



Hello We Are...



Adam & Brooke

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## Our Hopes & Dreams

We are a fun, family-focused couple who have been together forever, who like to live life to the fullest. We care deeply about others and believe in giving back by investing in our family, our community, and strangers alike. Our hope and dream is to be adoptive parents again.

Brooke's father was adopted, so we knew that having a biological child wasn't necessary to build our family. In 2015, our son's mother made the brave decision to allow us to parent him. We were blessed to have had the opportunity to spend time with her while she was pregnant, as well as time together in the hospital. The bond and love we have for her surpasses all of our expectations. We remain in touch today and look forward to continuing our relationship with her through the years.

We are grateful and privileged to have the opportunity to adopt another child. Our greatest wish is to raise a child in a loving home filled with trust and stability. He or she will be surrounded by an abundance of love from not only us, but from our family and friends as well. We will create a nurturing home and will encourage and support your child in becoming whoever he or she aspires to be.

We know this is a difficult time and many prayers will be said for you during this process and in the future. If you select us to parent your child, we will support you through this journey and your child will always know you and the selfless and loving sacrifice you are making. Our hope is that through this introduction, you will see the love we aspire to give you and your child. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us and we look forward to meeting you.

Blessings,

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**FAITH** - Our faith is the center of our lives. We are Sunday School teachers and youth leaders for grades 6th-12th. Our faith has brought us through many of life's challenges. Both of us were raised attending church from an early age, but have individually formed our own relationship with Christ. We will raise your child with the hope that he or she will also find their own connection with a higher being. We will pray and read Bible stories with your child and encourage them to participate in youth programs of their choice.



**FAMILY** - We are an incredibly close-knit family; our relationships are more like best friends than siblings or parent/child. We are lucky to have a large network that provides unconditional love and unwavering support. Your child will not only gain parents and a sibling, but a group of more than 60 people who will be actively involved in their life, there to celebrate holidays with, and attend their extracurricular activities. We hope to instill these bonds within our children, so they are surrounded with supportive grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are like siblings, just as we did when we were growing up.



**GIVING** - We are thankful to be in a position to help others, and we hope to teach your child to be generous. We participate in the Angel Tree Giving Tree each year purchasing presents for other families. Brooke founded a non-profitable organization called Summer Servings, a meal delivery service that provides groceries for children during school breaks. We will teach your child to express kindness towards others by giving and being charitable. Your child will go shopping for the groceries and gifts, help create the box of goods, and ride along to deliver the groceries and gifts.

**FUN** - We are a family that lives life, and we want your child to experience a joyful childhood filled with life-long memories. We love spending time at the river, having pool days, outdoor picnics, jumping on the trampoline, hikes through the woods, or fishing at our pond. We also like to go to the movies, bowling, or host family game nights. Vacations usually take us to the beach where we play in the pool and ocean, build sandcastles, ride go-carts, play miniature golf, and search for seashells. While we instill everyday responsibilities in our children, we want them to enjoy life - laugh freely, act silly, and find the peace in just being a child.



**EDUCATION** - We believe our responsibility as parents is to introduce your child to what life has to offer. We believe discovering our passions are critical to our long-term well-being. Yes, education takes place in a classroom, but we also believe lessons can be found on the field of your child's favorite sport activity, at home playing on the farm, working in the shop with their dad, or baking with their mom. We look forward to learning your child's likes and dislikes so we can help them discover their own passions.

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# Our Home

We love our home and think it is the perfect place to raise curious children. We purchased it with anticipation of giggles, squeals, handprints, and blessings fulfilling it. Our property is mainly peaceful meadows and grasslands, shallow rivers and ponds, and just enough woods for exploring and hiking. There is an open field in front of the house where we go four-wheeling, and in the backyard, there is a swimming pool, swing set, trampoline, plenty of space to play corn-hole, whiffle ball, and fetch with our dog, Tex.

We live on 30 acres of land, in a neighborhood with other children, and are close to town and our families. Our home is a gathering spot, and friends and family are always welcome. We love hosting pool parties and bonfires. The children race down the water slide, jump on the trampoline, and play on the swing set. The refrigerator is stocked with popsicles just for these hot summer days. The pool area is one of Brooke's favorite aspects of our home. The sun is so peaceful and the sound of everyone laughing and playing is so much fun to listen to! Indoors, if we aren't gathered around the fireplace for movie night eating popcorn, we are drawn to the basement for a game of basketball or ping pong. The basement is known as the kids' area, but we adults have lots of good times finding our inner child there too.

Adam's has two favorite spots on our property - the outdoor kitchen and the farm. The outdoor kitchen has two grills, a smoker, and griddle. This is where Adam loves to barbecue, cooking steaks and other meats, along with vegetables from our garden. We also have a farm about 10 minutes from our home. This farm has 50 cows for milking, and soybeans and corn for harvesting. However, the best part of this property is that it sits on the river with a sandbar where we hang out as a family; fishing, swimming, having cook-outs, and launching our kayaks. This property will be handed down to our children for them to make memories with their own children someday.

We both have flexible work schedules and are often home during normal work hours, which allows for extra family time. Our favorite part of the day is when we gather for an afternoon snack or outdoor activity to unwind, hear about each other's day, tell stories, and discuss what we are having for dinner. We enjoy random activities at the river and ballpark, playing board games, dining at restaurants, or just relaxing with one another. We also love day trips to the zoo and the water parks.

We are ecstatic to be parents again and to help another child discover who they are, their likes and dislikes, and their own hopes and dreams. We want him or her to find our home a place of comfort and companionship. A place to have fun and discover. He or she will have a room filled with shelves of children's books to help their imagination soar.

## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Anything outdoors, traveling, fishing, swimming, nature walks, volunteering, exercising, kayaking, gardening, baking, reading, attending professional sports games, spending time with friends and family

**Adoptive Father:** Cooking, fishing, kayaking, traveling, hands-on projects, working in my shop, fixing things, attending professional sports games, spending time with friends and family

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Radiographer

**Adoptive Father:** Electrician/ Natural Gas Measurement Specialist

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Associates Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Associates Degree

## PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers



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# Our Family

We met in high school, have been happily married for...well a long time! We are more in love today than the day we got married. We grew up with similar values and our strengths complement one another. Adam has a pure heart that sees the good in everyone. He is dependable, outgoing, has never met a stranger, and would literally do anything for anyone. Brooke is honest, nurturing, loves being a mom and is hard working. As a couple, we are trustworthy, giving, responsible, and kids at heart.

Our son Chatham is a fearless eight-year-old, who loves sports, swimming, fishing, and almost anything on our farm. He can't wait to be a big brother, have a built-in friend, and someone to get in good trouble with. He has already selected the nickname "double trouble" for him and his sibling.

We have a very close relationship with our families. Adam's parents live just a couple of miles from us. As a child Adam always wanted to do whatever his grandfather was doing. He followed his every footstep from fishing, cooking, golfing, to hearing about the good ole' days. Adam believes this is where his love of cooking came from. Just like our grandparents were involved in our lives, our parents are involved in our son's life. Brooke grew up with many cousins as close as her own siblings and our son's relationship with his cousins has the same bond. The next best thing to being parents is holding the title of uncle and aunt. We both have a remarkably close relationship with our nieces and nephews. The same goes for our sibling's relationship with Chatham, they love and cherish him with their entire being. We know that our next child will have the same relationship with his or her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins and look forward to watching those relationships blossom.

Family traditions are a huge part of both of our childhoods and remain important today. We love to celebrate life and are okay using any reason we can to do that! The infamous Easter egg hunt, 4th of July fireworks, Thanksgiving, our annual fish fry and trips to the beach are all times when we celebrate together with family. Christmas is one of our favorites, we watch Home Alone, make cookies, put our "reindeer feed," and always share our blessings with families through the Angel Tree Program. Christmas Eve is spent at granny's home where everyone looks forward to gathering for great food and the gift of being together. We are excited to create, share, and pass on wonderful traditions to our children.

We hope that we have shown you that we will provide a nurturing, loving, and supportive family for your child. We would love to have a lifelong relationship with you as well. We know that family isn't defined by blood, but by bond and we welcome you into our bond.



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