

# BRITNI & AUGUST



**...You are a mother, and a mother saves. She protects. She loves. She sacrifices. And because of a set of circumstances, she is called to do the impossible-and she does it. If chosen, he or she will be loved beyond measure, protected and supported through all of his or her hopes and dreams.**

# Our Story



I can remember being a kid and thinking about my future family, and for as far back as I can remember adoption has been a part of that vision. I have attempted pregnancy through fertility treatment options but was unsuccessful.

I knew immediately that my decision to adopt was one of purpose, not one of replacement. Immediately after being home study approved I was matched. It was almost magical how quickly I became placed. My daughter was born, and after three weeks of parenting her, the adoption fell through because the placing paren changed her mind.

I lost my daughter through a failed adoption. It rocked my world, and to be honest, I wasn't sure if I'd continue on with adoption. Fast forward just two years later and I received the most random and unexpected call from Amy that my child was being born at any moment.

I had been chosen again. I hopped on a plane just hours later, and he was soon in my arms. His story is so magical, and I tell him all the time. So fast forward another year and we are ready to grow our little family even more.

I want you to know the amount of respect I have for you already. I cannot imagine the life circumstances that have brought you here, but I am hopeful that you will have the strength and courage needed as you journey through this process. My definition of a hero is simple, one who saves. A hero is often called upon to do something extraordinary and possesses a special type of courage that few do not. Those that we often view as heroic, never really think of themselves as heroic. But not everyone will jump into a river to pull someone out, or run into a burning building to save someone, or find work for the jobless, or buy dinner for the hungry, or place their baby into the home of another. Heroes look like you.

# Our Family

Most of my time is spent with my family and friends. My grandparents raised my brother and me, and have always been the glue that keeps our family together. We lost them both, within a very short window of time apart, but we try to celebrate her by keeping our family traditions thriving. Every Sunday my entire family gathers at my house for a home cooked, family dinner. We love to end and begin our week with that connection and love. Summer is filled with pool days (at our house), fishing in the family pond, grilling and grape picking out back. Winters are filled with hanging by the fireplace and eating home cooked meals while watching football. I have four nieces and one nephew I get to spend time with each week, and many of my friends have children whom I have very close relationships with (you can see some of them pictured here).



## I CONSIDER MYSELF...

### A Music Fanatic

*"Music is always playing non-stop in my household"*

### An Animal Lover

*"I have 1 dog named Cola (aka my fur baby)"*

### A Serious Foodie

*"Spaghetti + sushi are my favorite!"*

### A World Traveler

*"I try to travel to one new place each year and I love visiting anywhere with water"*

### A Family Oriented Person

*"Every Sunday my family celebrates their week together with Sunday dinner. "*

### Loved and Appreciated

*"Being surrounded by my friends and family is what I work so hard for. I love to entertain and celebrate with them as often as possible...that's where the love is."*



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## OUR TRADITIONS

Every year my whole family takes a family vacation to Nags Head, NC. For every holiday we celebrate with each other by cooking out. Each year we have an Easter Egg hunt for all of the kids, it's pretty comical. Every Sunday my whole family comes together for Sunday dinner, that I normally cook. We have a pool, so from May to September, that's where you can catch me and most of my family.



## PARENTING STYLE

Working in the therapy/ mental health world I've learned so much about parenting, and the impact it can have on a child's development. I truly aspire to have a healthy level of communication with my child so we can be honest with one another, and learn about feelings and how to properly manage them. I will punish, but I will also explain and teach. I will challenge my child, but I will also be a supporter and encourager. I want to help my child grow, and feel as though someone is truly in their corner. I want to ensure they feel they can be anything or anyone their soul believes they are or can be, and that love will always be there.



## MY PETS

I have one fur baby, Cola, he's ten years old. He is so good with babies and little kids! Cola is very loving, playful and snuggly. He loves running around with my son, nieces and nephew during Sunday dinners.







With Love...  
Britni

## MY LETTER TO YOU

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Heroes look like you. You are honored. You are a mother, and a mother saves. She protects, she loves and she sacrifices. Because of a set of circumstances, she is called to do the impossible-and she does it. If chosen, your baby will be loved, supported and fiercely protected through every hope, dream and struggle.