



*Ryan & Brooke*

# Hi! WE'RE BROOKE & RYAN

We live in Columbus with our little furball Tango (dog). We are so excited and thankful that you have chosen to get to know a little bit about us.



## Best Friends

We met in San Diego, California in 2010 and became instant best friends. We waited 6 months until we went on our first date. Needless to say, we've been a couple and best friends ever since, marrying in the fall of 2018. We share a love of the beach, music, movies, cooking, and traveling. We're also very active and enjoy hiking, biking, and playing golf. We don't take ourselves too seriously and credit laughter as the key to our relationship. We love to have fun and do our best to make the most of every moment.

*We want to say how grateful we are to you for choosing love and life for your baby. You are so brave and strong... what you are doing is truly a selfless act.*

## Family Journey

We both knew that we always wanted a family. We have so much love to give a child. When we first met, Ryan had just gotten out of the military and began pursuing his degree. We decided to wait to build our family until after he graduated from school. Once he did, we married and our family journey began...

## Adoption Love

Building our family didn't come easy. We experienced a number of painful miscarriages and failed fertility treatments. We decided to take a break to try and understand God's plan for us. Family and friends began sharing their personal and positive experiences about adoption and our hearts filled with hope. We quickly understood that adoption was how we were meant to grow our family. And so our journey continued, taking on a new path.





We know that this decision is not easy for you, and we want you to know that we are honored and humbled that you are considering us to raise your child. We encourage you to get to know us even more...

## Brooke

**IN RYAN'S WORDS** >> I really hit the jackpot with Brooke! She has the biggest heart of anyone I have ever known - she shows love always and lives life by a simple motto, "be kind." She is super creative, loves art, and enjoys craft projects (school assignments will be knocked out of the park!). She is smart, organized, and the best gift giver. She plans AMAZING vacations and loves to play all sorts of games. She's patient, selfless, and gives the best hugs - all ingredients needed to be a great mother.

## Ryan

**IN BROOKE'S WORDS** >> Ryan is a BIG kid in disguise and the most humble human being you'll ever meet! He bravely served our country, is whip smart, and is a "super athlete." He's a good cook, can rap and sing, and is a great dancer. He's patient, kind, and according to our nieces, "the best waffle maker!" He was meant to be a Dad, and will be one of the best there is. He will play with our child, teach them new things (like making waffles), take them on camping trips, and encourage them to pursue their dreams like he did.

## Fast Facts & Favorites

Cleveland, OH	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	Seattle, WA
Marketing Exec	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	Sport Coach
Pizza	<b>FOOD</b>	Tacos
Mint chocolate chip	<b>ICE CREAM FLAVOR</b>	Cookie dough
The beach	<b>VACATION SPOT</b>	The beach
Los Angeles	<b>CITY</b>	New Orleans
"Pride" - U2	<b>SONG</b>	"Unchained" - Van Halen
The Martian	<b>MOVIE</b>	Gladiator / Man on Fire
Chicago Cubs	<b>SPORTS TEAM</b>	Dallas Cowboys





## Our Home

We live on a cul-de-sac in a phenomenal neighborhood that is just steps away from a beautiful walking trail. It has four bedrooms, a big beautiful backyard and a fully finished basement with a huge play area. Not only is our neighborhood culturally diverse, but it is super kid friendly. We even have a committee that plans family events throughout the year including bike parades, concerts, and scavenger hunts.

## Our Peeps

We are extremely close with our families. Ryan has a sister and Brooke has a brother. Our sibling families are both mixed race and as such, our families are very open, warm, and accepting.

The kids in our family are all young, so everyone can play and grow up together (the cousins can't wait to have a baby in the family). While Ryan's family lives on the West Coast, Brooke's family is a car ride away. We also have friends in Columbus who have young kids – so plenty of buddies to play with.



## Our Furballs

Turbo, our first dog, lost his battle to cancer in 2021. He was our world and the most incredible dog. His loss was really hard on us so we adopted his mini-me, naming him "Tango." He is a furry little chocolate meatball (LOVES food), nothing but pure love, and a total ball of energy. He adores kids and is a huge snugglebug. The neighborhood kids love him to pieces and call him "Tango the silly little Mango."



**OUR PROMISE TO YOU >>** We know how important a decision this is for you and want to reassure you that we will love your child unconditionally. We promise to protect, treasure, encourage, and guide them as they grow. We will provide them with a safe, fun, and loving home and will make caring for them our top priority. We also promise to support you and your level of openness.

We have waited to hold, love, and raise a child together. We have prayed for this blessing and will now include you in our prayers. We are truly grateful to you for your bravery and selflessness. This is a big decision, and we are humbled and honored that you would consider us to raise your child. Our number one goal is to provide them with the best life possible and we promise to work together to honor this commitment forever.

With love,  
*Brooke & Ryan*

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONNECTING WITH YOU

If you have any questions for us or would like to speak with us about adopting your child, please contact your case worker at Open Arms Adoptions by calling **330-697-4751** or **614-349-1510**.

