

# SHANE + MEGAN





# HELLO!

## IT'S SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU

**We're Shane and Megan.** Thank you so much for taking the time to look through these next few pages in order to know us better. We can't pretend to fully understand what you are going through, but we are humbled and amazed at the love you have for your child. We can imagine the decision you are looking to make is incredibly difficult and filled with grief. It is also extremely brave, loving, and selfless.

We also desire to be parents who are selfless, caring and full of unconditional love. Parents who are willing to do anything for the good of their children and their children's future, even when it comes at a cost to ourselves.

**For as long as we can remember, we have wanted to be parents.** To care for and watch our children grow up into kind, loving, and joyful people is something we have been excited about for a long time.

Years before we learned that we would not be able to have biological children, we knew adoption was in our hearts and something we greatly wanted to pursue for our family. In the summer of 2022, we had the great privilege of welcoming our son, Colton, into our family through adoption.

We pray that wherever your child has the opportunity to grow up, **they will know that they are loved by you, their adoptive family, and by God.**

Know that before we have even met you, we are amazed at who you are and admire the decision you are making for your baby.

**WITH LOVE,**

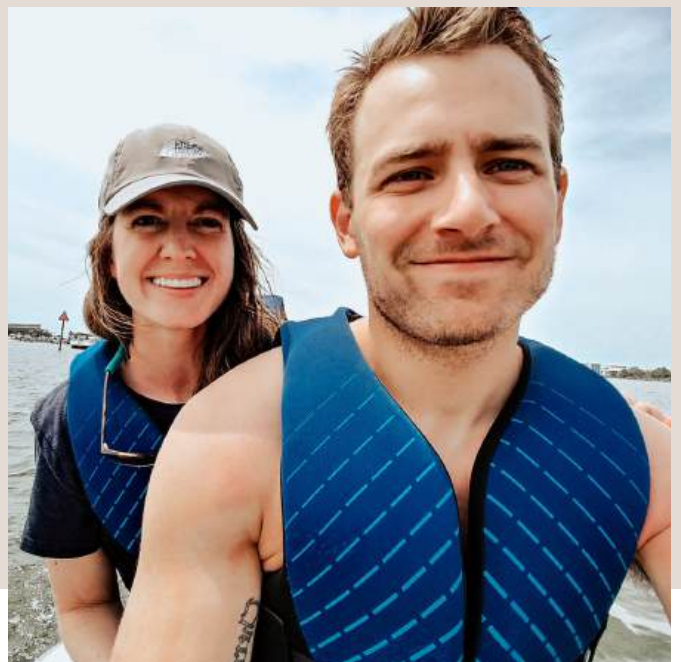
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# OUR STORY

We're a Minnesota guy and a Tennessee gal who happened to move to Colorado at the same time for jobs with the same company. And that's how the story of us begins!

Not only did we work together, we also wound up in the same group of close friends. It took two years of growing in our friendship before I (Shane) worked up the courage to ask Megan to be my girlfriend after falling in love with her blue eyes and southern sass. After dating for almost two adventure-filled years, I planned a surprise proposal at one of our favorite Colorado mountain spots and surprised Megan with our closest friends and family to celebrate our engagement. It was epic.

Once we got engaged, we knew we'd want to move on with the rest of our lives together as fast as possible. So a short three months later during an unexpected April blizzard, we stood before two hundred of our family and friends to promise our love, support, and commitment to each other for the rest of our days. This year we celebrated 6 years of being married!





In our marriage, we aim to love well through mutual respect, patience, serving one another, and listening to each other. We aren't perfect, but when we do fail, we are quick to admit we were wrong and ask for forgiveness.

Whether it's a weekend away, taking a hike, going on a roadtrip, playing board games, hanging out with friends, or running errands, we love being together. We are honestly each other's best friend, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Becoming parents has been one of our greatest joys, and we have loved figuring out how to be a strong team as we walk through the journey of raising children!

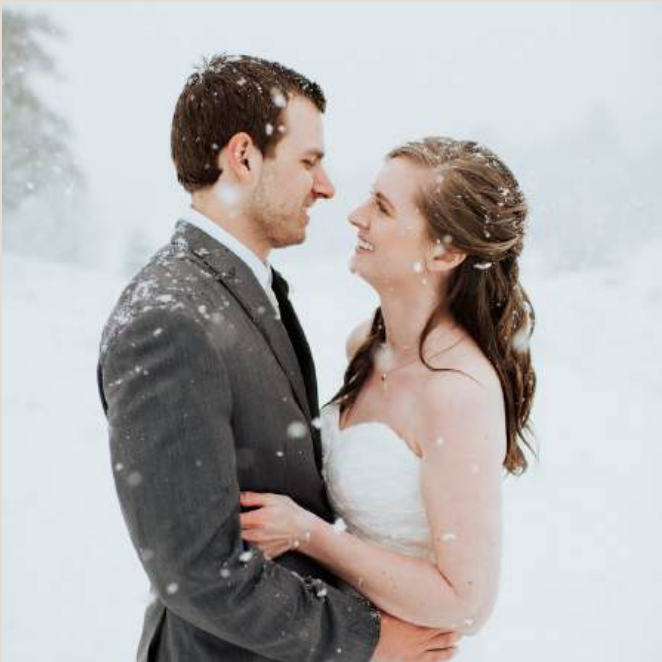
## FUN FACTS

**1** We make it a goal to go on monthly dates to make intentional time for our marriage.

**2** We each run our own small business on the side. Megan does photography while Shane does real estate.

**3** Before even meeting Shane, Megan saw him in a photo and thought "that's a cute boy I should meet."

**4** It has snowed on our anniversary every year since our spring blizzard wedding.



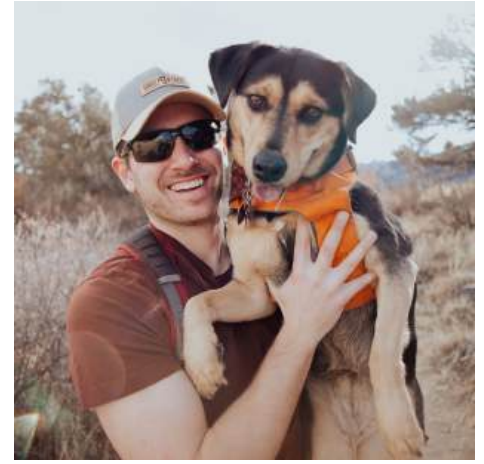




**In our family,  
we believe in  
love,  
commitment,  
kindness,  
and fun!**

# MEET

# Shane



**Shane is such a loyal friend and a caring and intentional husband and father.** He is incredibly intelligent and driven and works diligently to provide for us.

I love how well Shane leads our family and encourages us to learn and grow in ways that will continue to strengthen our marriage.

One of my favorite things about Shane is how he can't stop smiling while he tries to tell a joke. He's always giggling before he ever gets to the punchline! He is truly a goofy guy who loves to have fun and make people laugh. I love it, Colton loves it, our friends and all of their kids love it.

Shane gets to use his leadership skills every day in his job as a summer camp director.

# HOBBIES

Mountain Biking  
Hiking  
Backpacking  
Fly Fishing  
Sports  
House Projects

# FAVORITES

TV Show: Shark Tank  
Sports Team: Minnesota Vikings  
Food: Seafood  
Color: Ocean Blue  
Movie: Remember the Titans  
Weekend Activity: Playing Softball  
Vacation Spot: Beach or Camping



His favorite part of his job is leading and developing the people on his team by helping them grow in their strengths and be the best they can be.

In his free time, Shane enjoys taking advantage of all the outdoor opportunities Colorado has to offer. He loves to camp, bike, fish, ski or do any other activity that allows him to be active in the outdoors. He loves to include our family and he frequently talks excitedly about getting to bond with our kids through outdoor adventures.

**Before Colton arrived, I already knew Shane was going to be the best dad because of how he treats me and all the people in his life with the utmost care.** It has been such a joy watching him be a dad, becoming Colton's favorite person, and soaking up every precious moment with his son.

Shane is my best friend, and there's no one else I'd want to walk through this life or raise a family with.

**- Megan**

# MEET *Megan*



Megan is an incredibly kind, caring and compassionate person. While she often describes herself as a homebody, she is always ready to spend time outside on a walk or at a coffee shop with her friends. Her deep loyalty to others is proven through her long friendships spanning many years and many states.

She is a southern sweetheart with an adventurous spirit. Her spirit of adventure combined with her nurturing personality is something I love about her. **Megan shares her kindness with every person she interacts with and makes them feel loved.**

These traits and more make Megan the best mom. She loves to have fun and doesn't hesitate to be silly with Colton. Her loving and calm personality has helped nurture and care for him in the earliest years of his life.

# HOBBIES

Photography  
Hiking  
Camping  
Kayaking  
Reading  
Playing piano  
House projects

# FAVORITES

TV Show: The Office  
Food: Ice cream  
Color: Blue  
Movie: Tangled  
Weekend Activity: Dinner w/friends  
Vacation Spot: The ocean



Megan is a very creative and gifted person. She gets to use her creativity every day in her part-time job as an interior designer. Her very flexible schedule allows her to work from home and spend more time with our family. As our family grows, our plan is to transition her into a full-time stay at home mom. That has always been her dream.

She loves to make the spaces in our house comfortable and cozy. Our home is such a relaxing place because of her creative ideas and special touch. I am excited to see how she continues to use her gifts to make fun and exciting spaces in our house for our kids to play and learn.

Words cannot express how much Megan makes me better. She is a rock to our family and always makes my day brighter. She is funny, intentional, and very loving. She is the best wife, an amazing mother to Colton, and I cannot wait to see her continue to be a mom to the rest of our kids.

**- Shane**

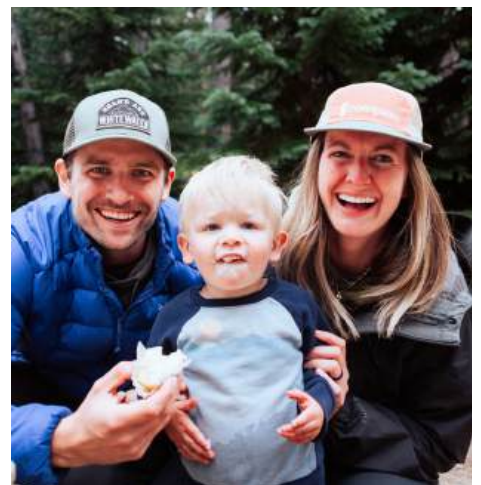
# MEET *colton*



Where do we begin? Colton is a fun, goofy, and full-of-energy little boy! Ever since joining our family in August of 2022, he has been making our lives better! Colton has been a joyful baby since day one. He is always chatting, laughing and playing with us.

Since learning how to walk, the world is an endless adventure to him. He enjoys being outside, going new places and discovering all the drawers and cabinets in our home. He loves going on walks/hikes, camping, pointing out animals at the zoo, building with legos, and having play dates with his friends and most of all - his mom and dad.

Some of our favorite things about Colton are his big smile, his adorable laugh, and his mischievous personality. We treasure how much he loves to read books, give his stuffed animals hugs, and cuddle in our laps.



# HOBBIES

Long Naps  
Walks with Mama  
Chugging Milk  
Reading Books  
Facetiming grandparents  
Playing in the backyard

# FAVORITES

Food: Vegetables (for real)  
Person: Daddy  
Sports Team: Minnesota Vikings  
Words: "Bubble" and "Ball"  
Stuffed Animal: Turtle  
Weekend Activity: Going to the zoo

He doesn't understand it yet, but we believe he will be so excited to welcome a sibling and full-time playmate into the family!

**-Mom and Dad**

# FUN FACTS

- 1 Colton waits at the end of every day at the top of our stairs for Shane to get home from work. As soon as the garage door opens, Colton excitedly squeals "Daddy!!"
- 2 Football at our house on Sundays is a family event. Colton's favorite team is already the Minnesota Vikings! :)
- 3 We all love dancing to music in the kitchen! Dad and mom take turns cooking and Colton runs circles around the island and waits with eager anticipation!





# WHY ADOPTION?

**Adoption has always been part of the plan for growing our family.**

We have believed for a long time that God would give us children to raise and love on - even those that were not born to us. We both discussed having a desire to adopt during our dating years, but we thought we'd try to begin growing our family with a biological child. After a couple of difficult years experiencing infertility and the grief that it brings, we realized that God had a different plan.

When our wonderful son Colton joined our family through adoption, our lives were changed forever and for good!

**We could not be more excited to meet our new little one - whoever he or she may be.** We are ready to add to our home with even more laughter, love, baby smiles, and yes, many more sleepless nights.

## OUR FAITH

Our faith in God is the foundation of our lives and our marriage. **It is where we find our meaning, purpose and hope.**

We will always strive to instill grace, generosity, and kindness in our children in the way they live, behave, and treat the people around them.

**Our hope and prayer is that our children would grow up with the same values that we hold: faithfulness, gentleness, patience and love.**

# OUR EXTENDED FAMILY



My parents (Bob and Sue) live in a house by a lake in Minnesota, and they share their home with my sister and brother-in-law (Hannah and Spencer). Both parents have retired, and they spend their free time with friends, volunteering, taking care of their grand-dogs, and visiting us.

My sister serves in a hospital as an incredible social worker, and my brother-in-law is a commercial airline pilot. They recently welcomed their little girl into the world making Colton a big cousin!

We get to see my family a few times a year, and we take turns spending every other holiday (Thanksgiving and Christmas) between my parents and Megan's parents. Everyone is delighted we are pursuing adoption again, and they cannot wait to welcome another child into the family!

**- Shane**



My wonderful parents (Steve and Cindy) live in Tennessee, and they have been married for 39 years. My mom spends her days in retirement investing in relationships with her friends and family, and my dad is still faithfully serving people as a marriage and family therapist.

I have one brother (Drew) who is a year older than me. He currently lives in California and serves in the United States Navy. Because of his job, we don't get to see him as often as we would like.

We gratefully get to see my parents a few times a year between trips out to Tennessee, trips to the beach together, and my parents coming to visit us in Colorado.

My parents are incredibly excited for the continued growth of our family through adoption. They are already such fun and supportive grandparents and can't wait to give all the love they have to another grandbaby!

**- Megan**

# OUR HOME

We live in a four bedroom home in an established, quiet neighborhood that backs up to a wooded area filled with beautiful evergreen trees. We had spent a few years working towards and praying for a home that would be a restful place to raise our family, and we are very grateful to be in this one!

We absolutely love being at home and hosting our friends and family as much as possible. One of our favorite parts of this home is the backyard where we frequently have campfire nights with our friends.

When we're at home you can find us doing fun house projects, cooking meals together, reading lots of books, and playing basketball or hide-and-seek with Colton.

Our house is close to many walking trails, a park that is just around the corner, and we're only five minutes from most of our best friends and their kids. We love that we get to raise our family here!





## MEET OUR DOG, *aspen* ↗

Aspen is our sweet rescue pup who joined our family in the summer of 2019. She is goofy, a cute snuggler, a sunshine bathing diva, and a shameless blanket hog. She loves being with us, and she brings us so much joy and laughter!

We had always pictured our kids having a furry friend to grow up alongside. We hope that having a pet in our family will provide our kids with the opportunity to grow in responsibility, have a playmate who has just as much (if not more) energy than them, and always have a furry friend to snuggle with when they've had a hard day. Colton and Aspen already have a sweet and growing affection for one another.

# OUR COMMUNITY

We have been extremely blessed with long, meaningful relationships with many friends. We know not everyone has amazing community in their lives, and we do not take ours for granted.

If you were a fly on the wall at our friend gatherings, you'd see us having barbecues on the back porch with kids running all over the place and having the time of their lives. We'd be playing games, having deep conversations, making s'mores, and serving up ice cream cones.

In our friend group, we are always there for each other. We cook each other meals, we clean up each other's homes, we take care of each other's kids, and we bring coffee and a listening ear when someone is having a tough time.

We're all honorary aunties and uncles to each others kids, which is one of our greatest joys. We are so glad our children already have some built-in best friends.





# OUR FUTURE

We cannot fully express our excitement at the thought of welcoming another little one into our home. Though our growing family is just beginning, we know the memories we make with any of our children will last a lifetime.

We love Saturday morning pancakes, family movie nights, camping trips, church on Sundays, and drives to see grandma and grandpa. Whether they are small daily routines or once in a lifetime moments, we are thrilled to include our children in the life we have been blessed with.

While we can never be certain as to where life will take us, one thing we know is that we will always have one another. Our love and commitment to our family and our faith in God will always be what sees us through the ups and downs.

Regardless of our kids' personalities, interests, or dreams, our goal is to be loving and supportive parents every step of the way. We know we cannot be perfect but we strive to be parents who are selfless, gracious, caring, and full of unconditional love.

# THANK YOU

**Thank you so much for reading through our book!** We hope we have conveyed our hearts for you and for adoption, along with our hopes and dreams for our growing family.

Before you go, we want to reiterate our admiration for you and the fact that you are considering adoption for your child.

**No matter what you decide or what family you choose, please know that we will continue to pray for you and the journey ahead.**

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

- Romans 15:13 -

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