



*Melanie &
Brandon*

Welcome



We are Melanie and Brandon. We may not know you yet, but already we are in awe of your strength. Thank you for your courage, your love, and taking the time to learn about us. We are so excited to share our story with you!

Opening our hearts to adoption has been a journey filled with hope, reflection, and so much joy. While our path to parenthood has not followed the route we once imagined, it has led us right here—to the opportunity to grow our family in the most meaningful way. This is where we were meant to be.

We cannot wait to show you what life looks like in our home: a lot of laughter, spontaneous adventures, and many family get-togethers. Whether it is hiking with our dogs in the park, taking weekend trips to the lake to go fishing, or spending quality time with family at our monthly parties, our life is full of joy and love that we cannot wait to share with a child.

We are honored you are considering us for adoption, and we feel incredibly lucky just to have the chance to be a part of this process. We hope that by sharing who we are, you will see the kind of parents we hope to be—supportive, joyful, and completely devoted.



ABOUT *Brandon*

Hi, I'm Brandon! I'm 35 years old and grew up in a small Midwest rural town with a population of about 1,000 people – the kind of place where everyone knows your name, and values like kindness, hard work, and helping your neighbor are part of everyday life. I was the youngest of two boys, with my older brother always looking out for me.

One of the greatest influences in my life was my grandmother. She moved in with us when I was in third grade, and her warmth, laughter, and unconditional love helped shape the man I am today. She taught me what it means to show up for the people you love, how to care deeply, and most importantly how to smile and laugh in most situations – something I hope to pass on to a child of my own.

I'm proud to be a first-generation college graduate. I earned both my Bachelor of Arts and

Master's in Business Administration and currently lead a Financial Analysis team at a local company. I love my work, especially the opportunity to support and advocate for my team. It's important to me to create a positive environment where people feel encouraged and valued – values I will carry into parenthood every single day.

Life outside of work is full of adventure and connection. I love traveling, hiking in National Parks, and spending weekends at our family's lake home. I am lucky to have a close relationship with my nephews, and I take every opportunity I can to visit them. We love going to the zoo, the park, air shows, and aquariums – watching them discover the world reminds me of how magical childhood really is. I also enjoy teaching our dogs new tricks, taking them for walks, and watching them splash in the water at the lake. I am very excited about becoming a father and cannot wait to enjoy trips, fishing, boating, and someday golf with our child.

Brandon Through Melanie's Eyes

Brandon is the kind of person who makes life feel brighter, safer, and a whole lot more fun. He is that rare mix of old soul and playful spirit—humble, loyal, trustworthy, and effortlessly funny in a way that brings everyone together. What sets him apart most is how deeply dependable he is; he is the first one to step up when someone needs help, never looking for recognition, just quietly making things better. I see the makings of an incredible father in him every single day. Whether he is taking our nephews tubing, leading them through the aquarium with wide-eyed excitement, or buying them every snack they ask for, he connects so naturally with kids. He is playful, patient, and always present. He will be the dad who shows up to every game, fixes every broken toy, and somehow makes chores feel fun. Family is everything to him. He calls my mom and his parents daily just to check in and lovingly helps care for my grandmother. Brandon is my constant. My calm. My rock. I know without a doubt that our future children will grow up knowing what true love, joy, and unwavering support look like—because they will see it every single day in him.





ABOUT *Melanie*

Hello, I'm Melanie! I am 34 years old and grew up in a Midwest suburban town as the youngest of four by nearly ten years. I became an aunt at just 10 years old. With ten amazing nieces and nephews, aged 7 to 23 years old, I have been lucky to spend much of my life surrounded by children. Helping care for them deeply shaped who I am and taught me the value of patience, love, and being present.

I was lucky to grow up in a home where my parents always encouraged me to follow my passions. Whether I was dancing competitively, spending Saturday mornings bowling with my dad, or losing myself in a good book, they made it clear that what brought me joy mattered. That support shaped the way I see the world—and taught me the importance of nurturing others' dreams, too.

As a first-generation college graduate, I earned a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry before going on to complete medical school. Today, I am honored to serve as both a Pediatric Hospitalist and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics. In these roles, I have the privilege to pursue my passions of providing compassionate care to hospitalized children, supporting families through some of their toughest times, and teaching and mentoring the next generation of Pediatricians.

Beyond my career, I find the most fulfillment in everyday life and time with the people (and dogs) I love most. I enjoy family trips, exploring national parks, and spending weekends at the lake. When I am home, I find peace in a cozy morning with coffee and a good book, cooking tasty meals for my family, and quilting. I am excited for the day I get to share these experiences—and this full, joyful life—with a child.

Melanie Through Brandon's Eyes

Brandon still remembers seeing Melanie the first time at the ice cream parlor. Nervously, he talked way too much, but she smiled and acted like she was interested to every word. Ever since that day, Melanie listens to him, knows him, and is always thinking of ways she can be an advocate for him. Melanie is not shy to give feedback, but she always does it in a compassionate way, and each day makes Brandon a better person. As a mother, Melanie will show our children how to stand up for themselves, how to persevere, and how to become the best version of themselves. She will be their number one advocate, and will show them love and support, even during hard days. She will love them unconditionally, laugh with them, listen to their stories, and encourage them. Her love never runs out. Melanie is one of the strongest individuals I know, and she will teach them what it means to work hard and be a good mother. She will hold them to high standards but give them every tool to succeed. She is one of the most positive influences I have had on my life, and our children will be so lucky to have her cheering them on.



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