

Brandon & Diane

Adoption
SUPPORT CENTER
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Hello! We are super grateful to know that you are taking time to read about us, check out our photos, and begin to imagine what kind of parents we will be.

First, we cannot begin to understand what you are going through, but we are praying for you as you go through this journey. We pray that you find wisdom and strength.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE SEE YOU AS BRAVE, COURAGEOUS, AND INCREDIBLY LOVING, AS YOU CONSIDER ADOPTION.

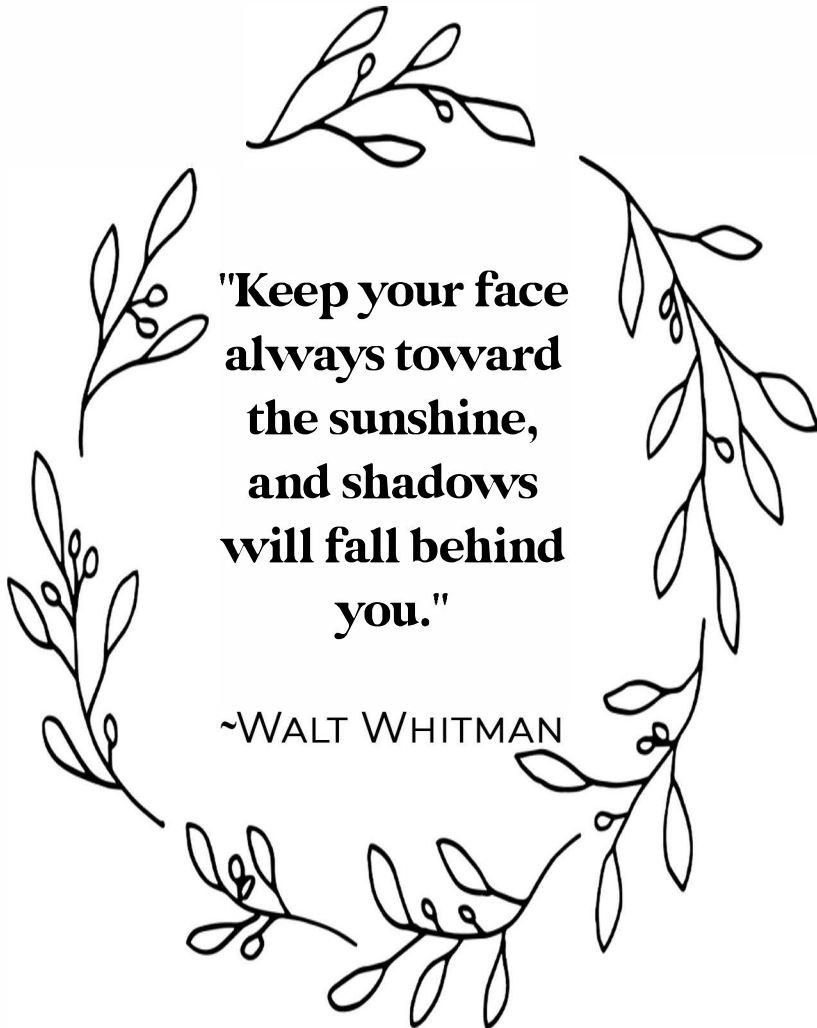
We know that you have deeply thought about making the best choice for your child. We pray that you will find peace in your decision and know that you are loved no matter what you choose.

We hope to show you that we are caring, kind, spontaneous, loving, supportive and supported, adventurous, and would love to share these qualities with our child. **WE BELIEVE THAT LIFE IS FULL OF POSSIBILITIES, AND CAN'T WAIT TO EMBRACE EVERY SPECIAL MOMENT.**

We are hoping to visit with you in-person 3 times per year as well as share text updates. photos. videos and letters. Thank you for taking time to read our letter and to learn more about who we are.

Much love,

Brandon and Diane



How we met:

WE MET IN 2004 PLAYING CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL AND HAVE BEEN INSEPARABLE EVER SINCE. We immediately connected - even in athletic gear, stinky cleats, and crazy hair, we would find ourselves talking for hours after the game.

When we finally cleaned up for our official first date, Brandon thoughtfully took me to a Thai Restaurant (knowing that my mom is from Thailand) where we spent the rest of the evening learning about each other and sharing everything from growing up to places we hoped to go one day. **FROM THE MOMENT WE MET, CONVERSATION WAS SO EASY AND WE HAD SO MUCH IN COMMON - LOVE OF SPORTS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TRAVEL, EXPLORING, A GENERAL LOVE OF LIFE.**

Six months after our first date, we went on our first international trip to Thailand. And in 2008, Brandon proposed while we were on a Glacier Cruise in Alaska. One year later, we got married in Vieques, Puerto Rico with 40 of our closest friends and family members.

19 years later, we are still having fun exploring new places and learning from each other.



What do you most look forward to in the future?

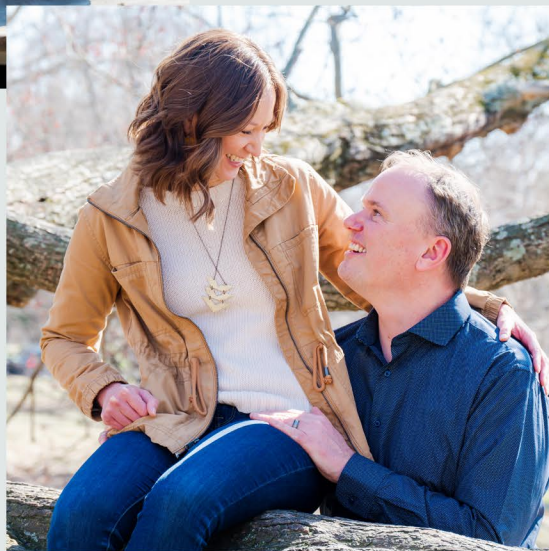
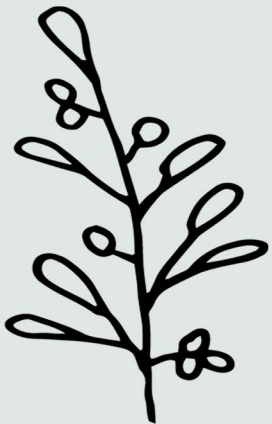
We love our adventures and cannot wait for the day that we are able to share our love, passion, and joy for life and each other as we grow our family.





"Diane is an absolutely amazing person. **SHE HAS SO MUCH PASSION, MOTIVATION AND SIMPLY JUST LOVES LIFE.**

Diane has spent her entire life dedicated to the betterment of children. Always teaching, but in such a gentle and loving way. She's fascinating to watch around all of our nieces, nephews and friends' kids and **I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER DO THIS DAILY IN OUR FAMILY AS WELL."**



"BRANDON IS A STRONG, SUPPORTIVE HUSBAND, A KIND AND GENEROUS FRIEND, AND A NURTURING, PASSIONATE, THOUGHTFUL, AND HOPEFUL FATHER-TO-BE. He is the first person to give up his seat in a crowded place, hold open the door for a stranger, and will always do whatever it takes to make sure everyone around him feels welcomed and comfortable. **HE IS A GREAT LISTENER AND CARES DEEPLY FOR HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

I LOVE HIS ZEST FOR LIFE AND ADVENTURE. I know his easy-going personality and ability to pivot at a moment's notice will make him a great parent. I love watching Brandon with our nieces and nephews (and our friends' kids who call us Aunt D and Uncle B) and godchildren. He's the first to give piggyback rides, take them out for ice cream, make dinner together, go on hikes, play catch, or shoot hoops."





5 things we think you should know about us.

We value our relationships with family and friends, who we intentionally spend time with.

Faith, family, friends, food, and fun are important to us.

We strive to lead a very active and healthy lifestyle. We both grew up playing sports and are still very active today. We promise to provide your child unlimited opportunities to participate in a variety of activities.

We are passionate about travel, both internationally and domestically, always exploring new places and different cultures. We look forward to providing many exciting opportunities for your child to travel and learn about the world.

We respect you and promise to speak highly of you. We hope to share your story and build a relationship with you, if you are open to it. We hope to share your child's milestones and special experiences with you.

MEET Diane

ADJECTIVES

POSITIVE,
SPONTANEOUS,
OUTGOING

EDUCATION & CAREER

Bachelor's in Psychology
Master's in Education
High School Administrator



FAVORITE THINGS

FOOD: Cooking and eating.

LEARNING NEW THINGS:
Recipes and crafts.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Spending time with family and friends - dinner parties, bowling, yard games, movie night, crafting night with girlfriends.

ADVENTURES: Hiking, skiing, camping, bike rides, running.

EXPLORING NEW PLACES: In my city, state, country, and internationally, beaches, mountains, oceans - love it all.



I grew up just outside of Seattle, Washington and moved to Indiana after I graduated college. Originally, I was coming to Indianapolis for one year while I was working on my internship. I ended up staying and went back to school to become a teacher and have lived in Indianapolis ever since.



I HAVE SPENT THE LAST 17 YEARS WORKING IN EDUCATION.

For 12 years I taught high school math and science and then became a high school administrator. I also coached middle school and high school softball for a few years. I LOVE WORKING WITH KIDS, IMPACTING THEIR PASSION AND DRIVE, AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO CHANGE THE WORLD.



MEET BRANDON

ADJECTIVES

ADVENTUROUS,
CARING,
RESPONSIBLE

EDUCATION & CAREER

Bachelor's in Computer
Information Systems (CIS)
Product Specialist

FAVORITE THINGS

PLAYING AND WATCHING SPORTS: Going to Colts games, cheering on the IU Hoosiers, attending the Indy 500, playing pickleball.

SPENDING TIME WITH FRIENDS.

BEING OUTDOORS: Hiking, camping, skiing, bike rides.

TRAVELING.

FOOD: Grilling or smoking meats.



I grew up on the northside of Indianapolis. Upon graduating from IU, I had a great job offer to be in Chicago but it didn't start for 8 months. My adventurous spirit kicked in and I decided to move to the mountains of Colorado to teach myself how to ski. I fell in love with the mountains and ended up staying in Colorado for many years.



I've been fortunate to have fantastic jobs in software that have taken me all over the world. I've worked in the Czech Republic, Poland, India, England and all over the United States.

I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT MY SOFTWARE HELPS PATIENTS IN DESPERATE NEED.



Everyday life with us:

A typical weekend for us begins by enjoying a longtime tradition of Friday night steaks and a game of euchre with Brandon's parents, or dinner out at one of our favorite local restaurants.

Saturday morning activities depend on the season - a trip to the farmers market and a group bike ride in the spring/summer, yard work in the spring/fall, or finding a cozy blanket and watching college football in the fall/winter. On Sundays, we go to church, then like to watch NFL football, or head out for an outdoor activity. At some point in the weekend, we always make time to go out for a meal or cook out with friends and/or family.

WHEN THE WEATHER IS NICE, YOU'LL FIND US VISITING DIFFERENT STATE PARKS AND CAMPING IN OUR TEARDROP TRAILER. We like to go hiking during the day, then end the evening grilling out, and sitting by the campfire making s'mores. We also enjoy spending time on our screened-in porch, gathered around our firepit on our new patio, or playing basketball in our driveway.

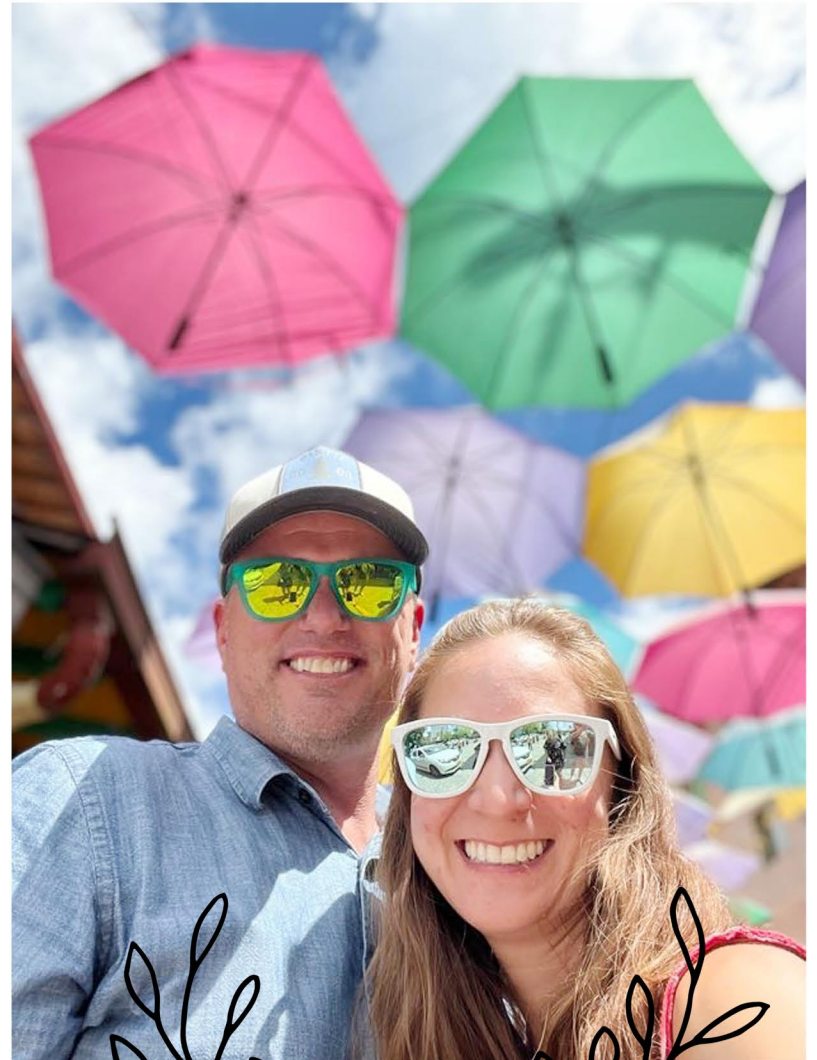




FAITH & HOPE...

FAITH PLAYS A BIG ROLE
IN OUR LIVES. We attend
church every Sunday
and volunteer in various
activities and ministries.

WE HOPE TO INSTILL
THE VALUES OF LOVING
GOD AND LOVING
PEOPLE, OF CELEBRATING
SIMILARITIES AND
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
PEOPLE, CULTURES, AND
EXPERIENCES WITHIN OUR
CITY AND AROUND THE
WORLD.



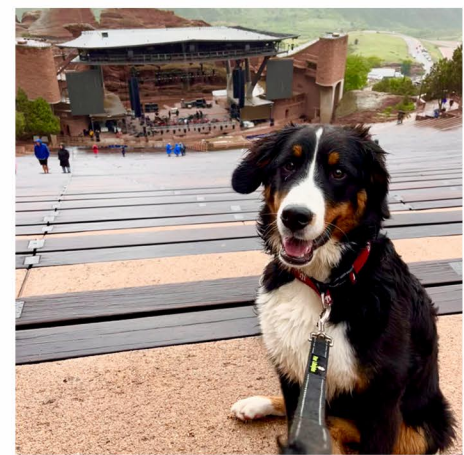
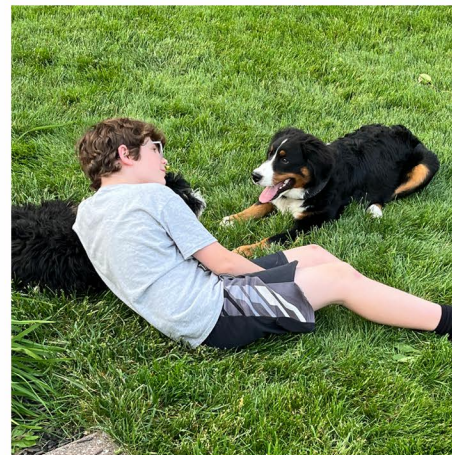
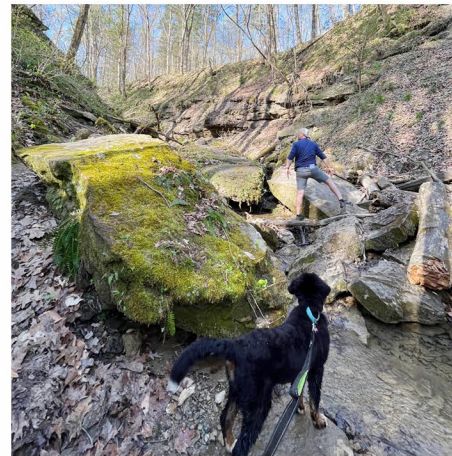
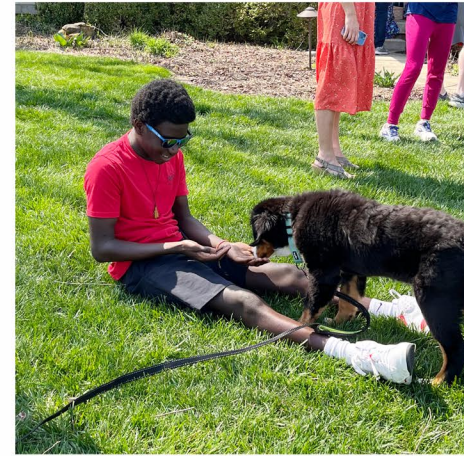


**"Wherever you go,
go with all
your heart."
~CONFUCIUS**



Meet Zara

We have a sweet Bernese Mountain puppy named Zara. She loves to play with her toys, run around in the backyard, and take long naps. **SHE IS EASY-GOING, WANTS TO PLEASE, AND IS A GREAT COMPANION.** She likes to follow us around the yard, take walks through the neighborhood, hike the trails at a local park, and play with her dog friends while we hang out with their humans. **ZARA IS GROWING AND LEARNING EACH DAY AND WILL BE GREAT WITH OUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBER.**



where we call home



We have a beautiful 4 bedroom mid-century modern home. **WE HAVE BIG WINDOWS LOOKING OUT TO THE FRONT AND BACK YARDS WHERE WE CAN WATCH THE WILDLIFE.**

We regularly see deer, a red fox, a falcon, red-headed woodpeckers, and fat squirrels (who love acorns) in the yard.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS DIVERSE IN AGE, RACIAL BACKGROUNDS, AND FAMILY UNITS. Our home is located near many restaurants, cultural experiences, and parks. We love that our home has the room to entertain friends and family of all ages, and is located in a family-friendly neighborhood.



We live at the end of the cul-de-sac, and on warmer days, the neighborhood kids will play, ride bikes, draw chalk pictures, and play outside. **WE CAN PICTURE OUR LITTLE ONE JOINING THEM IN THE FUN.**

We are within walking distance to an elementary school and a short drive to a major city park with a big playground, nature center, hiking trails, and access to the river. Additionally, we are a short drive to the children's museum, zoo, art museum and the downtown canal.

WE LOVE THE OPENNESS OF OUR HOUSE AND THE VERSATILITY TO HOST ALL AGES. WE HAVE WATCHED OUR FRIENDS' KIDS GROW UP IN OUR HOUSE - FROM SLEEPING IN THEIR CAR SEAT TO MAKING HOMEMADE PIZZAS TOGETHER TO RUNNING AROUND PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK..



MY PARENTS JUST CELEBRATED THEIR 43RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND HAVE INSTILLED MANY GREAT VALUES IN ME. My parents are both hard-working, caring, and love to seek adventure. My dad always made an effort to challenge us to think outside of the box, take us to cultural experiences - museums, art fairs, and ball games, and supported us in our hopes and dreams. My mom has a competitive spirit and would always push us to be better, do better, and strive for the top.

I have 3 siblings - two brothers and an older sister. My younger brother and his wife have an 18-month old son and my sister and her husband have three kids - 24, 19, and 17. I'M A PROUD SISTER AND PROUD AUNTIE.

My family lives in Seattle, but I am so thankful to be able to Facetime with them almost daily. My mom and I always talk about food that she is making, or whatever adventure she has planned for the day. I Facetime with my nephew often and he likes to blow kisses through the phone. We can't wait to see him again very soon! **DESPITE PHYSICAL DISTANCE, I FEEL CLOSE TO MY PARENTS AND SIBLINGS AND KNOW THAT THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING INVOLVED IN OUR CHILD'S LIFE.**

THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE DIANE'S FAMILY ARE:

Easy-going, Independent, Caring



THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE BRANDON'S FAMILY ARE:

Loving, Supportive, Compassionate



I grew up the youngest of three boys and spent most of my freetime playing football or basketball. **MY PARENTS WORKED HARD TO KEEP US INVOLVED IN CHURCH, SPORTS, AND FAMILY.**

MY PARENTS JUST CELEBRATED THEIR 53RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND HAVE SET AN AMAZING EXAMPLE OF LOVE, COMPROMISE, AND FAITH FOR US. My parents and both brothers live within an hour of us and will be a big part of our child's life. Between my two brothers, I have 11 nieces and nephews between the ages of 5 and 20. Two of my nephews are from Ghana, Africa and were adopted when they were toddlers. We have watched all of my nieces and nephews go from diapers to crawling to walking, playing Go Fish and tag, and now competing in soccer matches, basketball and softball games, and cross country meets.

MY PARENTS ARE SUPER SUPPORTIVE AND DESPITE HAVING 11 GRANDCHILDREN, THEY MAKE TIME FOR EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM, AND WOULD BE ECSTATIC TO HAVE ANOTHER GRANDCHILD TO LOVE AND SPOIL. OUR NIECES AND NEPHEWS ARE ALSO SUPER EXCITED TO WELCOME ANOTHER COUSIN!



OUR COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT



OUR STRONG NETWORK OF FRIENDS THAT WE ESTABLISHED IN COLLEGE AND ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD ARE OUR "FAMILY".

We are known as Uncle B and Aunt D (and god-parents) to a couple of our friends' kids - one of them claims "Uncle B makes the best ribs!"

Our friends are close like family - in addition to celebrating with family, we also celebrate holidays - Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years with the same group of friends each year.

We are so blessed to have such a strong group of moms and dads in our lives who we call friends.



OUR FAVORITE HOLIDAYS & ANNUAL TRADITIONS.



BIRTHDAYS: We have a fun family tradition where we call every family member on their birthday to sing a wild version of “Happy Birthday” - it always brings a great laugh because they never know what version they will get!

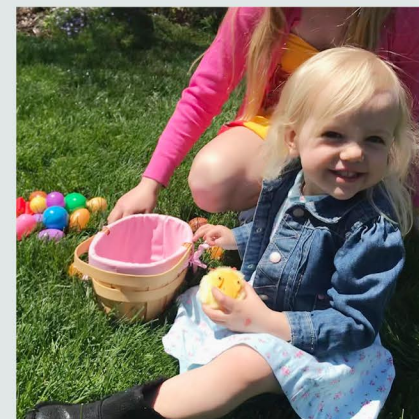
EASTER: With 11 nieces and nephews, we have an annual Easter-egg hunt with over 100 eggs. Eggs are usually filled with chocolate, jelly beans, or money!

THANKSGIVING & FRIENDSGIVING: We are thankful for our friendships and celebrate each year by smoking a 24lb. turkey and hosting a potluck-style Friendsgiving dinner, followed by a Ping-Pong tournament in the basement to make room for pie! Then, on Thanksgiving, we have a huge extended family gathering. Between turkey lunch and turkey dinner, we play a competitive game of touch football at a local park.

CHRISTMAS: After attending a Christmas church service together, we gather for a huge gift exchange - we open presents going by youngest to the oldest. Eventually opening gifts turns into a wrapping paper war. Balled up wrapping paper is thrown at each other across the room.

SMOKEFEST: In the summer our friends and their families join us for an awesome spread of meats cooked on the smoker. It is so much fun to see parents socializing, while kids are also building relationships - we have generations of friends!.

“BASEMENT OLYMPICS”: In the winter we have a Chili Contest and a fierce competition in our basement consisting of team games with prizes, including Pop-a-Shot basketball, darts, ping pong, and Wii Bowling.



Our Hearts for Adoption

WE HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE PARENTS AND OUR JOURNEY TO BECOME PARENTS HAS LASTED LONGER THAN WE EXPECTED. After years of not becoming pregnant, we sought out help from a fertility doctor.

After 3 unsuccessful rounds of IUI procedures, several tests, exploratory procedures and surgeries, and tons of bloodwork, we were diagnosed with unexplained infertility. Despite this diagnosis, it was suggested that we try IVF and after 4 failed rounds of a frozen embryo transfer, we paused to re-evaluate our situation.



Adoption was something that we have always been aware of, but we were not aware of the beauty of adoption until we shared our fertility journey with friends and family and learned more about their adoption stories.

WE ARE SO BLESSED TO BE SURROUNDED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ALSO HAVE CHILDREN WHO WERE ADOPTED AND HAVE SO MUCH TO SHARE. OUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALONE IN THEIR ADOPTION JOURNEY.

We believe that God has a plan for each of us and we are excited to grow our family through adoption.

WHAT SETS US APART FROM OTHER FAMILIES:

We are open, honest, adventurous, and kind. **WE LOVE GOD AND BELIEVE THAT HE HAS BLESSED US WITH GIFTS, TALENTS, AND TREASURES THAT WE CAN USE TO BLESS OTHERS.**

Diane has dual Thai-American citizenship. She looks most like her caucasian father. Throughout her life, people would often try to deny her heritage because of the way she looks, or doesn't look. **HER PARENTS TAUGHT HER TO BE CONFIDENT AND PROUD OF HER STORY, WHICH HAS SHAPED HER TODAY.** Her personal experiences with race, watching her mom face racial discrimination, and becoming active in diversity, equity, and inclusion conversations through her professional work, she has an open-mind, kind heart, and passion for voices that might not be heard.

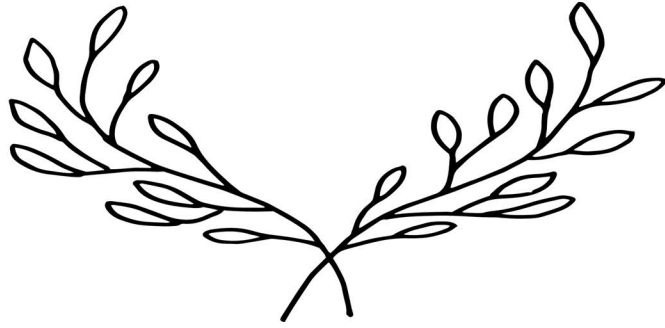
We have been together for over 19 years and have grown close through travels, job changes, and learning from each other. We have a strong support system - a large team of family and friends who have adopted and raised children - who will be by our side to love, support, and pour life into our new family.



We have a passion for living life to the fullest and we embrace every adventure.

ADVENTURE CAN BARELY DESCRIBE PARENTHOOD, BUT WE ARE READY AND EXCITED.





Our promise to you and your child.

We promise to give your child unconditional love and support.

We will provide them with many opportunities to explore, learn, and travel, and appreciate nature to become a well-rounded child.

We are open to an open relationship with you where we share milestones and time together.

We promise to always speak highly of you and positively of your child's birth family and adoption story.

We promise to provide your child with opportunities to explore, experience, and embrace a loving home.

IF YOU CHOOSE US AS ADOPTIVE PARENTS, YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL LOVE YOU AND YOUR CHILD WITH ALL OF OUR HEARTS.

-Brandon & Diane