

Hello!

We're Brad and Sarah— we're adventure enthusiasts, hospitable friends, loyal family, and adoptive parents. We met 18 years ago on our high school cross country team; over time our friendship became love, we were married after college and have been building a life together over the last 10 years. We've lived an adventure that's brought us from living overseas in South Africa to the University of Colorado's campus where we've invested in the lives of over hundreds of college students to buying/renovating Brad's grandparents house in Longmont, CO. But our greatest adventure has been stepping into parenthood. Our life is lived with others in mind and our home is a hub where family and friends gather around the table for tasty food and the occasional competitive game. We've loved adding our daughter to the mix and are eager to fill our table with more little faces— we know we have more unconditional love to give.

Our story is long, we're filled with joy and gratitude when we get to re-live it, but in so many ways its never what we would've predicted or ever planned. Maybe you can relate. Life is full of unforeseen challenges and changes. As we've faced heartaches and hard decisions we've often wished we could write a different story for ourselves. If you're reading this its likely because this little life you're growing wasn't part of your plan. We can empathize with things not going as planned. Over the years, trying to grow our family we've faced a painful reality that things aren't as they should be— there is more brokenness and hurt in the world than we often like to acknowledge. We've also found great hope in the promises of our heavenly Father. He promises us wholeness. We believe God sees all of us in our pain, He sees us in our longing and His grace makes beautiful things out of the hardest of circumstances. The family that we have today feels more beautiful than the one we could've built on our own biologically and we wouldn't change it. We know our family isn't done growing and we're grateful that you've taken the time to consider if our family feels like the right fit for your family.

As adoptive parents we want to be learning and growing with our children. We hope for another open, honest and inclusive adoption with a birth family as we all share in this journey—it's a huge part of our desire to adopt in Colorado. We want our child to feel strongly connected to *all* their family. We believe openness offers the most redemptive path forward for both birth parents and adoptive children. We expect to define the degree of that openness with the birth parents, but we hope that they could see themselves "apart" of our family and present in our child's life. We commend you for making an adoptive plan its incredibly selfless and courageous.

with grace, gratitude and all our love,  
Brad & Sarah