


BRAD + ANETA



Hello SO NICE TO "MEET" YOU





As you explore your options, we are greatly humbled that you are taking some time to see our life.

We recognize that you are reading this letter during a complicated and seemingly impossible time in your life, brought here through reasons that are beyond us all. The love you have for your child runs deeply through your soul. You would not be standing freely in this difficult position without that incredible love. **Our hope for you is that you find comfort in knowing that God is in every detail navigating you through every step, whether you choose to parent or adopt.** So, just breathe! He already knows how this journey travels. Although we can not ease the emotion and stress this process puts you through, please know that we pray for you to have clarity and strength as you walk in this space that you are in.

Our adventure in growing a family began with a lot of heartache. God has sent us on a quest where we have changed lanes many times, but that is generally how life tends to go for us all. We experienced multiple miscarriages. At the time, it was hard to see God's plan in that mess and it was hard to understand the why in that suffering. Nevertheless, God always provides and continued to supply joy in our life, and opened up the possibility of adoption. A totally unpredictable and marvelous story began to unfold. We placed our adoption process on hold when we learned that we were expecting our first child, and this time, for real! Then, another miracle followed shortly after as our second daughter was born. We never imagined such a masterpiece would be called our story. God initially led us to believe that our first child was meant to join our family through adoption, when in fact, his intention was for us to complete our family through adoption. The baby of the family is the missing piece of our masterpiece. **It is a privilege to grow our family through adoption and we are so excited to become parents once again!**

We have the space in our hearts and home for adoption and we are fully open to all that comes. To put it bluntly, we are all in! We are not the perfect family, and we do not have all the answers. Life continues to teach us lessons, and we are grateful for the hard lessons that cause us to grow. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

love,

Brad + Aneta

WE'VE BEEN MARRIED NOW FOR
OVER 8 YEARS AND ADORE
OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Our Timeline

MET	ENGAGED	MARRIED	CADENCE BORN	BRECKLYN BORN
AUG 2008	FEB 2011	AUG 2011	AUG 2015	JAN 2017

this is **OUR STORY**



Our story together began when we met online! We spent a few weeks talking on the phone, taking time to get to know each other and developing a friendship before even meeting in person. When we finally had our first date the connection was instant. We knew straight away that it was the start of something amazing! It was just so easy to laugh together. We would sit for hours talking and laughing about anything and everything -- the serious stuff, the dreams we had, and even the unpredictability of life.

After dating for 2.5 years, we got engaged at an ice rink in Beaver Creek. On the day, Brad was so nervous and was waiting for just the right moment. He finally pulled out the ring and popped the first question that came to his mind "do you want to have my babies?" We still laugh about that today! Little did we know what the future would hold. We got married on August 27, 2011 at an outdoor wedding venue in Black Forest, Colorado. The natural landscape set the stage for a relaxed and comfortable wedding. We were surrounded by all of our family and friends and felt loved the whole day through.



We've been married now for over 8 years and adore our life together. We have two wonderful daughters, a strong faith in Jesus that guides our life, and an incredible love for each other.





PARENTHOOD *has taught us...*

Unconditional love, patience, gratitude, perspective, and overwhelming happiness
That time stops when your child gives you the biggest hug out of the blue
There is nothing more powerful on this planet than the impact we have on our kids
There is always (yes, always) time to read just one more book before bed-time
And at the end of the day, what matters most is being there for our kids

We love:

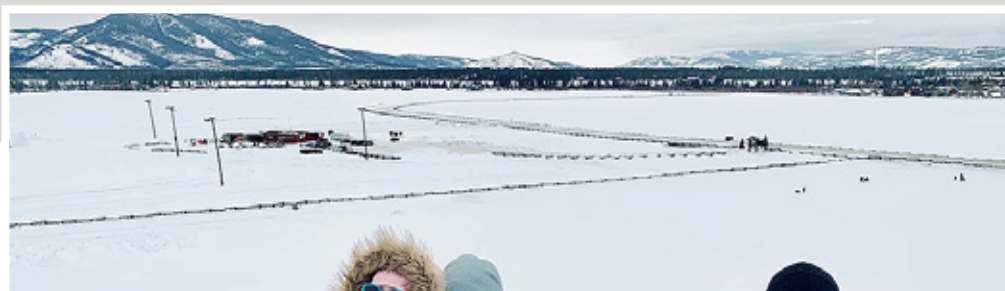
Any outdoor adventure! We take a yearly camping trip where we sleep under the stars, make the yummiest s'mores, and go for hikes.

Date nights that usually involve takeout from our favorite Thai restaurant and a movie on our couch.

Slow mornings eating breakfast and watching cartoons with the kids.

Visiting the family mountain cabin. It's the perfect place for a cozy fire, playing in the snow, and making some wonderful family memories.

Ice cream! This is a year-round indulgence, no matter how cold it is outside!






why we are **ADOPTING**

Adoption at its core is awe-inspiring, and we see God all over this process. We always dreamt of having a large family, but after we were married, our adventure in growing a family began with a lot of heartache. We experienced multiple miscarriages without any clear answers as to why. Nevertheless, God always provides. We prayed a lot with hopeful hearts, and listened as we felt fate calling us to begin the process of adoption. It was invigorating, and we were filled with the energy of possibility! Then, in a twist of unexpectedness that only God could create, a miracle happened and we were able to welcome our first daughter into the world, which was followed shortly after by our second daughter.

Our journey in growth has been a unique, wonderful voyage, and we believe that our tribe is not yet complete. We know God placed us on this path for a reason, we have been created to connect our family to adoption. So, no matter how hard this journey has been, we press on knowing that something greater than what we can imagine awaits.



WE HAVE BEEN CREATED
TO CONNECT OUR FAMILY
THROUGH ADOPTION.



meet ANETA

Friends say I am: *Supportive, creative, loving, and funny*

I was born in Poland and come from a long-stretch of small family farmers. My father had dreams of what life would look like in the United States, so my parents moved us to the Chicago area just before my 2nd birthday. Today, I work in clinical research and I am home-based working part-time. We have a wonderful nanny who cares for the kids from home during the time I'm working, though I am available for my kids at all times.

In my free time, I love going for a run outside, reading a good book, or snuggling up on the couch watching a movie. I also love to cook and bake. Baking cookies or muffins with my kids is one of my favorite things to do! It usually results in a mess, but it is so worth it for those sweet faces that get covered in flour! I am passionate about living my best and healthiest life, because, after all, we only have one life to live. I enjoy making good lifestyle choices and value maintaining a clear mind so I can be present for my family.

One of the things I love most about being a parent is being their soft place to land, the one they turn to. When they want to snuggle or the pride they get in showing me something they've done or learned, the joy I feel is like no other!



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 SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

5 THINGS *Aneta Loves*

1. A great cup of coffee
2. Running
3. Traveling
4. Motherhood (I love being a mom above anything else)
5. Caramel
 (caramel apples, caramel popcorn..caramel everything)





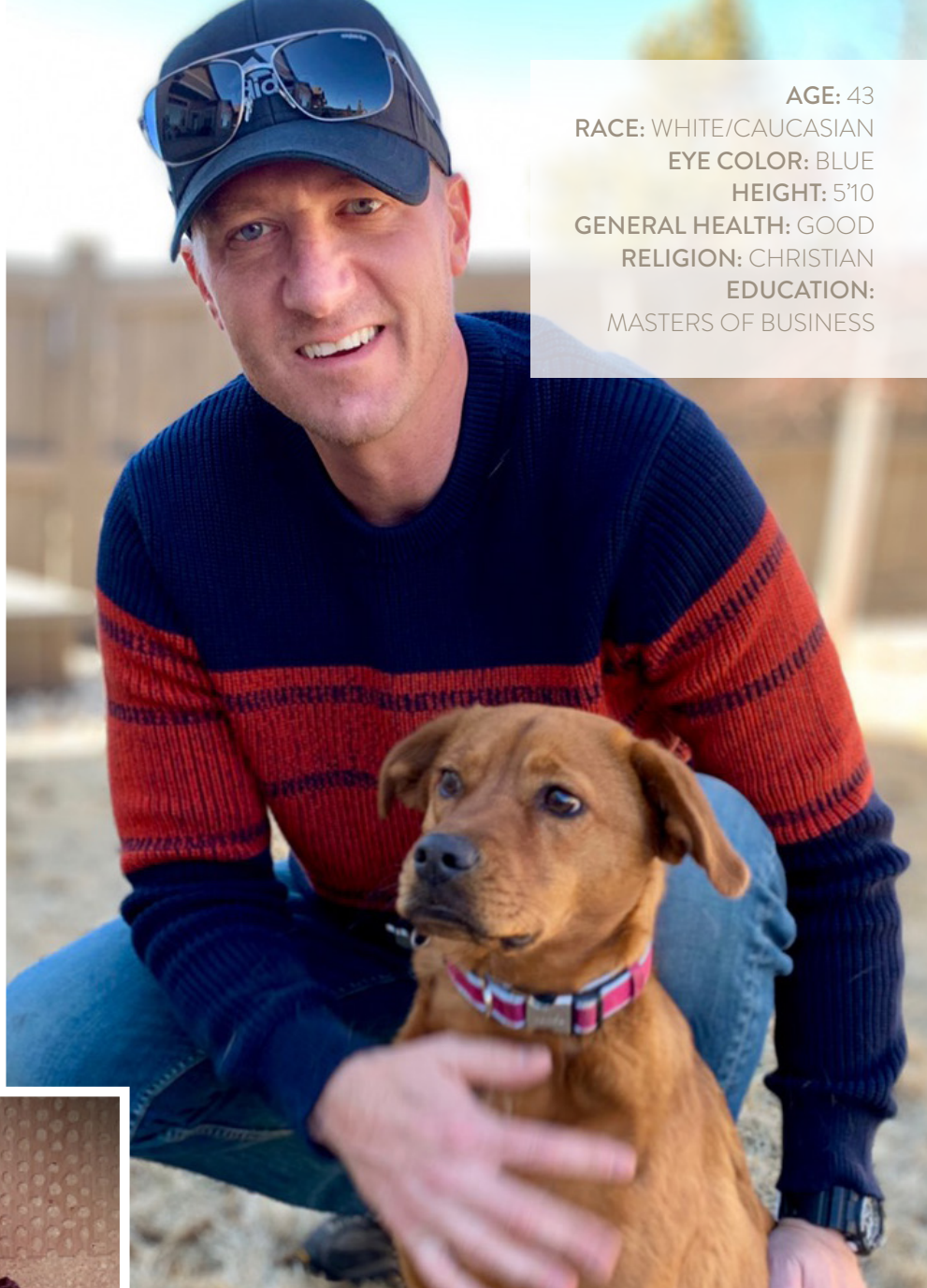
meet BRAD

Friends say I am: *Easy-going, humble, generous and honest*

I grew up in a small town in Nebraska, a place where there are no stop lights and everybody knows everybody. During the summers, I worked on my uncle's farm helping with irrigating crops and working cattle. Today, I work in auto lending for Ford Credit and have been with the company for 20 years. I enjoy the relationships that I build with my peers and clients and the challenge of managing lending risks and people.

In my free time, I am usually working out, hiking with our puppy Kula, or hanging out with old friends. I am also very passionate about sports. Growing up, I played many different sports, but ultimately settled on football and played in college. I'm naturally competitive, but I truly enjoy how sports unite and build comradery between people. Most of my lifelong friends were started and built through the love of playing and watching sports. I love rooting on my favorite teams (Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, and Nebraska Cornhuskers) and enjoy taking my family to watch a couple games each season.

The best part of being a parent is getting to watch my kids grow and develop. They are constantly changing so reaching milestones makes me a very proud papa. I also love when they are smiling and laughing, it makes me feel like I am doing a good job as a parent because that's the ultimate goal -- their happiness.



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5 THINGS *Brad Loves*

1. Fishing
2. Golf
3. Camping
4. Hanging out with old friends
5. Ice Cream

Favorite place to be: In nature
(especially the mountains and the ocean)



SHE HAS AN INCREDIBLE
HEART FOR OTHERS...



ANETA

in Brad's words

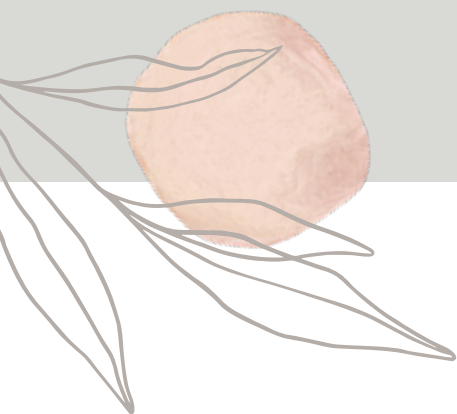
“Without question, Aneta is the most dedicated and thoughtful person that I know, and I feel lucky to call her my wife. She has an incredible heart for others! **Her compassion and love for me and our kids is unmatched. She always puts our family at the forefront of her thoughts and decisions.** She works hard at everything she does, and she does it with a sense of creativity that is impressive. She is extremely patient and understanding with our kids and loves being a mom above all else.”

BRAD *in Aneta's words*

“Brad is the most incredible man! He has a natural willingness to share every aspect of himself and does so without ever expecting anything in return. He is the most generous man I know. **He genuinely has the best of intentions in all that he does, and his loyalty and support of our family grounds us.** He is also extremely creative with our kids, lighthearted, and playful, and I love hearing the carefree laughter roaring through the house!”

HE IS THE MOST GENEROUS
MAN I KNOW...





meet our **CHILDREN**



Cadence (4 1/2 years old) Joyfully Happy & Compassionate

She has the kindest heart and a strong perceptive nature. She is also adorably silly! God naturally made her a sweet and genuine care-giver. She adores being a big sister and is often guiding Brecklyn through new experiences.





Brecklyn (3 years old)

Hilariously Original, Creative, & Determined

She has the best laugh, which we first heard when she was just six weeks old! From that moment forward, we knew that she had a spunky sense of humor and she has us laughing at her natural funniness and creativity at every turn!

Our children adore babies! They will be the perfect little helpers and care-givers to a future sibling. They truly will welcome a little one with the sweetest hugs and kisses. Also, there is nothing better than the uncontrollable laughter and close bond that comes with having brothers/sisters!

our HOME

We live in a 5 bedroom / 4 bathroom home in Colorado Springs. Our home is full of energy and love. We love our home because it's where we are allowed to be messy, noisy, playful, loving, and entirely ourselves. At home, we love being together as a family. We love acting silly, cooking, having dance parties in the kitchen, playing games, hanging out, watching movies, reading books -- everything and anything as long as we are together!

Our neighborhood is very safe and family oriented. We live on a double cul-de-sac street, which is perfect for kids on bikes and scooters. The community is very active in providing get togethers for everyone, such as our yearly back-to-school block party. The block party is a huge pot-luck where everyone contributes, and the cul-de-sac is lined with bounce houses, yard games, and a very active water balloon fight!





meet KULA

Kula is sweetness to the core and irresistibly lovable. She adores going to the dog park, walking around the neighborhood with us, and being together hanging out as a family. She has a sweet innocent heart and was definitely fated for us.



In our family...

WE MAKE MISTAKES AND
WE FORGIVE FREELY



we prioritize TOGETHERNESS

In our family, we make togetherness a top priority and love to spend most of our free time with each other. We love to laugh together. We even cry together. It feels natural. We just fit together! Any time we do something even slightly noteworthy, we are there to cheer each other on and support one another fully. **We feel honored to be able to call each other our best friend.**

We are a family that believes that the most beautiful memories are made on the most ordinary of days. Those ordinary moments are significant to us and we celebrate every first moment, milestone, success, failure and strength. We look forward to all the big and small moments that our future holds.

In our Family WE LAUGH OUT LOUD
ALL THE TIME.

And we give
BIG HUGS.



meet our FAMILIES

Aneta's Family: I am close to my family. I grew up with 2 sisters (one of which is my twin sister) and one brother. We grew up in the Chicago area, but we all moved to Colorado after finishing college and my parents followed soon after we started to have children, which has been great for ease of get-togethers! My oldest sister has since moved away and is now settled in Oregon with her husband and their two kids. My twin sister and brother live about an hour away. My twin sister has 3 girls that are all around the ages of my kids, so we gather to play a lot. My brother is working to start a family! We usually see each other about every 4-6 weeks or so. **As a family, we love to stay active and often compete in races together. My whole family will be involved in the baby's life and are thrilled to add to our growing family.**



OUR FAMILIES WILL WELCOME OUR NEW SON OR DAUGHTER WITH OPEN ARMS



Brad's Family: My family mostly lives in Nebraska so it's about a 7 hour drive for us. We have a good relationship with all of my family members, which includes my parents, 3 brothers and 1 sister. My oldest brother and sister are both married with 4 kids and 3 kids, respectively. My youngest brother was the most recent to get married and just welcomed his first child! My other brother lives in St. Louis and is a parent of two puppies! All family members will be involved with the baby's life and we typically see my family 3-4 times a year. When we are together, all the kids enjoy playing with each other. We also look for fun activities that everybody can do like bowling, going to the movies, playing cards, or a game outside.





before you go **WE WANT YOU TO KNOW**

With grateful hearts, we sincerely thank you for getting to know us. **We hope these words and photos inspire you to learn more about who we are, and we would love to walk through the journey of adoption alongside you.** If God has placed in your heart that we are the right fit, we assure you that your child will receive stability, protection, and above all, LOVE. Love that is unmeasurable, unconditional, playful, and unwavering. Love from two big (but still little) sisters, adoring grandparents, an abundance of aunts, uncles, and cousins, the love from heaven above, and of course, from two sets of parents – birth and adopted. If you place your child with us, we are forever tied together. We want to be open with you and share visits and photos.

Before you close our book, should you choose this path, please remember this about us: At our very core, we have a playful nature and focus on being positive. We enjoy being spontaneous, energetic, and focus on the moment. We have a desire to pursue new experiences and adventures. We value and encourage each other to seek these opportunities and understand that they allow us to grow and expand how we see the world. We are very thankful for each other and truly feel blessed for the family God has started for us. We both come from humble upbringings and value humility; thus we are appreciative of everything that God has shared. We work hard to ensure our children get the very best of us as they grow to appreciate family.

*If you choose us as the adoptive parents, these are **6 commitments** we would make to our child as their parents:*

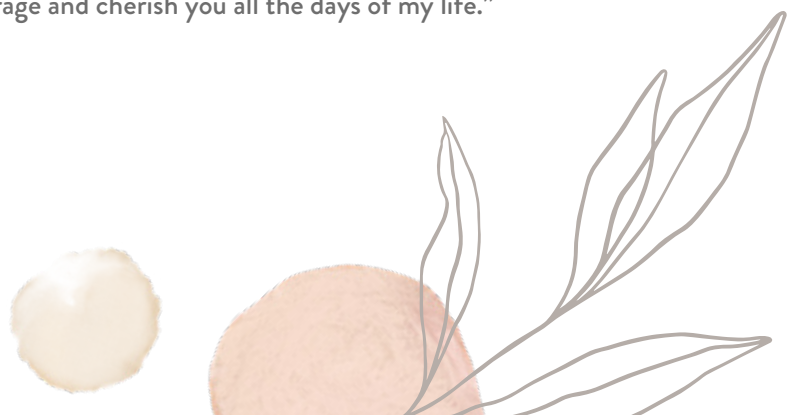
- We are dedicated to **expanding your horizons** and taking you to places that will show you what other cultures are like, to explore the magnificence of Mother Earth, and foster a love for adventure.
- We promise to encourage you to dream and to dream BIG, by **supporting you in your pursuit of your passions**, whatever they may be. When you stumble and struggle, we promise to remind you of how strong and capable you are.
- We promise to talk with you about anything and everything, and **listen to your heart with deep love**. We will be immersed in hearing about your joys, your fears, and your secrets.
- We promise to **get messy with you!** We will build snow forts with you, jump in the leaves, make sand castles, and dance in the rain with you! We love to play too, and foster curiosity and imagination!
- We will teach you to keep your eyes turned to God, always remembering that He gave you life and will guide you as you trust in Jesus. He saw you first, and He holds you in His hand, and will never abandon you. We will **encourage you to follow Him throughout life**.
- We promise to help you figure out who you are as you navigate this big world. We will help you discover and build on your unique interests and strengths, and we will **always honor you for who you are**. We love you simply because you're you.

We understand that facing an unplanned pregnancy can feel like a momentous obstacle in your life. At one time or another, we are all faced with the challenges that God places before us. One way that we navigate our challenges is we lean on the love of our family and the promise that started it all.....our wedding vow.

“With this ring, I give you my promise, that from this day forward, you shall not walk alone. May my heart be your shelter and my arms be your home. With this ring, I give you my heart. I am yours, you are mine. Of this we are certain. I pledge my life and love to you and will encourage and cherish you all the days of my life.”

love,

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thank you
FOR
CONSIDERING
US

