



Briggs & Rachel

Dear Birth Mother,

Hello and thank you for taking the time to learn more about our story. We are Briggs and Rachel from Washington State and we are honored to share with you a little about our life. For us, family is the most important thing in the world and it would be a dream come true for both of us to one day become parents. We recognize your courage and bravery in choosing this path for you and your child and we want you to know this child will learn how your profound love made our family possible.

We have so much love to give and it would be such an honor and blessing to be able to share that love with your baby.

We are strongly committed to open adoption, as we recognize openness and honesty are the perfect start to create an enduring relationship with you and your child. We recognize the importance for a child to grow up knowing where they came from so they can have a better identity of themselves. Your thoughtfulness and dedication show you want the best for your child, and so do we!

We promise to give your child an incredible upbringing that will hopefully lead them to become a confident and kind person. We will devote ourselves to giving your child love and affection and providing them with opportunities through education and experience. We will teach them to find happiness and encourage them to seek joy. We will be patient, compassionate and cheer them on as they discover their passions and talents. Our little family is ready to grow and we are honored that you might become part of this journey.

*you
are
loved*



Hanging out on the Santa Monica Pier



Hiking in
Sandpoint, ID



About Us

Family is deeply important to both of us and we look forward to being loving parents and creating beautiful memories with our future child. We want nothing more than to create a safe, healthy, and happy home for a child where they can grow up having their needs met and their identity known.

Rachel has dreamed of becoming a mother from a very young age. She has worked as a babysitter and nanny since she was 12 years old. She has plenty of experience caring for children and tending to their wants/needs. She is attentive, observant, and very nurturing. While Briggs only has experiences with nieces and nephews, he is a very fast learner and very patient. Briggs is able to remain calm and rational in stressful situations and will be great with the high needs of a child.

We are both members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, otherwise known as Mormons. We have both been raised in the church, coming from fully active families. Religion is very important to us and we are both actively engaged in our roles at church where Briggs aids in the Sunday School organization and Rachel works with the youth. We intend to raise our child to develop their own faith in Jesus Christ.



Our Story

We met nine years ago at a church activity. Briggs had just gotten home from serving a two-year mission in Brazil and Rachel had just returned home from school for the summer. Neither of us had any intention of dating anyone, but we easily became friends. We were friends for almost four months before officially dating. We then dated for almost four more months before getting engaged and finally married just shy of three months after that. All in all, we knew each other for a little less than a year.



Briggs' Thoughts on Rachel

Rachel is friendly, thoughtful, trustworthy, ambitious, and selfless. She is a doer that likes to learn new things, set goals, push herself and others, and get things done. She is quick to give help to other people. Rachel is introverted in nature but loves meeting new people. Being friendly and thoughtful she is personable and thrives on good friendships.



Rachel's Thoughts on Briggs

Briggs is very quiet, calm, and stoic. He has a dry sense of humor and always loves a good pun. He has a lot of interests and hobbies and is very passionate about every single one of them. Briggs is incredibly smart and it seems like everything he does is effortless. He is service oriented and always willing to lend a hand. Briggs sees the good in others and in turn, helps them to find it in themselves.

Things We Love Doing Together:

CAMPING
BIKING
HIKING
TRAVELLING
VISITING FAMILY
HOSTING GAME NIGHT
MOVIE MARATHONS
READING TO EACH OTHER
PHOTOGRAPHY



Camping near Leavenworth, WA

Briggs' Favorite Things:

CARS
CAMERAS
COMPUTERS
BICYCLES



Riding the Hiawatha Bike Trail

Rachel's Favorite Things:

RUNNING
BAKING
SEWING
CROCHETING
WOODWORKING
GARDENING
ANIMALS



Briggs taking pictures in the park

Our Furry Friends

We have two domestic shorthaired cats.
They are both a little shy around new
people but are also very loving and
gentle.



MARTY

Marty is a 13-year-old orange tabby. He is very chill and affectionate. He has his moments where he will run and play but most of the time he is calm and laidback. He loves people and would be content to sit on someone's lap all day if he could.



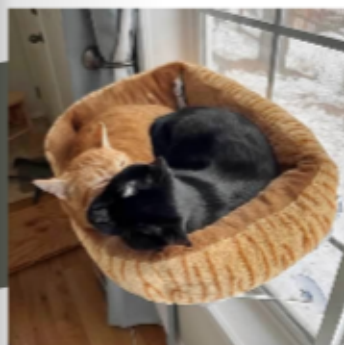
Marty with his favorite toy,
Lamb Chop



Winston with his favorite
pom-pom toy

WINSTON

Winston is a two year old all black cat. He is a spunky, one-eyed, wild guy. He loves to play fetch and chase Marty. He is very active and likes to climb on anything he can, but also adores a good snuggle when the mood catches him.



They love snuggling together

Our Home and Community

We live in a very small rural town in Southeastern Washington on the outskirts of a somewhat small city. Despite initial nerves about small town living, we have come to absolutely love it. The neighborhood is quiet and the neighbors very friendly. We enjoy taking walks in the evenings where incredible sunsets can be seen over the rolling hills. Just down the street from our house is a large park with a basketball court and baseball diamond where people in town frequently gather.



Over the years we have put a lot of love into renovating and decorating our home. We live in a three bedroom, two-bathroom single story home. We love spending time in the main living area where we watch TV, work on projects, and have game nights. We have a large yard with pine, maple, and cedar trees surrounding the whole house. We also have two apple trees, two flowerbeds, and a small vegetable garden. We love spending time outside in the evenings playing bocce ball or sitting in our swing under one of the apple trees.



Getting cozy at home



There are tons of orchards near us where we love to pick fruit in the summer

A short seven-minute drive into the city allows for many more activities. There are plenty of parks and playing fields and a great walking/biking trail that we frequently use. Because we live so close to the Washington Idaho border, it's easy for us to go into Idaho too where there are even more parks, restaurants, trails, and the generally magnificent outdoors of Northern Idaho.



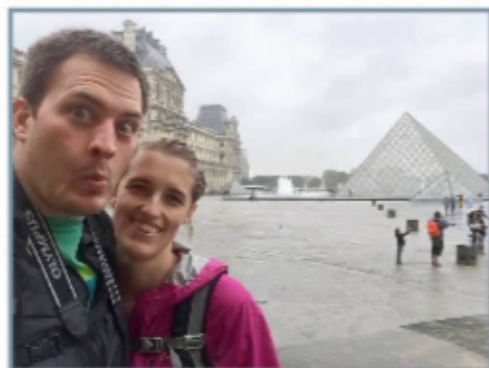
Palouse Falls, a great spot to hike

Enjoying the sunset on one of our walks



Our Adventures

Since being married we have been lucky enough to travel out of the country a couple times to visit Briggs' siblings. The first trip was to visit his brother in Brazil and the second his sister in Germany. During our trip to Germany we were lucky enough to also travel to France, Belgium, Poland, and the Netherlands.



Outside the Louvre in Paris, France



Paddle boarding on Loon Lake



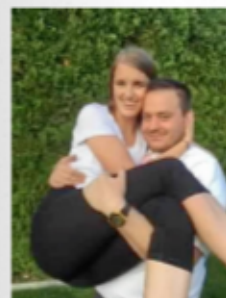
Above: Harry Potter World



Left: Half marathon at Disneyworld with two of her sisters and their friend



Briggs showing off his fun sleeping bag



Above: Goofing off in the front yard

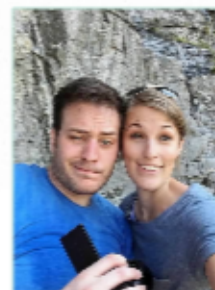
Right: Hiking to Bridal Veil Falls in Utah

Far right: Rachel the bird whisperer at a sanctuary in Spokane, WA

We love exploring and trying new things, especially when it awards us time out in nature. Our favorite outdoor activities are hiking, biking, and camping. We love everything from the peaceful calm of the mountains to the beach with it's serene ocean sounds.



As much as we love going out and having fun, we also love quiet nights at home. Sunday evenings at home often mean game night competitions. We play several board/cards games and whomever wins the most becomes the champion of the night.



We are extremely excited to have a child to share our passions and adventures with. Briggs can't wait to teach them about cars and photography, and show them the great outdoors. Rachel can't wait to read to them, take them for walks, and share her love of animals.

Extended Family

Family and friends are the most important things in our lives and we love spending time with them whenever we can. While our families are spread out across the world, most of us are still close enough that we can get together at least a couple times a year.



Upper left: Briggs' whole family
Upper right: Rachel's whole family
Lower left: Rachel has one brother and three sisters
Lower right: Briggs has two sisters and one brother



Together we have fifteen nieces and nephews who are all very excited to meet their new cousin!

Holidays & Traditions

We love the holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas being our favorites, as those are the ones we generally get to see the most family. But Halloween and Christmas are Rachel's favorite holidays to decorate the house for.



Upper left: Rachel dressed as a farmer for a murder mystery party
Above: Briggs dressed as Ron Swanson for a Halloween party
Left: even Marty and Winston love Halloween!



Family Christmas card in our matching pajamas!



Rachel's office Christmas party



This was easier than getting a ladder!
Putting the star on my parent's 12ft Christmas tree.

Some favorite Christmas traditions are hiking into the forest to cut down our own tree, reading a Christmas themed story every night, stocking scavenger hunt, going on a Christmas light tour, and watching all the cheesy Hallmark Christmas movies.



Our Promise to You

A child entrusted to us will:

Be taught to:

- Make the world a better place by being kind to all
- Have compassion
- Be accepting of all
- Enjoy the outdoors

And:

- Be given every educational opportunity
- Be spiritually nurtured
- Know how much we respect you, how much you love them, and how strong you are for the brave choice you made

Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our life together and our dreams. We are so grateful for your consideration. We know you will do what is best for your child and we wish nothing but the best for you too. Please feel free to ask any questions. We would be happy to share any additional information.

