IT'S OUR JOY TO BE HERE.

BRADLEY & LAURA



hello,

IT IS NICE TO MEET YOU! THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US.

We may not know your full story, but please know that **we are praying for you as you walk through this season.** The decision before you is incredibly personal and courageous, and we honor the strength it takes to consider it.

As a family, we hold onto the belief that God is present in every life and every story, even in moments that feel heavy or uncertain. **While we don't know how God is working in each of our lives, we trust His goodness and His ability to bring purpose out of moments we don't fully understand.**

That trust has shaped our family and the way we approach parenting. **Our two boys, Colton (13) and Camden (10), bring so much laughter, adventure, and warmth into our home.** They have big hearts, a strong bond as brothers, and a natural gentleness in the way they care for others. Becoming parents to them has shaped us, stretched us, and taught us more about love than we ever imagined. Over time, that love has opened our hearts to **the beautiful hope of welcoming a daughter through adoption**—something we hold with both joy and humility.

We trust that God will guide you toward the decision that is right for you and your child. **Whatever you choose, we believe He sees you, knows your heart, and walks with you every step of the way.** Thank you again for taking the time to read our words and for considering our family. May God grant you strength, clarity, and a peace that goes beyond understanding.

Brad and Laura

A BIT ABOUT OUR FAMILY

We are a close-knit, adventurous, and devoted family who loves spending time together and making everyday moments special. Whether we're exploring new places, sharing laughter at home, or serving others through our faith, **life in our house is full, busy, and always joyful.** We particularly treasure the little things like slow weekend mornings, family meals, and spontaneous adventures that make our family uniquely ours.

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS:

1. **We live out our faith together,** attending church, participating in small groups, and serving where we can. We prioritize worshiping and learning God's Word together.
2. **We value family time, laughter, and open communication** about life's ups and downs.
3. **Slow weekend mornings are our favorite,** often spent making breakfast together and enjoying the simple moments.
4. **Adventures are important to us**—traveling, exploring new places (especially outdoors), and visiting extended family along the way.
5. **While we find ways to have fun in the winter, we are warm-weather people!** The sun brings time outside, swimming, walking our dogs, going to the park, and visiting Grammy and Papa on the farm. Camping trips are always a highlight!
6. **We make it a point to be present for one another,** cheering on the boys at sports, music performances, school programs, and family celebrations.
7. **Our home wouldn't be complete without Maddie and Juno.** Maddie, our energetic 7-year-old mix, loves to squirrel watch, playtime, and curling up next to us during movie nights. Juno, our 4-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog, is a gentle protector, loyal lap companion, and full of smiles, always keeping us company and watching over the boys.

We live each day with love, faith, and fun, and we hope to welcome a little girl into our hearts and home, cherishing everything that makes her unique.



Our family is full of love, laughter, and adventure.











MEET Laura

CHEERFUL & OUTGOING

Who I am. I'm a loving, outgoing, and cheerful person who enjoys bringing energy, creativity, and encouragement to the people around me.

What I do. I earned my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, but found my passion working with children. I'm a preschool teacher and also help families customize their home plans with their children's needs in mind.

What I love. Time with family and friends // Coffee dates // Walks with a scenic view // Special outings with each of our kids // Shopping

WHAT ELSE YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ME! I'm creative, naturally enthusiastic, and optimistic. **I also love connecting with people**—whether that's striking up a conversation with someone new or encouraging a friend who needs support. While I can be calm and serious when the moment calls for it, **most of the time I'm playful, spontaneous, and enjoy helping everyone have a good time.** I tend to see the potential in people and situations, and I love inspiring others while finding ways to bring joy into everyday moments.

"Laura puts family first, has a steady faith, and is always the person ready to show up when someone needs support. She is kind and loyal, and her fun-loving, adventurous spirit brings cheer to everyone around her." — Candace, best friend of 20+ years





Laura in Brad's Words

LAURA IS THE HEART OF OUR FAMILY AND

THE MOST INCREDIBLE MOTHER TO OUR BOYS.

"**Laura is the most amazing partner I could ever ask for,** and as we've entered our 14th year of marriage, I'm still in awe of the woman she is. Early in our marriage, while I was serving in the military, I deployed twice. **Laura's independent and resilient spirit carried her through those seasons,** even when she was pregnant with our first son during one of my deployments.

She's an incredible mother who pours her heart into our family. From getting the boys to after-school activities, drum and piano lessons, doctor's appointments, and playdates, to balancing multiple jobs and staying deeply involved in our church, including serving on overseas mission trips, **she somehow does it all with love and dedication**. Laura truly puts God and our family at the center of everything she does, and I cannot wait to watch her love another child." ***(Brad)***



MEET Brad

PATIENT & ORGANIZED

Who I am. I'm a patient, easygoing person who tends to approach life with a steady, thoughtful mindset.

What I do. I earned my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and work as a Sheriff's Deputy, currently serving as a School Resource Officer. I love helping people and enjoy that every day brings something new.

What I love. Camping // Hiking // Fishing // Hunting // Driving my jeep on off-road trails // Spending time with family, especially outdoors

WHAT ELSE YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ME! I can be a little reserved at first, but I'm actually friendly and enjoy getting to know people. **I'm a Marine Corps veteran and take a lot of pride in serving my community.** I love staying active outdoors, whether that's exercising, walking the dogs, or exploring off-road trails. A trip to the beach or a week in the mountains is always something I enjoy, especially when it means spending that time outside with my family. **One of the things that brings me the most joy is being involved in my sons' lives,** cheering them on at football games or supporting them at Special Olympics events.

"Brad is the kind of friend you can count on—faithful, dependable, and always there when you need him. He is a proud father and thoughtful husband." (friend)





Brad in Laura's Words

BRAD'S STEADY HEART, HUMOR, AND THOUGHTFULNESS MAKE HIM AN INCREDIBLE HUSBAND AND FATHER.

"**Brad is tenacious, selfless, protective, and incredibly witty.** When he's interested in something, he dives in completely, researching every detail, comparing prices, quality, and even the accessories before deciding if it's the right choice. He's also the person you want on your team for trivia **because he seems to know a little bit about everything.**

Brad also has a steady spirit that is slow to anger. He is careful with his words and thinks things through. He makes me laugh constantly with his dad jokes, and some of my favorite moments are the simple ones—walking hand in hand and just enjoying being together. **We truly make the best partners in life...*and in games, too*!** Same team or not, we love giving each other a hard time and finding all the reasons to laugh. Watching Brad as a father has been one of the greatest joys of my life, and I know he will continue to be an incredible father as our family grows." ***(Laura)***

our love story...

(Told by Laura) Brad and I first met in college, where we shared a few classes. From the very beginning, Brad noticed me and quietly pursued my attention—walking me to my car after class and choosing seats a little closer each day. While it took me a little longer to see what he already knew, **Brad says he knew almost immediately that I was the one he wanted to marry.**

Our relationship grew over time and across distance. Much of our early dating happened over the phone while Brad was deployed, but we treasured every moment we could spend together in person—wandering through local shops, going out for dinner, or even hitting the golf course.

Brad had originally planned an elaborate surprise proposal, but when plans changed, **he ended up proposing while we were watching a movie at home.** It was perfectly us: simple, genuine, and full of love. We were first married in a small courthouse ceremony while Brad was transitioning between military stations. Later that year, **we celebrated with a larger wedding in my hometown over Thanksgiving weekend before beginning our life together in California.**

In almost 15 years of marriage, we have met many challenges, each one only strengthening our bond. Through deployments, unexpected moves, and difficult seasons, we have learned to lean on each other and our faith, growing stronger and more committed in every season of life.



HOW THE NEXT CHAPTER OF OUR LIFE UNFOLDED:

SEPT 2012

We welcomed our first son, beginning the life-changing journey of parenthood.

AUG 2015

Brad started his career in law enforcement, which brought us to Kansas.

OCT 2015

We welcomed our second son, whose life has brought both unique challenges and incredible beauty to our family.

MAY 2019

We moved to our current home in a small town, just minutes from the farm.

JAN 2025

We decided as a family to begin the journey of adoption.

MEET *our boys*



COLTON, 13 YEARS OLD

Colton is adventurous, courteous, and witty, with a big heart for the people around him. He enjoys playing piano and drums, football, video games, and spending time at Youth Group. **Though he may seem reserved at first, once you get to know him, his sense of humor shines.** Colton is a hardworking and dependable son who loves his family deeply, is loyal to his word, and has grown so much in his faith. He is a patient big brother and is excited to welcome another sibling to love, care for, and do life with.

CAMDEN, 10 YEARS OLD



Camden is cheerful, compassionate, and incredibly affectionate, bringing smiles wherever he goes. He loves riding his pony Stella and gets excited about anything else horse-related! He also enjoys going to the park, performing in school and church musicals, dancing, playing guitar, and caring for his baby dolls. **Camden has a joyful spirit and a natural way of cheering on everyone around him**. He knows who he is and what he loves to do, and invites us all to join in on the fun-loving life he lives.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT BEING PARENTS:

*"Being a father is one of the greatest joys of my life. **I love our boys deeply and feel incredibly proud to be their dad.** Watching them grow and walking beside them through life is something I treasure, and I look forward with excitement to welcoming another child into our family." (Brad)*

*"I love being present for the everyday moments of motherhood—the hugs, laughter, conversations, and even the tears that come along the way. **Watching each of our boys grow in their own unique way has filled my heart with gratitude.** They continually make me a better person, and I feel so thankful for the children God has entrusted to us." (Laura)*





WHAT BROUGHT US TO ADOPTION

"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD." *-PSALM 46:10*

Our family has been shaped by many meaningful seasons, each one teaching us more about love, patience, and faith. **When our youngest son was born, we learned he had a rare genetic syndrome, and we stepped into a season of learning, growing, and focusing on what our children needed most.** During those years, our attention was on helping him grow and thrive, and we chose to pause our plans for another child. When our boys were a little older, we felt ready to try again. Because of my endometriosis, getting pregnant was more difficult this time, and after a year that included two miscarriages, we began to feel that chapter closing. **While we were deeply grateful for our family, there was still a quiet sense that our story might not be finished.**

Over time, adoption began to gently come onto our hearts through conversations, prayer, and stories from others. **We feel hopeful about welcoming a newborn baby girl, but more than anything, we feel honored by the possibility of growing our family through adoption.**

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Who better to give you a glimpse of our life than our sons









THIS IS THE GOOD LIFE

In our eyes, a good life is one spent with the people you love—where everyone feels free to be themselves and everyday moments matter just as much as the big ones. Our days are filled with family time, faith, laughter, and simple routines that keep us connected.

SOME OF THE RHYTHMS THAT MAKE UP OUR FAMILY LIFE INCLUDE:

1. **Time outdoors together.** We love swimming, biking, walking the dogs, sledding in the winter, and spending summer days at the lake fishing, kayaking, and being with friends.
2. **Family adventures.** We enjoy camping trips with Brad's parents, visiting family in Tennessee to boat, tube, swim, and hike, and exploring off-road trails together in our Jeep.
3. **Life on the farm.** Time at Brad's parents' farm is always special—riding the horses, collecting eggs, taking care of the animals, picking berries in season, and playing outside.
4. **Music and creativity at home.** Our house is rarely quiet. Colton practices piano and drums, while Camden loves performing for us—playing his guitar, singing, dancing for us while watching *Dancing with the Stars*, and using his imagination to put on little shows.
5. **Faith as a family**. Sundays are an important rhythm for us. We attend church together, often go to lunch afterward, and participate in youth activities throughout the week.
6. **Busy and active kids.** Colton stays busy with church, band, sports, and music. Camden loves participating in basketball through the Challenger program (an adaptive sports league) and is always ready to cheer on his brother.
7. **Simple weekday routines**. School mornings start with breakfast, packing lunches, and hugs before everyone heads out the door. Evenings are for homework, chores, dinner together, and a little time to relax. Nights end with caring for the dogs, bedtime routines, reading with Camden, and saying goodnight before the house settles in for the evening.

To us, the good life isn't about perfection—it's about being together, supporting one another, and filling our home with love, laughter, and faith.



















our SAFE PLACE



THE PLACE WE CALL HOME.

Our home is a place where life is full, a little busy, and always welcoming. It sits in a quiet neighborhood where kids ride bikes, neighbors wave as they pass by, and there is always space to play outside. **Our small town is conveniently located near a bustling city,** providing us with an ideal blend of small-town charm and big-city vibrancy. There's also a little park and an elementary school just a few minutes from our front door.

Inside, our house has three bedrooms (soon four), an open-concept kitchen, a dining area that overlooks the family room, and a walkout basement. **It's a comfortable family home with room for everyone to gather**—whether that's around the dinner table, in the living room for movie night, or out in the yard with the dogs. **It's a place where everyday life feels full, warm, and welcoming.**

At the heart of our home is love, faith, and togetherness. ***We believe the best parts of life happen in the everyday moments****—sharing meals, cheering each other on, praying together, and making sure everyone feels seen, supported, and deeply loved. Our greatest hope is that every child in our home always knows they belong exactly as they are.*

A PLACE TO GROW TOGETHER







OUR FAVORITE TRADITIONS

Traditions are some of the moments we look forward to most each year. They give us time to slow down, celebrate, and reconnect with the people we love. Many of our traditions revolve around family gatherings, good food, laughter, and simple activities that bring everyone together

SOME OF THE TRADITIONS WE CHERISH MOST INCLUDE:

1. **Holiday celebrations with family.** Thanksgiving and Christmas are especially meaningful for us. Our extended families gather from several states, filling homes with cousins of all ages, home-cooked meals, games, puzzles, football in the yard, and lots of laughter.
2. **Christmas and New Years.** Christmas Eve is spent with Brad's family, where we gather for a lively white elephant gift exchange and time together. Christmas morning is reserved for our family at home, opening presents together before hosting a brunch for relatives. New Year's Eve is typically when Laura's side of the family gathers, celebrating Christmas together before ringing in the new year side by side.
3. **Easter and Halloween fun.** Easter is usually celebrated at our house with a big family dinner and an egg hunt for the kids. Halloween is also a favorite, especially when we coordinate themed costumes with Laura's sister and her family.
4. **Birthday celebrations.** The boys love celebrating with friends at birthday parties, followed by dinner, cake, and ice cream with family. Milestone birthdays sometimes call for bigger celebrations—like Laura's recent 40th birthday trip to the Caribbean with close friends.
5. **First Saturdays.** We gather once a month at Laura's mom and stepdad's house for lunch, games, and small projects. Friends and family join in, and everyone brings a dish to share.
6. **Seasonal outings and vacations.** We love fall outings such as pumpkin patches and festivals, and every year, we strive to organize a family trip. Some years, it's a grand adventure, while other times, it's a road trip to visit friends and family across the country.

For us, these traditions are about more than the events themselves; they're about creating memories, strengthening relationships, and celebrating the joy of being together.



Life is best when it's shared with the people you love.









MEET *our families*



LAURA'S FAMILY

I grew up in a loving, resilient, and loyal family that has shaped so much of who I am today. After losing my dad when I was young, my mom's faith and strength carried us through, and she later married my stepdad, Joe. **I have one brother, one sister, and two step-sisters, all of whom are married, and our family has grown to include many nieces and nephews.** Walking through life's challenges together taught me resilience, strong faith, and the importance of supporting one another, values I carry into my own family today.

BRAD'S FAMILY



I grew up in a faithful and loving family. My parents have been married for over 40 years and are a steady example of commitment and support. I also have a younger brother who served in the Marine Corps and now works in corporate security; he and his wife stay busy with her family's custom home business. **In my family, faith, service, and hard work have always been lived out through example,** from military service to farming and serving in the church. They are values I'm proud to carry on in how I lead my family today.

SPECIAL WORDS FROM A FRIEND

We're also grateful for a close circle of friends who feel like part of our village. Many of us first met through church, and those friendships have remained strong over the years. Laura's twin best friends of nearly 20 years are like aunties to our boys, and Brad stays close with three friends from his time in the military who feel more like brothers.

One of these friends shares: *"Laura and Brad are wonderful parents whose love for their boys is evident in everything they do. They lead their family with faith, patience, and intention, creating a home full of laughter, warmth, and genuine care for each child."* — Melissa, close friend


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THANK YOU AGAIN FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US.

We are so grateful for this moment to share our hearts with you and your baby, and **we are praying for you and hoping you feel peace and clarity in the decisions before you.**

If you were to choose our family, your child would join a home full of love, patience, and faith, where we pray together, support one another through life's challenges, and strive to live with Christ's compassion and grace. **They would grow up knowing they are deeply loved and that their story began with a brave, loving woman who wanted the very best for them.**

our PROMISE

The future of our children is one of our highest priorities, approached with care, prayer, and intention. If we are blessed to welcome your child, these are the promises we hold close:

OUR COMMITMENTS TO YOU:

1. **We promise to raise this child in a Christian home,** rooted in faith and built on a biblical foundation.
2. **We promise to love and cherish them unconditionally**, walking with them through both joys and challenges.
3. **We promise to nurture imagination**, encourage adventure, and celebrate each of our children's unique and God-given gifts.
4. **We promise to provide opportunities for a strong education** and equip them with tools to grow emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.
5. **We promise to honor their past and culture,** embracing their story and encouraging open communication and curiosity.
6. **We promise to recognize and respect you**, always honoring the love, courage, and sacrifice that brought them to us.

Thank you again for considering our family. **Should our story extend beyond this moment, we would be honored to join our lives with yours,** welcoming your child with love while respecting and honoring the important role you will always have in her life. We pray that you *both* might always know how surrounded, supported, and loved you are by many.

WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE,

Brad, Laura, and our boys


for this child
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