RHONDA & BRYCE

Disney adventures

Gardening together

Monkie & Kona
Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and considering us as the proud adoptive parents of your baby. We know it must take courage to consider this journey and we admire you. We will do all that we can to support you, and always tell your child how much love you have for them. Thank you for the opportunity to share who we are. We wish you peace and strength in what must be a difficult time.
Meet Us!

We enjoy learning about other cultures. We got to make our own tortellini pasta from scratch when we traveled to Italy. It allowed for us to have an understanding of how the chefs farm worked and how the animals were used to create the foods we made. We also appreciated how different cultures work together in the kitchen and help one another out. They allowed for everyone to contribute on what to add to each recipe. We even got to visit the farm in their backyard to see the animals.

We enjoy gardening. During the different seasons of the year, we add new plants to our garden area. We travel to the plant and flower nursery together and pick out different flowers or plants. We recently planted new Petunias and Pansies in our horse trough planter. It is growing and flourishing.

We enjoy woodworking together. We enjoy making wooden pieces such as; plaques, note pad holders, cigar holders and many more. Bryce recently made an American Flag case with an inscription for a First Responder who passed away from COVID. It was a beautiful and sentimental piece for his family. His family was brought to tears and appreciated the effort and care put into it. Your child will have someone to help them open up their creative side.
Bryce in the words of Rhonda

**Bryce loves golf**, he recently played in a Charity Golf Benefit game to help raise money for local small business during the COVID pandemic. He and his friends raised a few thousands dollars that day. It helped several business in the area to stay a float during hard times. Your child will learn at a young age the importance of giving back to their community.

**Bryce is the most creative person.** One year I wanted him to match me for Halloween and he had to come up with something quick. Within in a few hours he matched my Cowgirl outfit as a Cowboy Rodeo Clown, he used old bandannas, pants and suspenders to create the look. He even helped me sew my costume.

**Bryce is a jack of all trades and can fix and build anything.** In his childhood, Bryce learned from the best mentors, whom he calls his "Uncles". Bryce once built a desk for his woodworking machine. It had doors, electric outlets and even an enclosed window to help keep the dust in. Bryce remembers feeling nervous as this was his first time building a desk, thankfully he didn't have to build it twice. Bryce called his uncle to tell him what he had built and his uncle was so proud of him.
Rhonda in the words of Bryce

Rhonda has so much love in her heart, a few years ago she created a campaign for children at a local school called "No Place for Hate." She was able to collect over 500 hearts with children's names who promised that they would use love and not hate to communicate with their family and friends. Your child will learn love and compassion for others.

Rhonda has adventure running through her veins. She was recently on a hot air balloon ride. She was 2500 feet high in the sky. She was nervous about the excursion but said that it was worth it and that she would do it again. She said the sunrise was the most beautiful part of the ride.

One of Rhonda's best qualities is that she deeply cares about her friends and family. She once helped plan an engagement party for her dearest friend. She genuinely put in effort to pick out her friends favorite colors and foods that she liked. Rhonda has always loved to celebrate others and their accomplishments.
How it all Began

We met in 2012 when Rhonda was visiting Las Vegas on vacation. We locked eyes, exchanged numbers and hung out for 1 day enjoying bowling and lunch together. We decided that we would catch each other next time we were in the same state. **We never stopped talking via phone and Facetime.** Rhonda decided to move out west to be with Bryce.

We have **grown together** over the last 9 years **specifically working on DIY house projects in our home together.** We enjoy picking out paint colors, tile pieces and making our house feel more like a home. When remodeling our master bedroom, we were trying to hang a picture on the wall. It ended up being crooked. We ended up having to hang it twice, so we came up with a funny phrase "its nice cause we do it twice". It has been a funny memory and phrase that we laugh about today.

We knew we wanted to have children from the beginning of our relationship. After getting married, we went through the IVF process and were unsuccessful through several attempts and one that ended in a miscarriage of twins. We have always admired adoption especially since Rhonda works with children in the Foster Care system/Adoption programs. **We knew God had bigger plans for us** and was preparing us for the beauty of adoption. We hope to join you on your journey.
They're Our Best Friends

We grew up with pets. Bryce even grew up with horses and goats right in his backyard. Kona became a part of our lives shortly after COVID hit and we felt that we wanted to add another dog to our family. Monkie was a part of a small litter of puppies that needed a home and she instantly became Rhonda's when she sat in her lap.

Kona likes to play in the pool during any season of the year. She brings her toys in the water and tries to bury them on the wet deck of the pool. Recently, she plays with a floating stuffed shark toy. We throw it out in the pool and instead of jumping in, she uses the ledge of the pool to walk and reaches with her paws to grab it.

Monkie and Kona are great with children. We had our Godson over recently and he likes to do tricks with the pups. He told Kona and Monkie to "sit" and then gave them a treat. The pups loved all the treats they got.
If you choose us, your child will have a large tight knit family. This will include two sets of Grandparents, five aunts and uncles, twenty cousins, eight of them under ten years old to have fun and play with.

Our family is always laughing. Bryce got the Family to play Family Feud and we teamed up for a fun night of games by the fire pit. Bryce did his best impersonation of Joey Fatone and introducing himself as the host of the game. Everyone was laughing and giving him a round of applause for his efforts.

Our family loves the outdoors. Recently, we had the opportunity to go Kayaking with Rhonda's Mom. One of the best memories from that trip was getting to see a baby manatee swimming in the spring. Every time we visit with Rhonda's mom we get to explore the outdoors and find new wildlife, plants and truly connect with nature.

Our family loves to have cook outs, many of our family members like to prepare their own food dishes. Bryce's uncle made a BBQ spread. He even made his own signature BBQ sauce. We had everyone test out each sauce to guess which one was his or a store brand. Please let us know how we can incorporate your families recipes into your child's dinner line up.
Traditions

While Rhonda grew up, Rhonda’s mom always got her new PJ’s for Christmas Eve night. When she would wake up, she and the family would have fun Christmas jammies to show off. Today, she continues with the same tradition but we also get her mom a pair of new Christmas PJ’s too. It brings Rhonda back to her favorite childhood days. One of our favorite memories was during Christmas of 2020. We didn’t get the opportunity to see our families in person due to COVID. We decided to Zoom each other on Christmas since both sets of parents gave us PJ’s to wear for Christmas day. We had to swap PJ’s in between opening gifts with our families because of two separate Zoom calls.

Bryce’s Mom started a fun tradition of us taking family trips every year to Disney. One of our best memories is when we all got personalized t-shirts made for the Disney World trip and Bryce’s sister surprised us with a onesie that announced we had a new niece joining the family! Everyone was so excited that the family was growing. We love getting the opportunity to spend time with Bryce’s siblings and our family.

Our family enjoys attending the National Finals Rodeo every year. Last year was the first year we got to bring Bryce's brother Kevin along. They have bull riding experience for the guests to do for fun. Kevin kept saying how he wouldn’t fall off the bull and that he would win the NFR t-shirt that they were giving out as a prize. After about 10 seconds, Kevin flew off the bull and we had it all on camera. Needless to say he still got a t-shirt for his effort and a good laugh from all of us.
It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

We have a cozy home with plenty of space. We live on a street that does not have much traffic and sits on a quarter acre of land. Our home has a big backyard with pool. Bryce recently got to play a game of "pool noodle fight" with his Godson. Bryce plays swords with the noodles and whoever loses their noodle first in the water loses the game. Ever since, our Godson brings a new pool noodle with him to play and swim. Your child will have lots of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

Our community has a petting zoo and ranch. Every fall season they host a Pumpkin patch for the children that includes horse rides, pumpkin carving contest, food vendors and family photos. We went one year and carved pumpkins for Halloween. Bryce made a ghost and Rhonda made a witch on a broom, it was so fun. We set them up on our front porch. This is our favorite part of our neighborhood.

Our house is less than 15 mins away from hiking trails. Rhonda and her friends hiked all the way to a hot water springs and relaxed. It was much needed after hiking for over 2 miles. We also saw Big Horn Sheep which are unique to our state. They were grazing and feeding. We love exploring the different trails throughout our community.
Our Lives

We value our time spent together and believe in the importance of work-life balance. We enjoy cooking our Hello Fresh meals together for dinner. We share stories, catch up on the week, and talk about future plans. Rhonda's dad always says that we cook the best meats and loves when we make pork in the Trager smoker. He boosts our "chef" spirits in the kitchen.

Bryce has been keeping our community safe for 14 years as a Sergeant for the Police Department. He works 4 day shifts with 3 days off. He is able to be flexible with his shifts and will be available for the big and small moments in your child's life.

Rhonda works with children in Foster Care and their Kinship Relatives in the Child Welfare Office. Rhonda gets the opportunity to place children with their relatives or family friends as a safe place in hard times. Rhonda also works 4 day shifts with 3 days off. Your child will have a mom who understands the value of family and keeping children safe.
Thank You

We appreciate that you took the time to get to know us through these pages. Should you choose us, you will have a big place in our hearts and we will always think of you with respect and admiration. We promise to raise your baby with the deepest understanding of love, kindness and acceptance. We will strive to provide them with a strong foundation at home, a good education, and the ability to explore their interests and passions. The opportunity to be a part of your child's life would be the greatest gift we could ever receive. **We would love to share lots of photos and updates.** Throughout this process we will pray for your baby but most importantly, we will pray that you find peace in selecting the right family for them.

Warmly,

Rhonda & Bryce