



Hello We Are...



Ben & Jenny

Graceful 
Adoptions™



Our Hopes & Dreams

Our hopes and dreams are to have a loving family. We want our child to grow up in a world full of aspirations of their own, with the support and confidence to think the "sky is the limit".

Ben and I have always dreamt of adopting. Ben's niece is adopted and while in college, Jenny babysat a number of children who were adopted. There is something special about families who adopt – a deliberate choice to join two families. We want to share this relationship, as well as the joy of parenting. We know a child doesn't have to be born to us for us to love this child unconditionally. We have so much to give!

We look forward to giving a child love, time and attention and providing emotional and physical support. We will offer empathy, patience and respect. We will help build good character, and watch the child find happiness and meaning by empowering them to learn from others. We will encourage him or her to try new activities and hobbies so they may discover their own strengths. We will guide him or her towards making good decisions and help him or her understand the world around them.

We look forward to parenting more than anything else! We are excited to see the world through our child's eyes. We strive to show kindness and compassion. We've learned to embrace life's journey and to appreciate what we have.

We have an unmeasurable amount of gratitude for all women who make adoption plans and recognize your courageous act is one of pure love. We believe you are a brave and selfless woman who deserves a life full of promise and possibilities. We admire your strength and honor the tremendous sacrifice you are making for your child.

With Respect

Ben & Jenny

Graceful
Adoptions™ 

A Beautiful Experience

YourPartner@GracefulAdoptions.com | GracefulAdoptions.com



Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAMILY TIME - We do everything we can to stay connected as a family. Everyone works hard during the week, whether they are at a job or going to school, so having some time to kick back and have fun is something we look forward to doing now and we will especially look forward to doing in the future. We enjoy our time together, so whatever we are doing, we are usually together - shopping, kayaking, listening to music, skiing, preparing a meal, gardening, or going for a jog in our neighborhood. We are most likely doing it together. We also love the time we spend with our extended family, especially our week-long family reunion camping trips in July every year! It has been so much fun to watch all the cousins grow and have fun together and we can't wait to add our child to this celebration.



CHARACTER - Being kind, respectful, considerate, honest, and dependable all make up things we will role model for our children. It's making decisions that align with our values, standing up for what we believe in and being there for our friends even during tough times. For us, character is a lot about "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." It is telling the truth when a lie would be easier to tell or easier for the receiver to hear. No one is going to be their best 100% of the time, however, we will lead from a place of kindness and consideration, while always being available emotionally and physically for our child. We will make it a point to model positive interactions with everyone we meet, including cashiers, neighbors, teachers, family members and friends.



RESILIENCE - Life is full of beauty and opportunities, but it can also be challenging at times and we will make mistakes. It's what we do with these challenges that make the most difference in our lives. We believe that no matter what life throws at us, we need to find the inner strength to pick up, brush the dust off and keep moving forward. We will teach resilience each day by demonstrating persistence and tenacity. If we don't know a word, we will look it up. If we burn a batch of cookies, we will make another batch. If the ball doesn't go far enough, we will try again. It's important to show this, especially when children are learning new skills, like building blocks or tying their shoes. Our philosophy is try, and then try again. We will cheer our child on and encourage our child to keep trying when things are hard.



LEARNING - We understand that we are our child's first teachers. The words we say, the actions we take, and the habits we keep will all be centered on giving our child the best life possible. We will make every day a fun learning opportunity; reading, singing our ABC's, digging in the garden dirt or picking vegetables, counting our steps, and learning to kick a ball, swim, and ride a bike. We also know that formal education is vital and we will do everything we can to help our child realize his or her potential. We believe that all children are unique and must have a stimulating educational environment where they can grow physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially. We anticipate the child will attend public school and when ready, we will encourage him or her to follow their passion and further their education by attending college, university or trade school.

A Beautiful Experience





Our Home

We live in a small community with lots of open space and green grass. The neighbors are exceptional, a diverse group of people from all backgrounds and walks of life. There are retired couples, families with older children, and others like ours, families who look forward to growing together and making this their neighborhood for years to come.

It's a quiet rural area, where we drive by horse properties on the way to/from work. There is a small community farm where we buy vegetables and a fishing pier a few miles down the road we enjoy in the summer. The older children play soccer in the large open spaces with beautiful green grass that makes a nice field. There's a club house, lap and kiddie pools, and tennis courts for the homeowners and their guests. We enjoy bringing our family and friends to play in the pool and pick up pecans from the pecan trees in the community space. We can't wait to take walks in the neighborhood, splash in the pool, and fish off the pier with our child one day!

We are very passionate about our outdoor space and hope to create lots of childhood memories here. We have a large front and back yard where we enjoy hosting our family, neighbors, and friends. We enjoy grilling out and going for bike rides. Our neighbor has a great fort in their backyard. Their children are grown, so we look forward to using it one day. Ben's childhood memories include playing in his backyard, especially playing in their tree house. Jenny had a homemade gymnasium in her backyard, with a balance beam and set of uneven bars. We look forward to creating a fun outdoor space for our child as his or her interests change.

Just as our outdoor space is about staying connected to each other and our community, so is our indoor space. Our home is designed for everyone to feel comfortable and relaxed - to feel at home. We recently had Ben's three siblings, their spouses, and their children to our home to celebrate. We love playing games; two of our favorite games are Phase10 and Ticket to Ride. It's the perfect way to connect with each other and get the whole family laughing and interacting.

We have always enjoyed eating together as a family. We both learned how to conduct conversations, use good manners, serve others, listen, solve conflicts, and compromise while eating as a family growing up. Breakfast is our favorite meal on the weekends! We practice our culinary skills and try new breakfast recipes - homemade buttermilk biscuits are Ben's specialty and Jenny loves making sourdough French toast.

We can't wait to make memories, by simply setting aside time and spending quality time together! We look forward to making new discoveries while playing in the backyard, learning about caterpillars and insects and butterflies! Camping, canoeing, and hiking are great ways to get in touch with nature and spend time together without the TV and other distractions. We can't wait to make homemade popsicles like we did as kids, hang bird feeders, make indoor tents on rainy days and go on a family bike ride. We look forward to lying on a blanket in the backyard at night to look at the stars. We look forward to finding happy moments every day.



HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Traveling, camping, hiking, biking, triathlons, volleyball, baking, concerts, watching sunrise/sunset, water sports (skiing, canoeing/kayaking, swimming, standup paddle boarding), snow skiing, gardening, spending time with family and friends

Adoptive Father: Fishing, traveling, aviation, history, museums, badminton/squash, cooking, grilling, yardwork, music, playing cards/board games, walking/playing in the snow, spending time with family and friends

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Physician Assistant

Adoptive Father: Commercial Pilot

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Masters Degree

Adoptive Father: Masters Degree

PLUS:

- Both non-smokers



A Beautiful Experience



Our Family

We have been together for more than fifteen years, first meeting our sophomore year of college in a class we shared. We knew each other for about six months and developed a friendship before Ben asked Jenny on our first date. We love to travel, and while we were engaged we were lucky enough to go on a trip to Australia. One of our favorite memories was spending a week driving through the country and exploring as much as we could. We snorkeled on the Great Barrier Reef, visited the Australia Zoo and walked around Sydney. We've always loved going to different zoos and aquariums, and this zoo was extra special because we had the chance to hold a baby koala. We are excited to take our child to visit many zoos and aquariums to teach them about all of the different animals!

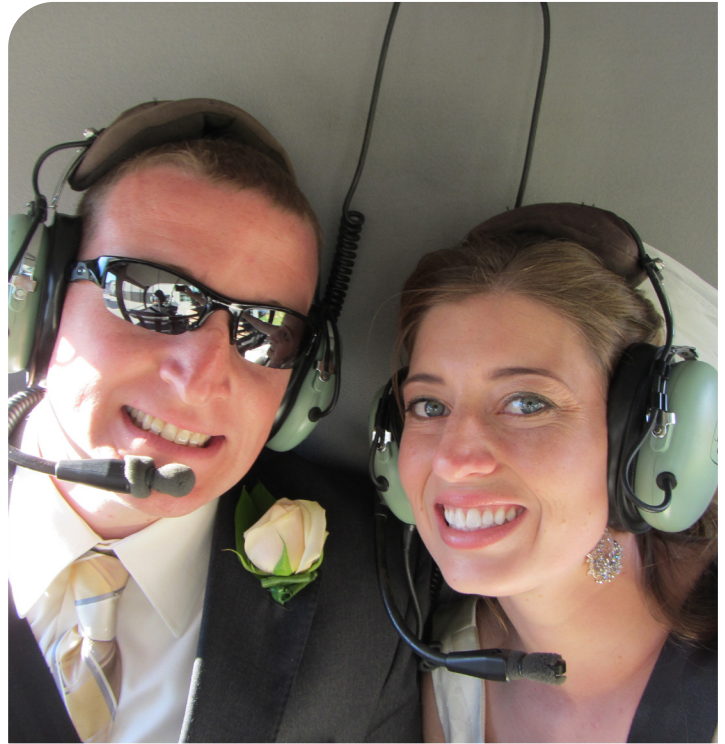
We have similar personalities which makes being together easy. Ben is patient, dependable, funny, self-disciplined and authentic. Jenny is happy, optimistic, fair, loyal, and persistent. Our strengths as a couple include appreciation and affection for each other, commitment to each other as a couple and to our families, positive communication, spending enjoyable time together, and a sense of shared values and purpose. We have respect for each of us as individuals, but also recognize that together we are stronger.

We are a military family and have often thought about putting down roots. We have watched and mentored countless military children as they have navigated the joys of military life...and it is a great thing! We have a special phrase describing how military children grow vines instead of roots. The vines are wide and long and grow across the country and around the world. They wind through friendships and communities. They extend in and about unique people and places, helping kids learn about the complexities of our nation and our world. We are glad that Ben separated from the Air Force to provide our family stability, but we are both excited that our child will get a small taste of military life for their first few years until Jenny retires.

We like the saying, "home is where your family lives." One of our favorite traditions is when we get our family Christmas tree after Thanksgiving. Finding the right tree and bringing it home to decorate is something we look forward to all year. This is a very fun and exciting time for us because we love the holiday season. The joy of Christmas, giving, sharing, spending time with family, and enjoying holiday treats marks our favorite tradition.

We both have large extended families and enjoy spending time together. Our activities may include; hiking, fishing, traveling to new destinations, or simply an overnight visit and cooking meals together. Our two favorite family traditions are Thanksgiving and Christmas. Jenny's family has a large Thanksgiving every year with nearly all of her extended family. Ben's family does the same thing during Christmas, and both of these events give us an excellent opportunity to see a large number of our cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Our parents and siblings have been helping prepare for the arrival of a new family member. Our families can't wait to be available to help care for him or her. Great-grandma, aunts and our family friends have already been knitting blankets and making homemade stuffed animals for our little one!



A Beautiful Experience

