



*Jon &  
Mandy*

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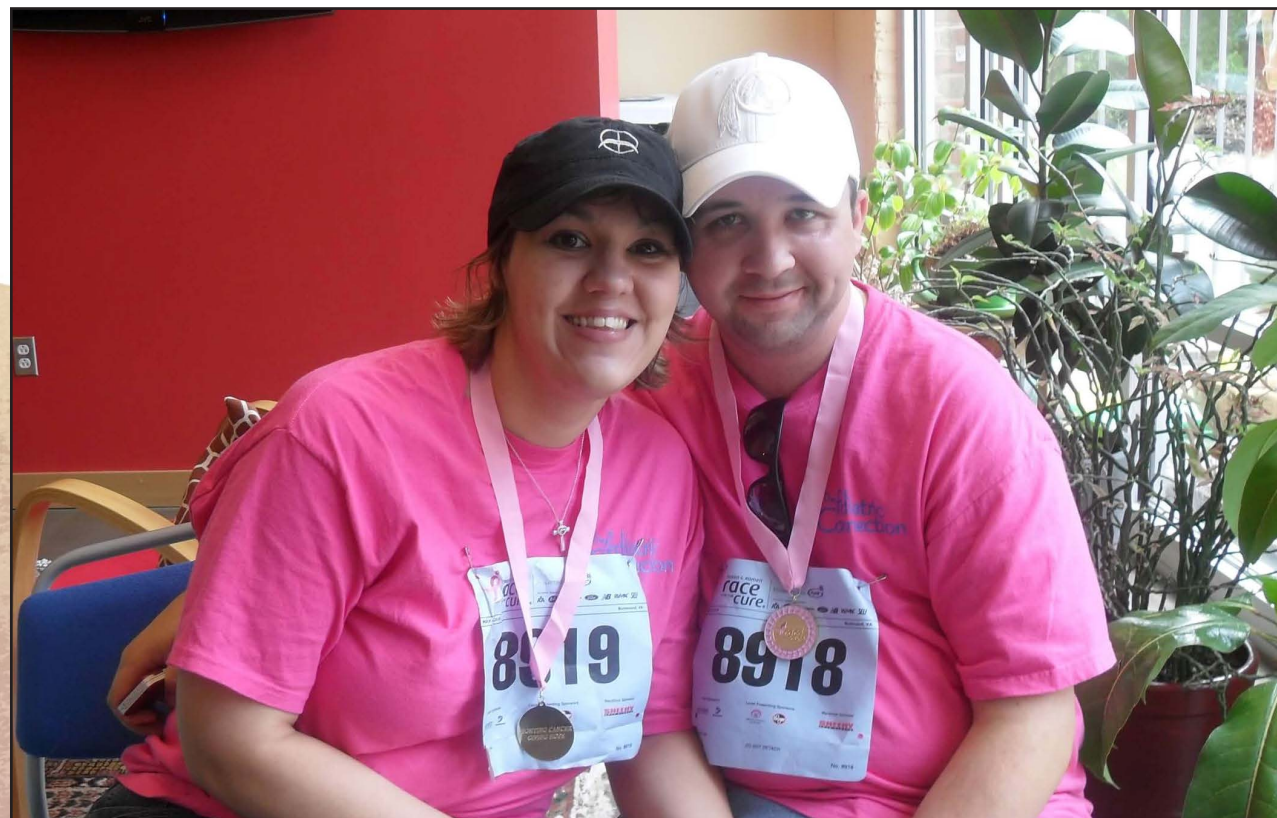


*Hello,*

As we sit here writing this, our hearts are filled with so much excitement and emotion that you are considering us in your adoption journey. Infertility, along with our passion for children, is what led us to this adoption journey. We know that it is a difficult decision you are making. We believe you were chosen to carry a precious child. It is a gift. Please know that we admire your decision, whether it be to parent or to make an adoption plan. We pray for peace and comfort for you and through this journey. We want to give our future children everything that we had. We want to raise them up in a loving home. We hope that you see and read the love not only for each other but also our family, friends and also our future children.

With Love,

*Jon & Mandy*





“ *Our life moto is live,  
laugh and love!*”

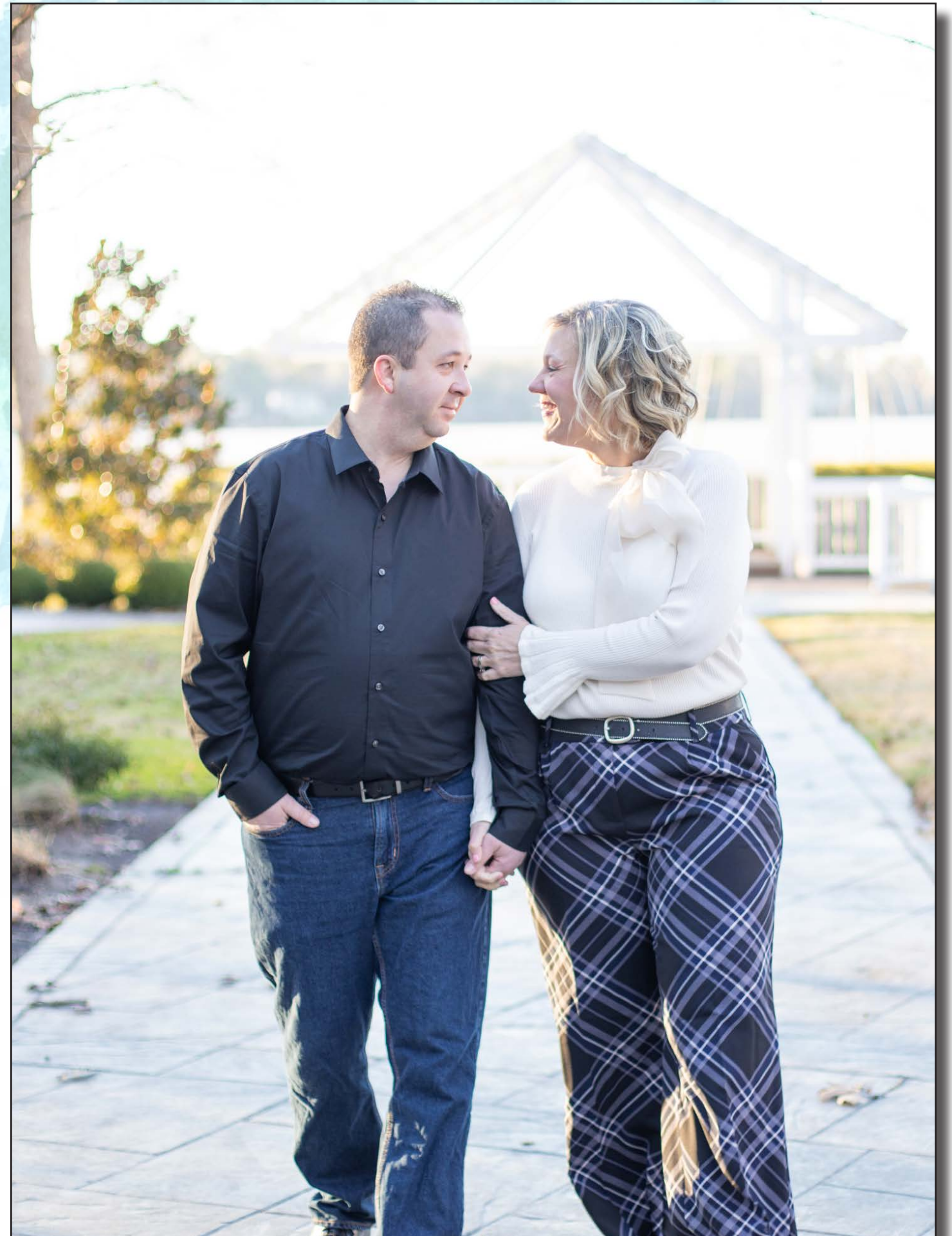
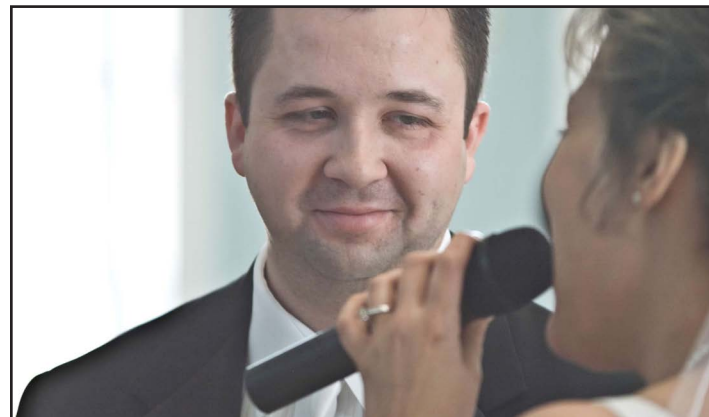


## *Our story*

*W*e met through Mandy's cousin that went to church with Jon. We started dating in January of 2008. In the first year of us dating Mandy traveled with Jon to visit his family and experience her first 4th of July in Washington DC. What an experience that was for Mandy as this was Jon's family tradition. During that first year, we spent times at the local park for a picnic lunch, at the beach or just spent times together laughing. Who would have ever thought that same year on New Year's Eve, we would get engaged. We were married on March 13, 2010, and that day was amazing. We were surrounded by our loving family and friends. Mandy even surprised Jon and sang to him at the ceremony.

We both were raised in church and still today are active in our church. Mandy is involved with music

with the adults and kids. We both are involved in the outreach program as well (first responders' appreciation, pregnancy resource center, Veteran's lunch). We love going to concerts together, going to the mountains or beach, which is great because we have both in our state, or just sitting on the sofa watching a movie. We are also involved in community outreach whether it be breast cancer awareness, Down Syndrome Buddy Walk, Special Olympics Torch Run to other events.



# about Mandy

*in Jon's words*

What can I say about Mandy?! Mandy is such a sweet and loving person. She is a very caring person and a huge encourager. She is always there for me and for everyone she encounters. Mandy has a huge heart and such an amazing love for kids. I cannot wait to see her with our children and all the love she will give them. She is a very determined wife and a very hard worker. Mandy has a huge heart and passion for Christ, and it shows in her singing. I am very blessed to have her in my life.



Fun times with friend's kids



“Mandy makes the world brighter and better with her love and laughter.”

*- Jon*

Mandy and her niece and friends' kids"



*more about Mandy...*

**Occupation:** Pediatric Home Healthcare

**Favorite movie:** All of the Madea's Family movies

**Favorite place:** Mountains of Tennessee or anywhere in Florida

**Can't live without:** Jon, music, singing, family, friends, and ice cream.

**My Perfect day:** Spending time by the water (beach, lake, river or pool) or spending time in the mountains in a small cabin.

# about Jon

*in Mandy's words*

God has truly blessed me with such an amazing husband. From the moment I met Jon, I trusted him with my heart. He is very easy-going and has a calm personality. He loves family which is so important to me. He adores all his nieces, nephews and even friend's kids that we are so blessed to be around. He knows when to make me laugh and that is often if it is just by making a crazy face or saying something funny. My favorite part about Jon is his passion for children and wanting to be a dad. Ever since we got married, he has told me numerous times of how he cannot wait to become a dad. He tells me all the time that his favorite name one day that he will ever have is "daddy." Just hearing that makes my heart happy.



Piggy back rides from Uncle Jon



“*Jon is always my encourager through the good and the bad.*”

*-Mandy*

Jon is even Uncle to our friends' kids



*more about Jon...*

**Occupation:** Government Security Officer

**Favorite movie:** The Patriot

**Favorite place:** Anywhere in Florida

**Can't live without:** Mandy of course, but also friends and family.

**My Perfect day:** Spending time on a boat, fishing at the river or just relaxing listening to the waves at the beach.



Our beautiful home in a very rare snow storm



We clean up well



New playground near our home



We love decorating for Christmas



Can't wait to see toys all over the house

## our community *and home*

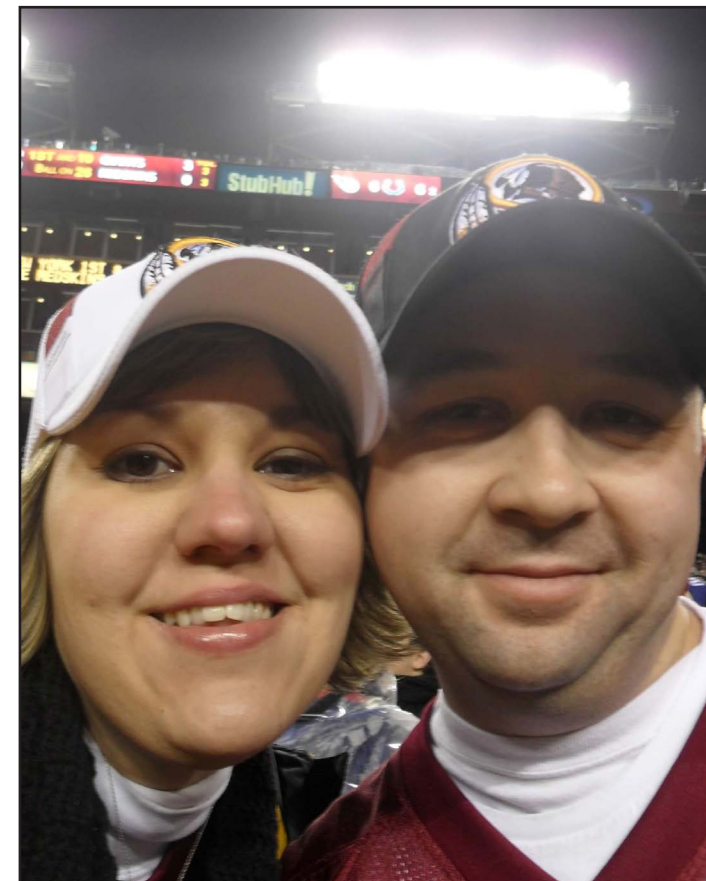
We are from the great state of Virginia. We are blessed to be able to not only go to the mountains but also the beach. Our home was a new build that we moved into back in July of 2016. It is a 4-bedroom 2 bath ranch-style home with a bonus room over the garage that will be a perfect playroom. We have lots of space for toys. We have a wonderful screened-in porch to be able to play or just sit out and enjoy the weather. We are so excited to make new memories in our home. We are also walking distance to a great park in our neighborhood with a great play area.



Nursery



We love time at the lake



Football game which is Jon's favorite thing



Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

# Our extended family

Jon's mom and dad were wonderful loving parents that not only loved all the kids but also the grandkids. Jon's dad passed away in October of 2014 and Jon's mom passed away in October of 2019. Not a day goes by that we do not miss them. Mandy's parents have been married for 53 years and live only 25 minutes away. They adore all the grandkids and are very active in everything they do from sports, talent shows, dance recitals or just playing. Jon and Mandy are both the youngest of 2 sisters each. They have combined a total of 14 nieces and nephews from the age of 28 to 3 that live close by. We have lots of fun and sleepovers. We also as a family have impromptu dinners or times away. Never a dull moment for sure.



Mandy with her parents and sisters celebrating Christmas



Jon with his sisters



Mandy is a daddy's girl



Another niece with Aunt Mandy



Aunt Mandy and Uncle Jon with friends

# Our friends

We love spending time with our friends. Rather it be getting together to go to dinner, singing with them or just hanging out and laughing. All of our friends are very supportive of our adoption journey. We are Uncle Jon and Aunt Mandy to all of our friend's kids!



Mandy loves to laugh with friends



One on one time with Aunt Mandy



Uncle Jon helping build a snowman



Jon with his parents



Mandy and Jon with his mom, sister and brother in law



Can't wait to add another grandchild



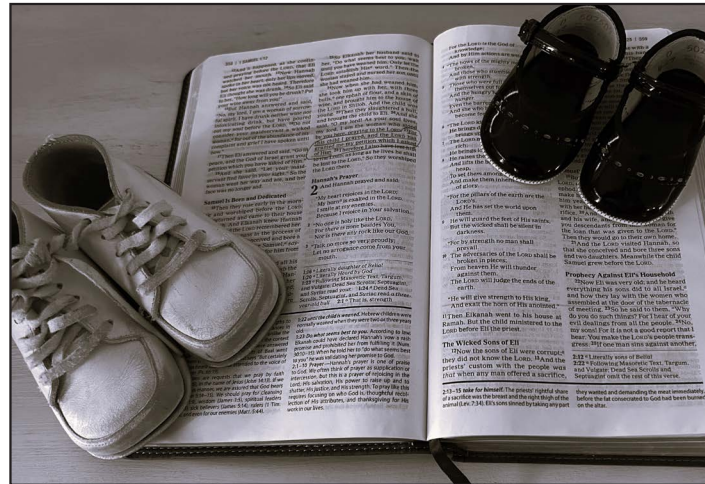
Jon out to dinner with friends



Mandy's love of singing

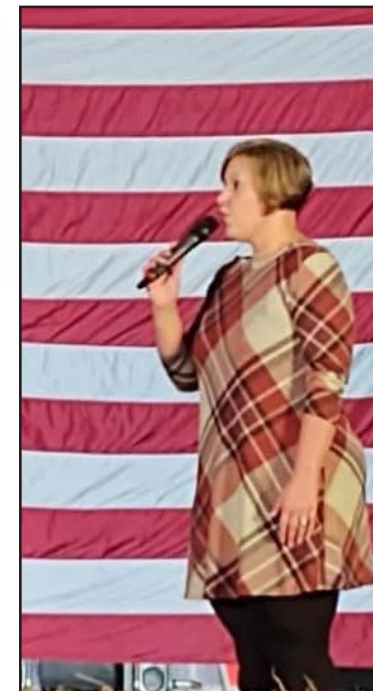
## Why we have chosen adoption...

We have always wanted to be parents from day one, but have struggled with infertility for 10 years. After a lot of prayer, we felt led to this journey of adoption. Our family and friends are all supporting us through this adoption journey with a lot of love and prayers. We have a great network of family and friends that have also adopted that have been great resources for us.



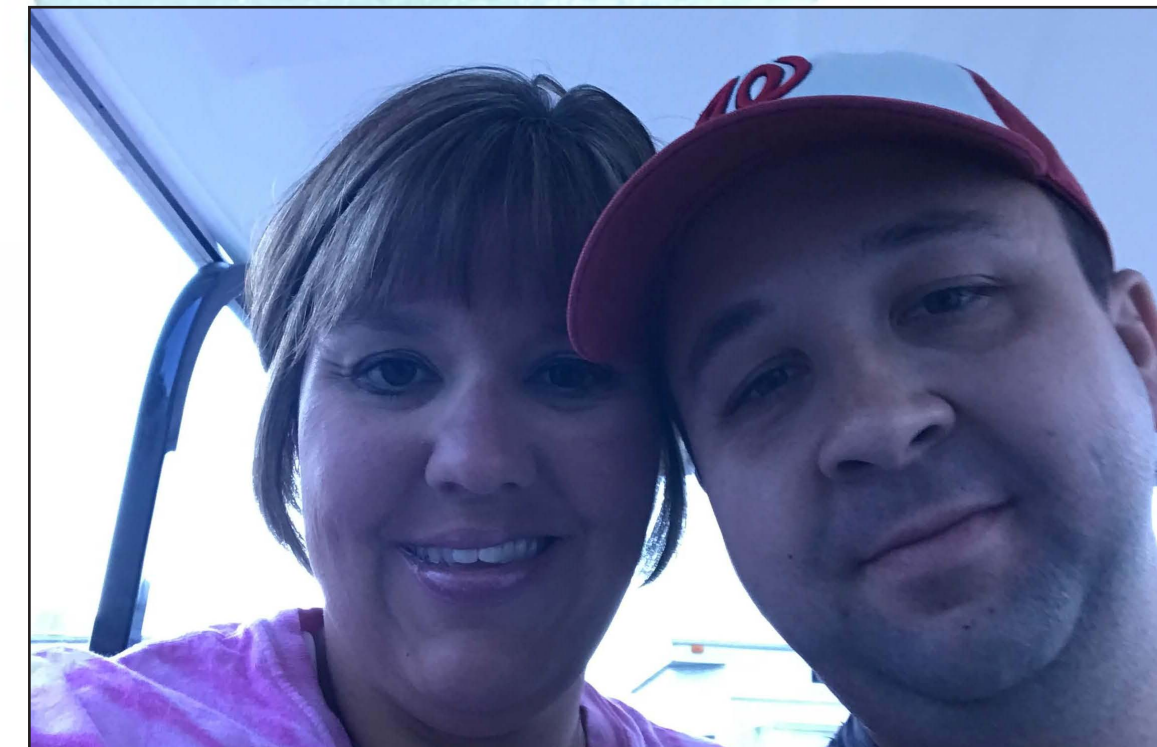
## We Promise:

- to raise any children we are blessed with in God's love.
- to cherish and love our sweet little one with all our hearts and to provide a life with every opportunity possible.
- to respect our child's birth family and whatever level of openness and contact they want to have with their child.
- that this family is and will always be our priority.
- to teach them how to love others with sweet compassion and grace. And how to see people for who they are.
- that our little one will always know how grateful and thankful we are to their birth parents for choosing us. We want our child/children to always know their story and how much we love their birth parents and are forever indebted to them.



## Fun Facts about us

- We love going to concerts and love all music.
- Mandy loves to sing and Jon loves listening to music. Mandy has sang at many local sporting events and community events.
- Mandy has been working with special needs children in the medical field for over 20 years and Jon has been in government for 14 years.
- Jon loves sports from baseball, football, basketball and racing.
- We both love riding the golf cart or boat, visits to mountains or at the lake/beach or just watching a movie at home.
- Mandy's Uncle was in movies with Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman and Mel Gibson.
- Jon's grandfather was the personal pianist for President Truman at the White House. His Aunts have also played in the White House for many presidents and also for a president's daughter's wedding.
- Jon's Grandmother's was Michael Jackson's neighbor when he was a child.







## *With* **LOVE**

*We* first want to thank you for giving the gift of life. We also want to thank you for taking the time to look at just a small glimpse into our lives. Know that whatever decision you make, that your precious little one will know their story and how their birth family made the most courageous and selfless decision. We are praying for you and your sweet baby throughout your entire pregnancy and beyond.

With love and gratitude,

*Jon & Mandy*