Brad & Rebecca

About Us

We met quite some time ago when Rebecca responded to a "roommate wanted" ad that Brad had posted. We lived together as just roommates and though we became friends, we went our separate ways and lost touch. Good fortune brought us together years later and we started dating. In the years we had been apart, Rebecca had built a successful career as a lawyer and Brad as a personal trainer. We had spent time with family and friends, attended concerts and ball games, played volleyball, biked, skied, hiked, traveled extensively, purchased homes and saved money for the future. Once we started dating, we fell in love and got married. Rebecca transitioned from her career in real estate law and became a realtor and Brad remains a personal trainer. We continue to go hiking, have friends over for dinner, go to sporting events, and visit with our families. We believe the best way to learn about the world and other cultures is to go experience them first-hand, so we love to travel. We are very fortunate to live the life we do and wish to share that life with a child.

In our marriage, we make decisions together after discussing our thoughts and feelings. We value each other's opinions, recognize what is important to each other and make one another's goals a priority. We share the same sense of adventure as well as the same core values - imparted to each of us by our parents - of honesty, compassion, kindness, generosity, personal responsibility and hard work. In our daily decisions and actions, we think of one another and reaffirm our commitment to each other.

About Brad

Written by Rebecca

Brad is an incredibly kind person who genuinely cares about others and is committed to helping them. He finds joy in life and his overall positive perspective is infectious. He is drawn to people and people are drawn to him. He surrounds himself with loving family and friends. Brad is attentive. He gives the person with whom he is spending time his undivided attention and he listens to what you are saying and how you are saying it. Additionally, Brad is thoughtful. He puts a great deal of consideration into his words and his actions. Brad is gentle, patient, trustworthy and expressive. He will tell you what is on his mind and in his heart. Most importantly, Brad is loving. Whether you are a family member or a friend, you can tell, when you spend time with him, that he cares for you and your overall happiness and well-being.

About Rebecca

Written by Brad

To watch Rebecca with a child is to know what love itself looks like. Her warmth, caring, and overwhelming joy comes out effortlessly whenever she is with a child of any age. More importantly, to watch a child respond to Rebecca is to know what a wonderful mom she can be. Children seem to just sense the compassion and caring that Rebecca possesses, and they seem to inherently understand they are in the presence of someone who loves unconditionally. Maybe the greatest gift she has to share is her ability to bring out the best in others...especially children. Without demands or expectations, her personality simply encourages others to be the best version of themselves.

Our Family and Friends

We have the great fortune of having a large group of close family and friends near and far. We are both the youngest of four children so we have parents, older siblings, in-laws and nephews. We have friends from childhood, college, work and our lives today. Rebecca's parents and brother live nearby so we see them often. The rest of Rebecca's family and Brad's family live out of state so we travel to visit them multiple times each year. It is important to know that our family and friends are excited for us to adopt, they support us in our journey towards parenthood and the child we are fortunate to adopt will be warmly embraced with open arms and open hearts by them.

Rebecca's evening out with close friends

Rebecca's Mom, Dad, siblings, brother-in-law and nephews

Brad's Mom, Dad, siblings, in-laws, nephew and extended family

Rebecca's annual reunion with extended family

Brad with his siblings

Rebecca with her childhood friends

Our annual Chili Cook Off

BBQ with college friends

Brad's cousins' reunion

Rebecca with her siblings

Rebecca's extended family

Brad with his brother and friends

Rebecca's book club friends

Brad's college friends

Our Home

Our home is on a cul-de-sac, tree-lined street in a quaint neighborhood. We have a beautiful kitchen where we both love to cook, a large dining room for meals with friends and family, a cozy living room, and a sunroom where we spend our down time. We have a fenced-in backyard with a patio and landscaped flower beds. Our neighbors are friendly and thoughtful people who often get together for barbeques, a cup of coffee or just to talk while the kids play. In the morning, it is a short walk to the local elementary school and, in the evening, it is an even shorter walk to local restaurants and the ice cream parlor.

Our Pet

Our dog Emma, an adorable Spaniel, is a trained therapy dog. She is small, gentle and patient with both children and adults. She is a loyal companion and travels with us wherever we go whenever possible.

Fun Facts

	Rebecca	Brad
Career:	Real Estate Agent (3 years)	Personal Trainer (21 years)
Education:	Juris Doctor (Law Degree)	Bachelor of Arts
Childhood Nickname:	Beans	Dig'em
Hobbies:	Hiking, biking, kayaking, reading, volleyball and traveling	Baseball games, hiking, kayaking, music, movies and traveling
Favorite Vacation:	France	Turks & Caicos
Interesting Fact:	Rebecca had traveled to 5 of the 7 continents by the time she was 25 years old.	Brad's great, great, great grandfather was a member of President Lincoln's cabinet.

Why Adoption?

We are pursuing adoption because we want to be parents and we have been unable to have children. We both have fond memories of our childhood and hope to create similar experiences for a child. These experiences include visiting the zoo, parks and children's museums. We are excited to watch a child explore and learn. We want to help with homework, go hiking with a child and teach a child how to swim and ride a bike. We also want to spend time together at the lake, watch drive-in movies, make s'mores, gaze at the stars, celebrate the holidays and travel the world with a child. We wish to share our families' annual traditions of tapping the maple trees in the spring, kayaking on the lake, spending time with family and friends at the clambake, and picking apples in the fall. In short, we are pursuing adoption because we have a desire to be a loving family to a child.

Our hearts are open to adopting a child of any race or nationality. Rebecca's father is Filipino and her mother is Caucasian. Her family observes Filipino and American traditions and we spend meaningful time with each side of her family. We were raised in families where we were taught to explore, celebrate, appreciate and respect racial and cultural diversity. Our families and friends have adopted internationally and inter-racially.

Dear Birthparent,

Thank you for allowing us to share our story with you and learning about us, our family, and our desire to become parents. If we are chosen to adopt your child, we will provide a safe, stable and loving home along with incredible opportunities and unique experiences. Like all parents, we won't get everything right all the time but we will give all that we have to be the best parents we can be. We will strive to be role models, support a child on his or her journey of life and always love him or her unconditionally. In closing, we are excited to become parents and appreciate you considering us to be the adoptive parents of your child.

♥ Brad & Rebecca