



EMILY & BRIAN

HELLO,

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile! We can't express how grateful we are for this opportunity for you to meet us and see a glimpse of what our life is like. We admire your courage and strength and recognize the love you have for your child.

Simply put, we want to grow our family, which can only happen through the gift of adoption due to secondary infertility. We took comfort in knowing adoption was an amazing option for our family. If there is something you should remember about us, it's being parents is our greatest joy in life. We also love being in nature, going to sporting events, and focusing on the positive in life. We can't wait to bring you and your little one into our family!



LOVE,
Emily and Brian

OUR LOVE STORY

Told By Emily!

We first met and became friends when we were in high school! Brian went away to college (I stayed local), so we lost touch during our college years. When Brian graduated, he moved back to our hometown, and we reconnected again. We began going on dates to the movies, to the beach, and to sporting events. We truly fell in love with each other; Brian proposed to me 4 years later!



With our parents on our wedding day

I proposed to Emily on her birthday during a light show in Las Vegas. It was a beautiful, fun backdrop!

We returned home from Las Vegas and jumped right in to wedding planning. We got married a year later with a huge bridal party (6 bridesmaids and 6 groomsmen) and our family members participating in the ceremony in various ways. It was a special day as we made memories we will cherish for the rest of our lives. We have now been married for about 9 years!

Told By Brian!

WE VALUE

FAMILY

We have always dreamt about being parents, even before we married.

FAITH

Our faith brings us peace, joy, and hope.

LOVE

We believe in being kind to everyone and not to judge others.



All smiles on our honeymoon

MEET EMILY



Occupation: Speech Language Pathologist

Degrees: Master's in Speech and Language Pathology;
Bachelor's in Communication Sciences and Disorder

Siblings: 1 younger brother

Silly Obsession: I am obsessed with watching *Friends*.

I grew up in the North East very close to where I live now. As a child, I participated in dance (ballet, tap, and jazz) and always loved to play with my dolls. As a teenager, I loved babysitting the children in my neighborhood. I currently work in an elementary school, and I love my job! Working with children every day of the week to help improve their lives in the way they communicate is such a blessing and has been so rewarding to me. I feel like I make a difference in their lives. Because I work in a school, I receive decent paid sick time and holidays/summers off. I will be able to take plenty of time off work once we adopt.



Enjoying the outdoors

I LOVE...

- ♥ Going on long walks
- ♥ Decorating our home
- ♥ Helping Brian coach
- ♥ Baking sweet treats



Having fun at the ice rink

MEET BRIAN



Occupation: Telecommunications Technician

Degrees: Master's in Education; Bachelor's in History

Siblings: I'm an only child.

Silly Obsession: I really love trivia games! I am 100% positive that I will be a contestant on *Jeopardy* someday.

I grew up in Pennsylvania. My childhood revolved around summertime activities, such as playing baseball or basketball and going swimming. I still love sports. I play in a men's softball league, occasionally play basketball, and have a love/hate relationship with running. I work a normal, full time job that comes with flexibility and paid sick time. I have every other Friday off which I love! The thing that I enjoy most about my occupation is the freedom that I am given to complete my work in the way that I feel suitable. It allows me to be independent and problem-solve in my own way.



Prepping for a marathon run



My bestmen at my wedding

I LOVE...

- ♥ Grilling and smoking meat
- ♥ Collecting baseball cards
- ♥ Coaching youth sports
- ♥ Playing trivia with friends

MEET EVAN

Evan is a very happy, active, outgoing, and kind little boy. He makes friends everywhere he goes and loves to be around other children. Evan enjoys baseball, flag football, and crafts. He also has fun with Legos and puzzles. Evan is bursting with excitement and is putting many of his old toys away to save them for his baby brother or sister. He can't wait to become a BIG brother!



Smiling Evan



Holiday fun with dad

THINGS WE LOVE TO DO TOGETHER

- 🍷 Pizza and a movie on Fridays are always a must at the end of a busy week.
- 🍷 Playing living room hockey during the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey games.
- 🍷 Making s'mores in our back yard during the summertime.
- 🍷 Playing board games at home in our pajamas for New Year's Eve.
- 🍷 Attending a New York Mets baseball game at least once a year.

OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

We moved into our home about 3 years ago. We liked how spacious everything was, including having a large family room and playroom. It also has large yards with a patio in pool out back. Most importantly, our home is in an excellent rated school district.

Our community has several playgrounds and splash parks close to our home. We also have an aquarium and zoo, so there are plenty of family-friendly things to do. Brian coaches Evan's sports teams, and Emily is active in the PTA. We enjoy going to local sporting events, especially the minor league hockey and baseball games.



Home sweet home



An inside water park nearby



Our backyard pool



An outside splash park nearby

OUR PUP BAILEY



We have a dog, Bailey. She is a Labrador mix. She is playful, but also loves when Evan cuddles and pets her. She is very relaxed, and we enjoy going on family walks around our neighborhood.

OUR LOVED ONES

About Emily's Family!

I have always been a part of a close-knit family. My parents have been married for 39 years and still live in my childhood home. We see my parents weekly and enjoy going to baseball games and celebrating holidays and birthdays together. All of my extended family lives within 20 minutes from us, so we see them all often. We love going out for lunch and milkshakes with family members, especially my grandfather who is 87 years old!



On Brian's side, we have his parents. Brian's mother recently retired and helps with Evan when he has early dismissals or days off that do not match Emily's days off at her school. Evan and Brian's father have always had a special connection. Evan sees his "Grammy" on an almost daily basis and his "Grandpa" at least once a week if not more.

About Brian's Family!

OUR PHILOSOPHY ON PARENTING

We believe in teaching your child to make decisions for themselves and to be a loving and compassionate person who is kind. We believe in encouraging independence from a young age with loving guidance. We try to focus on positive reinforcement/positive parenting daily.

We place importance on education and would like your child to always put forth their best effort in all that they do. We realize that each child is different in their ability level and, because of our backgrounds in education, we feel we will be great at creating a specialized and supportive path for your child. While we are thrilled to see high grades, we will be pleased to see your child trying their best to succeed in whatever they are doing to the best of their ability.



Family fun at Disney



Dressing up at Halloween

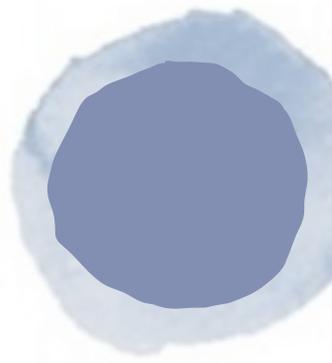
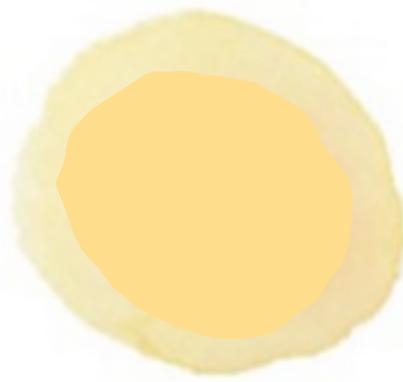
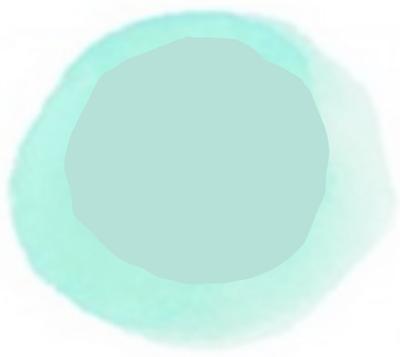
THANK YOU!

An absolute promise that we can make is to raise your child in a home where they are respected, and their needs are placed above all other events that may be occurring. Life may get busy at times, but our focus will always be with your child. We will provide for him or her in every way possible and make sure they are well cared for and encouraged in all that they do in life.

We also promise to always speak with respect and love about you and are open to whatever level of involvement that is most comfortable to you. Your bravery is inspiring to us. If we are chosen as the parents of your child, we hope to be a support and blessing to you during this journey.



LOVE,
Evan, Brian,
and Emily



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