



SARAH AND BRIAN

Thank you for taking time to get to know us!

We're excited to grow our family by welcoming children into our home. We're fully committed and thrilled to be adopting! We promise to love your child unconditionally and provide them with the support they need to live a happy, healthy, and fulfilling life. We recognize that life can be both beautiful and challenging at times, and we're ready to be there for your child through it all. We'll provide a nurturing home full of love and laughter in which your child can create their own sense of individuality.

Choosing us to raise your child would be the greatest gift we'll ever receive.
Thank you for considering us!

OUR STORY

We both grew up in the Midwest. We met in college over 20 years ago while working together in a record store. We've been close friends ever since. In 2015 we got married, and we keep expanding our record collection to this day!

We currently live in Utah and hope to one day move back to the lakes and rolling hills of the Great Lakes region. In the meantime, we love playing in the mountains!

As we build our life together, we are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in society. We support these efforts through our careers and volunteer work.

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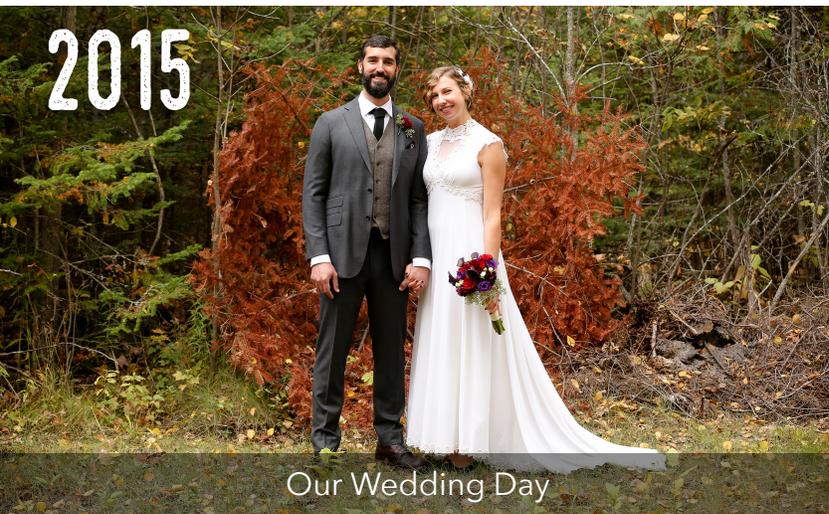
Brian's College Apartment

2012



Playing Bocce Ball in the Park

2015



Our Wedding Day

2019



Boating in Michigan

WHY ADOPTION?

We've always wanted children but have had challenges conceiving. For us, it was an easy decision to not pursue fertility treatment and instead focus on adoption. We couldn't be more excited to be involved in this beautiful process. Adopting a child will be the greatest gift of our lives!

Both of us have flexibility with our work schedules and work from home a lot, so we will have ample time to spend with the little one.

I come from a large family, and I'm very close with both my immediate and extended family. I'm the oldest of three children and have lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins. I think that family and friends are the most important part of life. I've always loved children, and that's why I dedicated my career to helping kids learn. I have a Ph.D. in Special Education and I'm a university professor where I teach, do research, and consult with schools. I love my job and the flexibility of my schedule—this will come in handy as grow our family! I can't wait!

ABOUT SARAH



Sarah showing off a garden trophy!

FUN FACTS:

Hobbies: hiking, yoga, listening to music, gardening, reading, cooking

Fun fact: I'm trying to relearn how to play the piano

Favorite Food: Cheese!

ABOUT BRIAN



Every once and awhile, Brian catches a fish!

I'm the youngest of three children. I consider myself an artistic-type and enjoy spending time photographing the beautiful outdoors. My interest in digital art and multimedia brought me into the profession of instructional design. I specialize in creating interactive, video-based online courses. I enjoy hiking and exploring the mountains around our home with Sarah, our two spoiled and adorable dogs, and a camera. I dream of one day building a wooden kayak. I can often be found building tables and garden beds to develop my currently-clumsy woodworking skills. I've always wanted children, and I'm thrilled to welcome a little one into our family!

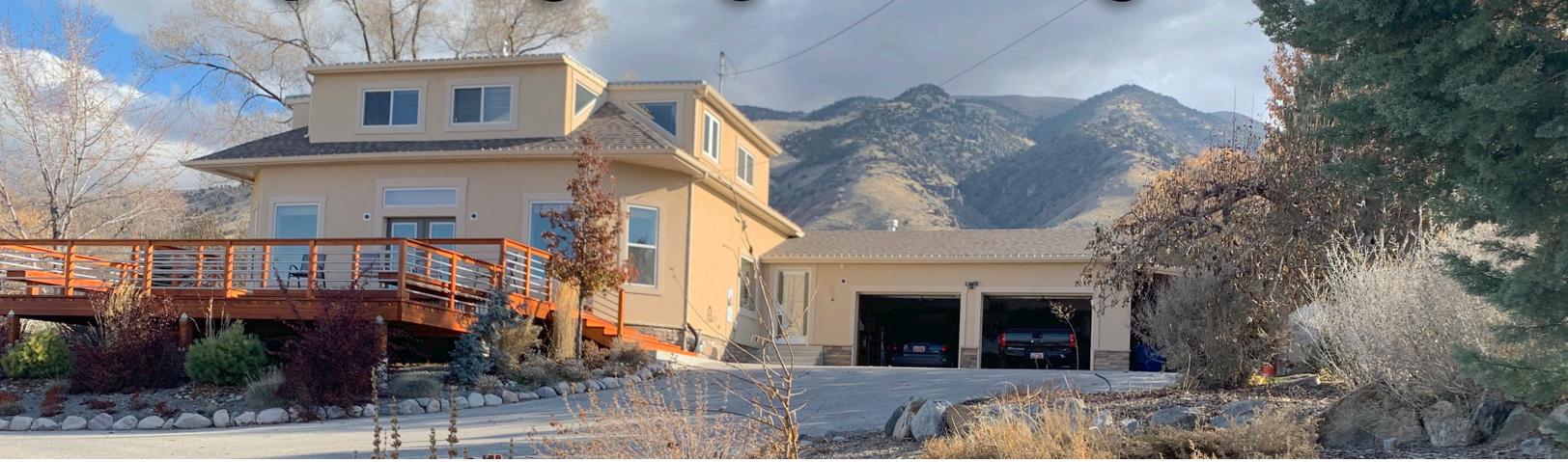
FUN FACTS:

Hobbies: fishing, rowing, hiking, woodworking, photography

Fun Fact: I decorate the house with a ridiculous amount of holiday lights each winter. Sarah calls me Clark Griswold!

Favorite Food: Fish (fried, grilled, sushi—any!)

OUR HOME AND COMMUNITY

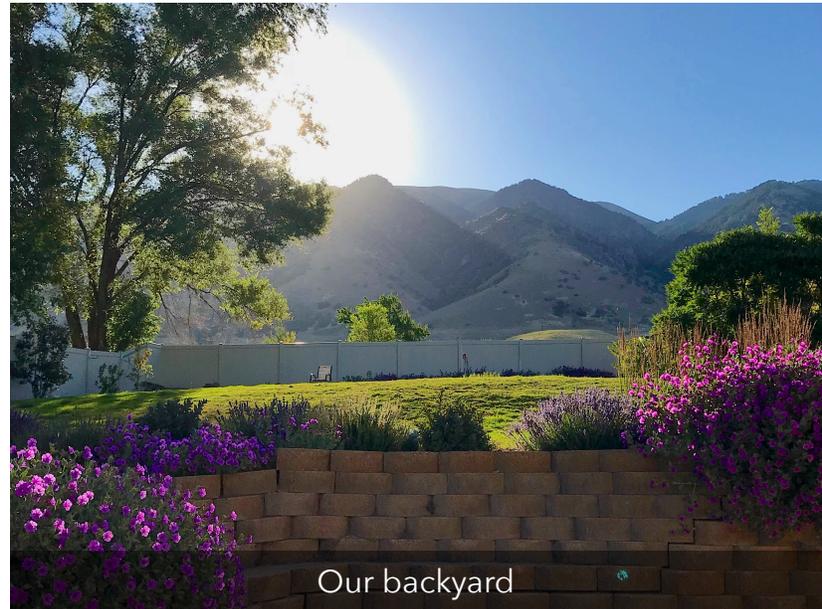


We have a welcoming home and community that we can't wait to share with children. We live in a college town surrounded by mountains. Our home was built in 1899 but has been renovated and modernized. We have four bedrooms, two bathrooms, and an open floor plan with windows looking out to the mountains. These windows are full of an extensive collection of Sarah's well-maintained house plants! We sit on an acre of land with a fenced-in backyard, and our two dogs couldn't be happier with all of that space. We plan to add a playground structure for kids to play. We also have a chicken coop with four chickens that we enjoy caring for.

We can hike from our house to the base of a mountain range, which is part of a multi-state trail network. We're also within walking distance of schools, playgrounds, and city parks. There are many young children in our neighborhood—they ride their bikes down our street daily!

PETS

We have two sweet and spoiled dogs who love kids. Both are mixed breeds from an animal shelter. Rizzo is a snuggler who would play fetch all day if she could. Leela's favorite thing in the world is food (even kale)! They both love to hike with us!



Our backyard



Rizzo (left) and Leela (right)

Last year, Brian built us several garden beds and we grow a variety of vegetables. We also have apple, plum, and pear trees. We have fun cooking together and trying new recipes. We love to cook and eat!

Being from the midwest, we're big fans of trees. There weren't many trees in our yard when we moved in, so we planted some— 24 in fact!



During the winter, we like to hike or snowshoe through the snowy landscapes. We've also slowly been improving our skiing skills. There's a ski resort 45 minutes away, and lots of families in our community are avid skiers.

Here we are at our favorite restaurant. When we can, we enjoy getting dressed up and trying new food! We can't wait to share our love of food with our children!



OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

From visiting family at the lake in Northern Michigan to hanging out with friends in San Francisco, we always have a great time with our loved ones!



Best friends



Sarah's parents and grandparents enjoying the lake

Most of our family lives in the Midwest, and we visit them 2-3 times a year. Our families also love to visit us here in Utah. We have a close network of friends, and we always look forward to our time together.



Our family and friends are so supportive of this next chapter in our lives!



← Brian has Serbian heritage. We always have a blast spending time with his family!

Sarah's mom is so great with children! →

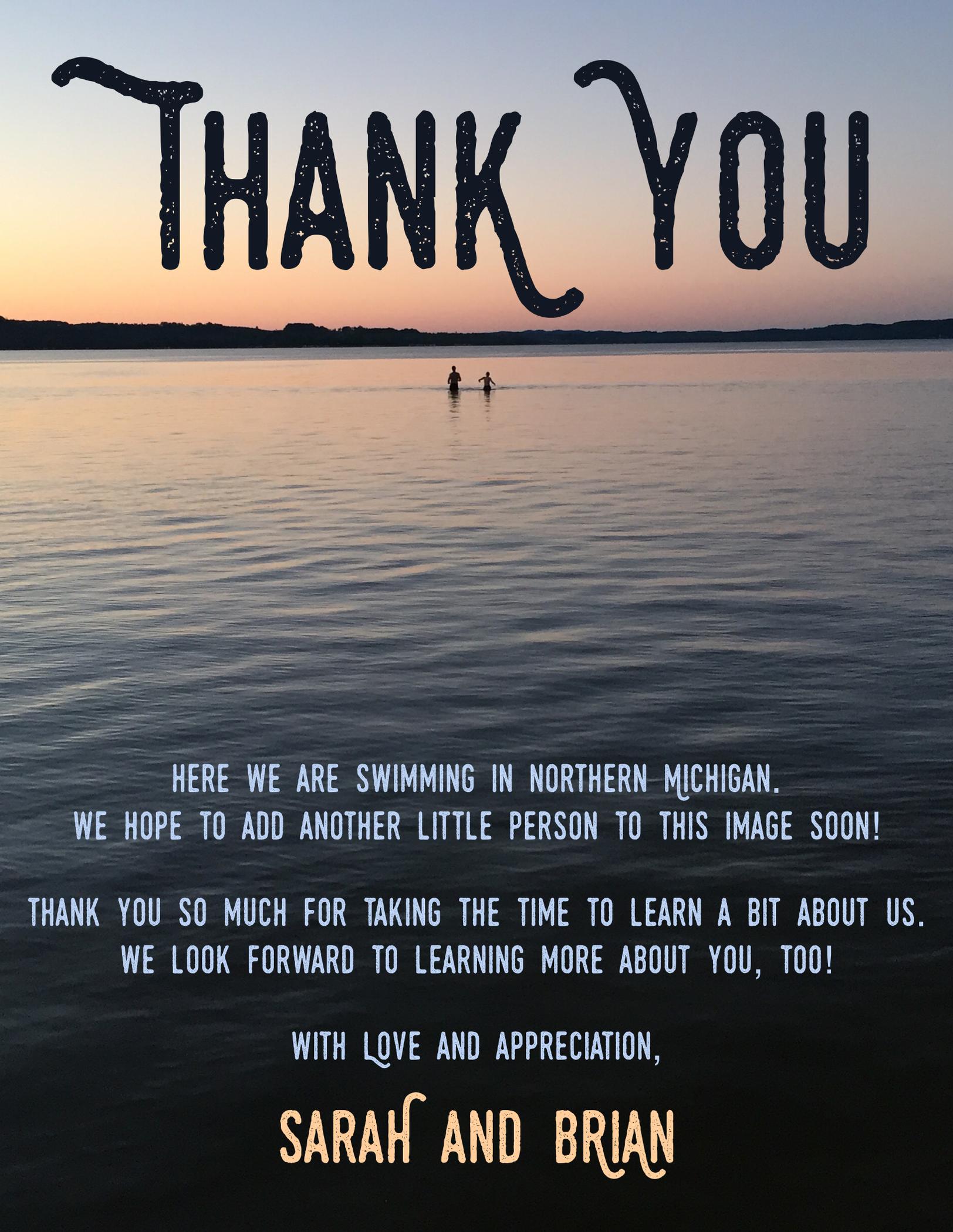


DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER

WE PROMISE TO...

- Love your child unconditionally, with all of our hearts
- Prioritize your child's health and happiness above all else
- Respect your child and their individual sense of self
- Provide your child with the support they need to live a happy, healthy, and fulfilling life
- Provide an environment for learning and creativity
- Celebrate their adoption story
- Keep our promises to you



A sunset over a large body of water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. In the distance, two people are swimming in the water. The text 'THANK YOU' is written in a large, black, hand-drawn font across the top of the image.

THANK YOU

HERE WE ARE SWIMMING IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN.
WE HOPE TO ADD ANOTHER LITTLE PERSON TO THIS IMAGE SOON!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN A BIT ABOUT US.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOU, TOO!

WITH LOVE AND APPRECIATION,
SARAH AND BRIAN