Teddy & Brittany
Hello.

We are grateful and humbled by your decision to view our profile book. We cannot possibly know all that you must be feeling and experiencing in this moment. We can only imagine how difficult this decision is for you, and we want you to know that we honor and respect your choice.

As you read through the book, we hope that you can feel the joy we get from loving, caring, and teaching life skills to our nine nieces and nephews and can see the desire we have to give a child unconditional love and support as they chase their own personal goals and dreams. We hope that you can see our heart for loving and serving others, and know that we have room in our hearts to love and serve you too.

We want you to know that our heart is for you and your situation. We honor and support you. Please know you are in our deepest prayers and you have our love.

Teddy & Brittany
Take a Peek
into our Family...
We love to **Laugh**.

We love to **Explore** new places.

We love to **Read** and discuss what we are reading.

We love cooking together, trying new recipes, and experimenting with spices.

We love to make up songs and sing them to each other, tell each other corny jokes and watch stand-up comedy on date nights.

But the **Foundation** of our family, is our Faith in Christ.
We met when we were both 17 and on vacation in Mexico with family and friends. A mutual friend decided to play match-maker, and the rest is history!

Teddy called Brittany’s dad to ask if he could walk her to dinner and Brittany was instantly smitten by that show of chivalry and old-fashioned manners. As she got to know him, what stood out even more about Teddy’s character was the genuine kindness towards not just her and her family, but also towards his seven siblings and his parents. Teddy loved the sparkle Brittany brought their conversations through her thoughtful questions and intentional listening and loved the way that Brittany embraced his large family and became a big-sister figure for his five younger sisters.

After meeting in Mexico, we continued dating when we returned home, attended our high-school proms with each other and dated through college, before getting engaged when we were 23. Our fairytale wedding was a beautiful transition from high-school sweethearts to life-time lovers! We’ve known each other for 17 years, and have been married for 10 years, the best 10 years of our lives!
and the Love of a Lifetime
Hello! I’m Teddy, the oldest of eight children. My large, Catholic family, was generous with offering their support and love and my family means the world to me.

I am passionate about our environment and exploring it. I love running, hiking, and biking. My favorite is going for a long run with my brother, Austin, and sister, Eleanor. The three of us chat the entire time. I also enjoy golfing, reading, cooking, painting, and just being creative.

I work in sales as an Arborist, and enjoy listening to a customer explain their problem and then assisting them in resolving it with creativity and innovation. I love plants, trees, and growing things. One of my favorite parts of the work I do is planning landscapes.

I’m a typical oldest child and learned at a young age to be helpful. I enjoy being a big brother and looking out for my younger siblings. To this day, I love helping others. It’s one of the reasons I have a pickup truck; I get the opportunity to help family and friends all the time with moving items and tackling yard work projects.

I have always loved being around children, and I look forward to becoming a dad. I can’t wait to initiate tickle wars in the living room, take our kids outside to play in the leaves or build a snowman, or teach them how to ride a bike. Most importantly, I can’t wait to support our children, letting them explore the world and figure out what they like with our support in the background.
I wish you could see Teddy the way I see him.

Day in and day out, Teddy puts his heart into everything he does. He is hardworking and kind, always willing to help others with a smile on his face.

He has helped several family members and friend’s move, and he offers to help our neighbors and family and friends with yard work, gardening, tree maintenance, and house projects. He wakes up early every morning to give our dog, Blue, medication, and he brings meals to his grandparents. I am in awe of his generous and selfless heart.

Teddy is so much fun to be around!

Our nieces and nephews adore Teddy. They always want me to “put Uncle Teddy on” when we are Face-timing, so that he can make silly faces at them or make them laugh. He is playful with them – challenging them to a race, teaching them how to swim, and playing games with them. At the same time, he is deeply nurturing, holding their hand when we’re in public, reading to them, and holding them as they sleep.

As the oldest of eight siblings, Teddy has practical parenting skills (he has changed more diapers than most parent’s I know!), but beyond that, he is naturally protective, loyal, and selfless – willing to lay down his desires, wants, needs for the good of others. I cannot wait to see him as a father! I know that he will be a safe place for our kids - loving them, teaching them, and supporting them.
Hi! I’m Brittany. I grew up as the youngest girl in a family of brothers, and as a result, I am often described as the voice of reason, the peacemaker, and the one who is not afraid to stand up for what is right. Growing up with brothers, I also developed a passion for being active and playful whether that be riding my bike, playing sports, fishing, or hiking. My family and friends also describe me as deeply empathetic, kind, and joyful. I love to laugh, explore new places in nature, and try new activities and hobbies.

I’ve dreamed of being a mother ever since I was a little girl. As a teen, I loved to babysit, and when I was a nanny, the kids I cared for filled my heart with joy. These days, I enjoy spending time with our 9 nieces and nephews. When we are together, we laugh a LOT! We love to go to the park, swim in the pool at my parent’s house, read books, play games, go to the zoo, dance, and be outside. I cannot wait to share these experiences with a child that Teddy and I get to raise together! Our extended families also cannot wait to welcome another little one.

I currently work as a Human Resources Manager for a global HVAC company. I love that I have the flexibility to work from home. My manager and coworkers are kind, collaborative, and supportive.

I love to write, cook new recipes for friends/family, read, dance, and be outside in nature. We have a family cabin that is near the Canadian border. We love to spend time with family up there – going out on the pontoon, fishing, hiking, kayaking, cooking up a big breakfast, and making smores around the bonfire.
Brittany is my Sunshine.

Her smile can cheer you up, even on a bad day! From the first day I met Brittany, I’ve been captivated by her upbeat personality and positive outlook on life, I count it a privilege to be married to her.

Brittany is the perfect combination of a loving heart and emotionally intelligent mind that is always focused on helping others succeed or just have a good day! Brittany is always able to find something to talk about with my grandfather who is in hospice care, which makes our frequent visits full of happy memories.

She bakes goodies for our lonely widowed neighbor and takes time to visit with her and listen to the stories about her family. She also volunteers at the homeless shelter, treating the people she serves with genuine love and compassion, talking to them as they go through the dinner line and bringing smiles to their faces.

I could go on and on about all the good things I see in Brittany but I’ll try to shorten this up!

• Brittany is patient and has taught many of our nieces and nephews how to read. They LOVE book time with Auntie Brittany!
• She has an awesome sense of humor and loves to laugh (*but she can’t tell her own jokes because she starts laughing too hard to finish them!*)
• Brittany is disciplined and organized, able to manage her professional duties, our household, and her own needs with ease.

Brittany will be a wonderful mom. I have no doubt our children will feel loved by her every day, and that they will be inspired by her to serve others and take care of themselves too!
As a couple, we love exploring. We often pick new national parks and trails we can hike and explore.

We have a large extended family and friend group who we frequently spend time with – playing games and sharing meals. Family is extremely important to us.

We love our church community as well. We are active members of a teaching parish committee that helps teach new seminarians about life of the laity and forms them to be exceptional future priests. We are also members of the Uganda Mission group at our Parish. In a recent campaign, we raised over $30,000 to provide clean water, vaccinations, and medical supplies to a community in Uganda, Africa. Teddy is excited to go to Uganda this June to support the mission and meet local community members!

**Fast Facts:**

**Teddy**
- Coffee
- Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups
- Pizza
- Blue jeans
- Trail running outside in the morning
- Sports Movies – *Miracle on Ice* and *Friday Night Lights*

**Brittany**
- Dark chocolate
- Matcha Green Tea with coconut milk and honey
- Popcorn
- Romantic Comedies – *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days*, *My Best Friend’s Wedding*, & *The Holiday*
- Any place on the ocean
- Dancing

**Favorites**
Meet Blue!

Blue is our 5 year old golden retriever. He loves to play and snuggle, and he loves children! Our nieces and nephews enjoy playing fetch with Blue and throwing the frisbee for him. When we go for a walk, he is always so excited to greet the kids at the daycare in our neighborhood.
A Day in Our Life
Our Days Start

with Teddy drinking a cup of coffee, while Brittany sips a cup of green tea. Then, we spend time in prayer.

We also take time for a walk with our dog, Blue, or to just play with him.

During the Week...

Brittany works remotely full-time as an HR Manager. She loves her work and the flexibility that working remotely gives her days!

Teddy works full-time as a Commercial Arborist and is especially passionate about sustainability and taking care of the environment.

We often end our days with a run, reading books, or simply having a movie and game night in!

We Often

• Cook meals together
• Explore local & national parks
• Spend time with our family & friends
• Watch Sunday Football!!

GO Vikings!!
We have a beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 bath home in a family-friendly neighborhood in Minnesota. Our home has a living room, office, dining room, and kitchen. There is a large maple tree in our front yard with a swing that our nieces, nephews, and neighbor kids enjoy swinging in! We love working in our yard and have added flower boxes to the front of our home and planted a sustainable native prairie area in one corner of our yard where we enjoy an abundance of butterflies and honeybees.

We love that we are just a couple of miles from Teddy’s parent’s house and within 30 minutes from Brittany’s parent’s house. The majority of our siblings, nieces, and nephews live nearby as well. We have made great friendships with our neighbors, and we all support one another. We make baked treats for each other, help one another with yard work, and two of the girls in our neighborhood love walking and playing with our dog, Blue. We look forward to our annual neighborhood “Night to Unite” where we share food and play games in our neighborhood.
Home

is where love resides, memories are created, friends always belong, and laughter never ends.
Growing into a Family

We have always wanted a big family, but we have struggled with infertility. Through years of tests, procedures, and even surgeries we remained hopeful that our dream of becoming parents would one day be fulfilled.

Over time, we have made peace with our situation, realizing that having biological children is very unlikely for us, but still having a deep longing to raise a family of our own.

As we prayed and sought guidance, we began making special connections with those who have adopted or are adopted, and as a result, adoption now holds a very special place in our hearts.

If we are chosen to parent a child, we would feel so honored to grow our family in this way. We cannot wait to welcome not only a child into our home and heart, but also their family - expanding our family in ways that we have never imagined.
We have many family traditions and can’t wait to include a child in all the fun!

In the summer, we visit our family cabin in Northern Minnesota, fishing in the morning and eating the walleye we catch for breakfast.

Every Summer we spend some time at the local greenhouses, picking out a new floral design and buying annual flowers to decorate our flower boxes. We also plant a new variety of fresh herbs in our herb rack.

Teddy’s parents host an annual run/walk around their neighborhood. We participate each year, running & donating money for prostate cancer research and hosting a big breakfast afterwards.

When winter comes, we visit Brittany’s parents in Florida or Alabama. They rent a beach home for 2 months out of the year. We love taking a break from the cold and snow to go visit them, walking the beach and being near the ocean!
Our Holiday celebrations are all about family, food, and fun!

**Easter**

We share a meal with family and put together an Easter Egg scavenger hunt in the yard for our nieces and nephews after mass.

**Halloween**

We love handing out candy to our sweet little neighbor kids and nieces and nephews that stop by to show off their costumes.

**Thanksgiving**

We celebrate Thanksgiving every year with both of our families. We make all of the traditional food, including sweet potato pie, mashed potatoes, turkey, gravy, asparagus, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. We eat food, play games, watch football, and share what we were especially grateful for this past year.

**Birthday’s are Special!**

On family birthdays, we love to go all out. We decorate with balloons and signs, make the person's favorite birthday cake, and celebrate with cards and gifts. Every year, Teddy makes a special birthday cake for Brittany that is allergen friendly. Her favorite was a pink lemon, raspberry cake!
We Love Our Big Family!

Teddy’s Family

Brittany’s Family
We are looking forward to building our own Christmas traditions, and we love that we are close to our families and can participate in the traditions we’ve known and loved our whole lives.

Every Christmas Eve, Teddy’s parents host an annual family cookie contest. There are four teams, and it is almost as competitive as the Great British Baking Show! The winner not only has bragging rights, but also wins the highly coveted golden oven mitt. Our team won this past Christmas with a yummy red velvet cheesecake cookie!

We celebrate Christmas Day with Brittany’s side of the family. We have a special dinner of Seabass, Filet Mignon, potatoes, asparagus, salad, and of course, Christmas cookies that Brittany and her mom make.

We wrap up the Holiday season with a special New Year’s Eve dinner, where we indulge in crab legs & coleslaw.
The Christmas Cookie Contest Judges: Teddy’s Dad and Grandpa

The best part of Christmas... Sharing it with the kids.

The WINNING Team! Along with our prize, The Golden Oven Mit
Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We are truly humbled by your consideration. We can never know all that you are feeling and thinking. Our heart is for you, and please know that we are praying for you.

We would be so honored if you chose to invite us into your family and life. Please know that if you do invite us to be the adoptive parents of your child:

- You will always be spoken of with love, honor, and respect in our home.
- We will raise your child with love and support them in all of their endeavors.
- We will foster their growth and development with high-quality education, provide for them physically, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally, and nurture and care for them in all of their needs.
- You and your child will be surrounded by the love and support of not only us, but also our large extended family and many friends we have who are so excited to pour out their love and support to another little one, you, and your loved ones.

Thank you again for considering our family with this important life decision. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you choose the best path forward for you and your child.

Teddy & Brittany