



Hello We Are...



Breana & John



Our Hopes & Dreams

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. We adopted our first child, Elizabeth, who is almost 2 years old. Not only did we gain a daughter, through our open adoption we have also had the privilege of knowing her amazing birth mom and extended birth family.

We dream of adding to our family again 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 is a difficult decision. We deeply admire your strength, love, and courageous desire to do what you think is best for your precious child.

As parents we will do everything in our power to provide your child with the opportunities to build 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 spend daily life together as a family reading, cooking meals, playing games, and exploring the outdoors. A lot of the time we are joined by our family and friends! From barbecues in the back yard to playdates at the park, we love to have fun with the people in our lives and be involved in the community. We love exploring new places, camping, skiing in New Hampshire with Breana's family, and spotting dolphins or searching for beautiful seashells in Florida, where both sets of our parents live. We can't wait to share these experiences 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 also loved, and we are praying for you even before we have met you!

Sincerely,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

FAITH - Our faith in God is the center of our lives. It 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 will seek to share God's unconditional love with our children through the example of our love. We read the Nativity story as a family at Christmas, and we look forward to reading the Bible together as a family as our children get older.



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY - We are dedicated to nurturing strong, life-long 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. A lot of our time is spent with family and friends. We love to meet for playdates at the park, eat meals, play games, and enjoy nearby attractions like apple-picking, hiking, swimming, and camping together.

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. We work intentionally to show our daughter unconditional love for her and for others. We choose to put her first by being willing to put aside what we are doing and listen to her with our full attention, to read her a book, or to play a silly game with her. We look forward to cheering on our children's accomplishments and will always show excitement when they learn new skills.



GENEROSITY - We are both blessed to have parents who taught us to give generously through their own examples. Growing up, we both experienced the joy of volunteering together with our families. As a couple, we have joined John's family to sing Christmas carols at a nursing home. We have also 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 and we look forward to serving together as our children get older. We sponsor a little boy in India and will write letters and draw pictures for him with our children. We can't wait to share with our children the joy of giving to others as a family.



EDUCATION - Teaching is one of Breana's greatest passions. We believe that education is a life-long process and will model that for our children. Both sets of our parents love to learn and we've experienced first-hand how much seeing a parent's passion for growth can kindle a love of learning in a child. Both of us are bookworms and it has been so much fun to see our daughter following in our footsteps. We read to our daughter, spend lots of time playing outside, and love to explore state parks, children's museums, and historical sites as a family. We attend Mommy and Me classes where we do all kinds of fun and enriching activities designed for toddlers. It is very important to us that our children receive the best education possible, and we will be dedicated to making sure that they are thriving. We hope our children 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

We believe that daily life is lived together as a family and that the best place to encourage children to thrive begins with a peaceful, stimulating home environment. 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.

Our home is open and encourages family and friends to gather for games, conversation, and delicious food. With a fireplace and dedicated play space in the living room, a movie theater downstairs, and a large backyard, there is plenty of room to explore and grow. We love that it has lots of natural light 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 strongly believe that eating meals together daily is one of the most important things we can do. Breana makes healthy, home-cooked meals every day, and we are often joined around the table by extended family and friends. Sometimes we pack up our dinner and head to a park for a picnic with friends. We bake together often, enjoying creating things like pumpkin bread in the fall and muffins with freshly picked fruit in the summer. 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 your child, and teach him/her how to bake, cook, and grill!

Our large, fenced in backyard is the perfect place to spend time outdoors. We have a fun toddler house and slide in the back yard and plenty of space for running around, playing, and even a hill for sledding in the winter. Our deck has a table and chairs, and we often eat meals outside. Our daughter loves to help us in our garden, especially helping to pick all of the beautiful flowers and yummy produce we grow. We can't wait to have another child join us in our backyard adventures!

John enjoys doing projects around the house and has fun including our daughter in his projects. John gently and patiently guides her to 'help' with whatever he is doing. It's one of our daughter's favorite things to do and she often runs excitedly around the house and points out the things she and Daddy have worked on together. We can't wait for another child to build bonds with their father and sister by doing projects around the house!

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 dear friends, listening to the laughter of children as they chase fireflies in our yard, and marveling at the crystal-clear stars from our front yard. We can't wait to share our home and life with another child. To help them grow and discover as we have – here at home.

HOBBIES:

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

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

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Stay at Home Mom

Adoptive Father: General Surgeon

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelors Degree

Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree

PLUS:

- Family dogs
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We met in college. Breana remembers seeing John 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, only started dating in our senior year, and dated for five years before we were married during John's last year of medical school.

John is a thoughtful, 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, over things and places. Breana is sweet and gentle with a kind word and a listening ear. She enjoys adventures, yet is also detailed and organized. We are best friends and balance each other well. 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.



Our daughter, Elizabeth, is social and playful, and will be an awesome big sister. We're so thankful that the children will have an amazing bond over adoption! Breana loves being a stay-at-home mom and is excited to have another child at home with us. Breana keeps our daily routines running smoothly, with plenty of time for reading together, searching for beautiful fallen leaves and other nature treasures, splashing in puddles, trips to the library, park dates with friends, and lots of silly games and laughter.

We have so many special family traditions we can't wait to share with another child. We love to celebrate each holiday together, gathering with extended family to enjoy the Easter baskets that Breana carefully crafts for each person, setting off fireworks on the 4th of July, visiting a farm for pumpkin picking and other fall fun, picking a fun family theme and dressing up to give out candy on Halloween, going to a farm to cut down our own Christmas tree each December and ringing in the New Year with our favorite takeout food and a fun movie night.

However, our family Christmas Eve traditions are our favorites. 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 a special dessert. 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 sisters, brothers, parents, nieces, and nephews are very excited to welcome a new child to our family and look forward to 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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