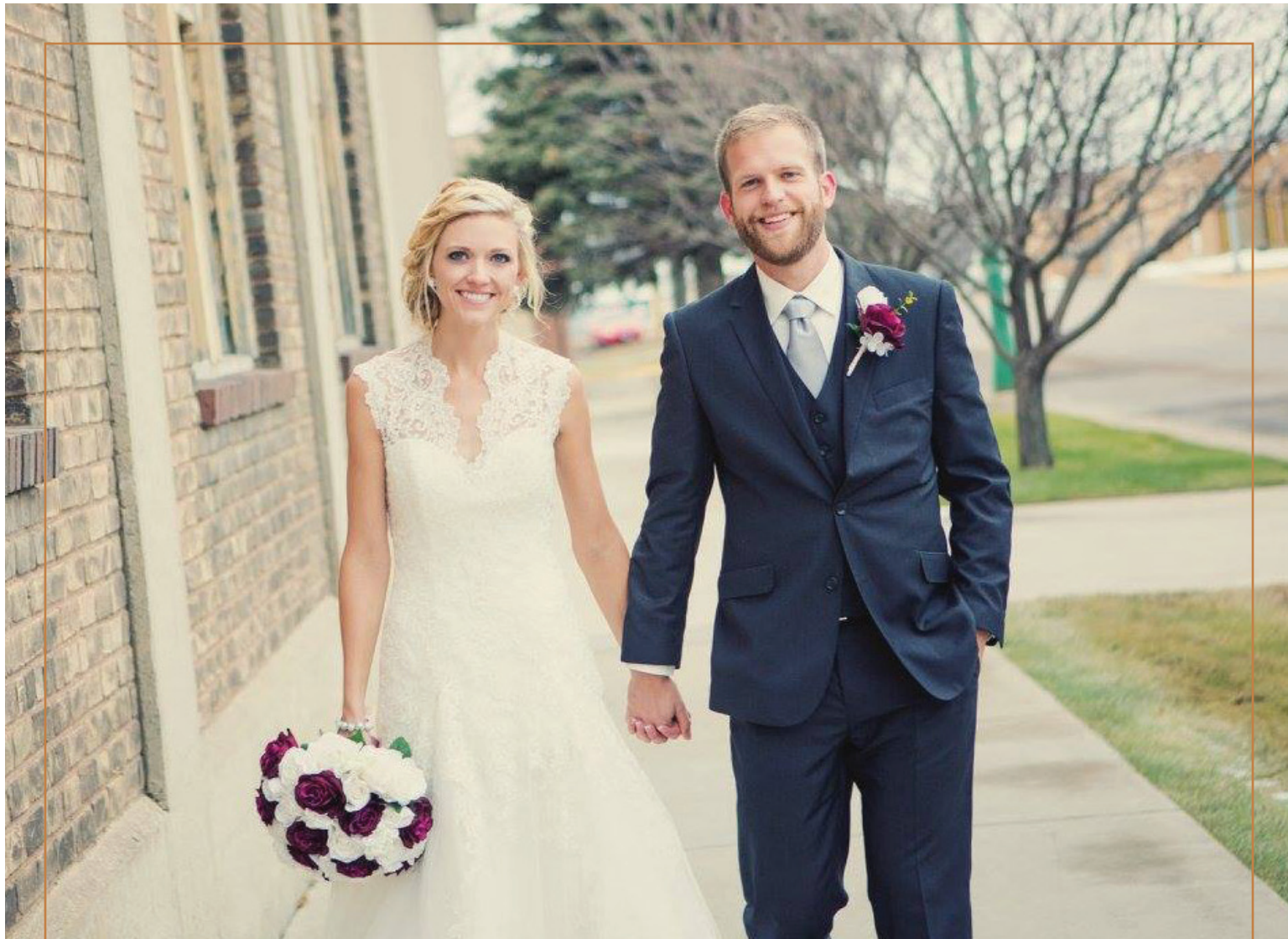




Hello!

We are John & Kylie

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know our family. We hope this book will give you a snapshot of our life. We are so excited to become parents through adoption, and we hope that by reading this book you and your child will feel welcomed into our home.



Our Story

We met in college during our junior year at South Dakota State. Immediately we were both drawn to each other, and it wasn't long before we started dating. After graduating, Kylie spent some time in California, while John was working in South Dakota, but we eventually both landed in California. We didn't know what the future would hold for us, but as we fell more in love we could see a future together. After a couple years of dating, John mustered up the courage to propose and Kylie said, Yes! We have been married now for almost 8 years, and they have truly been very blessed years.

Welcome to our home

We live in a peaceful neighborhood in Brandon, South Dakota. We are blessed to have a vibrant community of all ages around us, especially young families. We have a great fenced-in backyard with two apple trees. Our kitchen is open and spacious, allowing us to cook together with friends. We are right next to a big recreation area with walking paths and a playground. We really love where we live!



Friends



We have truly amazing friends.

They are a huge part of our life and we love them deeply. We strive to love and support one another, while still working to build each other up. We enjoy spending time with them, especially on camping trips! Raising a child is not easy, so we are blessed to have them by our side.





Letter to Birth Mother

Growing up, we were told stories of heroes and those who acted with great courage. As we have grown, we have realized that it is more common to hear these tales of bravery, rather than to encounter them personally. Though we have never met you, we cannot express the honor it is to cross paths with you, a woman who is truly courageous. We do not know the sacrifices you have made or the difficulties you have endured, but we are deeply grateful for you and for your yes to bringing a life into the world. We consider ourselves among the few who have encountered genuine bravery. You will forever be cherished in our home and in our hearts.

We desire to enjoy life to the fullest and to become the people we were meant to be.



Kylie

FROM JOHN

Kylie is a very authentic and outgoing woman.



She brings life to whatever situation she walks into and is truly a joy to all those around her. She is committed, while spontaneous, lighthearted, while still determined, and perseverant, even when challenged. She reminds me of how important family and friends are in living a joyful life, and she truly puts her relationships first. Her deep commitment to our marriage and family values is a consistent source of inspiration. Kylie is also caring, thoughtful, and joyful and will be a great mother through adoption.

caring
thoughtful
joyful
authentic



Kylie loves

Singing

Football

Coffee

Music

Baking

John

FROM KYLIE

*John is a
genuine and
loving man.*



John is a genuine and loving man. There is no one in the world quite like him. He is a hard worker with great discipline, and he has a great sense of humor. He is honest, patient, and dependable. He is a steady ship amidst the ups and downs of life. He has the ability to live in the present moment and always enjoys the little things in life. He helps me to not take myself too seriously. He is extremely attentive to those around him and always puts his family before his work. He is excited to become a father through adoption!

genuine
loving
attentive
patient



John loves

Soccer

Karaoke

Hiking

Audio Books

Frisbee Golf

our Families

John's family

John has two sisters and one brother. His oldest sister, Whitney, is married with one daughter. Sydney is now in college in California. Justin is married with three children. They are a lively bunch and keep Justin on his toes. Lindsay is the closest in age to John, and she is married with two children in high school. They keep busy with Kade's hockey and Kaylee's dance. Family is very important to them, and they are so excited to expand the family through adoption.



Kylie's family

Kylie's dad lives in Nashville, Tennessee. He is remarried with two daughters. Lexi is in college in Tennessee, and Ella is finishing up high school. Kylie's mom and stepdad have four children. Her brother, Michael, is in college in Kansas, and her sister, Kayla, goes to college in South Dakota. Krista and Nicholas are still in high school. We are also close with my extended family. They are very affectionate and loud, which we love about them!



Why Adoption?



As we have now been married for several years, adoption has deeply been on our minds and hearts. Early on in our marriage we went through a miscarriage and then struggles with infertility. Kylie was diagnosed with advanced endometriosis and since has been unable to conceive. Experiencing the ups and downs of this journey has opened our hearts to be more receptive and compassionate to others. We have such a desire to love and care for children, and we see adoption as a great way to enter more deeply into this calling. We are both ready and looking forward to welcoming a child into our family!

Through adoption we are seeking to:

- *Nurture your child in a loving and caring home.*
- *Meet your child's needs with love and readiness.*
- *Appreciate and celebrate who your child is as they grow and learn.*
- *Provide opportunities for your child to engage in fun and adventure.*
- *Raise your child with faith & values.*
- *Surround your child with friends and family.*





Thank you!

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

We are truly grateful for your openness to learn about our lives.

We hope that as you have read through these pages you may see that both you and your child will be cared for in a loving family. Please know that you and your child are in our thoughts and prayers!

With love, John & Kylie 