



Hello We Are...



Shane & Brittany

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Our Hopes & Dreams

Our greatest hope is to raise a child who always feels deeply loved, completely accepted, and free to become exactly who they are. We want our home to be a place where laughter is heard often, where mistakes are met with grace, where curiosity is encouraged, and where every family member knows they belong. We hope our children grow up with the confidence to dream big, the resilience to overcome challenges, and the kindness to care deeply for others.

One of the things we look forward to most is watching our children grow together. Our daughter already has such a loving and nurturing heart, and we can easily picture her embracing the role of big sister. We can't wait to watch them build forts in the living room, celebrate birthdays and holidays together, cheer each other on at school events, explore new places as a family, and create the kind of lifelong sibling bond that becomes one of life's greatest blessings. We know they will each teach the other new things, encourage one another, and make our family stronger simply by growing up together.

Adoption has always held a special place in our hearts. Shane experienced firsthand the beauty of adoption after building a relationship with his half-brother and his adoptive family, while Brittany witnessed the incredible courage of a close friend who chose adoption for her child. Those experiences taught us that adoption is rooted in love, sacrifice, and hope. They also gave us a deep respect for every person whose life is touched by adoption and strengthened our desire to build our family through it.

To you, we simply want to say thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We cannot begin to imagine the emotions you may be carrying, but we hope you know how much we admire your courage and the love that has brought you to this moment. More than anything, we hope you feel supported, valued, and never alone as you make the decision that is best for you and your child.

If you choose us, we promise your child will always know how deeply they are loved, not only by us, but by you. We will honor your place in their story and help them understand that they have always been surrounded by people who wanted the very best for them. We will encourage their questions, celebrate every part of who they are, and remind them they are worthy of unconditional love.

Whether or not our paths ever cross again, we hope your future is filled with peace, healing, and hope. We sincerely wish you a lifetime of happiness, love, and every good thing life has to offer.

Respectfully,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

HONESTY - We believe trust is one of the greatest gifts parents can give their children, and honesty is how that trust is built. We want our children to always know they can come to us with anything—whether they are excited about an accomplishment, nervous about a difficult conversation, or have made a mistake. Our hope is that they never feel they have to hide who they are or what they are feeling because they know they will be met with love, understanding, and guidance. Honesty has always been the foundation of our marriage. A couple of times each year, we intentionally sit down together to talk about what is going well, where we can grow, and how we can better support one another. As parents, we model that same openness with our children. Whether we're sitting around the dinner table talking about our day or cuddled together on the couch after a difficult moment, we want our children to see that honest conversations strengthen families. We hope they grow up knowing there isn't a problem too big for us to face together.



KINDNESS - Kindness is one of the values we hope defines our family. We believe every person deserves compassion, dignity, and respect, and we want our children to understand that even small acts of kindness can change someone's day. We love finding opportunities to serve others together. During the summer, you might find us packing bags of groceries and delivering them to our local refrigerated food pantry, or during the Christmas season, choosing toys and warm clothes to donate as a family. We want our children to experience the peace of helping others firsthand, not because they have to, but because they genuinely care. We hope they grow into adults who naturally hold the door open for a stranger, comfort a friend who is hurting, and look for ways to make the world a little brighter wherever they go.



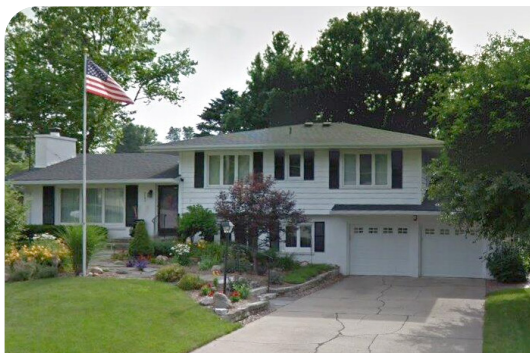
OPEN-MINDEDNESS - We believe every person has a unique story worth hearing. Differences in culture, traditions, backgrounds, and perspectives make the world richer, and we want our children to grow up with curiosity rather than judgment. Travel has become one of our favorite ways to learn together. Whether we're exploring a new city, trying foods from another culture, or visiting a museum, we enjoy discovering the many ways people live and celebrate life. At home, our bookshelves are filled with stories featuring children and families from different backgrounds, creating opportunities for meaningful conversations. We hope our children grow up embracing differences, asking thoughtful questions, and making everyone feel welcomed and accepted.



JOY & PLAYFULNESS - We believe childhood should be filled with laughter, imagination, and joyful memories. Our home is a place where silliness is encouraged, inside jokes are celebrated, and finding reasons to laugh together is simply part of everyday life. Play is woven into our daily routines. Some days that means building blanket forts in the living room, having dance parties in the kitchen while dinner cooks, playing make-believe adventures in the backyard, or spending an afternoon at the park. Other days it might be telling silly jokes around the dinner table until everyone is laughing or waking up on a Saturday morning and asking, "What fun adventure are we going on today?" We hope our children always know that we are a safe place where they can be themselves, where they are free to laugh loudly, dream boldly, and create memories that will stay with them for a lifetime.

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Our Home

Home has always been our favorite place to be. We were incredibly fortunate to find the house where we hope to watch our children grow into young adults. More than anything, we wanted a home that felt warm, welcoming, and full of life, a place where children could laugh freely, friends would always feel comfortable, and family traditions could grow year after year.

The first thing people notice when they visit is how cozy our home feels. Hardwood floors, oversized couches perfect for family movie nights, children's artwork proudly displayed on the refrigerator, and photographs of the people we love make our house feel well-lived in and full of happy memories. We designed it to be beautiful, but also practical, a home where muddy shoes and toy train sets are part of everyday life.

Outside, our backyard has become one of our favorite places to spend time together. There is plenty of room to run, kick a soccer ball, play tag, and it has room for a playset and a trampoline. Brittany loves relaxing outside with a good book while Shane enjoys working in the yard and landscaping. On beautiful days, it isn't unusual for us to spend hours outdoors, enjoying one another's company.

Our neighborhood is a quiet, friendly cul-de-sac where neighbors know one another by name and children play together outside. We take walks almost every day with our dog, stopping to chat with neighbors along the way. Just a short walk from our home is an elementary school with a playground, and a quick bike ride takes us to the public library, soccer fields, and a local park with wonderful sledding hills in the winter. There is even a small neighborhood pond where children enjoy fishing and watching the geese throughout the year.

Some of our favorite moments happen around the dinner table. We enjoy cooking together, trying new recipes, and sharing family favorites like Shane's Italian baked ziti recipe that has been passed down through generations. During dinner, we often play "Roses and Thorns," where everyone shares the best part of their day and something that was difficult. It's a simple tradition, but it reminds us to celebrate life's joys while supporting one another through challenges.

Our favorite times of day are the quiet moments that begin and end each day. In the mornings, we love waking up slowly together, while talking about what everyone is looking forward to. There is usually plenty of laughter and the smell of homemade cinnamon rolls fills the house begin before anyone is fully awake. In the evenings, we gather together to read books, cuddle, and talk about the day before saying goodnight. Those peaceful moments together remind us that home isn't simply where we live, it's where we feel the safest, closest, and most loved.

Your child's bedroom is just across the hall from their sibling's room. It is bright and cheerful, with colorful accents, a cozy rocking chair, shelves waiting to be filled with favorite books, and toys ready to inspire hours of imagination. While we've prepared a welcoming space, we also look forward to the day they begin making it their own—choosing favorite colors, displaying artwork, and filling the room with the little touches that reflect their unique personality.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Reading, traveling, gardening, listening to podcasts, going for walks

Adoptive Father: Gardening, tending to our indoor plants, building Legos, collecting art and toys, skateboarding, bowling, music

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: ESOL Teacher

Adoptive Father: Senior Designer

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Masters Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelors Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog and cat
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

Family has always been at the center of everything for us, and we have intentionally built a life where relationships come first.

Although we attended the same college and even had mutual friends, our paths didn't truly cross until years later when Shane finally worked up the courage to ask Brittany on a date. What started as one dinner quickly became a shared vision for the future. After dating for eight years, we married, and today, after more than fifteen years together, we still feel like best friends.

Our personalities complement one another in the best ways. Brittany is thoughtful, organized, and loves planning special moments, while Shane brings a calm, easygoing perspective that reminds our family to slow down and enjoy the present. Together, we make decisions as a team, share parenting responsibilities equally, and regularly check in with one another about how we can become even better spouses and parents. We believe children thrive when they see their parents working together with love, respect, and laughter.

A great joy is watching our six-year-old grow into such a kind, curious, and joyful little person. More than anything, she is excited to become a big sister. She talks often about reading books together, playing outside, building forts, and teaching her younger sibling her favorite games. We can already picture the two of them riding bikes around the neighborhood, celebrating birthdays together, and creating the kind of lifelong friendship that siblings so often share.

Our biological and chosen family are vast. Brittany's parents, brother, nephews, and extended family live nearby, so weekly dinners, birthdays, holidays, and summer vacations together are simply part of everyday life. Shane's family is spread across the country and around the world, from Florida and Seattle to New Zealand, but distance has never changed the closeness of those relationships. We make time for regular visits, weekly video calls, and special trips because we believe the people we love should always remain a part of our everyday lives.

Our favorite memories are rarely the extravagant ones, they're the traditions that bring everyone together. Thanksgiving mornings begin with homemade cinnamon rolls enjoyed in our pajamas before the day unfolds. Christmas Eve is spent together at church before celebrating with family. We make homemade Valentine's cards for the people we love, spend afternoons shopping for school supplies together, celebrate birthdays surrounded by grandparents, cousins, and friends, and look forward to the simple moments that become lasting memories.

Our family is already excitedly waiting to welcome another child with open arms. Grandparents are looking forward to another grandchild to spoil, cousins can't wait for another playmate, and friends who have become family are eager to celebrate alongside us. More than anything, we hope your child grows up surrounded by people who show up—for birthdays, school programs, holidays, soccer games, ordinary Tuesday dinners, and every milestone in between—always knowing they are deeply loved, wholeheartedly supported, and an irreplaceable part of our family.



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