



RYAN *and* ERICA



Greetings from Montana!

WE ARE DELIGHTED YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO LOOK AT OUR PROFILE BOOK.

We are so thrilled to be on this journey of adoption, and we hope that our book reflects this. We are a fun-loving, adventurous family that enjoys life and embraces what it has to offer. Adding another child to our family would be the most amazing, priceless gift. We don't know the extent of what you are feeling right now and how difficult it must be, but it is incredible that you have chosen the gift of life. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to share our lives with you through this book! Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your journey.

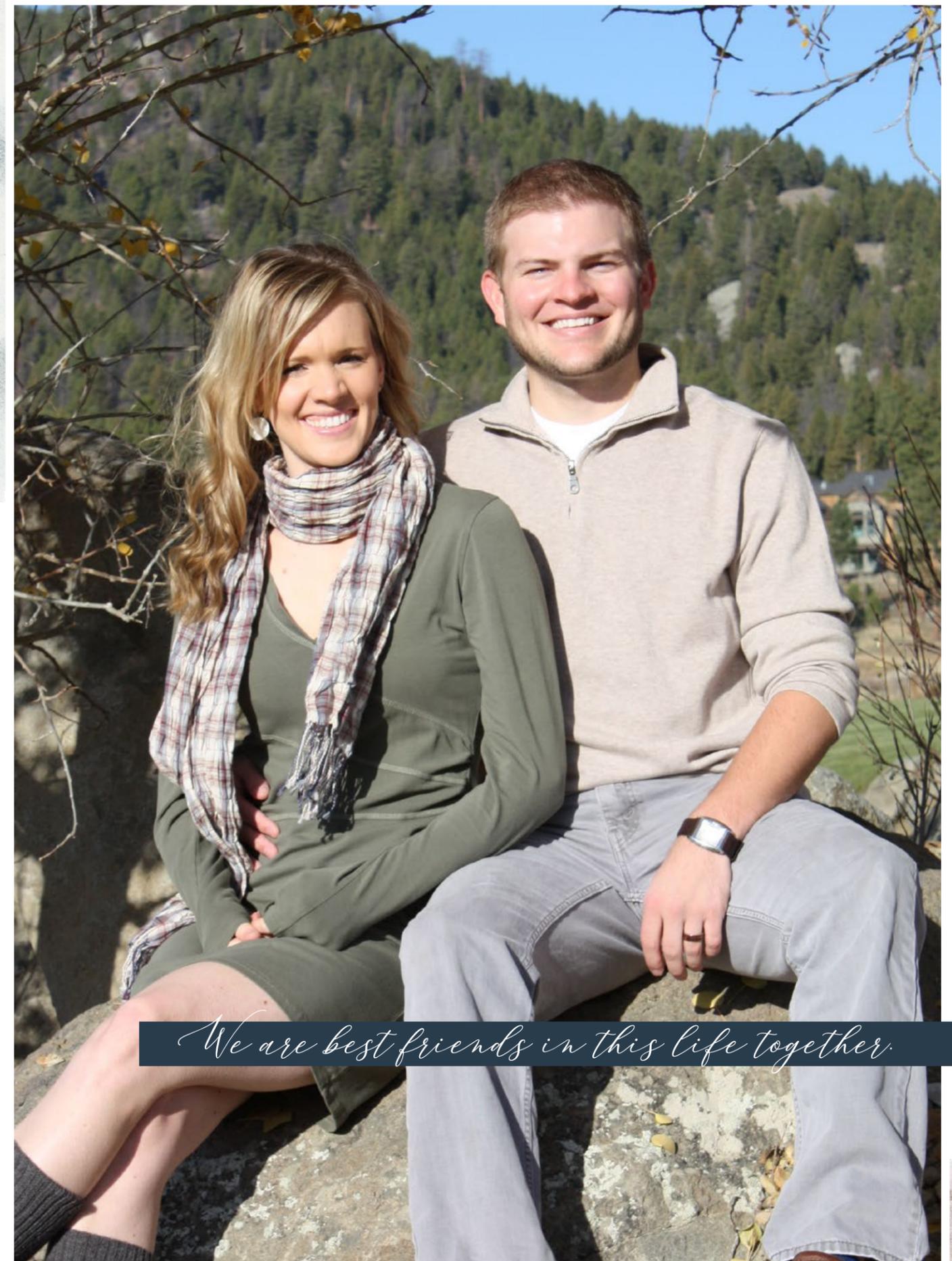
Love,

RYAN *and* **ERICA**

our story

WE MET EACH OTHER IN OUR COLLEGE DORMITORY HALLWAY OUR JUNIOR YEAR, AND IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

Ryan was cute, funny, and thoughtful. Erica was outgoing and vibrant. Throughout college and upon starting our first jobs, we were inseparable. We loved going to movies, hiking with our dog, cooking new recipes, and really just enjoyed each other's company. We were together for 5 years before getting married. Ryan proposed with a ring and a puppy in 2010, and we celebrated an unforgettable fall Montana wedding on Oct 1, 2011 with family and friends. We are best friends in this life together, happy and eager to bring another child into our lives.



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NOT FLESH OF MY FLESH, NOR BONE OR MY BONE,

but still miraculously my own.



Why adoption?

ADOPTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON OUR MINDS AS A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO GROW OUR FAMILY.

What a special and unforgettable blessing adoption can be! We have personal experience with Ryan's dad being adopted through foster care at a young age. Several of our friends are also adopted, each sharing their unique experiences. After going through repeated pregnancy losses and grief, we felt that the time was right, and God was calling us to adopt. Exploring our families' adoption stories solidified our decision. **We realize how selfless and amazing adoption can be, and it would be such a blessing if it happened for us.** We are thankful that this has brought us to you!



meet Erica

IN RYAN'S WORDS...

MY WIFE, ERICA, IS THE MOST AMAZING WIFE A MAN COULD EVER ASK FOR AND IS TRULY MY BEST FRIEND.

She loves our son more than the world and cherishes family above all else. She is a gentle and kind soul that is the backbone of our family. She always thinks of others first and is a nurturer at heart. Expressing her love openly and honestly to everyone she cares for makes her one of the most incredible people to be around. Erica works as a nurse at the hospital and is loved by all her coworkers and patients.

She balances work and family better than most and is always a constant presence, day or night, in our son's life. I am blessed to be a part of a family that cares so much for each other. **I have no doubt that Erica would be a wonderful mother to a future child!**

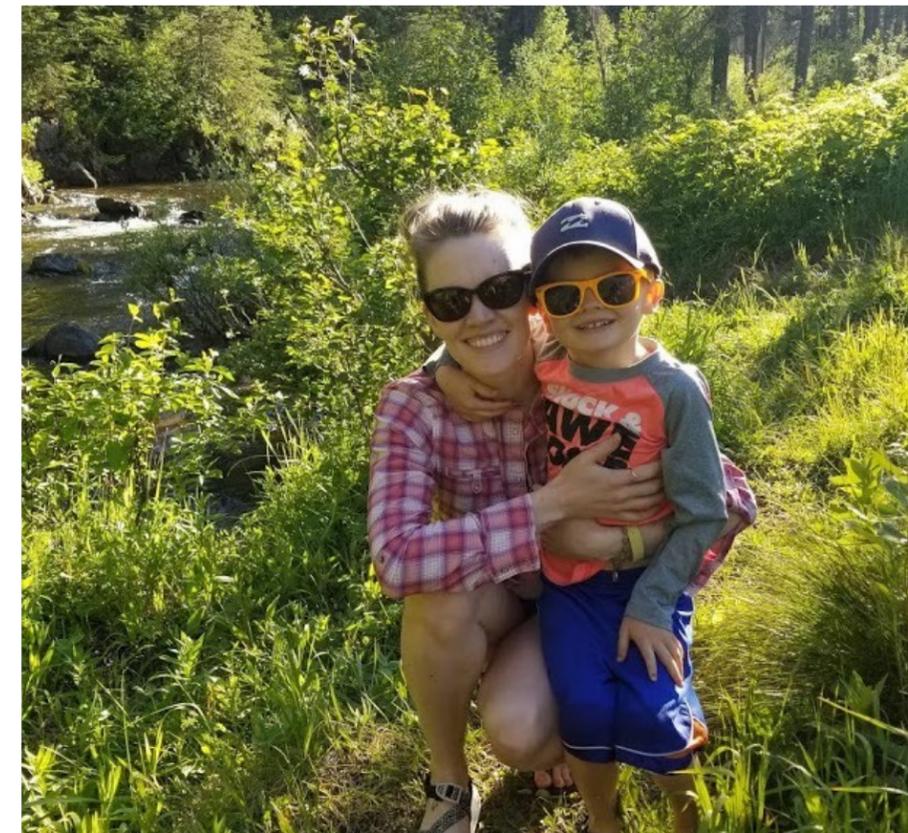
meet Ryan

IN ERICA'S WORDS...

MY HUSBAND, RYAN, IS THE LOVE OF MY LIFE.

He is my biggest supporter and my best friend. His positive outlook on life shines through his personality every single day. Instead of looking at the negative aspects of a situation, he turns it around to see the good and helps me change my perspective as well. Family is extremely important to him, and he shows that love continuously with me, our son, and our extended family and friends. He is a hard worker, thoughtful and an amazing dad to our son. Ryan ensures that he spends quality time with our son and schedules regular "daddy time."

Ryan works from home, allowing him a more flexible schedule at times and is readily available to help when needed. **I know that he is excited for an addition to our family and will love him/her unconditionally.**



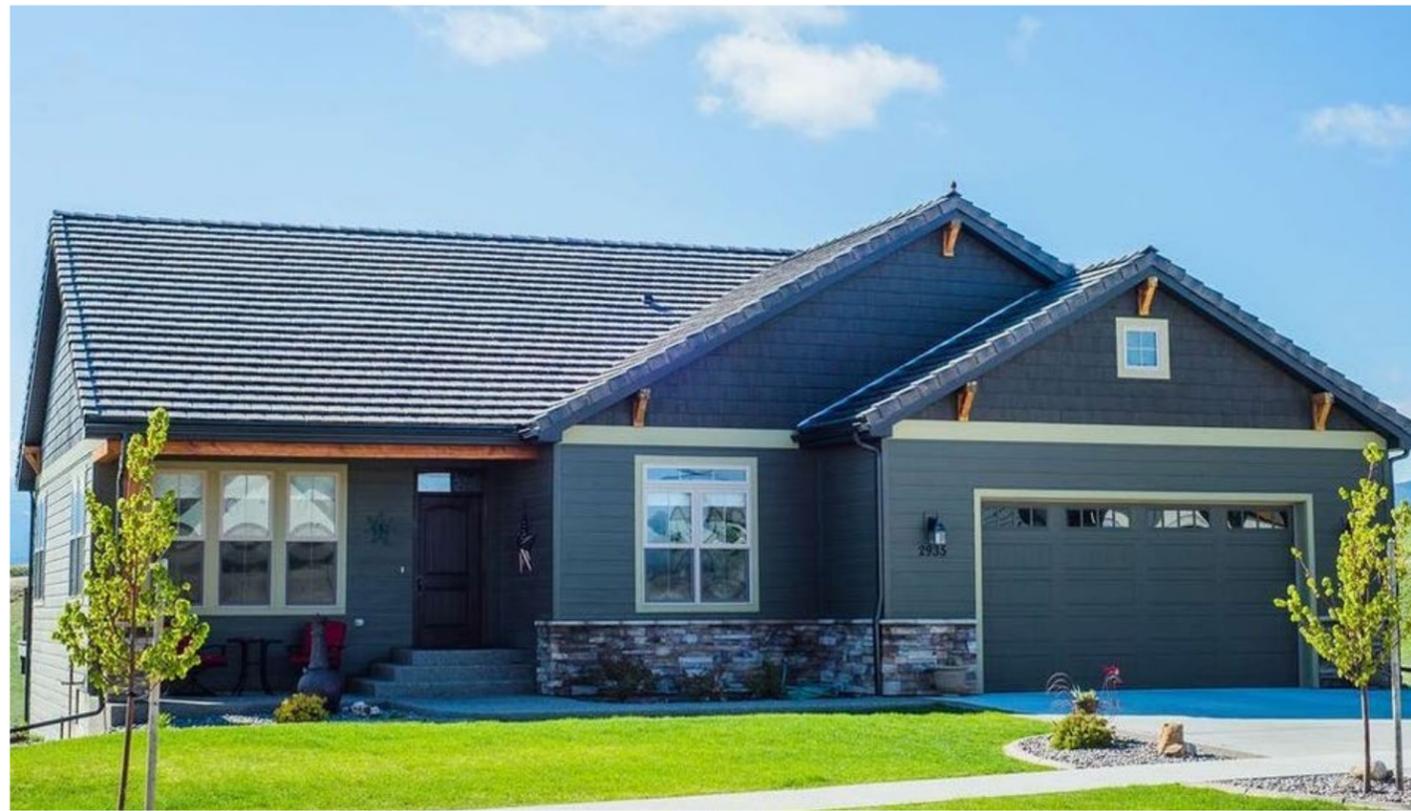
meet James

JAMES IS 5 YEARS OLD AND FULL OF LIFE.

He started Kindergarten last fall and is enjoying every bit of it. He is super intelligent with a strong imagination and is always ready to play Legos, Star Wars, cowboys, or superheroes. He has an incredible long-term memory and can remember people's names better than Ryan and I can!

James enjoys swimming, tee ball, wrestling with dad, playing with friends, and walking the dogs. We are beyond blessed that James is in our lives. **He is constantly asking us for a sibling, and we know he will be an amazing big brother.**





home sweet home

Our home was built in 2013 and is situated on a half-acre lot with plenty of yard space for playing and running around. It has five bedrooms; one being reserved for our future child. It has an open floor plan and two larger family rooms which makes for a lot of room for playing and family fun time. Our house has amazing views of the surrounding mountains, sunrises in the morning and full moons at night. It feels like country-type living when it's only a 10-minute drive into town. James and his neighborhood friends can run safely from house to house and play in the yards. The neighbors are friendly and caring. Our neighborhood provides us with a paved walking trail and park.

OUR COMMUNITY

Our community is quaint and comforting. It's a family-centered town with lots of activities and things to do. Trail systems for hiking and biking, two huge lakes nearby, summer outdoor symphonies, farmers markets, museums, local hot springs, and an indoor carousel are just a few things our town has to offer! Our church is about 5 minutes from our house, which we attend every Sunday. **Friends are also very important to us.** We do a monthly dinner with Ryan's childhood friends to stay up to date in each other's lives. We stay in close contact with our best friends and see them regularly. Our support system is strong, and they are in this with us!



meet our pups

WE HAVE 2 GOLDEN RETRIEVERS, COOPER AND TAWNY.

They are both gentle and loving with James and other kids. We love our fur babies!



COOPER

Cooper is 5 months old and joined our family in November. He is energetic and sweet. We enjoy taking both dogs to the lake, walking on our local neighborhood trail, and taking them with us when we travel throughout Montana.



TAWNY

We rescued Tawny when she was a puppy. She is now 9 years old, extremely loving and mellow, and spends a lot of her time sleeping. She is a water dog; we can't get her out of the water when we visit the lake!



PADDLE BOARDING



PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHTS



FISHING

things we love



TRAVELING



SPORTS



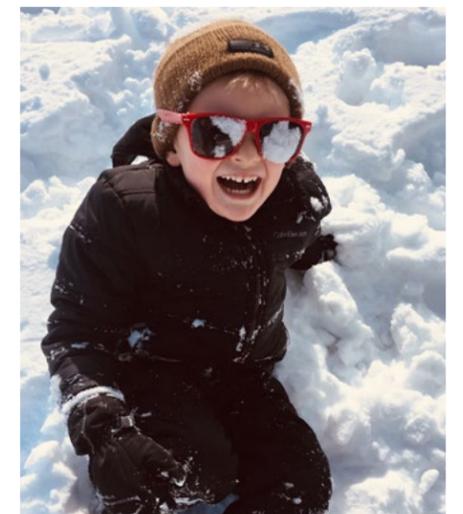
OUTDOORS



OUR DOGS



CAMPING



SNOW AND SLEDDING

our families

WE ARE VERY CLOSE TO OUR FAMILY!

We have a lot of fun with our extended family. Family-time is so important to us, and we make it a point to be a big part of our lives. Our families are both extremely supportive and are so excited to welcome a new child through adoption!



RYAN'S FAMILY

Ryan's parents (Meema and Grandpa), his sister, Tiffany and her family, live in a town about 2 hours away; however, they are planning on moving to our same town this summer! We are so excited to have them closer and will probably be seeing them every weekend. James loves playing with his 3 cousins, Albert, Wilma, and Keane, and they get along very well.

ERICA'S FAMILY

Erica's parents (Nana and Grandpa) live in our same town, about 10 minutes away. They are kind, extremely helpful, and selfless. They are always available and willing to help if needed. "Nana" watches James occasionally and is always taking him to do fun activities. Erica's younger brother, Alex and his wife, Christine, live in Seattle – where we visit at least once or twice a year. They have a daughter, Joelle. James and Joelle get along very well, and James enjoys teaching and showing her new things.



our travels

TRAVELING AND EXPLORING NEW PLACES IS SOMETHING WE'VE ALWAYS ENJOYED.

We have visited Hawaii twice and will be planning our third trip soon. We enjoyed a trip to the San Diego beaches last summer and visited Sea World. James was in heaven! We make regular trips to Seattle to visit my brother. We love living in Montana! We are within driving distance to Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks!







our promises

We want to thank you so much and express how grateful we are to you for reading our book. We hope it shows that we are a loving, fun family. We cannot wait to open our hearts and welcome another child into our lives.

WE PROMISE TO...

Love your baby unconditionally, with all our hearts, forever and ever.

Keep your baby safe and protected always.

Help your baby thrive in life and support him/her in their endeavors.

Stay in contact with you as much as you are comfortable with.

Honor your story and connection with your child.

Never forget how special adoption is and recognize your child as a beautiful gift from God.

We are praying for you and for peace throughout this journey.

LOVE, RYAN, ERICA *and* JAMES

