



Angela & Bryan

& Rocky too!



We Enjoy Hiking & Kayaking!

Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We believe that adoption is a difficult decision, but we admire you for considering this path for your child. If you choose us, we will raise your child with love. We will help them explore their interests and will encourage them to follow their dreams. Please know that we are thinking of you and wish you peace, comfort, and strength at this time and always.



About Us

We push ourselves to try something new every year. We have tried ziplining, caving, and parasailing over the last few years. This past summer, we had the opportunity to do the via ferrata (guided rock climbing). We climbed a large cliff face, and a fear of heights initially kicked in, even though we were completely safe and harnessed in. Bryan was especially nervous as we went higher; however, Angela kept encouraging him. We were so proud of ourselves when we finally reached the top and were in awe of the beautiful views awaiting us. Your child will be encouraged to try new things and seek out their own adventures.



Nature has a way of grounding us, reminding us to appreciate life's simple joys. On a recent trip to Canada, we braved the rain and kayaked to an island with an ancient forest, home to trees over 1,500 years old. While hiking through the forest, we were sad to learn how logging has depleted much of the region's old-growth forests, but we also learned about efforts to protect and preserve the ecosystem. Seeing these timeless trees that have outlived generations deepened our appreciation for nature.

We enjoy visiting museums to broaden our knowledge of science, art, history, and more! We recently visited the science and nature museum to see an exhibit on the power of poisons, which brought back Angela's enthusiasm for science. Angela used to teach science and was fascinated to learn how plants and animals use poisons for defense and survival. We also explored the dinosaur exhibit and felt like kids again as we walked under the towering skeletons, amazed by the enormous dinosaur fossils.



Our Story



We met online through a dating website. When we first started dating, we lived over 100 miles apart, and we would alternate visits to see each other every weekend. We explored new activities when we reunited each weekend.

Bryan took Angela to the botanical gardens when she visited him for the first time while Angela took Bryan to visit a castle on one of his first visits to see her. These visits each weekend strengthened our bond; and over time, we built trust and improved our communication skills as we navigated through the challenges of a long-distance relationship.

It didn't take long for us to realize that we had something special between us, and Angela moved closer to Bryan within a few months of dating. As we got to know each other, we bonded over our love of hiking. Two years later, Bryan proposed on the same hiking trail where we had our 2nd date, which was very special for both of us. Bryan also chose the date of our engagement specifically to honor Angela's mom, who had passed away the year before, which made this day even more special for us.



Early in our relationship, we knew that we wanted to become parents and found out that we were pregnant shortly after we were married. Unfortunately, we suffered a miscarriage and have experienced infertility since that time. We were foster parents for about a year prior to beginning our adoption journey. This was both a rewarding and difficult experience that taught us a lot about parenting and allowed us to grow stronger in our marriage. As foster parents, we came to understand that love, not biology, is what truly makes a family. Despite our challenges with infertility, we are hopeful and grateful that our path has brought us to you.

About Angela



Angela is a big **Harry Potter** fan! She loves how the books transport readers into a magical world that feels both enchanting and familiar. Over the years, she's also had many special movie nights watching the Harry Potter films with her dad. Recently, Angela baked Harry Potter Butterbeer cupcakes as a fun way to bring the iconic Butterbeer from the books and movies to life. As she baked, our kitchen was filled with warm scents of vanilla and caramel. Angela couldn't resist tasting the frosting while the cupcakes baked. It was so delicious, she ended up eating a little too much and she almost didn't have enough to decorate the cupcakes! Your child will be encouraged to expand their imagination through books.

Angela loves decorating for the holidays. She decorates two Christmas trees each year, and last Christmas, she began the tradition of adorning one of our trees with cardinal-themed ornaments in remembrance of her mom. Angela is drawn to the symbolism of cardinals, which represent hope, protection, and the presence of loved ones who have passed. This symbolism holds even deeper meaning at Christmas when we reflect on family. Angela's mom passed away just after Christmas a few years ago, and the cardinals serve as a beautiful reminder of her during this special time.



Angela loves **cooking** and is always trying new recipes. She enjoys watching the Food Network and browsing Pinterest for inspiration. We had our first date at Chili's, where Bryan enjoyed eating their Cajun chicken pasta. Inspired by this, Angela decided to recreate the dish at home one day. After a few attempts to perfect the seasoning and grilling of the chicken, she nailed it. Now, it's one of our favorite meals. It's a simple yet delicious way to bring the flavors of Chili's to our kitchen, and every time Angela makes it, we're reminded of our first date.

About Bryan

Bryan enjoys building things and is a **great problem solver**. We like to visit local antique shops and fix up old furniture. Our first antique project was restoring a set of chairs. Bryan spent hours peeling off all the old layers of fabric on the original seat cushions. We added new cushioning and fabric, and Bryan used his wood-working skills to restore some of the wood and made the chairs sturdier. We still have the chairs in our dining room, and they are one of our favorite items in our home. Each time we see them, we are reminded of the fun we had working on them and the important time we spent bonding together. Your child will be motivated to express their own creativity.



Sports have always been a big part of Bryan's life. He has played hockey since middle school and also enjoys football and tennis. One of Bryan's fondest memories is when he saw his favorite hockey team, the Pittsburgh Penguins, win the Stanley Cup for the first time. He was playing hockey with his brothers during the Stanley Cup finals. Bryan and his teammates were glued to the TV at the hockey arena before they went out to play. The atmosphere was very intense as they watched the final seconds of the game, but everyone was so excited when the Penguins won. Bryan remembers the cheers in the arena, and he enjoyed being able to share this moment with his brothers and teammates.

Bryan is an avid **outdoorsman**. Some of Bryan's favorite memories are camping with his brothers at the Grand Canyon. Bryan has gone backpacking at the Grand Canyon 3 times in the past 8 years. On his first trip there, it snowed, and he had to sleep in his brother's truck, bundled up to stay warm. The next morning, he woke up to a peaceful scene with fresh snow covering the ground. As he hiked down into the canyon, the snow quickly melted, revealing the stunning contrast of the warm canyon below. Bryan was amazed by the canyon's vastness, and it was a profound experience seeing its beauty for the first time.



Our Family

If you chose us, through our family and chosen family, your child will grow up with 2 great-grandparents, 3 grandparents, 35 aunts and uncles, and 24 cousins.

We love to play games together as a family. We host game nights at our house every month, and some of our favorites are Catch Phrase, Heads Up, & Trivial Pursuit. Whenever we play, the whole family shouts out answers all at once, making it very loud and exciting. During our last game night, our nephew surprised everyone by answering a tricky trivia question. While all the adults were making guesses, he suddenly shouted out the correct answer. For a moment, there was complete silence as we processed it, and then we erupted into cheers! His quick thinking added an extra spark to our already lively atmosphere.



Our family is very competitive! Recently, we celebrated our nephew's birthday at the arcade with Bryan's family. We played dart wars, and it was an absolute blast! Armed with foam dart blasters, we transformed the arcade into our own battlefield. We divided up into 2 teams on opposite ends of the arena. Each person took on a different role, some were great at aiming while others were good at strategizing. The game became intense as everyone tried to dodge darts and outsmart each other. Bryan's dad was especially competitive as he snuck around walls and dove behind barriers. It was a great way to bond with each other and was a joyful reminder that we're all kids at heart!

We have a large family that makes it a priority to stay connected. We attended a family reunion last summer at Angela's cousin's house. It was our first reunion, but we hope to make this a yearly tradition from now on. The house was filled with cheerful chaos: hugs, kisses, and the joyful shouts of kids running about. Angela's little cousin Saylor was the highlight of the day, and she stole all the attention. She was very picky about what she was eating, but when her mom gave her a chocolate chip cookie, she gobbled it right up. Your child will feel supported and loved, knowing they are part of a close-knit family that values connection.



Our Traditions



We enjoy hosting our family during the holidays, particularly Thanksgiving and Christmas. One of our fondest memories is from our first Thanksgiving in our new home. It was Angela's first time cooking a large dinner for our entire family, and she also took on the challenge of cooking a turkey for the first time. Sadly, just a week after Thanksgiving, Bryan's Uncle Joe passed away unexpectedly. He was very special to both of us and that Thanksgiving was the last time we saw him. This experience reminded us to appreciate every moment together. Holiday dinners have since become a tradition in our home and are an important time for us to come together as a family.

Our community hosts an annual hot air balloon festival, and we love attending the "Balloon Glow" when the balloons are lit up at night. We started going during our first year of dating, and it's become a cherished tradition. There's something magical about watching the hot air balloons light up the night sky. Bryan's favorite balloon is shaped like King Moonracer from the Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer cartoon, while Angela prefers the classic designs. Over the years, we've invited family and friends to join us, and we even brought our foster children when we were fostering. Although we haven't taken a ride in a hot air balloon yet, it's on our bucket list! We look forward to learning about your favorite traditions to include in our gatherings for your child.



We take an annual trip to the mountains, which are only a few hours from where we live. We try to visit a new mountain town each year. One of our favorite places to visit has a free gondola, which transports riders between 2 towns. We had so much fun riding the gondola on our last trip! We rode the gondola with people from all over the world, enjoying conversations and learning about their unique experiences. We met a lively family who traveled from Mexico and shared laughs with them as we watched a gorgeous sunset on our last ride down. We also learned that dogs are allowed on the gondola, and we can't wait to take Rocky on our next trip!

Our Hobbies



We frequently turn to meditation, yoga, and other hobbies that help us relax and find balance. A few months ago, we decided to try a sound bath session at a local wellness studio. Intrigued by the idea, we arrived with open minds and were immediately drawn to the calming environment filled with the soothing sounds of singing bowls, gongs, and chimes. As we settled in, we felt our stresses begin to melt away. Now, we try to incorporate meditation into our daily routine and attend sound baths once a month. Your child will be encouraged to focus on their well-being and explore ways to find peace and happiness.

We're huge fans of F1 racing and like how the sport combines skill, strategy, and teamwork. F1 is an international sport, and each race introduces us to new places we've added to our travel bucket list. This year, our favorite driver, Charles Leclerc, won his home race in Monaco. Leclerc qualified 1st on the grid the past 2 years, but car issues and strategy errors prevented him from winning. So, when he finally secured the victory in his home race, we were beyond excited! We were on the edge of our seats during the final laps, and it was incredibly special to see him so happy and emotional after the win.



We love exploring new places, cultures, and foods. Being from a landlocked state, we never liked seafood, but some of our vacations over the past few years changed our perspective. In Hawaii, we had surf n' turf, and Bryan discovered how much he enjoys shrimp. It was a game changer! Then on a work trip to Florida, he tried crab for the first time. But our most unique experience was in Maine. We went on a lobster boat tour and finished the day by going out for a lobster dinner. Eating lobster was an adventure—it was tricky to handle, and by the end of our meal, we were a complete mess! Still, we had so much fun diving into the local cuisine.

Meet Rocky



Bryan's family had 5 dogs during his childhood, while Angela didn't grow up with many pets. After we got engaged, Bryan really wanted to get a dog of his own, so we visited a local animal rescue, and that day changed our lives for the better. Although Angela was initially a bit fearful of dogs, she agreed to rescue a puppy—and soon became a devoted dog lover. When we brought Rocky into our lives, it was love at first sight, and Rocky has become our best friend!

Rocky is a Schnauzer mix, and his long beard, furry paws, and bushy eyebrows quickly melt the heart of anyone he meets. Rocky loves going for walks and playing at the dog park, but his absolute favorite thing is playing in the snow. Recently, we got about two feet of snow, so we took him to the park to play. He had a blast rolling around in the snow, getting completely covered! He had us laughing so hard as he wiggled on his back, clearly loving the cold snow on his back. He even ate some of it and tried to catch snowballs as we threw them!



Rocky is wonderful with kids of all ages. Our 2-year old nephew Alex especially loves playing chase with him. During his last visit to our house, Alex and Rocky had so much fun playing together. Rocky grabbed his favorite ball and zoomed around the house in circles, with Alex laughing and sprinting right behind him. Despite the excitement, Rocky was always gentle with Alex, even when he managed to steal the ball away from him!

Our Home & Neighborhood

We live in a mid-sized city in Colorado. Our neighborhood has a lot of young families and there is an elementary school just a few blocks from our home.

We recently decorated a nursery for your baby, which includes a reading nook filled with lots of fun books. We chose a "Winnie the Pooh" theme because this is one of our favorite childhood characters. We decorated the nursery with scenes of Pooh and his friends in the Hundred Acre Wood. We also have a framed picture with one of our favorite quotes from the books when Piglet asks Pooh, "How do you spell love?" and Pooh replies to Piglet, "You don't spell it, you feel it."



There are 3 parks within a 5-minute walk from our house and a fantastic nature center nearby with a lake, hiking trails, dog park, and playground. This summer, we had a picnic there with Bryan's family. The day started out great as we set up the picnic tables with food; however, we soon realized that Bryan picked a spot near a sprinkler head that was slowly leaking, leaving the ground soaked! We tried to move our table and chairs further away, but the water kept catching up to us, and it was difficult to find a dry spot. By the end of the day, our feet were a little wet, but we laughed it off, and it ended up being a refreshing relief on an otherwise hot summer day. Your child will experience the joy of spending time outdoors and will enjoy connections with family.

We love exploring local restaurants and trying new foods. We recently discovered how much we enjoy Indian cuisine. Angela has even started making Indian food at home, and her basil chickpea curry has quickly become a favorite. On a recent visit to a new Indian restaurant, we were surprised to see a robot delivering our order. We kept hearing a strange noise in the restaurant and had no idea where it was coming from. Then to our surprise, a robot appeared carrying a tray of food. It stopped right at our table, and we burst out laughing. As we dug into our meal, still giggling and exchanging glances, the robot roamed the restaurant again. It made our dinner even more unique and memorable.



Our Community

We live in a community that has several parks for hiking, rock climbing, and mountain biking. We make the most of our outdoor spaces, often heading out for a hike on the weekends. We recently discovered a new trail and decided to take in some of the fall colors. Rocky tagged along, and he had a great time, his tail wagging like crazy, thrilled by the new sights and smells. His enthusiasm was infectious. Watching him take in the world around him reminded us of how much we enjoy exploring new places. At the summit, we took a moment to rest. The town seemed so small, dwarfed by the mountains in the distance. It was a great day that made us appreciate the natural beauty of our surroundings while spending time together.



We enjoy community events that bring people together. We recently attended a **water lantern festival** at one of our local parks. We decorated lanterns and wrote down some of our hopes and wishes for our family, community, and world. Some of the messages we wrote on our lanterns were to have an adventurous spirit and to embrace family, and we also wrote down our hopes for adoption. We got to set the lanterns afloat on the water and enjoyed reading some of the messages on other lanterns. It was a great way for us to bond with each other and our community members. Your child will develop a sense of community and connection.

We're lucky to have an outdoor amphitheater nearby, where we love attending concerts. While we enjoy all kinds of music, rock music is one of our favorite genres, and we recently had the chance to see one of our favorite bands, *Godsmack*, perform live. One of the most memorable moments of the night was when the band played their song, "Under Your Scars." The song encourages us to embrace our scars because they are a part of what shapes us. As we sang along, we were reminded of the song's message that "we are all imperfectly perfect." It was a beautiful reminder of the importance of accepting who we are.



Our Weekdays



Angela looks forward to being a **stay-at-home mom** for your child during their first 6 months to 1 year. Currently, Angela works for an insurance company and **works from home** full-time. She has a very **flexible** schedule and enjoys spending time with Rocky during the day.

Bryan is an aviation production planner. He works in aviation electronics and creates instruction manuals for technicians who work on military aircraft. Bryan really enjoys the challenge of his job and is proud to be able to help support our military. Bryan has a hybrid schedule and **works from home** 2 days per week. He also currently has Mondays off. Because of his hybrid schedule, your child will get to spend a lot of one-on-one time with Bryan at home.



Eating dinner together is something we value, and we have home-cooked meals every night. We also like to wind down by **relaxing on the couch** and catching up on our favorite TV shows. We're big fans of shows from the 80s and 90s, and recently, we started watching *Frasier*. As we watched the first few episodes, we couldn't help but notice Rocky completely glued to the screen. He was totally fascinated by Eddie, the Jack Russell terrier, who always manages to steal the show with his funny antics. Every time Eddie did something amusing, Rocky would tilt his head or run up to the TV, clearly curious. It felt like we were all sharing in the moment—us, enjoying the humor of *Frasier*, and Rocky, totally entertained by Eddie's playful behavior. Your child will spend quality time relaxing with family every day.

Until We Meet



We are incredibly grateful that you have taken the time to consider us as potential adoptive parents for your child. Please know that if chosen, we will unconditionally love your child and promise to share their adoption story with them. **We are committed to maintaining ongoing contact with you** including in-person visits, letters, and phone calls based around your comfort level. We acknowledge that this must be a very difficult decision for you, and we wish the very best for you, no matter what. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you again for considering us!