

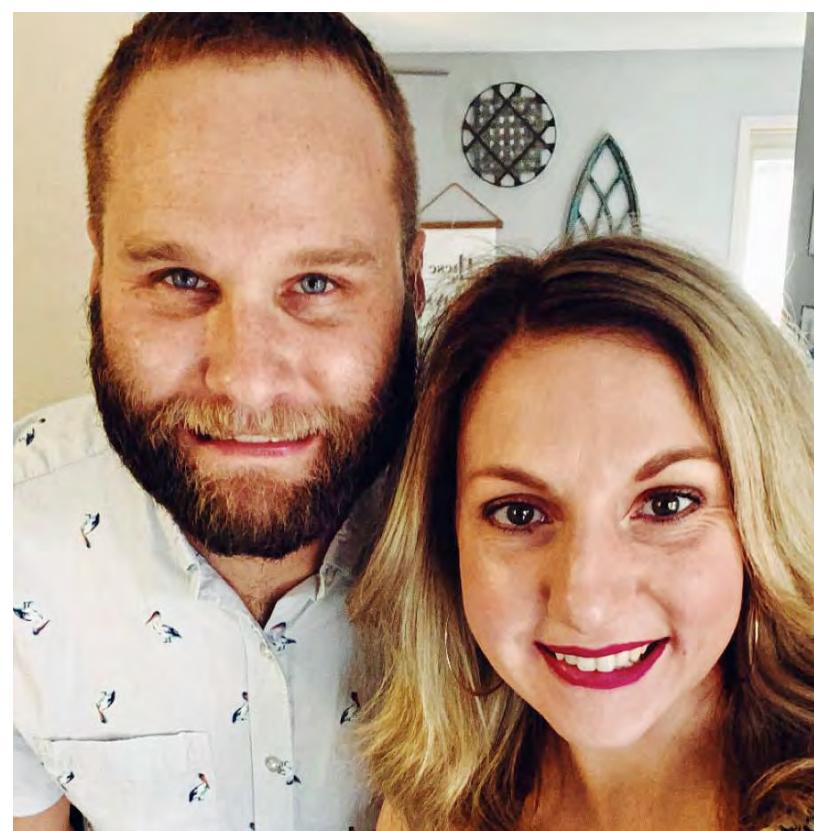


Bryce & Valerie



Hello!

We are Bryce and Valerie and we thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family and for considering your choices. We are so excited to be bringing another child into our family through adoption! We hope this book gives you a glimpse in to our family and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Please know that we think you are extremely brave and strong. No matter what you choose, we wish you and your child all the best!!



about us

We met at a mutual friends wedding, it wasn't until about 6 months later that we started dating. From that point on we were inseparable and even though we lived in separate states, we would spend just about every weekend with each other! Although it was hard, we made the long distance relationship work until Valerie graduated college. In Valerie's last year of college, Bryce decided it was time to make it official! He proposed to Valerie on Easter at his family's farm and of course she said yes! Six months later they were married! Valerie's Aunt officiated the wedding and they had a big celebration with their family and friends!

Together we love to go on road trips, gather with our friends and family, go camping, try new recipes, explore new restaurants and challenge ourselves with workouts! We love to spend time as a family. The best part of our day is picking our son up from daycare, making supper together, sitting down to eat as a family and then spending the evening outside!

Adoption has shaped our family as Valerie's Mom is adopted. We also have many family and friends who have grown their family through adoption. Becoming parents to Harlan through adoption has been the biggest blessing and best experience of our lives. We are so excited to expand our family and share our love with another child!

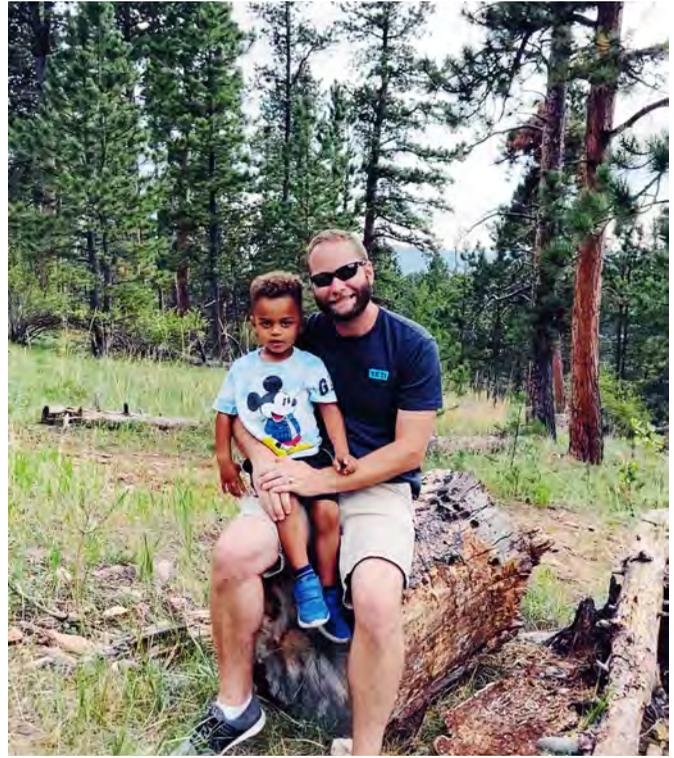
a little about

BRYCE



Bryce grew up on a farm in a small town in Kansas. Bryce is the most patient, supportive person and loves to be outside, spend time with Harlan in the garage, and get together with his friends to compete in BBQ competitions. He is also an avid runner and likes to compete in runs. His favorite foods include BBQ, steak, and sweets. He graduated high school in 2008 and went on to Fort Hays University to study criminal justice. He currently works as a probation officer. Within the past few years he has also gained an interest in real estate and now sells houses part time.

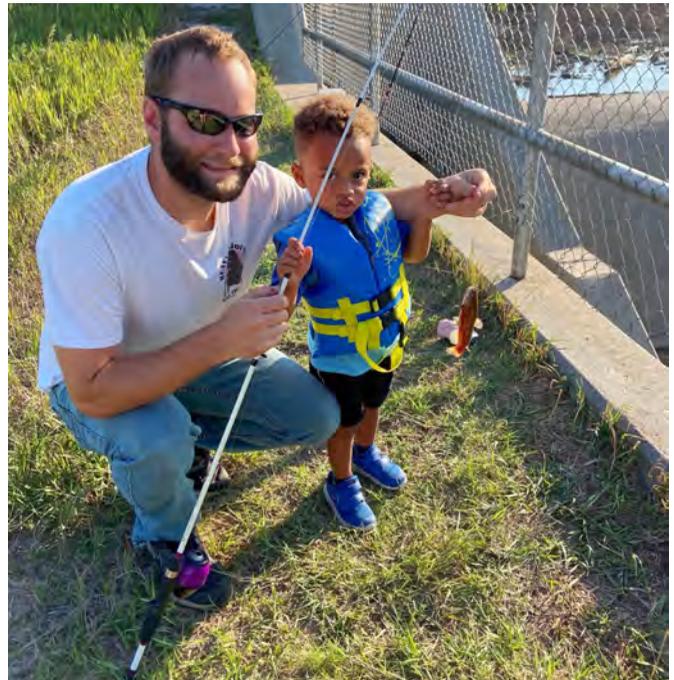
Bryce is an amazing Father to Harlan! He is a child at heart so he's always ready to roll around on the floor with Harlan, build houses with blocks, jump on the trampoline and play hide and seek!



Woodland Park, CO



Bryce with his friends at a BBQ competition





a little about
VALERIE

Valerie grew up in a tight knit community in Nebraska and is an only child. Family has always been very important to her as well as relationships with close friends. She loves to make people laugh and has a very genuine heart; making people feel loved and welcome in her home is a top priority. Her favorite time of year is Fall. She loves the outdoors, cooking, the show Friends, traveling and likes to stay active! Her favorite foods include ice cream, guacamole and any type of breakfast food. She graduated high school in 2011 and went on to receive her Associates of Science and degree in Radiologic Technology. She works at the local hospital as a Radiologic Technologist and does X-ray, CT scans and Mammography.

Saturday mornings are always the best at our house because Valerie loves to whip up a big breakfast complete with pancakes and we enjoy breakfast in our bed as a family, watching cartoons! She is the best Mom to Harlan, always up for snuggles and always has the best encouraging words!





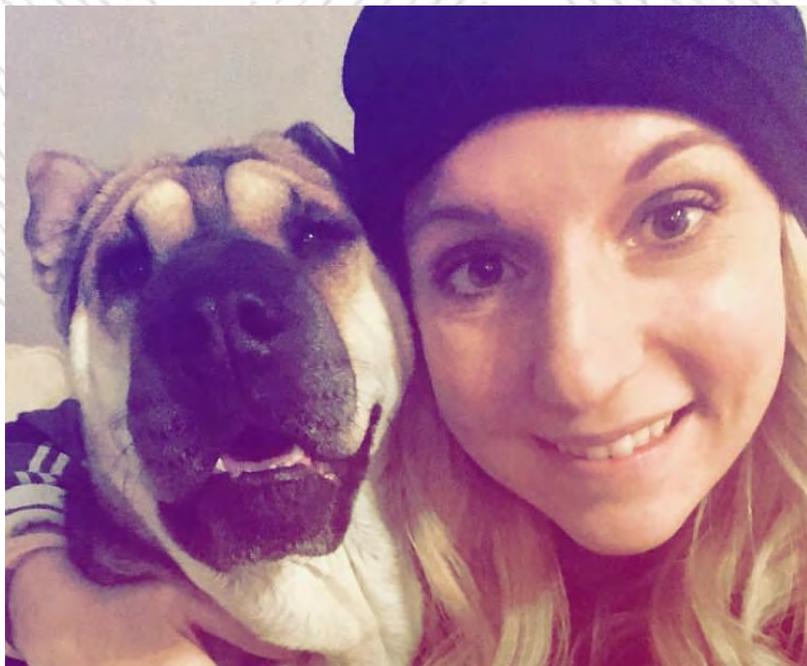


A LITTLE ABOUT HARLAN

Harlan is all boy! He loves to adventure, run free, jump on his trampoline or in mud puddles, and go swimming at the pool or lake! He enjoys cooking with Valerie and playing on his Grandpa and Grandma Marble's farm! He's in his 2nd year of preschool and thriving! He is kind and thoughtful and is our big helper! He loves babies and is so excited to be a big brother!



OUR FUR BABIES





Daisy is 8 years old, she's a Jack Russel mix who loves to spend her days sleeping. Her favorite part of the day is when we come home and throw the ball for her! She is very snuggly and patient with Harlan and others.

Cleo is a Chinese Sharpei who is 7 years old. She thinks she is human and loves spending her days patrolling the backyard and making us laugh! She loves to sneak in to Harlan's bed to sleep at night!



OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD



We live in a family oriented neighborhood, with many parks, a swimming pool, the Elementary school and the church we attend, within walking distance. Our home is one story with a basement and consists of 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Our favorite places in our home are the backyard and our family room. We enjoy spending our evenings on the patio, roasting marshmallows at the fire pit and playing in the sandbox or on the trampoline. During the winter months we spend a lot of time in our family room watching movies or playing in the playroom!



Playroom



Basement Family Room



The town we live in is considered small, consisting of about 3,500 people. Harlan attends daycare at a center that offers many activities, library visits and preschool. The baby will also attend this daycare center, we love this center because they are very hands on and give updates throughout the day. We feel that our community is a great one to raise children in because of its diversity, rural opportunities and friendly atmosphere.

Bryce's parents, Blaine and Susie live on a farm. They have cows, horses, goats, chickens and many other animals! They live about 10 minutes away and are able to take Harlan for fun days on the farm quite often! They have been married for over 40 years and are the most selfless, energetic people! They are so excited to have more grandkids to introduce the farm life to!

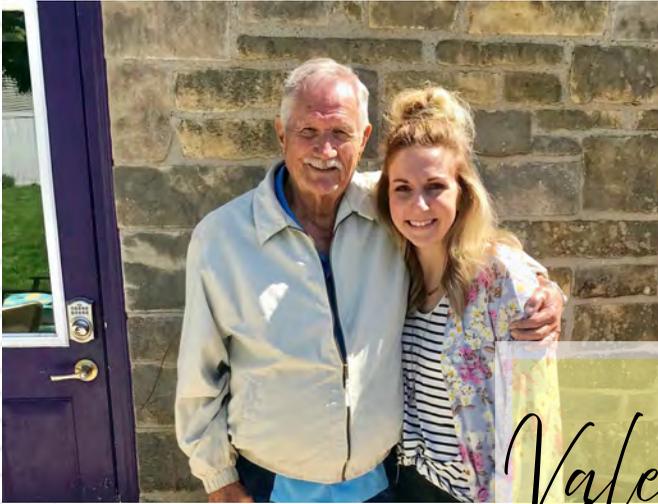


Bryce's Family



Bryce's older brother Chance also lives close by! He helps his parents on the farm and is always willing to stop what he's doing to play with Harlan! Bryce's extended family live near by as well and we gather for meals and games of dominos quite often!

Valerie's parents, Fred and Karla, live in Nebraska. Their house sits in front of a large park and pond so when we visit, it's always fun! They have been married for over 30 years. They are both hardworking, kind people who are always willing to lend a helping hand.



*Valerie's
Family*



Valerie's Grandparents, Tom and Betty also live in Nebraska, so we get to spend a lot of time with them. Valerie has a very large extended family, Fred is one of seven children. Everyone is spread throughout the country but it's fun to visit them and holidays are always great!



A small portion of our support system



Kansas City trip



Our neighbor, Chris, with Harlan



Us with some of our best friends, The Dykeman's



Friend getaway to Fort Collins, CO



the best of FRIENDS



We are blessed to have a great group of friends! We love to spend weekends as a group and enjoy taking vacations together! All of the kids have a great time and we love creating memories together! They are all extremely supportive and can't wait to welcome a new baby in to the group!





Adventures

Together we love to see and experience new places, people, and foods! We appreciate the beauty of the world around us and try to soak in as much as we can each year, whether it's around our home or a far off destination. As a couple and as a family we've had the opportunity to travel to many beautiful places! Some of those places include; Tennessee, Arizona, Texas, Idaho, Colorado, and Mexico. We also really enjoy weekends at the lake with family and friends!



Estes Park



Winter Park, CO



Chicago



The Royal Gorge



Tulum Mayan Ruins



South Padre Island, TX



FAMILY TRADITIONS



As a family we have many traditions. As you will see they are all centered around making memories with our family and friends!



Christmas is one of our favorite times of year! On Thanksgiving night after all the celebrating is over, Harlan opens a gift that includes new Christmas pajamas for all three of us and a Christmas theme book or movie. The following day we turn on Christmas music and decorate the entire house, including our three Christmas trees! We always try to make a weekend trip to one of our favorite Colorado towns. On Christmas Eve we attend church and make cookies for Santa as well as read The Night Before Christmas. We spend a lot of our time celebrating the holiday with both sides of our family.



Halloween is always fun at our house! Every year since Bryce and Valerie started dating, they come up with a costume theme. Now that they have Harlan, the costumes are even more fun! We go trick or treating at our neighbors and church and end the day with a spooky party for family and friends! We carve pumpkins and eat fun Halloween themed treats! Our town hosts a Halloween parade and bonfire that is always fun to attend! We also love to go to the pumpkin patch during the Fall months!



Birthdays are also a big deal in our house! Valerie goes out of her way to make everyone feel special on their day! Birthday parties, breakfast with candles and fun surprises! To celebrate each of our birthdays we always take a weekend trip to explore new sights and places!

Our promise to you...

More than anything, we want you to know that we will love your child unconditionally and will nurture him or her to grow up to be the best individual that they can be! We promise to provide an upbringing in which God is a central figure and values such as generosity, kindness, and respect for others are taught everyday. We also promise to encourage your child's hopes and dreams and to provide the best possible education.

We promise to raise your child in a joyous environment surrounded by family and friends. We want to make sure that he/she has an understanding and appreciation for the tremendous sacrifice that you made out of love.

We want to honor that by keeping an open relationship with you that will continue to grow as the years go by.

Thank you for taking the time to look through this book and if it is meant to be, we can't wait to meet you!

Bryce and Valerie





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