



Hello We Are...



Breana & John



## Our Hopes & Dreams

Our hopes and dreams are to start a family through the blessing of adoption. However, we know for us to do that, a mother must make an adoption plan for her child. We don't know what you are going through, but we are sure this must be a difficult decision, and you must be strong and brave. We deeply admire your strength, love, and courageous desire to do what you think is best for your child.

We both grew up in large families and couldn't wait to start a family of our own. After several years of unsuccessful infertility treatments, we felt a pull on our hearts toward adoption. Our struggle with infertility has left us with a deep appreciation for the gift of parenthood and a desire to treasure every moment with our child. We are excited to grow our family through adoption, and lucky to have a supportive community of family and friends eagerly waiting with us.

As parents we will do everything in our power to provide your child with the opportunities to build honest, loving relationships, receive an excellent education, and pursue his/her passions and interests. We will teach your child to serve others through volunteering together as a family. We want your child to experience the beauty of the world and of other people and cultures. We plan to spend time together as a family traveling, cooking meals together and playing outdoors.

We spend a lot of our time with family and friends. From barbecues in the back yard to trips to the park, we love to be social and involved in the community. We love skiing in New Hampshire, camping, spotting dolphins, and finding beautiful seashells near John's parents' beach house. We can't wait to share these and have many new adventures with your child.

If you select us as your child's adoptive parents, your child will grow up knowing how selfless and amazing you are. You will always be a part of his/her life. We hope you will have peace knowing that your child is deeply loved and cherished. More than anything, we want you to know that you are dearly loved and we are praying for you even before we have met you!

With Love,

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**FAITH** - Our faith in God is the center of our lives. Our faith gives us strength and purpose in our daily lives and in our daily struggles. Our greatest desire in life is to love others as He has loved us. We pray together daily and attend church on Sundays at a wonderful parish that overflows with families of all ages. We can't wait to share God's unconditional love with our child and look forward to reading the Bible together as a family.

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY** - We are dedicated to nurturing strong, lifelong relationships with the people in our lives. We believe that one of the most important things a parent can do is build a loving, open and trusting relationship with their child. We have an amazing local community of close friends with young children and are lucky to have some of our family living close by. We spend a lot of time with our family and friends. We meet at the park, enjoy meals together, play games, and watch movies together. We like doing crafts and science experiments together and enjoying nearby attractions like apple picking, hiking, swimming, and camping.

**UNCONDITIONAL LOVE** - We believe that true love is unconditional and we show love to every person in our lives. We make the choice to love every single day, even in the smallest ways. Sometimes Breana cooks John's favorite meal or John takes our dogs out in the morning so that Breana can sleep a little longer. As parents we will work to intentionally seek ways to show our child our unconditional love for him/her and for others. We choose to put our child first by being willing to put aside what we are doing to listen to our child with our full attention. We can't wait to play with him/her and to be there to cheer him/her on at whatever they love to do.

**GENEROSITY** - We are both blessed to have parents who taught us to give generously through their own examples and family activities. Growing up, we both experienced the joy of volunteering together with our families. As a couple, we join John's family to sing Christmas carols at a nursing home. We also have hosted children from an orphanage overseas in our home for Christmas. Our local community also has a lot of opportunities to serve together as a family, including helping at the local food pantry with our church group. We sponsor a little boy in India and will write letters and draw pictures for him with our child. We can't wait to do these things with our child and share the joy of giving to others as a family.

**EDUCATION** - Teaching is one of Breana's greatest passions. She and John can't wait to share our love of learning with a child. We believe that education is a lifelong process and will model that for our child. Our parents both love to learn and we've experienced firsthand how much seeing a parent's passion for reading and learning can kindle a love of learning in a child. We can't wait to visit historical sites, read all kinds of books, and to take walks to learn about the world around us. Inside of the classroom, it is very important to us that our child receive the best education possible and we will be dedicated to making sure that he/she is thriving. We hope our child will want to further their education post high school and we will do everything we can to support them on this path, including saving for their college fund.



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# Our Home



## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** I enjoy baking, cooking, crafting, collecting books, reading, writing stories, watching movies, traveling, hiking, going for walks, and spending time with friends and family.

**Adoptive Father:** I enjoy being outdoors playing soccer, throwing a baseball, or going on walks, traveling, enjoying nature, reading books or watching movies.

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Teacher/Stay at Home Mom

**Adoptive Father:** General Surgeon

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelor's Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Doctoral Degree

## PLUS:

- 2 Family dogs
- Both non-smokers

We believe that daily life is lived together as a family and that the best place to encourage a child to thrive begins with a peaceful, stimulating home environment. That's why we fell in love with our home and neighborhood. Our home environment is the perfect balance between being cozy and full of life.

Our home is in the country on a beautiful, quiet dead end road. Some of our nearest neighbors are cows. It's the perfect place to enjoy the beauty and benefits of the country like rolling hills and trails to explore while being close to city accommodations like a library, parks, and pools. Our first introduction to our neighbors was being showered with baked goods, plants, and offers of help as they welcomed us to the neighborhood. We are lucky to be surrounded by such warm and generous people.

The layout of our home is open and encourages family and friends to gather for games, conversation, and delicious food. With a fireplace in the living room, a playroom and theatre downstairs, and a large backyard, there is plenty of room to explore and grow. We love that it has lots of natural light from our huge windows and an amazing view of the mountains. In the mornings we curl up on the couch together to read while Breana enjoys her coffee, and in the evenings we can watch birds circling lazily on the wind or the moon rising over the mountains. We look forward to snuggling on that same couch with our child, reading and telling stories.

We strongly believe that eating meals together daily is one of the most important things we can do as a family and with friends. Breana makes healthy, homecooked meals every day, and loves to bake as well. John enjoys cooking on the grill and his delicious grilled steak is one of our favorite meals. We can't wait to share this time with our child, and teach him/her how to bake, cook, and grill!

Our large, fenced in backyard is the perfect place to spend time outdoors. Our deck has a table and chairs and we often eat meals outside. Breana grows flowers and vegetables in our gardens and can't wait to share her love of gardening with our child. There is plenty of room for a swing set, running around, playing, and even a hill for sledding in the winter. We look forward to playing outside with our child every day; exploring and going on unexpected adventures together.

John enjoys doing projects around the house and has fun including our friends' young children in his projects. Breana enjoys watching John gently and patiently guiding the children to 'help' with whatever he is doing. We can't wait for our child to join John, helping him on these projects.

We have made so many treasured memories of our home with the people we love, sitting around the bonfire on a cool fall night with our dear friends, listening to the laughter of their children as they chased fireflies in our yard, and marveling at the crystal clear stars from our front yard and trying to pick out familiar constellations. We can't wait to share our home and life with a child. To help them grow and discover as we have - here at home.



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# Our Family

John and Breana met in college. Breana first remembers seeing him stride purposefully across campus and wondering who that handsome freshman was. We met later through mutual friends and bonded over our shared love of swing dancing and books. Breana spent many mornings perfectly timing leaving from breakfast in the cafeteria to coincide with when John left so that we would 'bump' into each other on the way out. Years later Breana found out that John had been doing the same thing. We were good friends first and only started dating in our senior year. We dated for five years and we were married during John's last year of medical school. We have been married for ten years.

John is a thoughtful, but fun-loving guy, who likes things to fall into place in an organized fashion. He prefers smaller groups of people who like to do things together. This makes him value those close to him, especially family and close friends, over things and places.

Breana is sweet and gentle with a kind word and a listening ear. She loves adventures, but is also very detailed and organized. She keeps everything in our family running smoothly.

We are best friends and balance each other well. Through the challenges, our relationship has grown stronger and deeper. We love to laugh and have fun, but we also work hard and give 100% of ourselves to fulfill our commitments to each other and others.

We have so many adventures and special family traditions we can't wait to share with our child someday! Breana's family started a tradition that we have taken on and continued in our family. Each birthday begins with a special breakfast in bed and a new book. We look forward to surprising our child each birthday morning with these special gifts as well.

Our family Christmas Eve traditions are our favorite. We start the day by going to the grocery store together and picking out our favorite desserts. After Christmas Eve Mass, we go home and open our family gifts. Then we snuggle up in our pajamas and look at our family photo album from the last year and share stories of our favorite memories. At the end of the night we watch our favorite Christmas movies while eating the special dessert we picked out from the grocery store earlier that day.

In the past few years, we have also taken over John's family's more than 20 year tradition of hosting an annual caroling party during the Christmas season. We love gathering around the fireplace with our family and friends to sing our favorite carols.

Our family members are very excited to welcome a new child and look forward with sharing their lives, gifts, and adventures with the newest grandchild, niece/nephew, and cousin!

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us! You, your child, and your family are in our hearts and prayers.



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