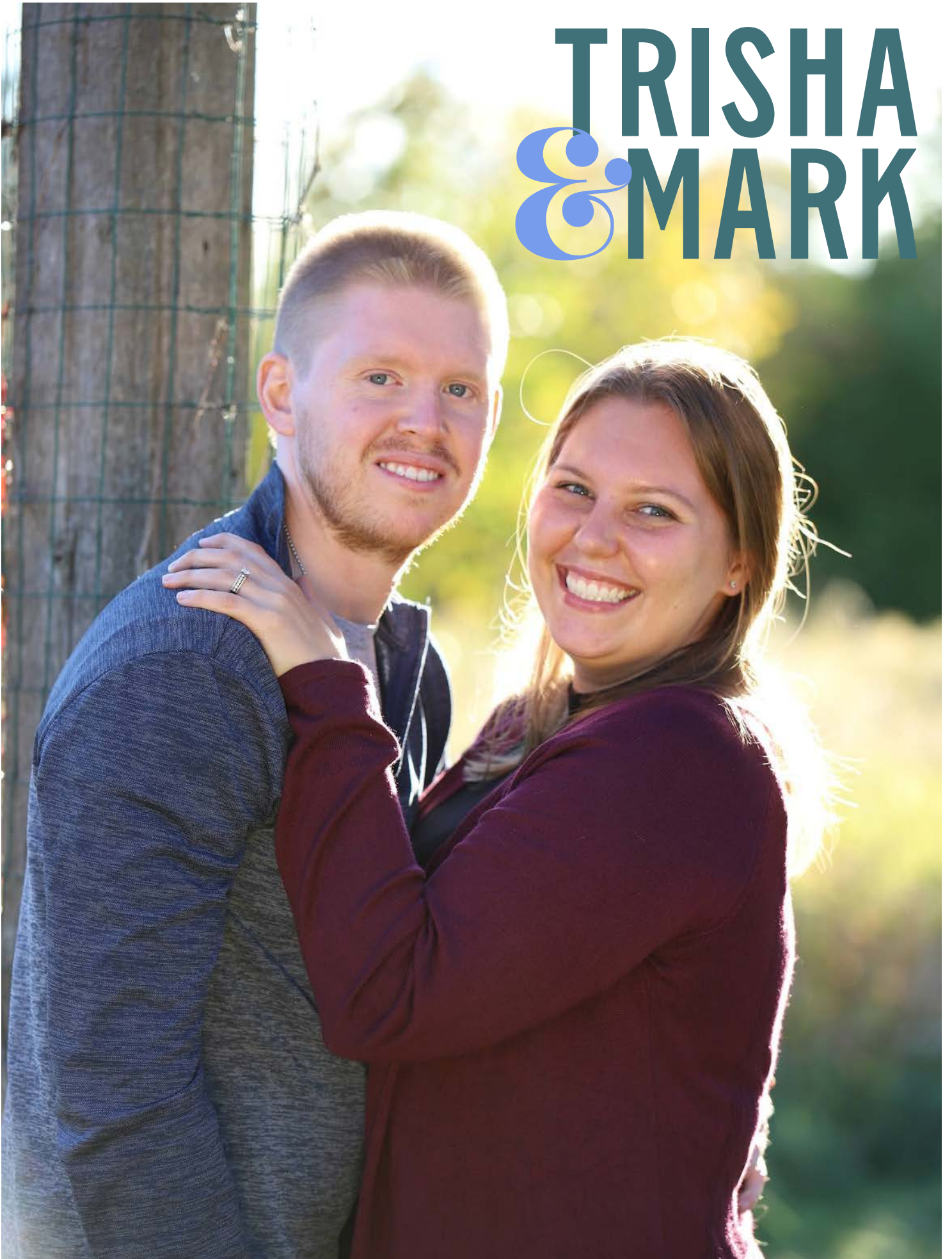
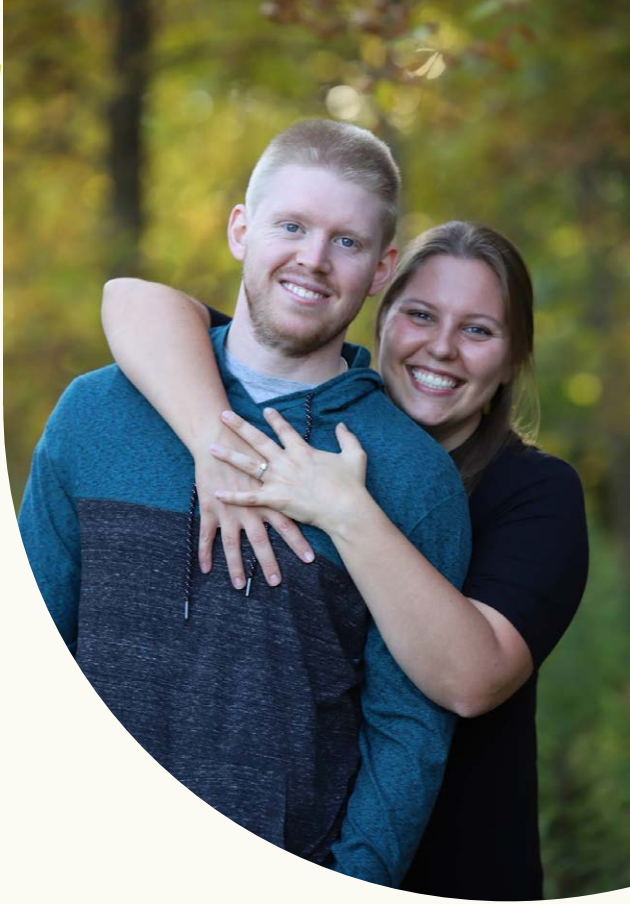


TRISHA & MARK



HELLO!

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL THAT YOU ARE TAKING TIME TO LEARN ABOUT US. WE CANNOT IMAGINE HOW MUCH STRENGTH AND COURAGE IT MUST TAKE TO BE WHERE YOU ARE AND WE COMMEND YOU FOR BEING OPEN TO ADOPTION.



We understand that this is an extraordinarily complex decision for you. Above all else, we thank you for considering what is best for your child and will support you and your decision—whatever you choose. If we are part of that plan we promise to make sure your child knows how cherished they are and always have been. We will surround them with caring and devoted family and friends. We would love for them to grow up knowing you as well. However, we are willing to raise them with the level of openness that you are most comfortable with.

Wishing you all the best,

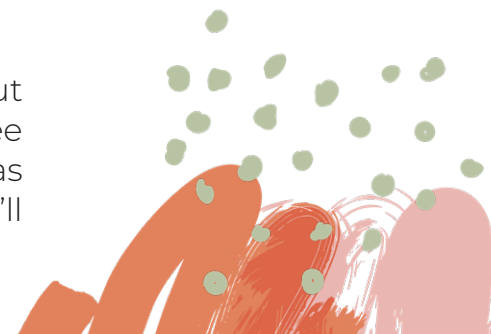
Mark and Trisha



Hi, I'M TRISHA

I LOVE TO LAUGH AND HAVE FUN. I'm always up for a silly photo shoot. I can't wait to be a mom and have my child join me in some of my favorite activities like cooking and baking, swimming and gardening. I love books and look forward to reading to my child every night before bed like my mom did for me.

I'm a big fan of logic puzzles and fun fact: I actually love to put things together- like IKEA furniture! I'm a dental hygienist and see patients of all ages, but kids are by far my favorite. I try to make it as fun as possible when they come to get their teeth cleaned so they'll be more comfortable at their visits.



**THE FIRST
THING THAT
EVERYONE WILL
TELL YOU ABOUT
ME IS HOW INTO
SPORTS I AM.**

I host a weekly podcast on local sports & attend several sporting events a year. I am also a high school basketball referee. But there is more to me than just sports. I like to stay active and have kept my daily 10,000 step streak going for over a year. In 2024 I ran my first half marathon with some family members. At the end of the day I enjoy sitting down and watching a good TV show. Some of my favorites are Survivor, Friends and Netflix documentaries. My family and friends are a huge part of my life. I talk to my mom on the phone everyday and text with my dad just as often. I make it a point to get together with old friends as often as possible and have no issues making new friends too.

HELLO, I'M
MARK



OUR LOVE STORY

MARK WOULD SAY WE MET IN COLLEGE. TRISHA WOULD ADD MORE DETAILS AND SAY:

The day after I moved into my college apartment there was a knock on the door. I answered it and the guy outside asked, "are any of the other ones home?" I tried to tell him Allison (my roommate) was taking a nap, but before I could finish he barged in yelling, "ALLISON!" Her response of "Hi Mark" let me know he wasn't a complete stranger—just a guy that lived down the hall. He asked her a question and then walked back out the door that I was still holding. I told him he could have introduced himself and asked me instead. He didn't like that idea because he thought it would be too weird.



relationships

Later that night, I got a ONE WORD fortune cookie. It said, "Relationships." I kept trying to throw it out, but my roommates would pick it out of the trash and tape it to my door. Eventually, I gave up and gave it to Mark as a gift. He still has it in a box somewhere.

WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR 12 YEARS NOW AND MARRIED FOR FIVE. WE ARE EXCITED TO START THE NEXT CHAPTER OF OUR STORY AND BECOME PARENTS.

A photograph of a man with short blonde hair, wearing a teal hoodie, kissing a woman with long brown hair on the cheek. The woman is wearing a black t-shirt and is smiling broadly with her eyes closed. They are outdoors, with a blurred background of autumn leaves.

WHAT WE LOVE MOST ABOUT EACH OTHER

FROM MARK

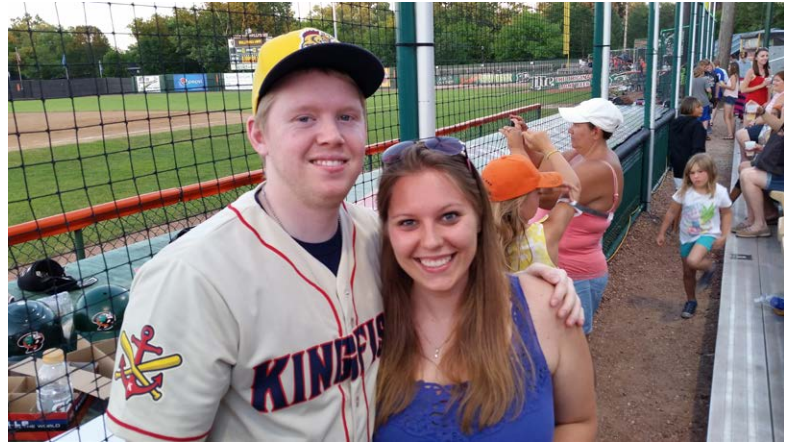
When it comes to my wife Trisha, I could make this part the entire book if I wanted. From taking me to the hospital in the middle of the night, to being handy with projects around the house or yard, or just relaxing with our dog or cat, I couldn't ask for anything more than what she brings to our home. She truly is the love of my life and has been there for every positive or negative thing that has come my way in life.

She will be a great mom because she had experience being around and raising her brother when he was growing up and it shows any time we are around children now, she is able to communicate in a way that they can understand is playful enough for the children to include her in their games or playtime.

FROM TRISHA

I keep Mark around because he cleans the litter box and changes flat tires. Just kidding! He does a lot more than that. He is my best friend and the one that I like to share everything with. My favorite thing about Mark is his ability to make people laugh even when they don't want to. Mark is always willing to play with our friends' kids instead of just being a bystander (he's no stranger to duck duck goose). He will be a great dad because he is still best friends with his dad and he understands how impactful that relationship can be.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS



We are very into our local sports teams. Mark even does a weekly podcast on the ins and outs of all the professional and college games. We both grew up playing and watching sports and are excited to introduce them to our child.

We also like going on hikes with our dog, Daisy and spending Saturday mornings at the Farmer's Market where we get hot corn on the cob for breakfast.

Mark is a big fan of reality competition shows and can remember what happened in all of the seasons. While Mark watches his shows Trisha will often be reading or doing a puzzle (but don't leave a puzzle out around Mark's mom or she'll finish it for you!) We both love board games and card games and have more of them in the closet than we'd like to admit.





a few of our FAVORITES

TRISHA

MARK

SEAFOOD

FOOD

CORN

BAGEL

BREAKFAST
FOOD

FRENCH
TOAST

PAPERBACK CAT
MYSTERIES

THINGS TO
READ

SPORTS
ARTICLES

JULIA KELLY

AUTHOR/
BOOK

ARTEMIS
FOWL

PRINCESS
DIARIES

MOVIE

COACH
CARTER

KELLY
CLARKSON

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SPORT
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LIBRARY

LOCAL PLACE
TO GO

OUT TO
BREAKFAST

OUR FAVORITE TRADITION IS GOING FOR A WALK ON THE TRAILS THAT SURROUND OUR COLLEGE CAMPUS. WE MAKE A POINT TO GO EVERY FALL TO LOOK AT THE CHANGING LEAVES AND REMINISCE.



MARK'S FAMILY GETS TOGETHER FOR THE STATE FAIR EVERY YEAR. SOMETIMES WE EVEN FIND OUR FRIENDS THERE. EITHER WAY THERE'S NEVER A SHORTAGE OF CORN.



SINCE TRISHA'S BIRTHDAY IS RIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS WE USUALLY TAKE THE DAY OFF WORK AND GO GET OUR TREE. IT'S FUN NO MATTER THE WEATHER, BUT FRESH SNOW MAKES IT MORE FESTIVE AND EXCITING FOR EVERYONE.



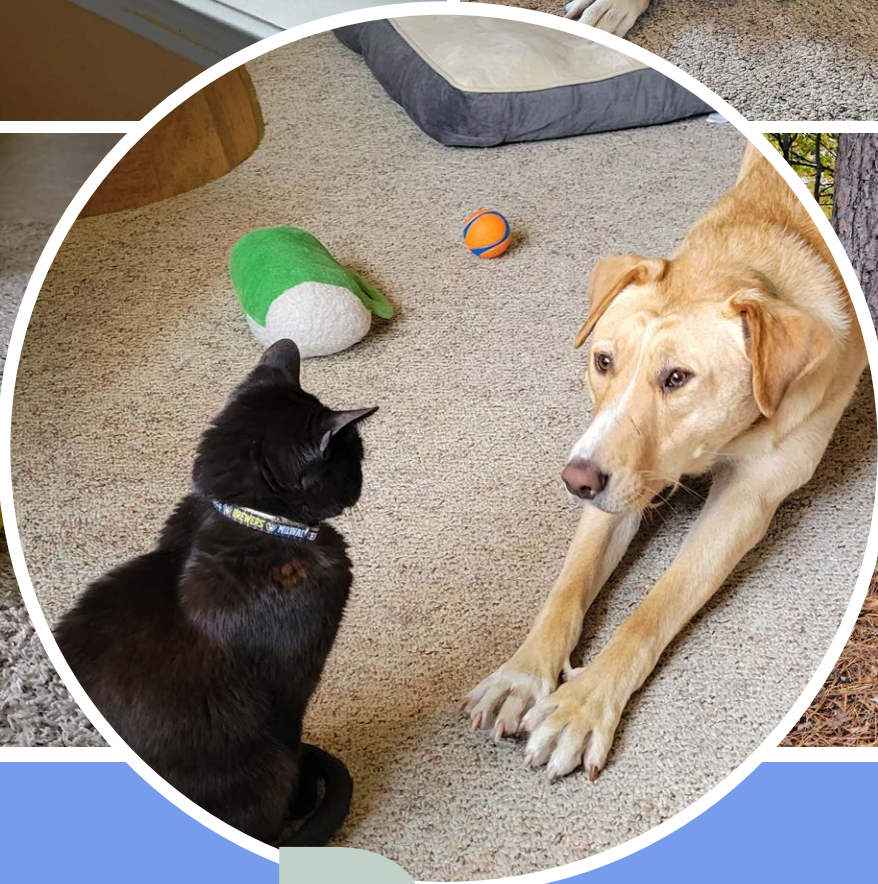
FOR GENERATIONS, TRISHA'S FAMILY HAS GONE ON ANNUAL TRIPS TO THE BOUNDARY WATERS IN MINNESOTA FOR A WEEK OF CANOEING, PRIMITIVE CAMPING, AND FISHING.



The Cottage!

Trisha's parents split their time between her childhood home and their cottage up north. We spend most long weekends there and usually a full week in the summer or fall. We like to relax on pontoon boat rides and often go fishing, tubing and waterskiing. There are even snowmobile and ATV trails right down the road. If the weather is bad, there's never a shortage of games and puzzles inside. Every summer some close family friends come to visit and sometimes Mark's parents spend a weekend there too.



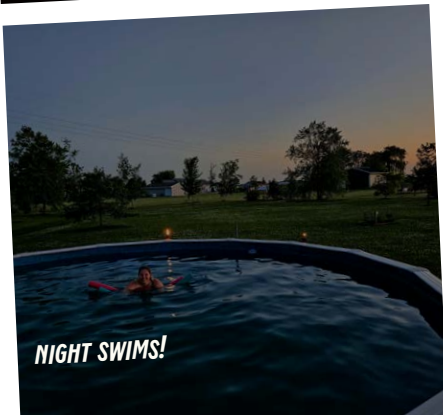
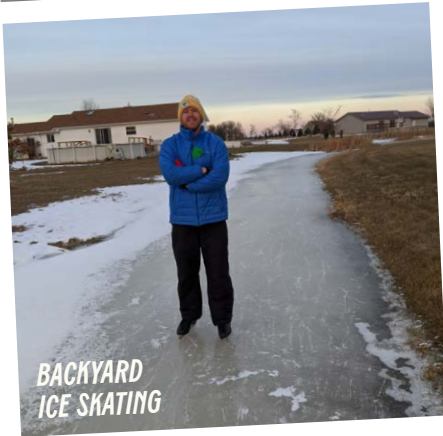
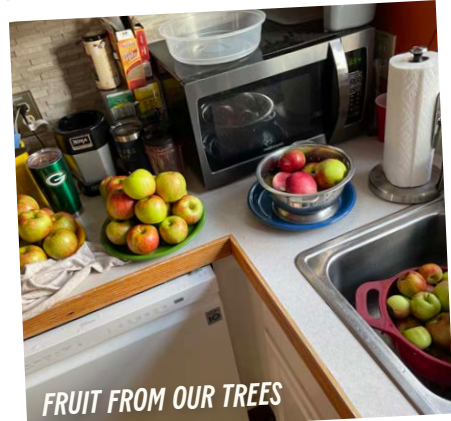


OUR PETS!!!

We adopted our cat, Jaeda, 10 years ago. She loves sitting in a bag or box, playing with strings, and watching birds outside, but her favorite is cuddling while watching TV. When Jaeda is not napping she spends her weekdays helping Mark work from home.

Daisy is our rescue pup that we adopted in 2022. Playing ball is her favorite activity—especially with Mark because he can throw it really far! Daisy loves to go on adventures with us. Her nickname is Dr. Daisy since she is always right there if someone is sad, sick or injured.

WE BOUGHT OUR HOUSE IN 2020 WITH FUTURE CHILDREN IN MIND.



We live about 10 minutes out of town in a “cute little neighborhood” surrounded by farm fields. Almost all of our neighbors have young kids and because there is so little traffic on our roads they continuously run between houses and different swingsets. We can’t wait to add our child to the mix. Someday we even plan to put a basketball hoop or street hockey goal out on the cul de sac.

Our two acre yard is our favorite part of where we live. We have a variety of fruit trees and shrubs and add more to our “mini orchard” every year. Trisha grew up picking raspberries at her grandparents’ house and the ones in our yard are transplants from there. During the summer we spend a lot of time in our pool. Trisha regularly jumps in after work while Mark sits on the deck and we talk about our days. On the weekends we will have friends come swim or just float around listening to music or a baseball game. The last few years we have even been able to watch July 4th fireworks from our pool floaties!

TRISHA'S FAMILY

I grew up as an only child...until 8th grade when my little brother, Timmy, was born. Having a baby in my house took some getting used to, especially when I was trying to do homework. I automatically got a lot of toddler watching experience when I was in high school and was able to be there for his core moments. I was even the one that took Timmy to the pet store to pick out his first goldfish. As he got older, our relationship evolved into a natural sibling rivalry despite our 14 year age difference. It's all in good fun though and we continue to be close even now that he's in college. Timmy is excited to be the "cool uncle" and teach his favorite hobbies to our child. He

continuously reminds us that he will make sure they know the right way to hold a fishing rod.

We see my extended family for holidays and everyone is very welcoming. Many of my cousins have young kids for our future child to play with! Even though we don't have any family members in the same town as us, they are almost all within an hour and a half drive. The exception is my cousin, Amber, and her family who live about six hours away. We do our best to visit each other a couple times each year so their son, Leroy can grow up knowing us.



OUR PARENTS ARE VERY EAGER TO BECOME GRANDPARENTS. THEY ARE EXCITED TO HELP BABYSIT AND COME TO ANY CONCERTS, RECITALS, OR GAMES THAT OUR FUTURE CHILD MAY BE INVOLVED IN.



MARK'S FAMILY

I am very close to my parents. I call my mom every day and text with my dad daily too.

Other than my parents, we see my cousin Andy and his family most often. Trish and I are the Godparents of his son, Leo. When I was growing up I spent Friday nights at my grandparents house eating fish sticks and watching Winnie the Pooh. I still call my grandma on a regular basis. I have a total of 6 grandparents and do my best to see them all when we are in town. I don't have any brothers or sisters, but I have a lot of friends that I consider family. Especially my best friend, Sam. When we were in middle school a waiter thought we were twins. Sam and I call each other to celebrate our "twin birthday" every year and sometimes exchange gifts for it.





WHY WE HOPE TO ADOPT

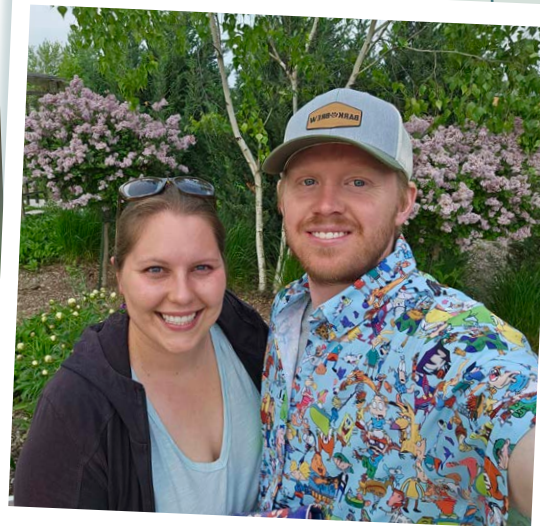
Both of us have been interested in adopting since before we even met each other. It's one of the things that brought us closer when we first started dating. For us, parenthood is more about raising a child to be happy and healthy rather than them being biologically ours. In 2016 adoption became our primary choice for expanding our family after Mark had a health scare. He was later diagnosed with a heart condition that could potentially be passed on to any biological children he has. Mark's heart has been stable since starting medication and he is able to lead a normal life.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

If you should choose us, we, along with our families and friends, promise to love and support your child. We will always put them first and do our best to provide for them. We hope to give them a happy childhood and the tools they need to grow into a successful adult. We will be forever grateful to you and let them know how much your decision shaped all of our lives.



THANK YOU FOR GETTING TO KNOW US!



*With love,
Mark and Trisha*