



**KAIT & BEN**

## Hi there!

We are Ben and Kait, and we are so thankful you are taking the time to learn more about our family. We are humbled and honored that you would consider us to be your child's adoptive family. After three pregnancy losses, we are looking forward with hope to being parents through adoption. We hope our story will help you in making your decision. Whatever the outcome, please know that we are praying for you and your child. We hope this book gives you a glimpse into our family, as you carefully consider the life and family you wish for your baby.

If chosen to be the parents of your little one, we promise that your child will be loved unconditionally by us and our entire support system. We will be open with your child about their adoption story and your love for them. We hope these pages give you a look into our lives and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We know that no matter what you decide, you have the best interest in mind for your child.

Sincerely,  
Kait & Ben







# *about us*

## HOW WE MET

- September 2010 - We first met as interns in Olympia, WA
- June 2011 - Kait moved to Illinois for grad school.
- January 2012 - We started dating long distance.
- August 9, 2012 - Ben proposed!
- June 2, 2013 - We got married in Estes Park, CO!

We met while working as Youth Ministry interns in Washington state.

Kait left Washington for Illinois graduate school, leaving Ben behind to finish his internship. We continued to talk, growing in love and friendship, eventually starting to date long-distance. After that long year, Ben got into grad school in Illinois and knew the time was right to propose! After another year, we got married in the beautiful Rocky Mountains, surrounded by family and friends.

We love making each other laugh and supporting one another. Kait loves that Ben is a good hugger, generous, thoughtful, a good friend, and compassionate, especially to those hurting or in need. Ben loves that Kait is kind, fun, loves nature, is generous and always there for her friends. We are so thankful for the love we have for each other and are so excited to share the love and joy we have with a child.





*a little about*

## BEN

Ben was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania but moved to Colorado soon after. I grew up in the Denver area, where I enjoyed spending time with friends, playing guitar, and developed my love for hockey. I am the youngest of three and am very close with my family. I went to college in the area and then moved to Washington for Youth Ministry. I love Jesus and am thankful to have a mom who connected me to church. I like anything Star Wars and Marvel. I really enjoy playing video games with friends online, but also love to get outside and walk our two dogs. I enjoy cooking and BBQ-ing, as well as listening to music. I attended seminary to get my Master's degree in Illinois, where Kait and I now live.











## *a little about* **KAIT**

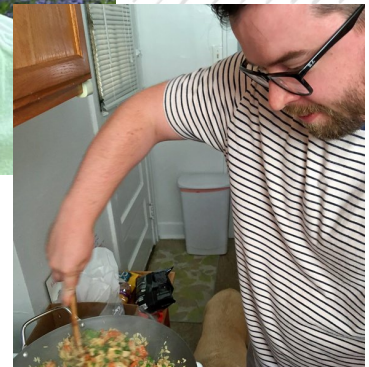
I was born in southern California and moved to Pennsylvania when I was 10 years old. I grew up loving both the beach and the woods. I have a younger brother and step-sister. My mom passed away when I was 8 years old, which was a huge loss; however, I am so thankful for the many surrogate mamas in my life. I am very close with my aunts and cousins, many of whom are also starting families of their own. I am thankful for my family and friends who have become family. I enjoy the outdoors, gardening, walking and doing yoga. I also love to cuddle up with a good book or movie and cup of tea. I love to bake and can't wait to pass on some fun family recipes. My faith is very important and I have found peace and strength in Jesus over the years. After two years working in youth ministry, I got my Masters degree in counseling and also spent some time teaching nature studies to preschoolers.







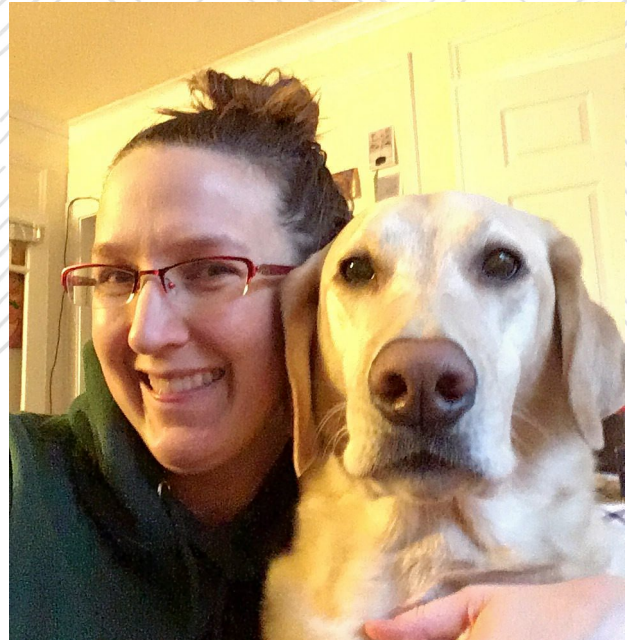
## **BEN IS SO EXCITED TO BE A DAD!**



I am so excited to share all the things I love with a little one. I would be thrilled to take our child on a family bike ride, help me cook for the family (age appropriately of course!) and help them find some music that they love. I'm also so excited to help them explore the things that they love and to help learn about those things alongside them.

I know that Kait will be a great mom because she is so kind, thoughtful, and generous. She is always so excited to share about the things she is passionate about, like painting and planting, and I know that she would be so excited to share her love of nature and gardening with a little one.





## **KAIT IS SO EXCITED TO BE A MOM!**

I can't wait to love a little human and share with them things I love as well. I'm so excited to read books to them and go on nature adventures with them. I can't wait to help them be creative, maybe learning to paint. And I can't wait to learn from this child about their own unique self that they bring to the world.

I am excited for Ben to be a dad, because he is so kind, funny, and loving. He will be so gentle and generous with a little one. He will teach them so many fun things, like how to rock out on guitar, master the art of cooking, and play hockey. He is a great listener, a shoulder to cry on, and someone who will make this new kiddo laugh!

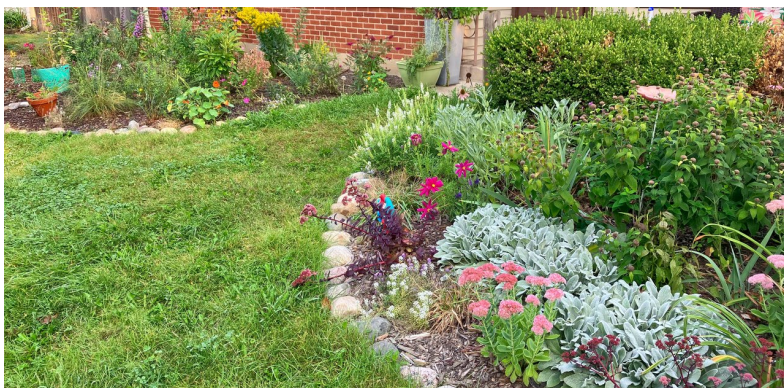
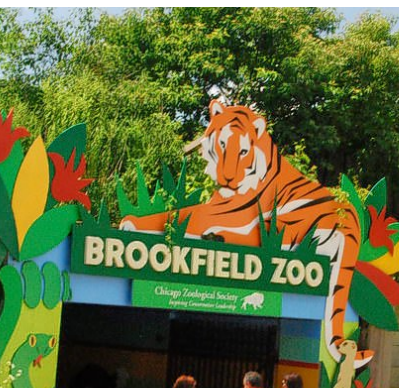


# OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD



We live near a big city in the midwest, in a family-friendly neighborhood. We love exploring nearby restaurants, nature preserves and sometimes even venture to the city for a fun adventure! There are lots of fun places to visit, like botanical gardens, museums, aquariums and zoos!





We have a single story house with a big backyard. Our favorite place in our house is probably at our large dining room table, because we love having people gather round to eat and play games. We also love to gather round our fire pit and make s'mores!





# Adventures

We are a mix of home-bodies and adventurers! We enjoy exploring new places and love to get out to see musicals, museums and botanic gardens! We like to bike together and also watch movies. We love hosting gatherings and celebrating the holidays, especially Christmas and the Fourth of July!









### **We love our family and friends!**

Both of us have a brother and a sister, as well as several nieces and nephews, and LOTS of cousins! Some of our friends and family live close and some live a few states away, but we always try to see them often. We love spending time with our family and friends, often getting together for beach days, BBQ's, game nights or just gathering and talking. Our family and friends are very supportive of our adoption journey and they can't wait to help us welcome a child into our lives!



# Family & Friends



Kait's extended family



Ben's extended family



Chicago cousins



Kait's brother and Ben



California cousins



Ben's Family





## KAIT & BEN'S

# CAREERS

Ben is a software engineer and enjoys writing code. He's very techy and enjoys building computers and his electric guitar pedal board.

Kait is a child and adolescent counselor, where she practices play therapy and enjoy working with children and their families.

Both Kait and Ben's jobs are very supportive of their adoption plans.



# Our Interests

During our free time, we like to watch movies and hockey, go on walks and make yummy food. Kait enjoys yoga, painting, sewing and gardening, and Ben loves to play his electric guitar, grill meat, and connect with friends over Dungeons and Dragons. We love to laugh, be silly and catch up with friends. We are both actively involved in our church and help with the worship team - Kait sings and Ben plays guitar.





# Faith & Education

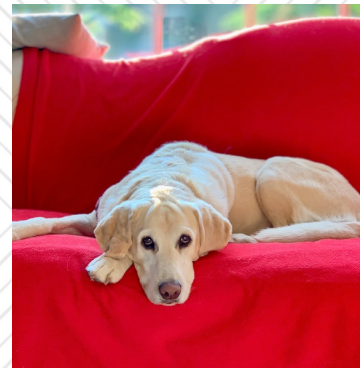
Our Christian faith is very important to us and something that influences who we are and what we do. We are active members in our church. We believe serving, living generously, and loving others and God are the most important values we can share with a child.

We also value education and hope to instill in our children a desire to be lifelong learners! There are great options for both public and private education in our area.

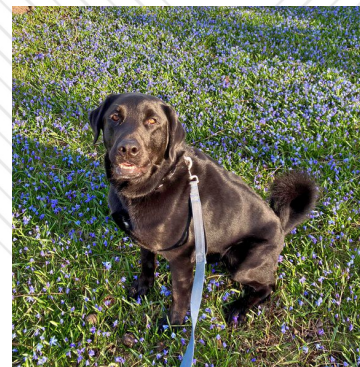
We will always put our child's needs first when it comes to schooling and decide together after seeing what would best fit our child's educational needs.







## Our Dogs



We have two labrador retrievers, Bear and Belle. We do lots of walks with our dogs and enjoy spending time snuggling on the couch or being outdoors with them. They are great with kids and love spending time with family and friends' little ones.



