BRYCE & MINDI

STORY OF US

We grew up down the street from each other and have been together since our sophomore year of high school. We attended different colleges and Bryce took a job out of state after obtaining his undergrad degree. Despite being apart for an extended period of time our relationship has never faltered.

Since getting married in 2003 we have focused on creating a happy and stable life together that is filled with love and laughter. We are blessed to have jobs that we enjoy: Bryce is a compliance officer at a bank where he reviews processes to make sure that the bank follows federal and state legal requirements. Mindi is a zookeeper and has been working with elephants and rhinos since 2008.

Right now our little family is rounded out by our pets and our wonderful friends. Adopting our first child and bringing him or her into our family will be the ultimate blessing. We can't wait to share our favorite pastimes and create new memories with our child.

MINDI by Bryce

Mindi is the most amazing person I know and is extremely passionate about the things she cares for. She would do anything for her friends and family. I have never met a child who didn't absolutely love her. Being the oldest of 19 grandchildren, all of her younger cousins looked up to their "Min-Min" and wanted their favorite cousin to play with them. As our friends and families have started having children, their children all want to spend time with her. I know that Mindi will bring that same passion that she has for her friends and family to our own child. But even more than all of that, Mindi has been supportive of anything that I wanted to do in life. When I told her I wanted to take a job far away in a different state while she was still in college, she didn't hesitate to tell me to take it. When I told her I wanted to go to law school a few years later, she didn't think about the sacrifices we would have to make to afford it, she told me to go. She is the greatest person I know and my life would be lost without her. I cannot think of someone who would be a better mother than her.

BRYCE by Mindi

Bryce is intelligent, hardworking, and funny. He has been my best friend and one of my biggest supporters for most of my life. Anytime I have news to share, whether it is good or bad, he is the first one I want to tell. So many times in my life I have relied on him to be there for me and he has never let me down. Bryce is also very supportive of my sisters and would do anything for them. He even agreed to let my youngest sister live with us for a few months while she worked in the area. Bryce is always a favorite with my friends and their children. He loves to cook for them and entertain them with his quick wit and great sense of humor. I am so excited for him to be a father and I know that he will be loving and supportive of our child.

	MINDI	BRYCE
Occupation	Zookeeper	Compliance Officer
Education	B.S. in Zoology	B.S. in Sports Administration / Juris Doctor
Favorite Color	Red	Green
Favorite TV/Movie	Game of Thrones, Jurassic Park	Cheers, Shawshank Redemption
Favorite Food	Grilled Cheese	Pizza
Favorite Vacation	Hiking in Colorado	Virgin Islands
Favorite Holiday	Halloween	Christmas
Favorite Cartoon	Batman: the Animated Series	Transformers
Favorite Memory From Childhood	Summer road trips with my family	Golfing at my Grandparents' golf course
Hobbies	Reading, hiking with our dogs, crafts, baking	Playing basketball, running, watching sports

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Mindi is part of a large and close-knit family and has been surrounded by love and support at each stage of her life. She is the oldest of four children (all girls!) and 19 grandchildren. Being the oldest means that Mindi was the go-to babysitter for many of her younger cousins and has a lot of experience caring for young children. Growing up in a large family was sometimes loud and chaotic, but she wouldn't have it any other way! Her sisters and parents all live in her hometown, and she is able to go back and visit several times a year. She has two aunts whom she is especially close to that live only 20 minutes away with their families. Despite being large and spread out, she still gets together with a majority of her extended family for holidays and at the annual family reunion.

In his family, Bryce is the youngest. He has an older brother and two older cousins whom he grew up with. Most of his family still lives in our hometown just down the street from Mindi's parents. This means that we get to see everyone in town when we visit for major holidays. Bryce's dad and stepmom recently moved just a few minutes away from our house. He and his dad enjoy spending time together attending sporting events and his stepmom's grandkids always come over to visit and play games when they are in town.

To us, our friends are an extension of our family. We love hosting parties and cookouts every chance we get- whether it be for New Year's Eve, birthdays, or just a movie night. Our friends love coming to our house because they never leave hungry! Bryce's specialty is homemade pizza and Mindi is quite the baker. No matter the occasion we are sure to have a lot of fun!

Our family and friends couldn't be happier for us as we move forward in the adoption process. They are just as excited as we are to meet the newest member of our little family!

Mindi with her Mom

Mindi with her sisters

Bryce's Dad, Stepmom, and their Grandchildren

Mindi's Sister and her family

Mindi's sister and Nephews

Mindi's Mom, Aunts, and Uncle

Bryce with his Mom, Brother, Grandma, and Nieces

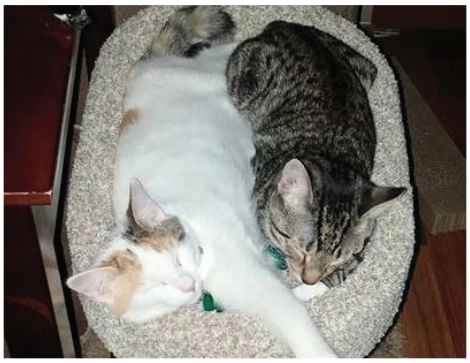
Bryce with his Mom and Brother

OUR HOME

We were excited to purchase our first house in 2009 and have worked hard to make it our own. Our house has 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ bathrooms, a finished basement, and is located on a quiet cul-de-sac. Since moving in we have painted every wall, replaced most of the flooring, and added our personal touches throughout. To save money we did a lot of the work ourselves, and it has been quite the learning experience. Our favorite part of the house is the outdoor space. We have a large fenced back yard and a screened patio that are prefect for playing with the dogs and entertaining our friends. We live in a well-established neighborhood that is close to parks, libraries, shopping, and restaurants.

OUR PETS

We have two dogs (Alice and Jasmine) and two cats (Monty and Winnie). Alice was adopted from a local shelter when she was only 12 weeks old and we had so much fun raising her from a young age! She was a good puppy and was social, friendly, and smart from the start. She still has a lot of energy at 8 years old and is Mindi's favorite running partner! Jasmine came into our family as an adult from a friend who had rescued her a few years prior. Jasmine is sweet and gentle. Now 12 years old, she has started to slow down but still loves to go on family walks. Monty started out life as a stray and was hand raised by a vet tech when he was only a few days old. She kept him strong and healthy, and when he was old enough we brought him home. He immediately adopted Jasmine as his "dog mom" and spends a lot of time snuggling and sleeping with her. He is playful and very smart- Mindi has trained him to come, sit, and give high five! Monty needed a friend, so we adopted Winnie a local cat shelter when she was just a couple of months old. She is sweet, quiet, and loveable. Her favorite spot in the house is the chair by the front window where she can watch the birds and insects. She and Monty are great friends and love romping around the house together!



Dear Birthparents,

First and foremost we would like to thank you for taking the time to get to know more about us, our life together, and what we have to offer a child.

We have known each other almost our entire lives and have been together as a couple for over 20 years. Family is one of the most important things in our life and we know that raising a child together will enhance and strengthen our relationship. We have discussed adoption since before we were married and after trying unsuccessfully to have our own children we realize that this is the path that was meant to be. We will love our child unconditionally and we look forward to helping him or her grow and learn.

We realize that this is a journey for you as well, and wish you all the best even if you feel that we are not the right family to raise your child. We are beyond excited to become first time parents and are so grateful that you are considering us. We hope you've gotten a glimpse of the love and support that will surround our child throughout his or her life.

~Bryce & Mindi

WHY ADOPTION?

Having a family through adoption is something that we have discussed since before we were married and we both felt that providing a loving home to a child in need is something that we wanted to do. However, we knew that we would have to be at the right place in our lives before we would be able to adopt. As time went on and we discussed our future more we decided to try to have our own child. Over two years passed with no success, despite numerous tests and doctor's visits. After dealing with the frustration and heartbreak of infertility we truly feel that adopting a child was meant to be. It doesn't matter to us if our child is a boy or a girl, or if he or she is a different race than we are. We will love our child unconditionally and provide him or her with a safe, loving, and supportive home.