

INTRODUCING

*Brian
& Allie*





DEAR FRIEND,

In our family, we tell our girls “I love you no matter what” every single night. There is nothing they could possibly do that would make us love them any less. It is so important to us that they know we will never stop showing up for them as their parents: loving, guiding, advocating for, and choosing them before ourselves. What you are doing right now proves you are doing the same thing for your child.

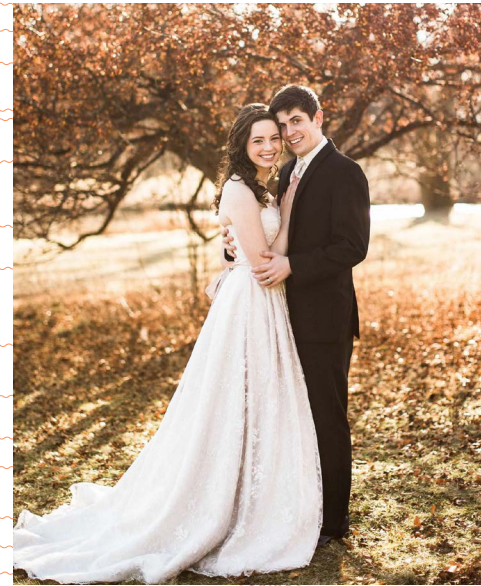
This way of loving must feel heavy. Please know we have nothing but respect for you. Absolutely nothing but admiration of your bravery. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. Our house is joyful, loud, silly, and full to the brim of love. If chosen, we can't promise to be perfect parents, but we can promise to love unconditionally both you and your child as we grow together into a family.

With Love,

Brian & Allie



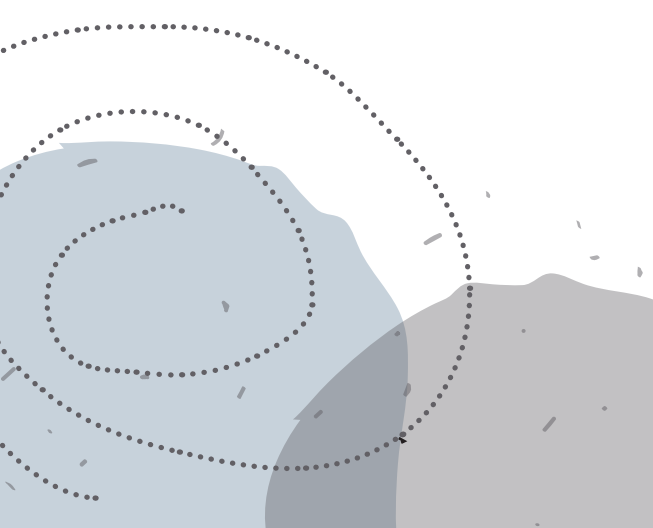
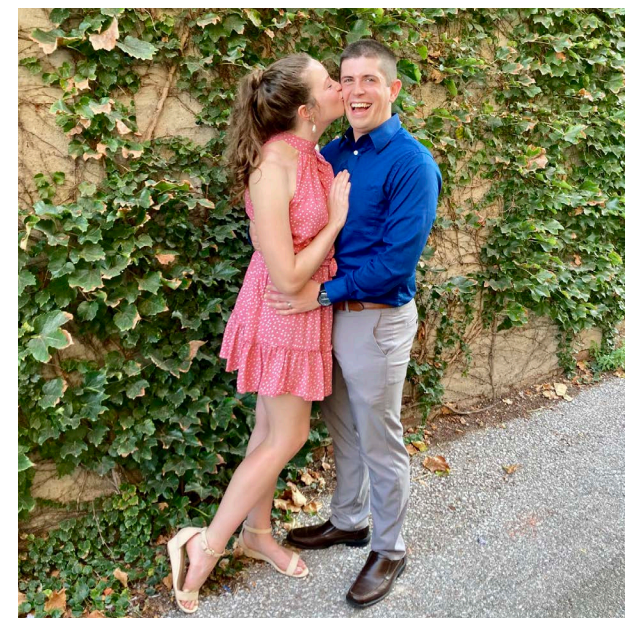
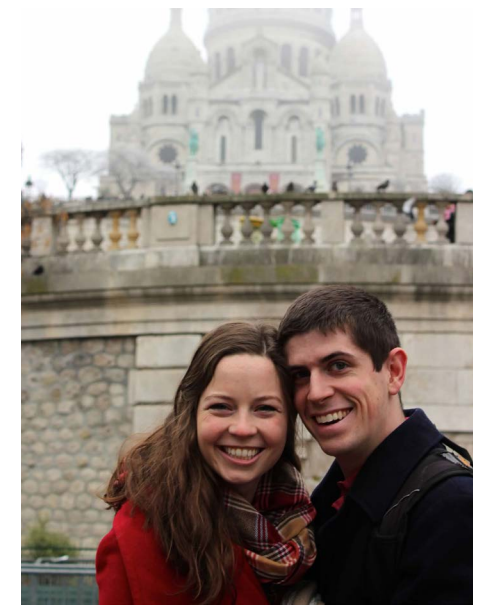
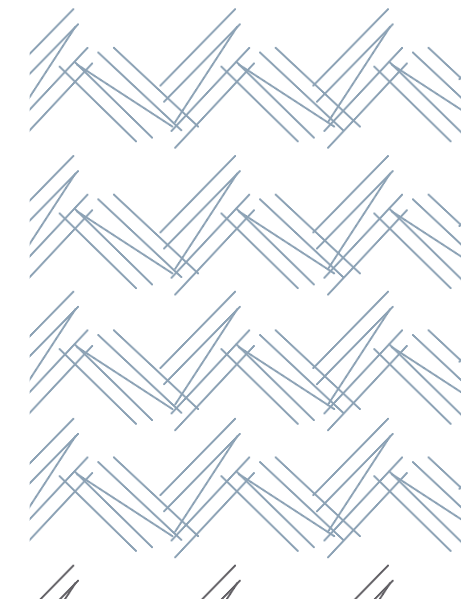
OUR STORY



We met at 18, the first week of college. We lived in the same dorm, and we've never looked back since our first burger date together in 2010. Some things are just meant to be. Five years later, we tied the knot on a sunny December day on the very campus where we met.

Our 11 years together have been full of laughter, exploring new foods and places, and making our marriage a priority with

weekly date nights. But no adventure compares to the delight of welcoming our daughters Rose and Lucy into our family. They bring sunshine to every single day. There's a lot of bubbles and fingerpainting at our house, friends popping in for dinner, and trips to the zoo or park, but we can't imagine it any other way. Our days are just better together and we try not to take a single one for granted.



ABOUT ALLIE

by Brian

Allie has the heart of a teacher in everything she does. She is encouraging, determined, persistent, and patient. You can especially see it in the magic she's working on our girls to help them grow into confident, strong women. Every day she reminds them her love is unconditional. Not that she needs to say it. When you're loved by Allie, you just feel it. I love walking into the room after work and seeing the girls greet me in their favorite dress up costumes, telling me all about the stories they've been imagining. And where is Allie? Right in the middle, her own costume on, a huge, infectious smile on her face too.



"Allie is the perfect combination of imagination, will, and love. When you're with her, anything is possible."

- Brian



Our Backyard Garden

MORE ABOUT

Allie

AGE: 29

OCCUPATION: Stay at home mama but previously a Middle School English Teacher

FAVORITE PLACE: The Mountains in Estes Park, CO

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Good Morning Snuggles surrounded by books and coffee

MY PERFECT DAY: Omelets made by Brian and Rose, coffee from a local shop, then a trip to the zoo! The aquarium and butterfly house are my favorites!

ABOUT BRIAN

by Allie

Brian is the solid rock of our family: selfless, loyal, patient, and loving. He's the kind of man that makes homemade donuts at midnight for me (they are ridiculously good) and then stays up to do all the dishes afterwards without complaint. He is always quick with a joke and makes even strangers feel at ease with his kindness. He's the girls' best friend, favorite playmate, and the ultimate tickle monster. Once, I asked Brian what he hoped our future looked like in ten years. He told me the most important thing to him was providing a stable home for his family because we are the reason life is so sweet. I'm so immensely grateful we get to do life together.



"Brian has the purest heart, he puts his family first every single day."

-Allie



Half-Marathon Cheerleaders

MORE ABOUT

Brian

AGE: 29

OCCUPATION: Engineer

FAVORITE PLACE: The halfway-point in my 7-mile run

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Reading Bedtime books to all my girls (even Harry Potter to Allie!)

MY PERFECT DAY: Making breakfast with Rose, reading a stack of books to the girls, going for a long run during nap time, playing outside in our yard, then finishing off the evening with a cooking challenge with Allie!

MEET ROSE & LUCY

ROSE is pure joy and exuberance in one tiny body. She smiles more than any child we've ever met and, in her own words, "I always laugh my loudest." Her favorite activities include swim lessons, reading dozens of books from the library each week, and picking (for immediate snacking) all the cherry tomatoes in the garden. When she grows up, she wants to be a doctor like her hero, Uncle Matt.



MORE ABOUT *Rose*

AGE: 4 in May

OCCUPATION: Professional Twirler-this girl is always spinning!

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Cheese or Snowboots. She says it's a tie.



MORE ABOUT *Lucy*

AGE: 2 in June

OCCUPATION: Professional Mountain (Er, Table) Climber

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Her Stuffed Bunny, BunBun

LUCY is our sweet, mischievous, little climber. No one makes her smile more than big sister Rose and one of the best parts of this past year has been watching their love for each other grow. She loves swings and slides, hates cameras of all kinds, and is a world class snuggler. When she feels like singing along to music, she pitches into the chaos with a very darling "La La La." Our life is infinitely sweeter with her cuddles in it.

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

We both come from loving, supportive families who want the best for us and our girls. Allie's family is loud and full of huggers. Even small family dinners each week feel like a big party! We love to play cards, roast s'mores, and go swimming together. We can't wait til Rose and Lucy are flower girls in Uncle Jack's wedding next fall! Brian's family keeps us on our toes and laughing. There's always amazing food, lots of jokes, and thoughtful activities planned for the girls. We are so lucky that everyone on both sides is extremely excited that we're adopting!

"With two sets of grandparents only 10 minutes away and four goofy, loving uncles, we're surrounded by family."



Playing in Puddles with Nana



Hiking in Colorado



Lucy and Uncle Paul



Sunday Night Dinner Crew

OUR HOME

and community

We bought our home 5 years ago. The rooms are colorful, bright, and full of big windows that let in lots of sunshine. We love our huge backyard. We go on walks in our neighborhood daily and love that we're close to the park and a bakery with excellent croissants. When we want to get out of the house, it's a short drive to Allie's grandparent's farm to see the "stinky" pigs or to our Zoo, which is one of the best in the world! If you don't see us in the yard running through the sprinkler or building snowmen, check inside. At the end of a day of fun, we're probably snuggled in a big pile on the couch enjoying a movie and fresh chocolate chip cookies.



Playing Hopscotch



Sprinkler Fun with Papa



Visiting the Pumpkin Patch



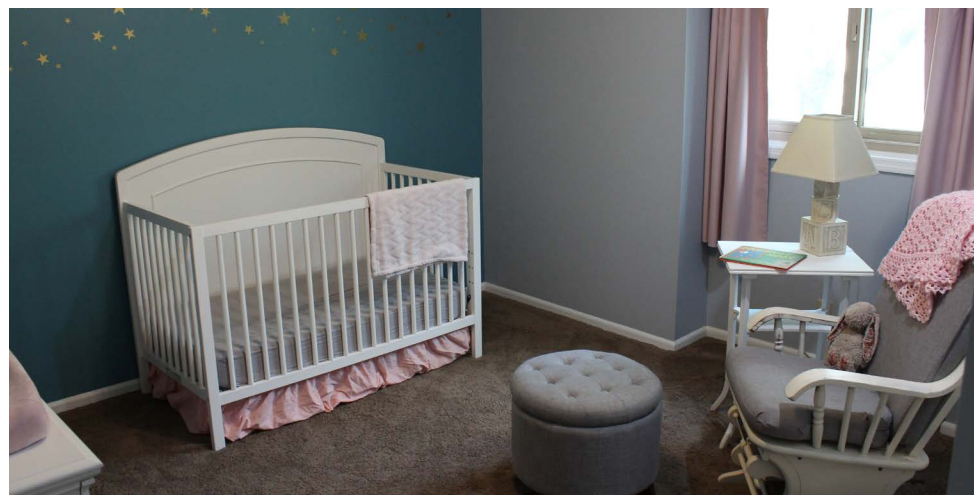
Our Neighborhood Park



Family Time at the Zoo



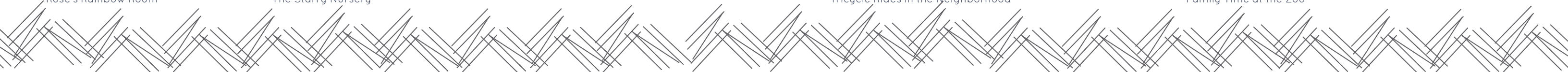
Rose's Rainbow Room



The Starry Nursery



Tricycle Rides in the Neighborhood



OUR FRIENDS

We love the friendships we've created both old and new. They're the ones we call for crazy theme parties and potluck dinners, but they've supported us through the hard times too. Many of our friends have young families of their own and, within our close-knit church group, we had nine babies born within one year! Our family has the most amazing village surrounding us and they're all praying for us (and you!) as we start our adoption journey.



On Retreat with Friends



Our Church Group & Babies!



Exploring State Parks with Friends



Cuddles with Godmother Alicia

Our Dog, Elsa

Elsa is the sweetest goldendoodle you've ever met. Unendingly patient, the girls have been climbing all over her since they could crawl. She's always up for cuddles when they need a break or a long run with Brian in the sunshine.



WHY ADOPTION?

Both of Allie's pregnancies involved life threatening complications that, ultimately, led to a postpartum hysterectomy. However, after a year of prayer and research, we feel confident that our family is incomplete and this was God's push towards adoption. And we are so excited about that! Within our extended families, there are members from every side of the adoption triad and many adoptees of all ages. We are surrounded by support, family, and resources to help our future child navigate their adoption. Family isn't just defined by DNA. Family is the choice we make to love and care for one another each and every day. We are excited about this journey and cannot wait to celebrate our future child's special story!



Allie's Cousin, our Ringbearer, is an Adoptee!

Our promises:

- » To love this child unconditionally every day of their life, no matter what
- » To teach this child of your enormous courage and love for them and to cherish any relationship you feel comfortable building with us
- » To encourage a love of Jesus, kindness, and the goodness our world needs so they can someday be a light for others
- » To raise this child in a stable home built on love and respect where they can feel safe to test their wings and fly
- » To provide this child with the best education we can so that, someday, they can pursue whatever dream they feel called to follow

FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR FAMILY

We've visited nearly every burger joint in our city to find the best one!



Some of our favorite holiday traditions include a pre-Thanksgiving dance party and a Christmas Eve morning tea party!



Every year we host a cooking competition in the style of Chopped. You never know what ingredients you'll end up cooking with! Bacon and marshmallows? Really?



Brian brings the girls balloons every Valentine's day. He will always be their first and best Valentine!



The girls love baking with Mommy every week. But Allie's favorite thing to bake is birthday cakes to celebrate another wonderful year together!



Our family band is called "The Pink Flamingos." We all pick an instrument and sing, twirl, and dance.



We visit a National Park every summer with family. We love to hike and enjoy the beauty of nature! Next up: Zion National Park in Utah!

There is always something interesting happening at the family farm like apple picking or beekeeping!



Brian runs a half marathon every year. We love cheering him on!





THANK YOU!

Thank you for spending a little time getting to know our family. We hope you can see the immense joy and love we share and our strong desire to welcome another into our arms. It's an honor to even be considered by you. Adoption is beautiful, but it's also immensely hard. Ultimately, it's a sacrifice about love and, if we've learned anything in our years on earth, we are convinced that love only grows. Our hearts were made to love deeply and well and fully each person placed in front of us and it is our immense privilege in this life to try and do just that. No matter your decision today, you are loved.

May God bless you and hold you close,

Brian, Allie, Rose & Lucy