Brian *and* Rebecca

We met right after Brian graduated from college and before Rebecca's senior semester.

Although we grew up 7 hours apart, we both found ourselves working at an outdoor museum in Virginia during 2011. We bonded over the misery of working outside in the summer heat and humidity of Virginia. We quickly realized we shared a love of air conditioning…as well as history, travel, and all things Harry Potter. We lived in several cities before getting married in 2017 and settling near Rebecca's family. Our son, was adopted in October of 2020 and life hasn't been the same since.

We are both Social Studies teachers; Brian teaches junior high and Rebecca teaches elementary school. We enjoy that we have summers off and are able to spend time together as a family.

We both love to travel. Brian spent a semester studying abroad in Ireland. (Rebecca tries not to be too jealous.) One of our favorite places to visit together is Disney World. We took Teddy for his first visit there this past spring. He loved it! We also enjoy taking day trips to various museums, the zoo, amusement parks, waterparks, and children's museums. Although we don't have any pets yet, we do plan to add a dog to our household once we are confident our children are old enough and won't try to play with the water dish or eat dog food.

this is US

Favorites

Rebecca

Occupation: 5th Grade Teacher
Education: B.A. in History
Hobbies: Performing in community theater productions, traveling, reading
Favorite Food: I have a sweet tooth! I especially love chocolate chip cookies.
Favorite Holiday: Christmas. I love Christmas traditions.
Favorite Season: Fall. 100%.
Childhood Memory: Going apple picking with my family and getting apple cider and donuts.
Favorite thing to do with Teddy: Taking him to the zoo. They have great playgrounds and a splash pad!

Brian

Occupation: Junior High School Teacher
Education: B.A. in History, M.A. in Teaching
Hobbies: Watching sports, traveling, reading about history
Favorite food: Tacos and ice cream (not at the same time though)
Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving (food, family, and football)
Favorite Season: Agree with Rebecca. Fall. 100%.
Childhood Memory: Going to Phillies games with my dad and brother and getting authentic cheesesteaks afterwards.
Favorite thing to do with Teddy: I enjoy helping him put together his toy train tracks and playing with him.

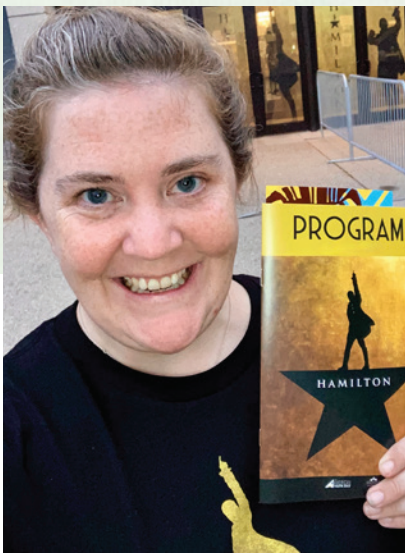
about TEDDY

Teddy especially loves trains and really anything with a wheel. He is a curious boy with an infectious smile and wonderful laugh. He enjoys climbing, swinging, and sliding at playgrounds; jumping on trampolines; swimming; and playing in his sandbox. Teddy loves spending time with his cousins and will be an awesome big brother.

about BRIAN

Three words to describe Brian are: dedicated, patient, and goofy! He is a dedicated father and teacher. He loves playing with Teddy and gets him to laugh great big belly laughs, which is music to my ears. One of the things that initially drew me to Brian was his sense of humor; we definitely spend a lot of time laughing together. He is also dedicated to his students. He puts a lot of effort into his lesson plans, and it's something I greatly admire about him. As a junior high school teacher, he has A LOT of patience. Thankfully, that carries over to our homelife, too. He is very patient with Teddy, even as we venture into the potty training years.

Brian enjoys supporting his favorite sports teams, which are the Phillies, Eagles, and Flyers. Notice a pattern? Growing up close to Philadelphia, he, his brother and father bonded over Philadelphia sports. It's a love that is still strong today. He is looking forward to sharing his love of sports (especially going to baseball games) with his children. I will also tag along…mostly for the snacks.



about REBECCA

Rebecca is one of the most generous people I have ever known. She is always thinking of ways to help family members, friends, her students, even people she never met. Admittedly that last group is pretty small, as she makes friends very easily and seems to run into people that she knows everywhere we go. Rebecca is also a very loving mother who always puts Teddy's needs ahead of her own. She is a patient and understanding wife who is always there to help me talk through difficult situations.

Rebecca loves musical theater. I am always proud to see her perform in community theater shows, as well as be an excellent director for her school performances. It has also been great to see her come into her own as a teacher. She works hard to perfect her craft, and I know she will be involved in her children's education as well. I look forward to raising our children together and watching them learn and explore.

OUR home

We live in a four-bedroom house in a quiet subdivision with lots of children. We have a large backyard with a swing set and are close to several parks, playgrounds, the city pool, library and much more. (Our niece would like to point out we live within five minutes of Starbucks and Target.) Most of Rebecca's family is very close and sees each other frequently. Brian's family live in Pennsylvania and Virginia and we visit them several times a year.

OUR friends and family

Rebecca has two younger sisters, who she sees on a weekly basis. Her middle sister lives on a horse farm with her husband and has a few horses and a dog named Ruckus. Her youngest sister has a 7-year-old daughter (whom Teddy adores) and 10-year-old stepdaughter. We spend a lot of time together as a family and have frequent family dinners and parties.

Brian has one younger brother who has two children; a boy who is Teddy's age and a baby girl. We visit them as much as we can throughout the year. He also has a large extended family with 18 cousins, many of whom have their own children.

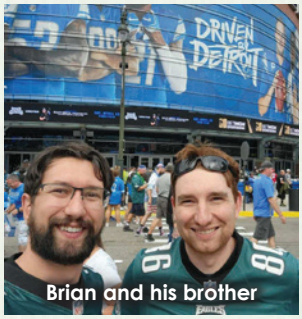
We both have a large extended family, who enjoy getting together whenever possible. Family reunions, weddings, holidays, you name it! Because they live throughout the U.S., this provides us with the opportunity to visit places such as Tampa, Chicago, northern Michigan, Virginia Beach, the Poconos, Philadelphia, the Jersey Shore, Boston, and more!

Holidays are special times that we enjoy with our families. No matter whose family we spend it with, there is always a crowd at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. We enjoy following holiday traditions such as apple picking at a local orchard, carving pumpkins, eating too much at Thanksgiving, decorating the tree for Christmas, and searching for Easter eggs in the spring.

Family is really important to both of us and we are grateful for their love and support.

Rebecca's mom, dad, niece, and Teddy

Brian's Family



Brian and his brother

Brian with our niece and Teddy

Teddy and Brian's mom

Rebecca's sister and brother-in-law

Rebecca's mom and niece at a tea party

Rebecca's dad's side of the family

Valentine's dinner with family

Visiting friends in Philadelphia

Brian's Brother and Family

Rebecca visiting friends in Hershey, PA

Our niece and nephew

Rebecca with two of her good friends

dear BIRTHPARENT(S),

Wow. We don't even know you and we already think you're amazing. We know this is likely one of the toughest decisions you'll have to make in your life. The love and selflessness you are demonstrating through your willingness to place your child into an adoptive home is inspiring. We are incredibly grateful for the gift you are giving.

Because of that, we are so humbled knowing that you are reading our profile and trying to determine if we would be the right fit for your child. We are confident that there are plenty of great families for you to choose from. If chosen, we promise to raise your child with unconditional love and kindness. We will teach them that your decision to place them up for adoption was truly a gift of love. A gift that means the world to us.

Love,

Brian and Rebecca

WHY *adoption*

To us, adoption is just another way to grow a family— and one we are very familiar with. Rebecca and both her sisters are adopted. And our son Teddy came to us through adoption. We briefly struggled with infertility, but quickly agreed adoption was the right choice for us. After all, we have seen the beauty of adoption through Rebecca and her sisters' upbringing. We are very familiar with both the ups and downs of adoption and feel confident in navigating these discussions with our children.

We will gladly welcome a child of any race, ethnicity, background, etc. and will treat him/her with the unconditional love and respect they deserve.

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