home, with a bright and cheerful demeanor. Our home is the perfect size for a small, but growing family. Our living room and dining room are where you will find us a majority of the time. We live in the same neighborhood that Hannah grew up in, close to a few beautiful parks and walking trails. The backyard is full of grass and plenty of room to play, with room for us to add a swingset too!

Our living room has a beautiful, electric fireplace and mantle that Matt made and it tied everything together. It's now a warm place for us to watch movies, and spend time together relaxing after a hard day's work. The living room is also our place of solace on Sundays when we decompress and listen to worship music while we get ready for the new week ahead. Our dining table isn't just a place where we eat; it's seen a lot of wins and losses with games of Farkle and Uno, a lot of laughter, and a lot of serious, but love filled conversations.



We live in the Pacific Northwest in Washington State.

We love our city because of the small town feel with all of the big city amenities. We like that most people have a connection here to someone you know. We chose to live here because this is where Hannah is from and her family is rooted deeply in this community. Our area has great public and private schools, with some of the best high schools for kids looking to get into STEM or music. There are tennis courts, parks, and splash pads all over our community. We also have a couple of community pools that are available to us with a membership. Our community has a few big festivals every year that are family friendly and so much fun to attend, including an art festival and water folly races. Besides being the community that Hannah grew up in, her Mexican heritage runs deep in our area, including Cinco De Mayo parades and a large Catholic presence.



Matthew's Family - My family lives in Minnesota. My parents are Lee and Karen, or Grandpa and Grandma to their grandchildren. My brother, Andrew, and his wife, Keri, have two daughters; Maddie is eight and Maggie is six. Besides my immediate family, I have a plethora of aunts, uncles, and cousins and second cousins who will be a part of our future child's life. Since my family is further away, we don't see them as much as we would like to, but we make it a priority to visit a couple of times each year. In between visits, we are in constant contact through phone calls, texting, and FaceTime. My family is very supportive of our adoption plans, and my parents are excited to add another grandbaby to their lives.

Hannah's Family - My parents are Miguel and Mary. They already have their grandparent names picked out; Papa and Lovie. I have one brother, Joshua, who is married to Claire. My family lives in Washington State about ten minutes away from us. I have many aunts, uncles, cousins, second cousins and a grandma and Grandpa who all live in Washington state as well. We see my family on a weekly basis, whether it's just for dinner or a quick stop at one of our houses. We try to do a monthly dinner at my parent's house, where we catch up on our lives. My family is super supportive of our adoption journey. My parents are beyond thrilled and ready to help our child grow in their faith with the Lord. My grandma goes to church every morning to pray for our journey into parenthood!







Every holiday is celebrated to the fullest extent in our family.

Christmas is a big holiday for our family. We go to church every year and celebrate the birth of Jesus by delivering the baby Jesus to Hannah's grandmother's nativity scene at midnight. Every person in our family has done this and it's a dedication of keeping Christ at the forefront of our Christmas celebrations. We also have Hannah's Mexican heritage traditions of making tamales to give as gifts to our close friends and family, and Matthew's Swedish Baking Tradition of making Lefse during the winter season. Lefse is a large pastry made out of boiled potatoes and flour. We typically put cinnamon and sugar on it, or wrap a homemade Swedish sausage into it. We also enjoy baking, fun games where we win great prizes, and decorating the house with snowmen and snowflakes in every corner and of course, decorating a massive Christmas tree each year.

Easter growing up was about going to church the week before to do the Rosary and the stations of the Cross, and then Easter Sunday is always a fresh and clean start. We still carry on these traditions including an adult Easter egg hunt! Our parents cannot wait to have grandkids to celebrate Easter and do an egg hunt for them.

We celebrate each person's birthday as individually as possible. We want each person to be celebrated and loved in the way they want. Matt loves to go golfing and then enjoys either brunch or a BBQ. Hannah loves to go out with friends to a nice dinner or go to a winery and listen to music. We always make sure to focus on each other's love language when we celebrate another year of life!

Looking Ahead



Education

Education is very important to us. Our children will go to a private Catholic school, the same one that Hannah went to. We will also support our children in whatever they choose to do after high school. Our dream is that our children will decide to do some sort of secondary education, whether that is college or a vocation/technical school. We will support them anywhere their dreams take them!

Our Hopes and Dreams

We love our home, but eventually will turn this house into a rental and hopefully build the home of our dreams in the same neighborhood, still close to family and our support system. After this adoption, we would like to grow our family into a family of four.



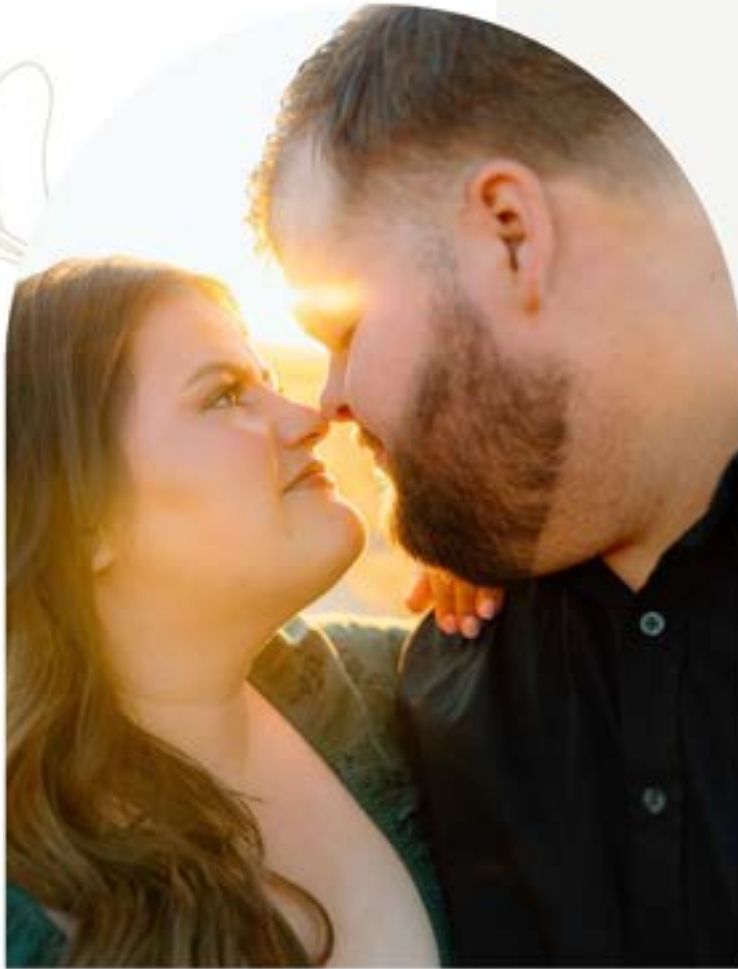
Our Commitments To You

If chosen, we want you to know we will honor you in the level of openness you are comfortable with. We would love to hear what you picture your relationship with our family looking like.

Our hope and prayer is that you want to be a part of our lives and for us to create our own version of family. We plan to talk about the love you have for your child from the very beginning. We want them to know that you have and will always love them, and let them know how special they are to have so many people in their lives who love them unconditionally. If it is something you are comfortable with, we would love to meet up at least two times a year and also provide you with photos, videos, and anything that includes a milestone in your child's life. We plan to learn about traditions or family culture that is important to you and to keep that alive in our family as well. Hannah's mom has been purchasing books for years for every age group about adoption. We look forward to sharing those with your child and giving them access to learning about adoption and from the baby stage into their teenage and adult years.



Thank You!



We know that thank you isn't enough, but we do want to thank you again for taking the time to get to know us. We pray that this is the start of our journey together and that we get to grow together as a unique family in love and faith. We have so much love for you already and we hope our future is full of love, fun, growth, laughter, and making so many memories with you.

The prayer in our hearts for you during this time is that God will guide you with the strength and faith needed to know that you are making the right decision, even if that means we are not chosen. We want what is best for you and your baby. We pray you feel His guidance through the hard times of this journey, and that He fills you with love, joy, and reassurance. We pray that He guides you toward a family that fills your heart with love and will be there for you during times of need. While we would love to be the family who has the honor of raising your child, our biggest prayer, even if you choose someone else, is for you to feel peace in your heart, knowing he or she is loved beyond measure.

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