

## Amanda and Brady





Thank you for taking the time to get to know us!

We cannot imagine the thoughts and emotions that you are having, or will have, as you make this decision. We hope that you feel supported and loved as you decide what is best for you and your baby.

We admire you for choosing life for your baby and considering adoption.

We, along with our family and friends, will be praying for you as you make these difficult decisions.

#### OUR PROMISE

We are very excited to grow our family through adoption!

We have always dreamed of being parents. We promise that we will provide a warm, nurturing, loving home for your child.

We will provide an excellent education, support them in their dreams, and always encourage them to try new things.

We will teach them to be kind and help them grow in faith.

We promise we will never forget the precious gift you gave to us and will share their birth story. We will openly talk about how we became a family and their roots. We promise to love them unconditionally, as we have so much love to give.

We value you for your courage in this adoption process and we are honored to walk with you on this journey.

### OUR STORY

Our story starts in 2013, while we were both attending college and living on campus. We had some mutual friends, but the campus was also small, so we crossed paths a lot. One night, Amanda went to the dining hall late at night to get a snack and saw Brady sitting at a table alone, eating a hamburger and watching basketball. Amanda decided to join him, even though basketball is not her favorite, and after that night we became better friends. We then started seeing each other more; having dinner, doing homework, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, and just hanging out. After a few months, we officially started dating. We both graduated in 2017 and settled into post college life.

About a year after graduation, we went to visit family in Panama City, Florida. This is where we got engaged on the beach! We got married, exactly a year after our engagement, in the beautiful chapel on campus where we met and celebrated with all our family and friends. We had a surprise guest at our wedding photos....a LLAMA! Llamas are Amanda's favorite.



At a wedding!



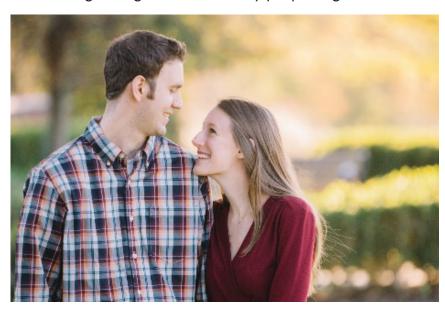
Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.



Graduating college.



Brady proposing!



Engagement photo.



Guest llama at our wedding!



Our wedding day.



Buying our home!



Enjoying Christmas together!

We bought a house in a wonderful neighborhood that is minutes from our families and friends. Spending time with family is important to us. When we got married, we decided we would explore our time together before starting our family. After two years, we decided it was time to expand our family. A year went by, then another, and another. However, the struggles of infertility did not stop us. All of the trials we went through in these three years made our marriage and our faith even stronger and did not stop our desire for children.

We are over the moon to adopt! Our families and friends have been so supportive on our journey to have children and they are so excited for us! This child will be loved by so many!

### MEET / manda

Hi! My name is Amanda. I am 28 years young!
I have lived in Cincinnati my whole life. I come from a small family with one younger sister. I was raised Catholic, attending all Catholic schools throughout my life. I grew up hanging out with my sister, cousins, and neighborhood friends.
I spent my middle school years cheerleading, participating in Girl Scouts, and learning to play the piano. I later grew interested in volleyball.

I graduated college with an Early Childhood Education degree. I am licensed to teach preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and have been a teacher for 7 years. I currently teach first grade. I work with some of the most amazing coworkers who have become my second family, offering an abundance of support. I love watching the kids grow and learn throughout the year. It is amazing how much their minds can soak up in a year's time. I feel that I am even more prepared to be a parent with my background in education and child development.

As for my personality, I do not like being the center of attention and I am generally shy around new people. I am very open with my family and friends. I am a hard worker, creative, and kind. I care about those I love with my whole heart. My faith is an integral part of my life that helps me to be the best version of myself.



Me in my happy place.



Fishing at our family farm.



Bengals game with my sister, Emma.



Snowman on a snow day!



Hiking in Salt Lake City, UT.



Staying warm at the Bengals game!



Hiking at Palo Duro State Park in Texas.

I love spending time with family and friends. We have game nights with friends often and I spend a lot of time outdoors. I especially enjoy going on walks with Brady or my friends, sitting on the back porch, hiking and fishing. My family has property in Indiana where we spend many summer weekends outside, star gazing, fishing, and having bonfires. I cannot wait to share this with my child!

I love Sunday football and cheering on my Cincinnati Bengals, both at the games and from home. You will always find me working on a book or two, especially in the summer. As a teacher, I have my summers off, which gives me the ability to spend my summers with my child, taking them to fun places and having lazy days at home.

#### In Brady's words...

My wife brings out the best in those around her, including myself. She is beautiful, funny, loving, holy, confident, and not afraid to stand up for what she believes in. She has great values and concern for others. Amanda is the most organized and prepared person that I know. These traits are what will allow her to be the best mother to our child. We have been married five years now and every day I am reminded why she is the one for me.

# MEET Brady

Hello! My name is Brady, and I am 31 years old. Unlike Amanda, I came from a big family, growing up with five sisters, so I can honestly say that I'm my parents' favorite boy. From birth I was surrounded by girls, and I truly believe that it has allowed me to become the best son, brother, uncle, husband, and future father.

I have my mom's ambition and heart, paired with my dad's sense of humor and personality, which explains why I am the outgoing and spontaneous one in our marriage. While I haven't perfected all my dad jokes yet, I have been practicing them on my eight nieces and nephews for many years now. But most importantly, my parents have shared their faith with me. I was born into a Catholic family and plan to share my faith with our child as our family grows.

I have had the opportunity to experience all types of schooling. I attended Catholic school, a Montessori school, and then I transitioned to homeschooling starting in sixth grade through high school. I went on to graduate college with a degree in Business Management. My career path has led me to a position with a local logistics company.



Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.



Fishing at Amanda's family farm.



On the Bengals field.



Hiking in Sacramento, CA.



Thanksgiving for just the two of us during the pandemic.



Hiking on our honeymoon at Acadia National Park.



At my sister McKenzie's wedding.

While I might have hung up my soccer cleats years ago, and my jump-shot produces more airballs than baskets, my competitiveness thrives at game night. My love for cards and board games comes from my grandparents. We regularly have game nights with our friends, family and cousins.

Outside of winning at game night, I love doing anything outside. Give me a fishing pole, kayak, hiking trail, or bonfire, and I'll be in my happy place with nature. I believe that time with family and friends is much more important than material things. Living in Cincinnati my entire life, I have learned to love everything the city has to offer, from the Bengals, Reds, FCC, restaurants and parks.

#### In Amanda's words...

Brady is calm, funny, and determined. He is always kind and is always there for his friends and family. Brady is spontaneous, which is the opposite of me, so he brings some excitement to our marriage with things that I might not usually try on a whim. He is driven with everything that he does and patient when things don't go as planned. I love how much love he gives to others.

### OUR HOBBIES

We have many shared hobbies as a couple.

Check out these pictures of us doing what we love the most!



Kayaking is one of our favorites in the summer.



Blackberry picking!



Fishing on Lake Eerie.



Golf cart rides at Amanda's family farm.



Hiking in Asheville, NC.



Bengals game...WHO DEY!



Dressing up for Halloween.



Fishing in the fall.



Fowling with Amanda's cousins.

## OUR Tamily

Family is not only our blood relatives, but those we have become close with throughout our life. Our families and friends are our support system throughout life. We have friends from high school, college and work life that are always willing to hang out or help. All of these people we consider family have so much more love to share with our child. They are all excited for this next journey in our life.



Both of our parents at our wedding.



We traveled to the AFC Championship game at Kansas City in 2022 when they won and then went to the Super Bowl!



Fishing on Lake Erie.



Attending a wedding in Dallas, TX.

We love spending time with our families, whether it is a planned party or just a spontaneous visit. We watch many of the Bengal's games with Amanda's family and have game nights with Brady's family. We have extended family throughout the country that we visit regularly.



Visiting our niece!



FCC game.



Enjoying Bengals football from home!



Brady with his niece, Zoey, when she was little.



Fun at Brady's sister McKenzie and Justin's wedding.

## OUR Triends

















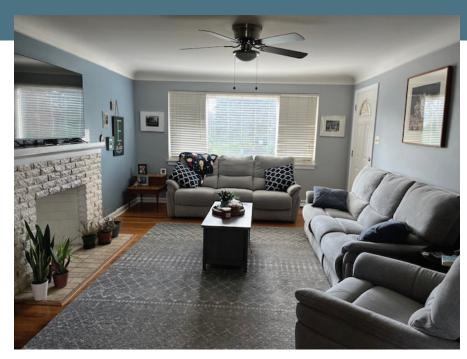
### OUR HOME

We have a beautiful, open concept home, where we hope to make many memories as a family. We have spent a lot of time making this house our home over the last five years. We have a large yard, almost a half acre, so there is plenty of room for a child to play outside. We spend most of the year on our back porch, enjoying the view and sunshine. Our home is located only about 15 minutes away from each of our parents' homes. This makes it a quick and easy trip to see either side of our family.

We are blessed to live in a neighborhood surrounded by fantastic neighbors. Everyone is welcoming, kind, and always happy to lend a helping hand. Our neighborhood has a lot of younger families, which would allow our child to grow up with other children. Our home is less than a mile away from the school that Amanda teaches at and where we plan to send our child.



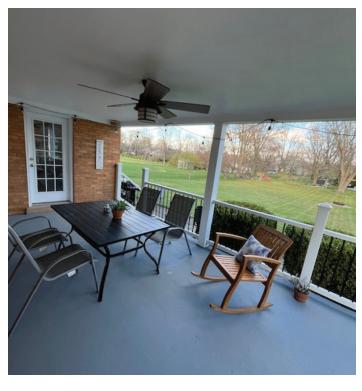
The front of our home.



This is our family room where we spend a lot of evenings.



This is the nursery for our future little one.



This is our back porch and yard where we spend most of our time when the weather is nice.

### OUR ADVENTURES







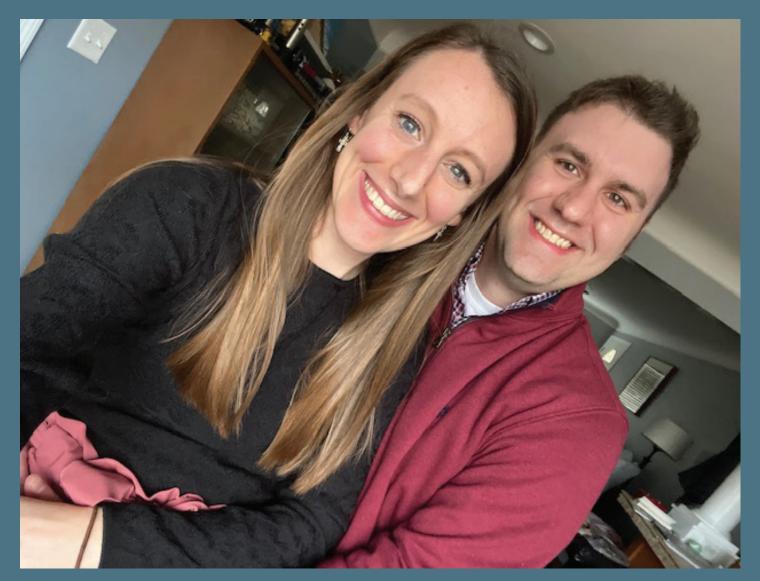












## Thank you

We are beyond blessed with the life God has given us so far and cannot wait to see what God has in store for our future. We are overjoyed to grow our family through adoption. We appreciate you taking the time to look at our profile. We hope this has given you a glimpse into our life: where we live, who we are as individuals and a married couple, our family and the many ways we like to spend our days.

We want to respect your wishes of openness you are willing to have with us, whether this be through pictures and letters, face to face visits, or a closed adoption. We will ensure that your child always knows that their life started with you and your selfless decision of adoption.

If you wish to learn more about us, please reach out to Adoption Professionals via email (APadopt@gmail.com) or by phone 513-321-2229.