Courtney

About Me

Hi! My name is Courtney.

I have a 13-year old son that I adopted from Guatemala when he was an infant. Because I am a teacher, I enjoy the same schedule as my son. Last summer I hosted an exchange student. It was a wonderful experience for all involved, and we continue to keep in touch with our newfound family in Spain through monthly texts and emails.

During warmer months, I enjoy camping with family. I like going for walks and bike rides or just relaxing on the swing. In the winter, I can be found cross country skiing, sledding, or building snowmen. Year round, I enjoy going to plays and musicals with friends and/or my son. I also enjoy losing myself in a good book or movie.

My friends have always been incredibly supportive of my son. They attend events that he is a part of to cheer him on. They offer advice and support, as most of them have children who are older and have been through it all! They have been supportive of my desire to adopt again and are as excited as I am to meet my new child.

I graduated with a degree in business and education. I am 17 years in as a special education teacher and have spent my career working with young people with mild to severe behaviors and/or educational deficits. Through the years, I have worked with students from many different ethnicities, cultures, and religions. I have always enjoyed learning about my students' lives and what makes them special. Part of my job is to advocate for my students while also helping them to identify their own strengths and guiding them to success.

Fun Facts & Favs

Occupation: Teacher
Education: Master's Degree
Food: Mexican
Season: Fall
Sport: Baseball
Movie: Anything Disney
TV show: Chicago MD
Color: Purple
Book: Harry Potter series
Vacation: Walt Disney World
Animals: dogs, pigs, monkeys
Hobbies: reading, crocheting, walking, biking

About Courtney

Written by her parents

Courtney started babysitting for the neighbor's kids when she was 9.5 years old. We were nervous to allow her to do so at such a young age, but she was fearless when it came to babysitting. Since Courtney was a child, the one thing that never wavered was her desire to be a mom.

Courtney has always been a driven person. We can't remember anything that Courtney has wanted to pursue that she hasn't accomplished from working at Walt Disney World to getting her Master's degree to adopting a child.

It has always amazed us how Courtney can find activities or events to do with her son. She is always exposing him to new things and ideas whether it is a museum, an opera, or a speaker from another country. It's important to her to make sure her son is well-rounded.

We love spending time with our grandchildren and can't wait for another one to join the ranks!

My Home

I have lived in my home for 15 years. It is a one-story home with a basement and detached garage. The main floor has 3 bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen, and a living room. The basement has a playroom, a bathroom, and the laundry room. There is a large yard that currently has a playset, basketball hoop, and soccer goal.

We live in the country but have neighbors that are close enough that we don't feel isolated. We live in an Excellent rated school district. Since we live in a farming community, our neighbors are always sharing their fruits, vegetables, and eggs with us!

Duke

I have a 4 year old dog named Duke. He is a boxer who is full of energy. I rescued him when he was just a pup. He was the perfect addition to our home as he had as much energy as my son; they would tire each other out! He is a lovable dog who thinks everyone that comes to the house is there to visit with him. He and my son are the best of friends. In the evenings, when we are settling down for the night, my son lay down with the dog, using the dog as a pillow

My Family

I have a small, close knit family. I have a younger brother who is married with three children, two boys (ages 14 and 10) and a girl (age 3). My parents, my brother and his family, and I all live within 6 miles from each other.

I am very family oriented. I am with family several times a week, whether we are doing chores, volunteering, attending church, going to an event, or enjoying a meal. As a family, we go to soccer and basketball games, band concerts and recitals, or any event that the kids are in.

During the summer, we go on family camping trips, and in the winter we do at least one weekend getaway. My parents are both retired and dote on their grandchildren. They are very involved in the day to day raising of their grandchildren.

Both my parents and brother live in town. So my son and I will drive to one of their houses, park, and then ride our bikes or walk to the library, pool, park or anywhere that we want to go in town; we usually pick up my one of my nephews or niece (sometimes all 3) for our adventures around town.

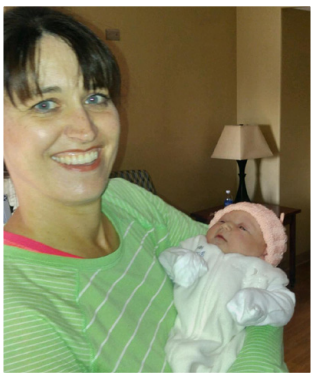
My family has always been very supportive of my desire to build a family through adoption.

Canvas painting party to celebrate a friend's birthday

Bowling party with a friend & our exchange students from Spain.

With my son & our exchange student, enjoying a day at a Theme Park

Cousins having fun after decorating the Christmas tree.



Holding my niece on the day she was born.

A co-teacher and I are enjoying a birthday celebration with our class.

College roommates and I enjoying a girl's weekend at Walt Disney World.

My son plays club soccer in the fall, winter, and spring.

My son, nephews, and niece enjoying a family camping trip.

A friend and I are watching our boys play a soccer game in the rain

Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little about me and my life. Please know that your child will be loved unconditionally and have limitless support in all aspects of his or her life. Your child will always know and understand that you love him or her dearly, and you gave me the greatest gift you could give when choosing me as the adoptive parent. As a teacher who works with students from all walks of life and a mother to a son from Guatemala, I cherish and welcome different cultures and ethnicities. I look forward to learning about the culture and ethnicity of my child and integrating various aspects of it into our family, just as I did with my son. Best of luck to you with whatever you choose.

Sincerely,

Courtney

Why Adoption

When I was 18 years old, a family friend decided to adopt and began the process. Watching her go through the process and finally bringing her daughter home was an amazing experience to witness. It was then that I decided I would adopt someday. As my son has gotten older and more independent, I find that I am missing having a little one in the house that depends on me 24/7. I am at a stage in my life where I have the time, desire, and financial stability to bring another little one into my home. This past summer while hosting our exchange student, we were a family of 3, and when he went back home, I found that I missed that. That is when I decided to start the adoption process again, so we could be a permanent family of 3.