

BONNIE & CODY



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Hello!

WE ARE



BONNIE
& CODY

We are so grateful that you are taking time to learn about us. We know that the decision concerning your child's future is a daunting one, so we want you to know that we respect you and are praying for peace.

We appreciate your desire to do what is best for your child, whatever that may be, and we want you to know that **WE SEE AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR COURAGE.** We want to adopt as a way to grow our family because our greatest dream is to become parents. We always felt that adoption might be part of our story, and when we found out we could not conceive biological children, we knew adoption would be the way to grow our family. We expect that reading through profiles can be overwhelming, so we appreciate your time and effort in getting to know us more.



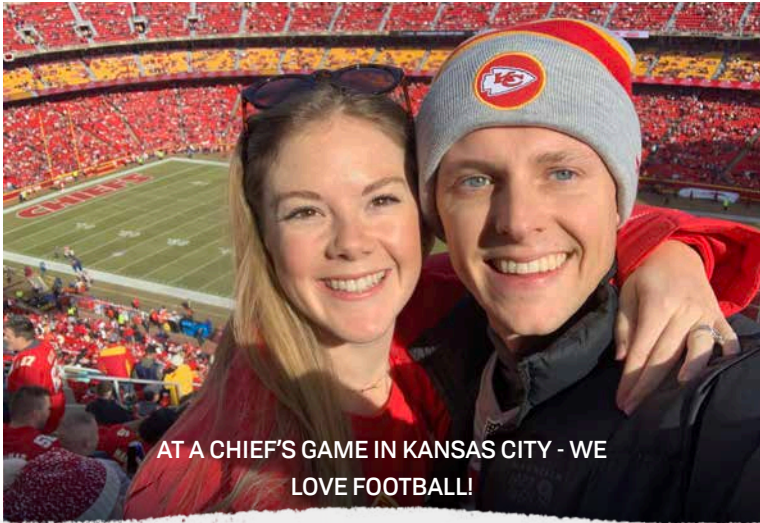


OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS FULL OF BEAUTIFUL TREES.
WE LOVE GOING ON DAILY WALKS

OUR

STORY

We met in college and immediately knew we were meant for forever.



AT A CHIEF'S GAME IN KANSAS CITY - WE LOVE FOOTBALL!

WE BROUGHT UP MARRIAGE THREE WEEKS INTO DATING, AND WE KNOW THAT SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT WE FELT SUCH A PEACE ABOUT ONE ANOTHER AND WANTED TO START OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS SOON AS WE COULD.

We got engaged 7 months later and married 7 months after that. We have now been married for 5 years, and have experienced just about all of life's ups and downs.



The things that attracted us together in the beginning such as kindness, work ethic, authenticity, and humor, are still

our pillars today. Our life now consists of work, taking care of our home and pets, and preparing for a family. We love anything and everything outdoors, and we are always looking for our next adventure. We love spending time in nature and doing activities such as hiking, canoeing, paddle boarding, or even just eating on a patio at one of our favorite restaurants. Our friends and community mean the world to us, and their support (especially through our journey of infertility) has been the biggest blessing. We are confident that God has a plan for our family, and we are so humbled and honored that someone is going to make the decision to make us parents.

Bonnie brings immediate joy to the lives of those around her with a warm smile and honest kindness.

Her captivating smile combined with humble intelligence and an incredible sense of humor quickly captured my heart. She loves me selflessly and sacrificially, and I believe I'm the luckiest man alive. I have always admired her faith, and she is such a Godly role model for children and adults. Bonnie is truly gifted with children. Over and over, I've seen "quiet" kids open up to her as she gets down on their level and speaks in a comforting voice which seems to say all the perfect things to put them at ease. Before you know it, they are playing and laughing with her. More than one of our friends tells the story of Bonnie coaxing the first real smile out of their newborn baby.



Meet BONNIE

WRITTEN BY CODY



MANY HAVE SEEN THAT THESE GIFTS MADE BONNIE A ONE-OF-A-KIND KINDERGARTEN TEACHER, BUT I'VE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME THAT **GOD'S ULTIMATE PLAN FOR HER IS TO BE THE LOVING MOTHER OF OUR CHILDREN.** By leaving her post at school this year to stay home with our future children, she plans to be a full-time mom and direct all of her love and kindness towards our child. She is strong and loyal for me and to others, and I am excited to see these same traits displayed through her during motherhood.

FUN FACTS



ABOUT *Bonnie*

I LOVE ICE CREAM (like really love ice cream). It is my all time favorite food!

I LOVE ANIMALS and dream of having goats, more chickens, and even a dairy cow one day.

I TRULY ENJOY ARRANGING FLOWERS and have a dream job of being a florist later in life.

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE LEARNING NEW SKILLS and some that peak my curiosity for the future are learning to play a musical instrument, learning how to sew clothing, training my dog to be a service dog and volunteering with him, and having a garden to feed our family.

I GREW UP DOING CLASSICAL BALLET and danced for over 18 years including being on the dance team in college.



BONNIE HOLDING LAVERNE,
ONE OF OUR CHICKENS



PADDLE BOARDING WITH
HANK IN COLORADO



BONNIE WITH SOME OF HER
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS



BONNIE AFTER SHE FINISHED HER
FIRST SPRINT TRIATHLON



Cody is the perfect balance of strong and gentle.

One of the things that attracted me most to Cody when we started dating was his sincere kindness towards me and others while still maintaining a firm foundation. He meets every one of my emotions and trials with kindness, gentleness, and respect, and that is one of the things I am most excited to see in him when he becomes a dad. Cody's work ethic is like no other. He is incredibly motivated, disciplined, and always gives his best no matter what. I have great respect for him and how he approaches his career. He has worked to make my dream of being the full time caregiver for our future children a reality, and I am beyond grateful for that. I am so excited to see Cody become a dad because I have experienced his love and compassion first hand.



Meet CODY

WRITTEN BY BONNIE



CODY IS ALSO SO VERY FUN. HE NEVER MISSES AN OPPORTUNITY TO JUMP IN AND PLAY WITH THE KIDS IN OUR LIFE. Whether it be throwing our little cousins around in the pool as they yell, "again, again!", or playing imaginative games with the kids in our church home group, Cody's answer is always "yes".

FUN FACTS



ABOUT *Cody*

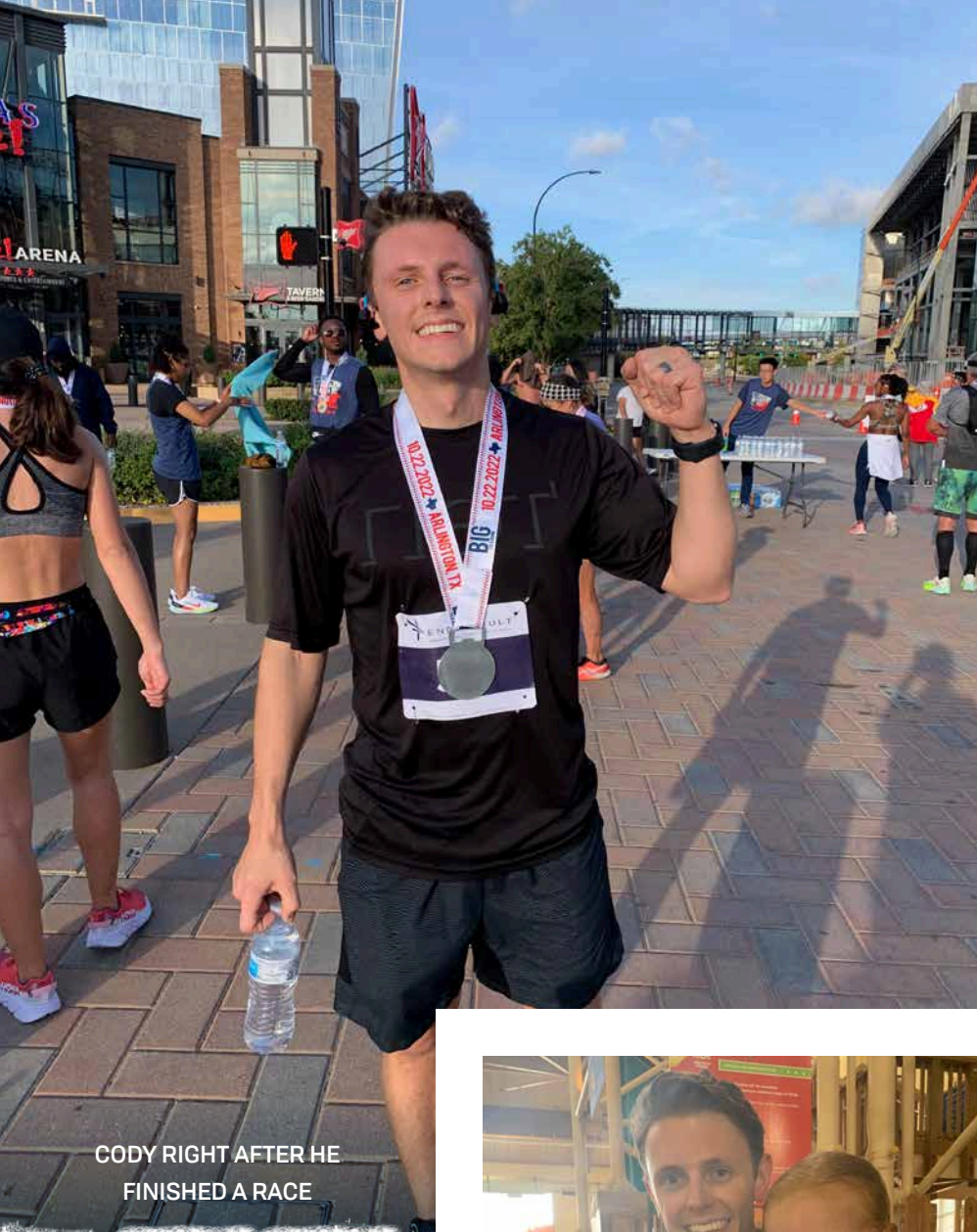
MY FAVORITE PLACES TO VISIT away from Dallas are Possum Kingdom Lake, San Diego, and the Colorado Mountains.

THE ACTIVITIES I ENJOY THE MOST ARE hiking, mountain bike riding, running, and grabbing dinner with friends.

THE SPORTS TEAMS WE CHEER for in our house are Texas Tech Red Raiders, Dallas Baptist Patriots, and Kansas City Chiefs.

MY PERFECT DAY WOULD INCLUDE lots of coffee, an outdoor activity, and time spent with the people I love.

I grew up doing **COMPETITIVE JUMP ROPE** in which I got to travel the world to compete.



CODY RIGHT AFTER HE FINISHED A RACE



IN A CAVE ON ONE OF OUR HIKES IN COLORADO



SWIMMING WITH OUR FRIEND'S CHILDREN



CODY READING HIS BIBLE

our HOME

WE LIVE IN

DALLAS,
TEXAS

AND LOVE OUR
HOME AND
COMMUNITY!

Neither of us grew up in Dallas, but we both went to college in Dallas and have been here ever since. **We have planted firm roots in our community and have friends from our church, in our neighborhood, and through our jobs that have all been blessings in our lives.** We love doing projects at home and recently built our own chicken coop. Health, wellness, and sustainability are very important to us so we added our own little piece of a farm right in our backyard.



WE BUILT OUR OWN CHICKEN COOP!



HARVESTING A SQUASH FROM
OUR GARDEN

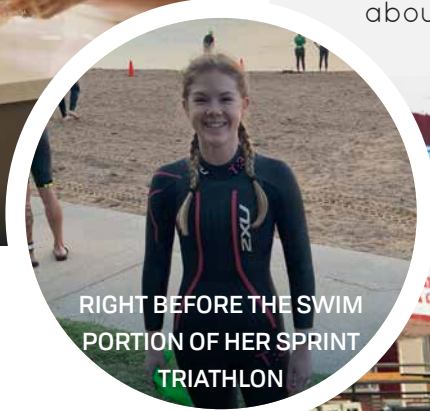


CODY & HANK ON A WALK

In addition to our home being a place of rest and gathering, we also love all that Dallas as a city has to offer. White Rock Lake is about 5 minutes from our house, and we love going there often to walk, bike, run, kayak, or just watch the sunset. When we venture further into the city, we enjoy going to the aquarium, museums, concerts, and farmer's market. We love that we can access all the things a big city like Dallas has to offer, but then always retreat back to our home away from the hustle and bustle. Our home and neighborhood is our place of peace.



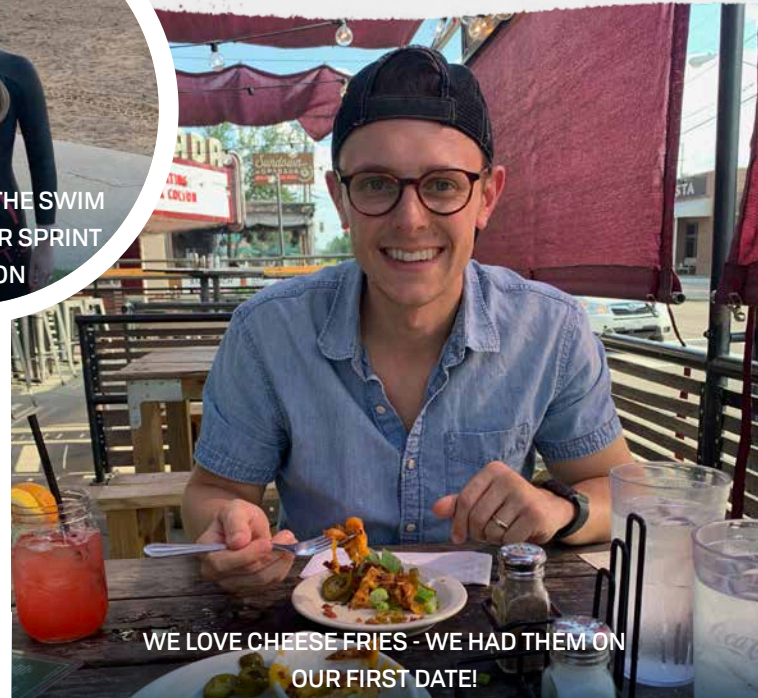
CODY KEEPS ME COMPANY IN THE KITCHEN, ESPECIALLY IN THE BREAD MAKING PROCESS



RIGHT BEFORE THE SWIM PORTION OF HER SPRINT TRIATHLON

WE VIEW FOOD AS A WAY TO HEAL OUR BODIES SO WE DO OUR BEST TO SOURCE OUR FOOD FROM LOCAL FARMS when we can and make the majority of our meals at home. However, we also love a good restaurant with a patio or a coffee shop on Saturday mornings. Life is all about balance!

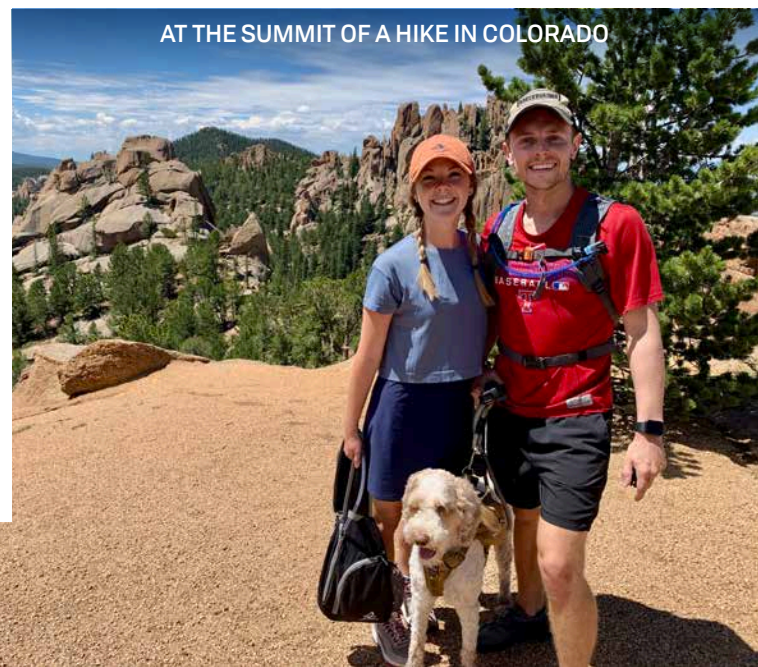
WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND WE ENJOY PUSHING OURSELVES TO GROW STRONGER. We find it enjoyable for our bodies, good for our health, and ultimately a way to clear and quiet our minds. Cody has completed a half marathon, Bonnie has done a sprint triathlon, and we both have more goals for the future.



WE LOVE CHEESE FRIES - WE HAD THEM ON OUR FIRST DATE!



SKIING IN NEW MEXICO AFTER CHRISTMAS



AT THE SUMMIT OF A HIKE IN COLORADO

WE LOVE TO TRAVEL, and one of the bucket list items we would love to do with our future children is to visit all the U.S. National Parks.





CODY'S PARENTS, BROTHER AND GRANDMOTHER

OUR *Friends* & FAMILY

OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES ARE OUR SUPPORT SYSTEM, AND WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO HAVE THEM. OUR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES ARE SOMEWHAT SMALL, AS WE EACH JUST HAVE ONE BROTHER.

Cody's younger brother just got married, so now we have added a sister-in-law to the mix and we are so excited! The rest of Cody's extended family is spread out over the country and world ranging from California to Wisconsin to Germany. Everyone makes an effort to travel and see one another multiple times a year, and it is always filled with so much culture and fun when everyone gets together.



OUR WEDDING WITH SOME OF OUR PRECIOUS LITTLE COUSINS



CODY'S EXTENDED FAMILY AT A REUNION IN WISCONSIN



WITH BONNIE'S PARENTS AND BROTHER AT A WEDDING

Bonnie's extended family, on the other hand, is filled with kids and all confined to Texas. Bonnie has 11 first cousins just on her dad's side of the family and they have 18 kids among them all under the age of 13. A lot of family time is spent at Possum Kingdom Lake where Bonnie and Cody soak up all the time they get to spend with cousins and kids. The lake truly is their happy place, and many family memories are spent there with all 50 of them (no kidding).



COLLEGE ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME WITH FRIENDS

A FEW OF OUR

FAVORITE SNAPSHOTS

Since we don't live in the same city as most of our family, our daily life is spent with our friends from college, church, and work. We believe we have the best friends in the world, and they love us like family.



BONNIE'S FAMILY AT HER AUNT AND UNCLE'S HOUSE



WITH CODY'S PARENTS IN WISCONSIN



WITH BONNIE'S MOM AND GRANDMA



BONNIE'S FAMILY WITH HER MANY COUSINS AND THEIR KIDS

WE *Promise*

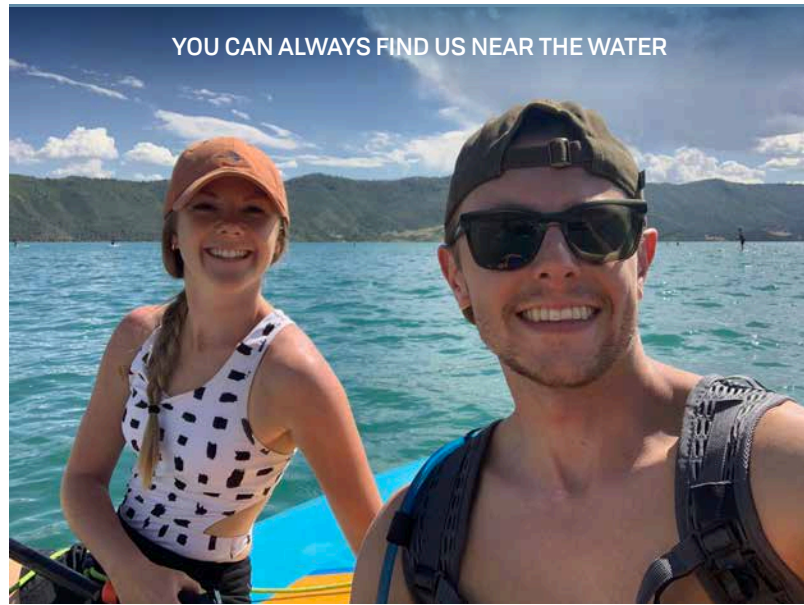
OUR CHILD WILL ALWAYS
KNOW THEIR STORY,
AND THEY WILL ALWAYS
KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

They will always know you as their birth parent, and you will be honored in our home. We know that your preference for how open a relationship should be is important, and we already respect your wishes. We look forward to the chance to make decisions with you about openness. We will strive to celebrate our child's history, heritage, and biology with them in any way we can. We want to honor who they are and the family and culture which makes them special. We desire to be continuous learners of our children's culture and heritage, and will do our best to represent them in our home and community.

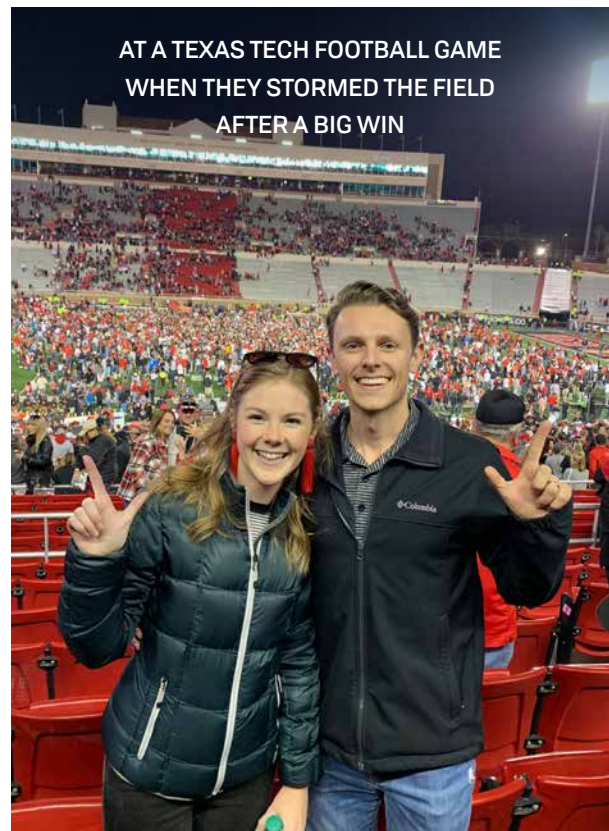
WE HIKED TO A WATERFALL IN COLORADO



YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND US NEAR THE WATER



AT A TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL GAME
WHEN THEY STORMED THE FIELD
AFTER A BIG WIN



WE PICTURE OUR



LIFE WITH KIDS TO
BE ONE OF DEEP
CONNECTION AND
ENJOYMENT.

**WE WANT OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES
TO BE ADVENTUROUS, PEACEFUL
AND FULL OF NATURE.**



We want our children to have space for curiosity, silliness, and just being kids. Something we have always talked about is how excited we are to see what our children are passionate about. Whether it be music, sports, art, or something else, we can't wait to foster their interests and provide a way for them to do things they enjoy. We also look forward to taking them on adventures and sharing our passions of travel and nature with them. We feel most grounded and peaceful when being out in nature, and this is an experience we can't wait to share with our future family. However, our greatest role as parents will be to share with our children the love that God has for them. We want them to always know that their life has great purpose and value, and that they are unconditionally loved.

IN CLOSING



THANK YOU!

WE HOPE THIS BOOK HAS
GIVEN YOU A GLIMPSE
INTO WHO WE ARE,
WHAT WE VALUE, AND
WHAT WE ENVISION FOR
OUR FUTURE FAMILY,

**BUT WE WOULD LOVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
YOU AND GET TO KNOW YOU
PERSONALLY.**

We recognize that we will be given the greatest gift of our life in adoption, but we understand that it comes at the price of loss on your part. Adoption is such a tender balance of beauty and pain, and we just want you to know that your feelings are meaningful and valid to us. If you choose adoption for your child and choose us to parent them, please know that they will be showered with love from us and always know the love you have for them as well.



FATHER'S NAME:

Cody

OCCUPATION:

Certified Public Accountant and Financial Planner

EDUCATION: MBA

in Accounting

RELIGION:

Christian

DATE OF BIRTH:

July 20, 1996

HAIR COLOR:

Light brown

EYE COLOR: Blue**HEIGHT:** 5' 8"

Family Information

**MOTHER'S NAME:**

Bonnie

OCCUPATION: Past kindergarten teacher turned soon-to-be stay at home mom

EDUCATION:

Bachelor's in Education

RELIGION:

Christian

DATE OF BIRTH:

May 6, 1996

HAIR COLOR:

Strawberry blonde

EYE COLOR: Brown**HEIGHT:** 5' 3"

- **DATE OF MARRIAGE:** July 13, 2018
- **CHILDREN:** No children yet. We are so honored and excited to become parents.
- **INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:** We love doing anything and everything that involves nature. We love to hike, canoe, paddle board, travel, play pickle ball, and go on adventures. Cody enjoys running, reading, and spending time with friends and family. Bonnie enjoys swimming, cooking, and learning new skills such as sewing and gardening.
- **HOME:** We bought our house in December of 2019, and have enjoyed it ever since. We have the greatest neighbors, many of whom are members of our church as well, and we love being so close to them. Whether it be walking around the neighborhood or stopping by someone's house in a pinch, we always have people around us who are willing to come over in a moment's notice. Our house has 3 bedrooms, one of which is going to be a nursery, and 2 bathrooms. We love having people over for dinner, playing corn hole in our backyard, and spending time relaxing at home.
- **PETS:** We have one dog named Hank and three chickens named Helen, Rosalita and Laverne. Everyone says Hank is a human trapped in a dog suit, and we couldn't agree more. He is such a wonderful and gentle companion, and he makes us laugh every day. Our chickens provide us eggs and help fertilize our gardens. We love them and their quirky personalities too.
- **WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION?** We have always been interested in growing our family through adoption, and when we found out that we could not naturally conceive biological children, we knew adoption was for us. Our greatest dream is to become parents and raise our children to know and love the Lord and to know that they are gifts from God. We have learned so much about adoption, and we are so humbled and honored that someone will choose to make us parents.
- **OPENNESS TO BIRTHPARENT(S):** We foresee building a relationship with you, the birthparent(s), and getting to know your hopes and vision for what ongoing openness will be. We respect you and your wishes and will always do what is in the best interest of the child. We know you play an irreplaceable role in the child's life, and we look forward to working together with you to establish expectations of openness.
- **CHILDCARE PLANS:** I, Bonnie, just finished my last year of teaching so that I could be a stay-at-home mom when the time comes. I will be the full-time care giver.

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