



Brittany
+ Kate

"Our greatest joy is to celebrate each other, our families, and our friends, and make each day a little better than the last one."



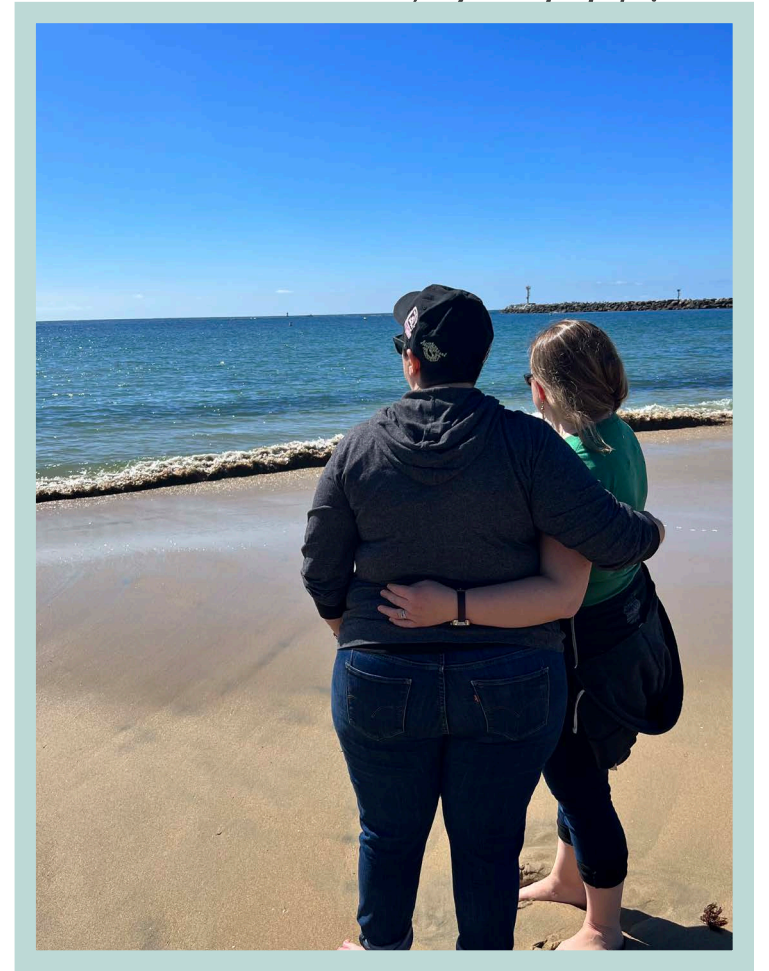
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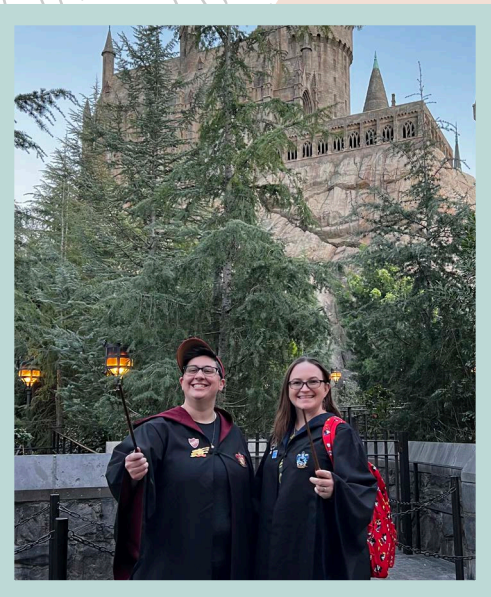
We want to start by thanking you, sincerely, for taking the time to look at our profile. We can't begin to imagine what you are going through, but we know this can't be an easy decision to face. If chosen, know we will honor you and the openness you prefer, in a way that ensures your child feels loved, supported, chosen, and worthy. We promise to raise your child with compassion and integrity, and to provide a life full of opportunity. We are humbled you are taking the time to get to know us. We hope this book gives you a glimpse into our lives and our hearts.

We are Brittany and Kate, a couple from Arizona, who want nothing more than to provide a home full of love, safety, and happiness to your child. We are adventurous Disney fans who love to travel and fill our home with joy and music. Brittany bakes, Kate paints, and our dogs and cat keep us company through whatever we do.

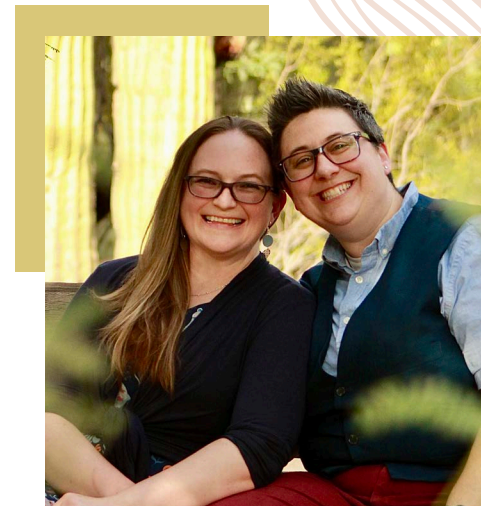
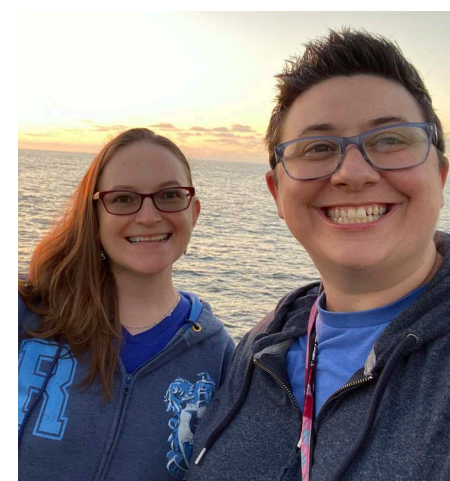
Love,

Brittany + Kate





our story



Kate started out in New Mexico, while Brittany is an Arizona native. But through fate, and a change in Kate's dad's job, we ended up in the same middle school. It wasn't until sophomore year that we began to hang out through mutual friends and shared classes. We're both pretty sure Kate is the reason Brittany passed Chemistry. We became fast best friends and began dating a month after graduating with plans on attending the same college. That lasted a year before Brittany transferred, leaving us to go long distance for the next 3 years. When Kate graduated, we moved in together and 3 years after that, Brittany proposed to Kate at Disneyland. We got married in 2013 surrounded by our friends and families.

One of the most extraordinary things about being together for eighteen (and counting) years is that we have literally grown up together. We graduated college, moved a few times, bought a house, rescued some pets, and became integral parts of each other's families, all of which has given us the tools to be an unstoppable team. We love to travel, listen to music, attend concerts and musicals, go on adventures with our pups, try out new recipes and craft projects, and play board games with our friends late into the night.

Meet Brittany

by Kate

Brittany is the most encouraging, fun, and passionate person. She truly loves to make people smile, has an intuitive sense of how to make people laugh, and will always go above and beyond to help family or friends, regardless of the ask. She has always been my biggest cheerleader since the day we met, from encouraging me to try new things and pursue my interests to volunteering at my school and bringing flowers to my staff. Brittany is the spontaneous one in our relationship, but also the planner, and is always looking for ways to find adventure and make life more fun. She is also a natural storyteller; building fantastic stories in her head and putting them on paper or telling them to a crowd; and she is animated, captivating, and holds your attention until the end.



OCCUPATION Recruiter

FAVORITE MOVIE Tangled or Luca

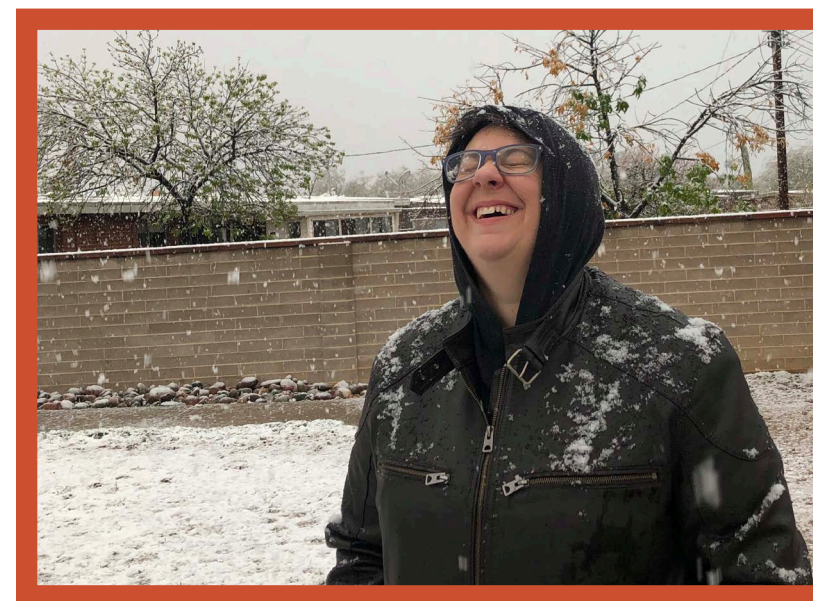
FAVORITE PLACE The Magic Kingdom, Walt Disney World

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT Music, I have music always playing, and my dogs.

MY PERFECT DAY My perfect day would be to sleep in late with Kate and cuddling with my dogs, spend some time baking, and playing board games with friends late into the night.

"Brittany truly loves to make people smile and has an intuitive sense about what will create laughter for each person she comes across."

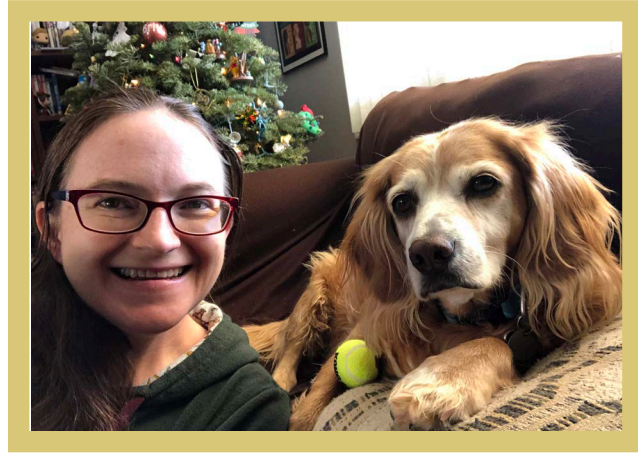
- Kate



Brittany and our niece

Meet Kate

by Brittany



Kate is extraordinarily kind, passionate, smart, and caring. I have gotten to see her take on every project, every problem, and every opportunity with her whole heart. Kate started her career as a special needs preschool teacher, and I don't know anyone else in the world more fit for that job with her patience, love, and total conviction that her students could all be amazing no matter what their circumstances were. I joke sometimes that Kate is the voice of reason between

the two of us, but in reality, she is a steady presence with an even-head who finds a way to make any wild idea happen. She has created a life-size seahorse costume for our nephew in a single afternoon, has put together an escape room themed birthday party for six 12-year-olds in under 24 hours, and has packed the car and our dogs for a spur of the moment drive to the beach with a three-hour notice. Kate is always ready for adventure and good-hearted mischief.



OCCUPATION Early Education Teacher Coach

FAVORITE MOVIE Captain Marvel, Moana

FAVORITE PLACE San Diego

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT My family, my pets, and a good book .

MY PERFECT DAY Making blueberry chocolate chip pancakes for breakfast, going on a hike with our pups in the nearby mountains and playing games with our family and friends in the evening.

"Kate extends patience and kindness to everyone she interacts with and would go over and beyond to make someone's day, or at least make life a little easier."

- Brittany



Kate and our niece

our home & community

We live in a quiet residential area in a large city in Arizona. Our house has a large backyard that we love to run around with our dogs in and hope to put in planter boxes in the next year. We also have a small library in our house that gives us a place to unwind and read.

We love the area we live in, there are diverse communities and a lot to do. When the weather is good, we enjoy hiking in the mountains and exploring the desert. Within walking distance, there is an elementary school and a middle school for our kids to someday attend. There are three parks (and more importantly, ice cream shops) within a five-minute drive!



Our backyard



Our house at Christmas



The park's duck pond

our pets

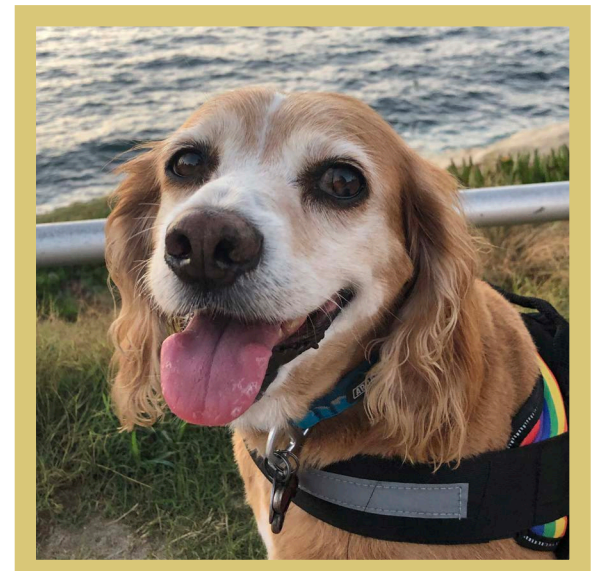
We have three dogs and a cat. Our dogs are Hanners, Raya, and Bow Bear. Our cat is a grey fluff ball named Linus. The pups love to play with our 1-year-old niece and our friends' children, and Linus is very patient and tolerant around kids.



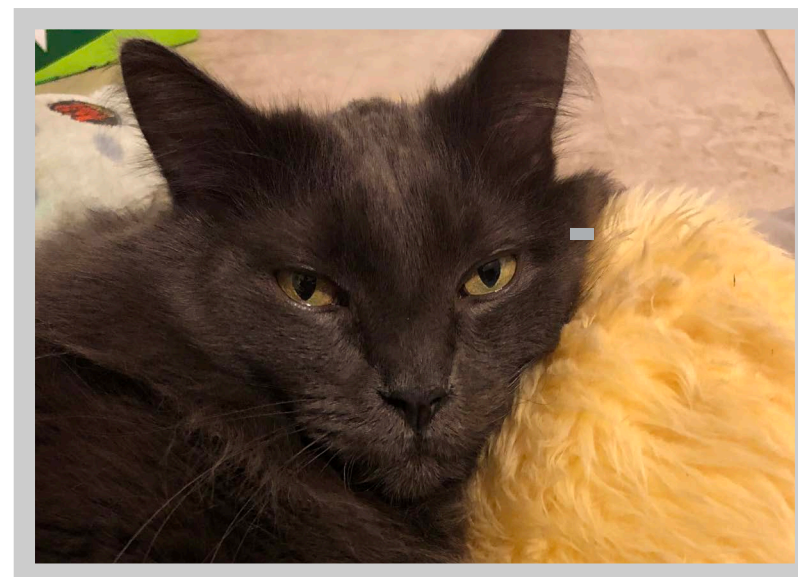
Bow Bear, our shepherd



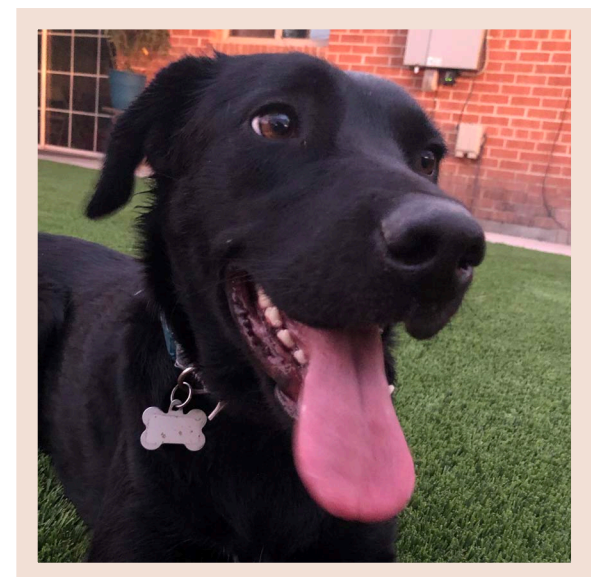
Bow Bear, Hanners, and Raya



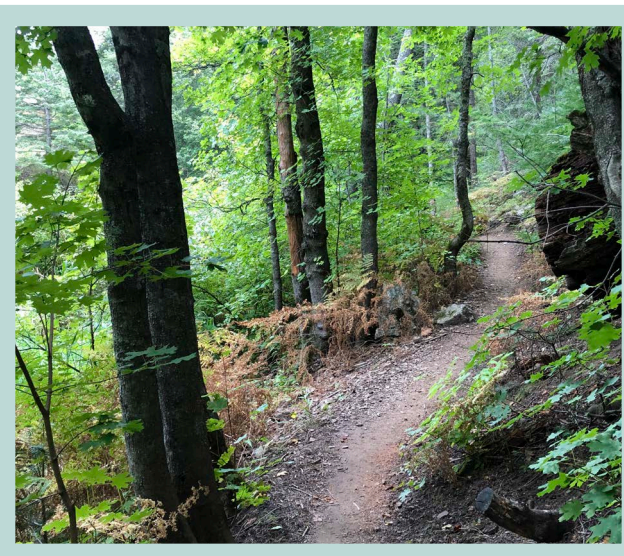
Hanners, our spaniel



Linus, our cat



Raya, our labrador



Our favorite hiking path

our extended Family & Friends

By Brittany: My family is very close and involved in each other's lives. I am the oldest of three with a younger sister and brother. My parents and siblings all live in the same city as us and we get together all the time for family dinners, holidays, and celebrations. There isn't a week that goes by where I don't talk or text with everyone in my family. My brother also just welcomed his first child into the family, a baby girl that we absolutely adore! My dad's family, his two sisters and my fifteen cousins, also live in the same town and we all try to come together for holidays and birthdays.

Our Friends: We have a group of friends that we have known since middle school that are essentially our family. We're at different points in our lives, some with kids, some just starting their families, and one working on a career in Hollywood, but they are our sounding boards, our support systems, and always there for a good laugh. We do dinner and games with the local friends once a week

By Kate: My family is very close. I live within ten minutes of my parents and one of my two sisters and her teenage son. We spend a lot of time together between weekly dinners, celebrating holidays, and playing games with my nephew. My parents are incredibly supportive and involved and my sister is one of my best friends. She is the best role model for parenting I have ever come across. My oldest sister, my brother-in-law, and their daughters don't live in the same city, but we talk and visit as often as we can.



More of Kate's family



Brittany and her sister



Us with our niece



Our friends at New Year's



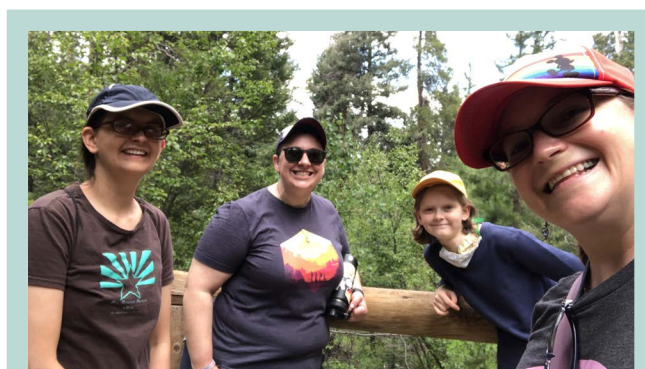
Brittany's family



Kate's family



Some more of our friends



Hiking with Kate's sister and niece

FUN FACTS

about us



We love experiences like going to the Renaissance Festival and Comic-Con. We even make our own costumes.



We love playing pool; we started playing in high school and found an old table at a yard sale a couple of years ago, and now get to play in our garage.

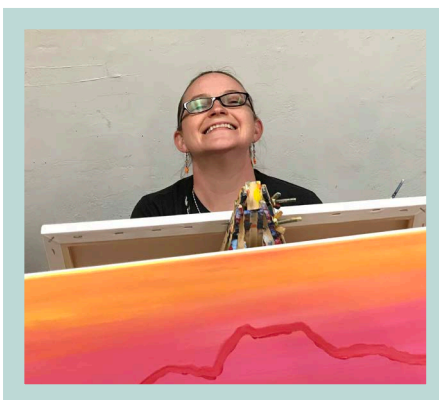
Brittany's sister Allyson is one of her favorite people and their favorite activity to do is to try on the weirdest hats they can find together.



We collect a Christmas ornament from any new place we visit and make sure to date them before they go on our Christmas tree.



One of our first dates was a concert to see the Ataris. Now we have seen 32 different musicals and we love going to concerts.



Kate loves to draw, paint, and try new crafts, and has attended an art class for years.

Why we are adopting

We decided we were ready to continue to grow our family about six years ago. We both have always wanted kids, and we chose our home and have been building our lives toward that goal. We faced infertility, but as heartbreaking as we were, we knew that wasn't the end of our journey.

One of our closest friends had adopted her son just as we were beginning fertility treatments, and we got to see the amazing, hard, and wonderful journey that led to her son up close. Adoption gives us the opportunity to share our love and family with a child, which is all we ever wanted.



Our Promises: to our future child

- We promise to love you unconditionally.
- We promise to give you a life full of laughter, music, and adventure.
- We promise to raise you to value kindness, creativity, an open-mind, and passion.
- We promise a large diverse family full of love with lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins, and our found family who have been in our lives for over twenty years, who are already so excited to meet you.
- We promise to be open with you about where you came from, who your first family is, and that every decision they made was done out of love for you.





Thank
you

Thank you again for taking the time to learn about our family. We know this process can be so stressful and so scary, but we would be honored to share it with you, to help make it a little less scary and to shoulder some of the burden. If you choose us, please know that we cannot wait to give your child a life full of love, joy, music, and adventure; all while honoring you and where they came from. Regardless of whether you choose us, we are grateful for the time you took to get to know us.

Thank you,

Brittany + Kate

