Dear Amazing Mother,

We don't yet know your name, but we already hold so much gratitude for you — for the strength it takes to even be reading a page like this one, and for the love you clearly carry for your baby.

We're Kate and Brandon. We've been together twelve years and married for eight, and every one of those years has taught us more about the kind of love we want to build a family around — steady, joyful, and completely devoted. We experienced infertility on our path here, but that just means we have even more love saved up and ready to give.

To us, being a parent means being a forever support system; showing up, cheering loud, and loving without conditions. We can't wait to tell you more about our life on the pages ahead, and we truly can't wait to connect with you.

With so much love already,
Kate & Brandon



About Us



Kate, 36 • Brandon, 37

We've been together for twelve years and married for eight. We met at a billiards bar through mutual friends. The plan was to go line dancing afterward, but the place had closed for the night, so we just kept talking instead. We've been talking ever since.

We both work from home for the same agency that helps home services businesses grow. Kate leads client relationships as a Director, and Brandon runs development on the backend side as a Senior Director.

Kate is the extroverted half of this duo: an open book, a little bit spontaneous, and a total mama bear when it comes to the people (and pets) she loves. Friends tend to call her one of the kindest people they know. If there is a lost animal, Brandon can expect Kate to bring it home and find it’s owners.

Brandon is quiet and deliberate and always speaks softly and kindly. He's endlessly selfless, ambitious in the best way, and the guy who will always be in your corner cheering for your dreams. Once he finds something he loves - like a favorite restaurant - that becomes the spot, every single time.

Together, we ride horses (Brandon rides western, Kate rides both english and western), spend as much time outdoors as we can, and have never met an adventure (or a lazy Saturday at home) we didn't enjoy.

What Kind of Parents Will We Be

From Kate

My mom gave me the best life. We played paper dolls and Barbies, she took me to the pool, read me bedtime stories every night, and used to sneak me out of bed on weekends to watch *I Love Lucy* together. She loved to sew and made a baby blanket for every baby in our family and sent birthday cards for everyone, and was the kindest soul I've ever known. My brother and I were her whole world. Having the best example of what a mother can be is what inspires me to give this child everything she gave me.

From Brandon

I'm most excited for the chance to teach our child everything we know, so they can have an even better life than we've had. I love sports — playing them, watching them, learning them — and whatever activity our child ends up loving, I want to be right there learning it alongside them.



Fun Facts About Us

• Kate's go-to movies are *Lilo & Stitch, 50 First Dates*, and pretty much any rom-com or crime thriller. Brandon's favorites are *Back to the Future, Pirates of the Caribbean, Ready Player One*, and anything about racing.

• Kate can rope, ride horses, and loves to cook, however, Brandon makes a mean taco and spaghetti!

• Brandon proposed on a mountain in Colorado, though he almost had to do it in a parking lot, after Kate went digging through his bag to buy a scratcher ticket because she just knew it was her lucky day.

Our Home in the AZ Mountains



We live in a mountain town outside of Phoenix— a little-big town with all the amenities you could want, plus a slower, more rural pace of life. Downtown looks like something out of a Hallmark movie (or, according to Brandon, the courthouse from *Back to the Future*). We're close to lakes and endless outdoor adventures, with mild winters and mild summers to enjoy them in.





Our home sits on two acres with a mountain view — our home is cozy with a big backyard and a sandbox. We also have a barn for the animals and arena. Somehow we're still only fifteen minutes from parks, schools, and everything else a family could need. At night, with no light pollution, we can see satellites and shooting stars!

Our Love Story



How We Met

We met playing pool with mutual friends. The plan was to go line dancing afterward, but the place was not open on Sundays, so we just kept talking instead!

Our Wedding

Funny story: we technically got married twice! We had our ceremony in Flagstaff but due to Kate forgetting the license, we later had a courthouse wedding - so we have 2 anniversaries!



Why Adoption?

We're pursuing adoption because our dream is to become parents and share the love we've built together with a child. Although our journey included infertility, it has only given us even more love to give. Adoption is deeply personal to us—Kate's mother spent part of her childhood in an orphanage, making this path one that has always felt close to our hearts.









Our Family & Friends



Kate's Family



Brandon's Family



Best Friends



Family Gatherings



Holiday Traditions



Cousins & Kids

We have a lot of family nearby. Kate's Aunt and Uncle live in Flagstaff, and we visit for puzzles, golf, or dinner out. Family in the Valley loves escaping the summer heat at our place; and we head down to float the river or grab a good meal with them too. Kate's cousin and her family are also in the Valley; we see them for birthdays, holidays, and pool days.

Brandon's immediate family lives in California and visits several times a year. His younger sister lives right here in town with us and works at the vet clinic. We get to see her almost every day!

Kate's Dad and brother's family are in Nebraska and visit a couple times a year; about once a year we all make the trip to Florida, since Kate's dad is a Disney fan who never turns down a ride on *It's a Small World* with his grandkids.

A Day in Our Life



Our mornings start early. We feed the dogs, then head out to care for the horses before coming back inside for breakfast together.

At lunchtime, we check on the animals and enjoy a walk together. After work, we head back outside for evening chores, then wind down with dinner, a favorite show, or a game.

Weekends are for making memories - horseback riding, golf, Bearizona, the rodeo, backyard barbecues with family and friends, or tackling a house project. We love the simple routines, time together, and creating a home that's full of love, laughter, and ready to be shared.







Our Animals



Dodger & Brooklyn

Dodger (11, shepherd mix) loves kids — he'll give a kiss, then flop down for pets and any dropped food. Brooklyn (8, chocolate lab) is the happiest dog around and always ready to play.





Vinnie, Gator & Doc

Doc Holiday, our mini horse, is kid-broke and mostly just hangs out with the big horses. Vinnie (10, palomino) still competes in western and english shows and is a total puppy dog, just not a fan of bath time. Gator (25, bay horse) is semi-retired and the ultimate babysitter; he always knows exactly who's in the saddle and takes care of them. Unlike Vinnie, he LOVES baths.

Our Traditions & Values

We were both raised Catholic, and faith is woven into our celebrations and how we see the world, even though we don't attend church. At this point in our lives we identify Christian, and we'd want to raise this child in the Christian faith, meaning, Sunday school, stories, and the structure and moral compass that comes with it.

What we want to pass down, more than anything: the security we've built, our love of animals, and a whole lot of love. We believe in hard work, but just as much in making sure every day holds a meaningful moment, and we want to raise a child who makes a positive impact on the people around them.

How we see day to day growing, the first year will be cozy and home-centered, with lots of family visiting. From there, we imagine growing more outdoorsy; time around the horses, sports, or whatever this child ends up gravitating toward. We care about academics, but just as much about extracurriculars, friendships, community, and time with cousins.







Our best friends live just up the road here in Prescott with their son, and their family has horses too — we see them most weekends.

Traditions are a big deal in our house. On Brandon's side (he's half Mexican half Irish), birthdays mean piñatas, and Easter means tamales and confetti-filled eggs. On Kate's side, Christmas means reindeer games and baking treats together. We host family gatherings throughout the year and travel to family for the Fourth of July and birthdays.

Every Christmas comes with a *Harry Potter* marathon, a crackling fireplace while we decorate the tree, and a new ornament to mark that year's milestones. In summer, we fill the yard with nieces and nephews, an inflatable water slide, a fire pit for s'mores, and a movie projector, with a shooting star or satellite almost always crossing the sky by night's end.

A Few of Our Favorite Moments

One of our favorite memories started with a spider appearing out of nowhere. Knowing spiders are Brandon's biggest fear, Kate volunteered to take care of it. Unfortunately, she missed...the spider disappeared...and chaos followed. After plenty of laughing (and eventually finding the spider), we agreed Kate has retired as our spider catcher.

One of the moments Kate is proudest of: she was helping a friend's son ride a pony for the first time when the pony took off. Kate grabbed him and dug her own legs into the ground to shield him — she still has the scar to prove it.

Brandon, meanwhile, is his niece's favorite person in the entire world. He gets down on the floor to play with her, pretending to hunt for leprechauns or battling as K-pop demon hunters; whatever the game of the day happens to be.







It's the little moments that make the biggest memories

Getting Ready for Baby

The nursery will be western-themed. It will also hold a special jungle-print blanket Kate's mom made before she passed away for our future child, so she'll be part of this too (So baby will know Grandma Tess loved them too). The picture below is an inspiration designed in the actual future room!

Most days, it'll be Kate, Brandon, and Brandon's sister around (she lives right here in town with us). For childcare, it will stay in the family: Kate and Brandon, along with Brandon's mom (grandma, or as she prefers, "Gammy") and Tía Breanna.

We imagine the first year will be about building our own home life and traditions; with lots of visits from family and friends as we settle in, holidays, introducing everyone, and plenty of nights snuggled up watching a movie, loving every hour - even those middle of the night feedings.





Why We're Here & What We Promise

We can promise your child will never question how deeply they are loved. We will fill their days with laughter, encouragement, bedtime stories, scraped-knee hugs, and the comfort of always knowing they belong. And they will always know your love is part of their story, too.

We're open to whatever level of connection feels right for you, and that can change over time. We would happily send updates as often as weekly, if that's what you want; but you're also welcome to reach out whenever you'd like. We'd love to share an in-the-moment photo or story, if you would appreciate that. The first connection, whenever and however that happens, is entirely up to you. If you're in a place where being a part of this child's life feels right, we'd welcome visits and having you be part of special occasions. And if that's not the right path for you, we understand that completely too.

We'll tell this child your story as what it is, the most selfless act a person can do, and one of the hardest decisions anyone can make. They'll grow up knowing they're more surrounded by love than almost any other child out there. And we'd love to know as much about you and your family as you're comfortable sharing.

With so much love already, Kate & Brandon

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