

# Ben & Debbie





# Hello



**WE ARE DEBBIE AND BEN.** We live in a suburb of Columbus with our son, Brock, our dog, Sasha, and cat, Phoebe. In our time together, we have traveled to Asia, Europe, several national parks and found many local adventures. We enjoy movies, being in nature, and spending time with friends and family. We were blessed with Brock in 2020 after struggling through infertility issues and loss along the way. Brock joins us on all the adventures. He is a sweet young boy and is excited to have a sibling to share his family with. We are a loving, fun, and adventurous family. We cherish our time together and are excited to grow our family.



*We met through our running club, and we were part of a large friends group for several years. We grew to be close friends. After analyzing and completely overthinking one simple little question, Ben finally got the courage to ask Debbie out on a date. Since she had been patiently waiting, she said YES emphatically! A year later on a run at Debbie's favorite local park, Ben surprised Debbie with a waterside proposal. We were married in 2018 in a beautiful ceremony and threw a party to be remembered.*



Debbie is a teacher. She can always find fun and creative ways to keep Brock

and other children entertained and educated. Debbie is fun and caring. She is the loving heart of our family. She strives to make sure our time is filled with things we can enjoy together. Debbie has a strong "mommy network" to help find new adventures. She is a fantastic cook and often finds new recipes for us to try. Debbie's hobbies include reading, hiking, and traveling. She loves spending time with Brock and is a natural as a mom. She's spontaneous and creative and comes up with dance parties, puppet shows, and fun new ideas. Debbie is a loving wife and enjoys Ben's analytical mind and how he reacts to new experiences.

## Debbie+Ben

Ben is an engineer, an adventurer, and a dedicated loving husband and father. He enjoys the outdoors and physical activity. He also enjoys

working on home projects and repairs. Ben likes to include Brock in these things to teach him and give him new experiences. Ben has been an engineer with Honda for over 20 years. He enjoys working in the automotive industry and the technology race that exists there. Ben's hobbies include running, hiking, fishing, woodworking and home renovation. He is always up for a new adventure with friends. He has done multiple long distance trail runs and several marathons. With all the other things in his life, Ben's primary focus is his family. He absolutely loves being a husband and father. He enjoys quality time with his family no matter what we are doing.



*We love to spend time outdoors and if we are home, you will probably find us outside. Brock likes hiking with us but also likes riding in the backpack. We are very involved parents. You can find us playing at the playground, pool, or any activity that we can find. We strive to fill Brock's days with fun and adventure. There is plenty of mental nourishment too. We have many children's books throughout the house, and Brock loves story time. We explore the local parks to learn about our environment. Dinnertime is another fun time in our home. Since Brock loves trains, we found a train that runs on our dining table to deliver our food. We always have music playing and there are many laughs during dinner. Of course there are often dance parties after dinner too.*



Our home is in a safe and active neighborhood. We enjoy multiple local playgrounds within walking distance. We have a walking path by our house where we love to walk or ride our bikes. Brock loves biking, and there is a mountain bike course near us. We love to walk down to the river by our house where Sasha can chase sticks and swim while Brock plays in the water looking for crawdads or other creatures. Our neighborhood is full of kids, and we have a yearly block party to all get together. We are within walking distance to both the elementary and middle school. The community has regular family oriented events with fun for kids and adults. We also enjoy going to one of the many amazing restaurants near our house.

## home+ family

network that dotes on Brock. Our friends are our family, and they are very important to us. Our family and friends join us on many of our adventures including vacations, zoo trips, and amusement parks.

We have family that lives close, and we get together regularly. Brock loves his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Our families are very helpful and quick to lend a hand. There are plenty of fun times when we hang out. We also have a great friend



## Brock

*Brock is our sweet 3-year-old son. His smile can light up a room and is contagious to everyone around him. He is quick with a hug and big smile or a high five. We call him the cautious adventurer. He's very curious but also approaches new experiences slowly. He loves to tag along with us when we're cooking and cleaning as much as when we are out. He loves trains, diggers, bike riding, and his power wheels. He likes to ride the zipline in our backyard or play in our dirt/gravel pit with his diggers. He has always loved going to playgrounds and can always find the biggest slide to make us go down with him. He is interested in everything going on around him. We often hear "What's that?" from him when there's something new. Watching him learn and grow has been an incredible honor.*



## THANKS

We know this is a difficult decision for you. We are honored that you would consider us. Please know that we will give our love and devotion to your child. Going forward, we are open to whatever type of relationship you would want to have with us and your child.



## 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.