

Brian and Kara

Hello!

We are Brian and Kara, and your act of selfless love for your child Inspires us to have the same love for others. We can only imagine the range of emotions you continue to feel while making this decision.

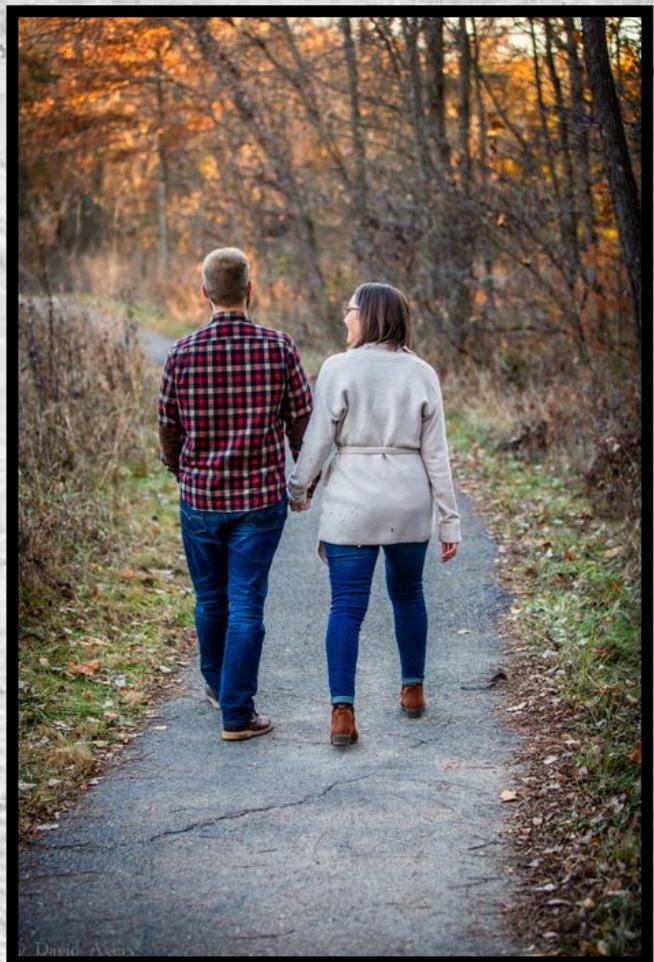
They say it takes a village to raise a child. We hope the following pages show the love, acceptance, and joy our community of family and friends will bring if we become part of your child's journey.

With much love and respect,
Brian & Kara



OUR STORY

Our story doesn't begin like a sappy romantic comedy. It's pretty simple, really: we met in college, started flirting, then started dating; we got engaged after dating only seven months and got married about a year later. The phrase "soul mates" is the easiest way to describe our relationship. We have been married twelve years. Our wedding was a simple church wedding filled with people we love.



OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION



Even before we were married, we discussed how adoption might be part of our family story. After 9 years of marriage, we knew the time had come to have little ones of our own. But after more than two years of trying and after fertility treatments, we still had no kiddo. We recalled how we had discussed adoption years earlier. We quickly grew excited to learn that adoption would be our path to parenthood.



Our infertility struggles taught us to find joys through trials, to build patience when life is difficult, and to love each other more than ever before. Adoption will let us pass down to an incredible child the overflowing wisdom and love we've gained throughout our journey.

VIEWS AND VALUES

Openness



To us, open adoption means a child has more people to love them. We plan on letting our child know, “You are very special, and you have so many people who love you very much.” We plan to make adoption part of our everyday conversations. We want to make sure your child knows how such an incredible story empowers them to do amazing things.

If you choose us to share in your child’s life, we would love to discuss openness with you. We would love to meet you before baby arrives and support you in the hospital if that's what you choose. If you choose, we hope to continue building this relationship throughout your child's life.



Race and Identity

We are excited to adopt a child of any race. We are aware that issues of race remain complex in our society. We strive to educate ourselves on the many ways in which race impacts people in both our local community and our country. If your child's race or ethnicity differs from ours, we plan to seek out organizations and friends to help us navigate life as a multi-racial family. We will encourage your child to explore cultural activities, especially those that echo their unique heritage. Finally, we will surround our family with role models and mentors to help your child embrace their incredible and beautiful identity.

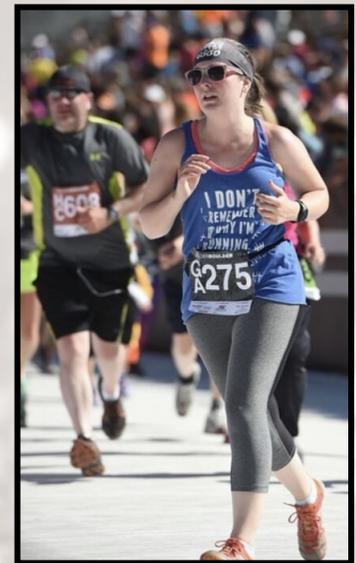
WHAT KARA SAYS ABOUT BRIAN....

Brian is the love of my life, and I still get butterflies in my stomach when I think about our life together. I knew Brian was pretty special from the beginning. My sister has special needs, and the first time he met her, he treated her with dignity and respect, just like he does with everyone he meets. He gets along with every type of person, from the very old to the very young. He can always find something to talk about with anyone. Brian will be an amazing dad! He is the first to make sure our friends' kids feel welcome and are entertained



WHAT BRIAN SAYS ABOUT KARA...

Ever since I've known her, Kara has had a mother's heart. She is kind and compassionate. She goes out of her way to help anyone who needs it. Kara doesn't judge people; instead, she gets to know them. She doesn't simply stand by when she sees someone being mistreated; rather, Kara steps in and helps until the wrong has been made right. . She betters herself in so many ways and challenges me to do the same. I'm so happy to call her my wife. I can't wait to call her mom.



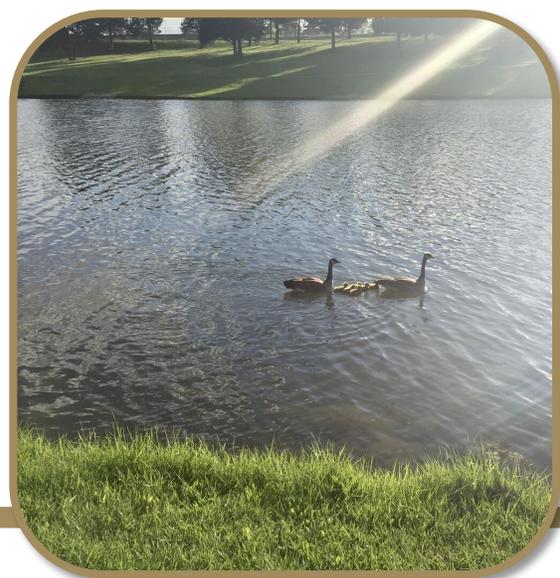
OUR HOME



Our home is on the edge of a large neighborhood with a lot of kids. Our neighborhood loves to celebrate holidays, especially Halloween. We enjoy decorating our home for a variety of holidays. Our home is only a block away from a community park with a lake and greenway trail. We live in a medium-sized town. It offers a variety of fun activities without feeling too big. We love the many cultural events, nature areas, community celebrations, and fairs our city offers.



Our home is a cozy raised-ranch with plenty of room for our family to grow. Our home is filled with joy, music, crafting, and never-ending love.



OUR VILLAGE

We are truly blessed with amazing families. They are the first to stand by our side in support. Brian's mom recently moved close to us, and Brian's brother and sister-in-law live within a couple hours of us. Kara's parents and sister live two hours away and visit often. Kara has a large extended family, and many live close by. We love gathering for the holidays.



Brian's dad passed away in January 2018. We cherish his memory. His music, laughter, and problem-solving wisdom will live on through what we hand down to our child.

Many of our friends have children whom we love and spend time with. We can't wait to add another child into the mix. Our child will not lack friends!



Our community of friends is amazing. They walk alongside us. We encourage and support each other in many ways. We play games, climb mountains, and make award-winning guacamole. Our friends are compassionate and cannot wait for us to expand our family.



THE PLACES WE GO

NASHVILLE,
TN

We enjoy traveling. When we travel, we love to find great food. We like discovering local hole-in-the-wall spots that offer amazing flavor. We enjoy the rejuvenation of nature, whether it's a state park or conservation area. We also find local music and shows as well as unique museums.

Ultimately, we like to travel to new places so we can find and experience new things. We can't wait to make more memories as a family of three!



CHICAGO,
IL

Because we used to live in **Colorado**, we go back often to visit good friends. While there, we enjoy being tourists and finding beautiful places to hike.





THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE
TIME TO LOOK THROUGH OUR
BOOK.

WE PRAY FOR PEACE, AND WE
WISH INCREDIBLE JOY FOR YOUR
AND YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE.

WE KNOW YOUR CHILD IS AND
WILL BE LOVED, WHATEVER PATH
YOU CHOOSE.

THANK YOU,
BRIAN & KARA

