







# HELLO

*We are Brett & Amanda*

Thank you for getting to know us - we are excited to get to know you as well.

**We're honored you would consider us as you plan for your future.** We hope through the words and pictures in this book you can get a glimpse into our lives and that this may be the beginning of something beautiful. We promise to provide a safe home full of unconditional love, laughter and adventure.





"Amanda pours her heart into everything and everyone around her."

MEET  
*Amanda*

Amanda is kind, strong and pours her heart into everything and everyone around her. She will be there for her friends and family to celebrate in good times and to hold and support in hard times. She is compassionate, loving and full of drive and determination. She is one to follow her dreams and never give up on anything she is passionate about. Her top priority is her family and she lives to make memories with them. She loves family cuddles, mommy/daughter dates, shopping, adventures and playing in the snow.



**AGE:** 34  
**HEIGHT:** 5'1"  
**EYES:** Brown  
**HAIR:** Auburn red  
**ETHNICITY:** Caucasian  
**CAREER:** Sr Corporate Recruiter (work from home)  
**RELIGION:** Christian

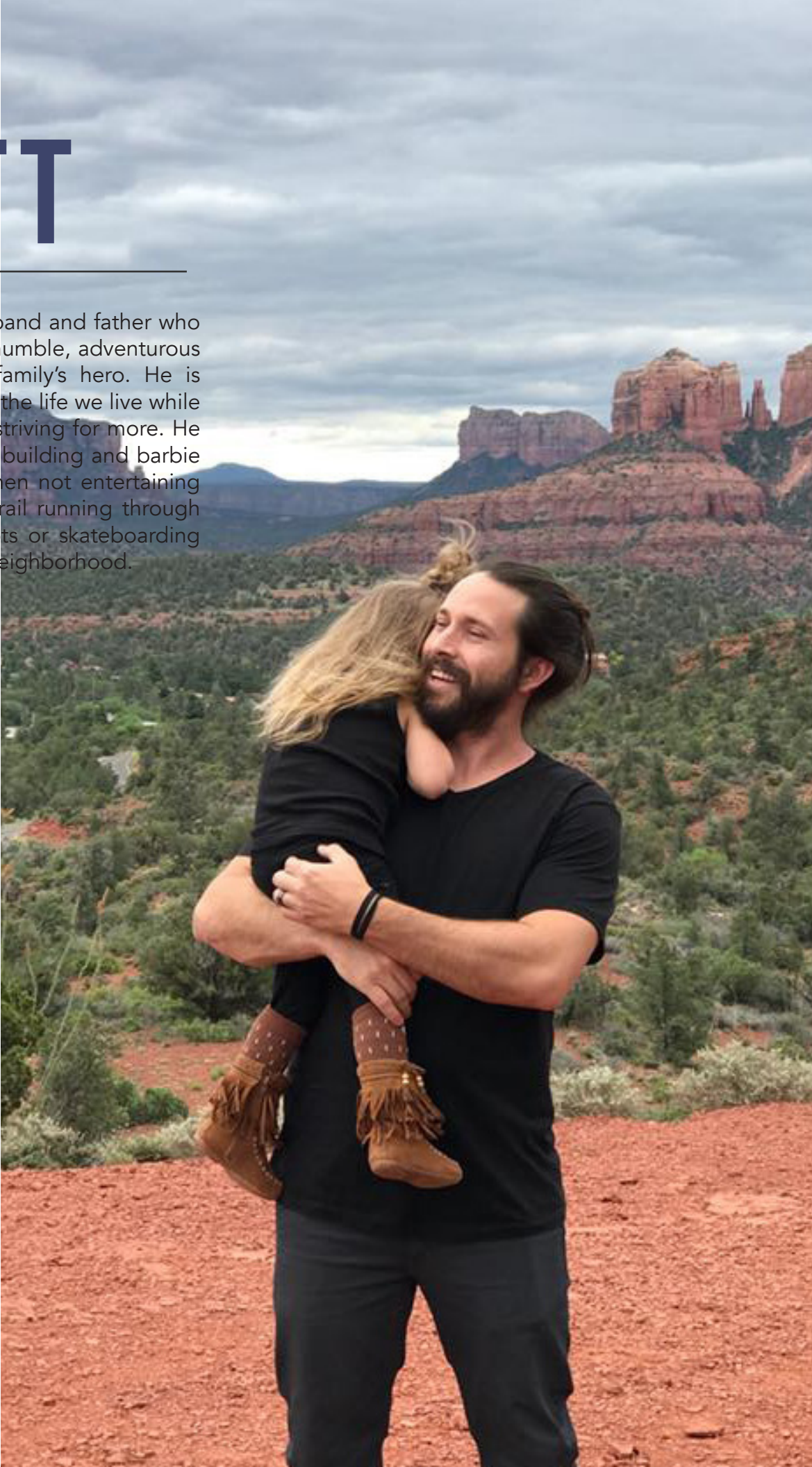


**INTERESTS:**  
Yoga, audiobooks, family cuddles, photography, chasing dreams, singing in the car, pizza enthusiast, fashion and decorating.



# meet BRETT

Brett is a dedicated husband and father who is selfless, patient, kind, humble, adventurous and simple. He is our family's hero. He is grateful and content with the life we live while at the same time always striving for more. He is best known for his fort building and barbie role playing skills and when not entertaining the girls, can be found trail running through Arizona's best hiking spots or skateboarding through our community neighborhood.



**AGE:** 34  
**HEIGHT:** 5'10"  
**EYES:** Green  
**HAIR:** Brown  
**ETHNICITY:** Caucasian  
**CAREER:** Entrepreneur/  
Business Owner (Recruiting  
Agency)  
**RELIGION:** Christian



**INTERESTS:**  
Anything and everything outdoors including hiking, running, bmx (ex-pro bmx rider), skateboarding, basketball, off-road adventures and as of late, web development.





**AGE:** 5

**EYES:** Brown

**HAIR:** Honey Blonde

**EDUCATION:** Kindergarten

**INTERESTS:** Playing family, gymnastics, ballet, fishing, hiking, drawing, guitar and piano, play dates with friends, girls day with Mama and riding bikes with Dad.



**AGE:** 15  
**BREED:** Yorkie

Scarlett



## SCARLETT IS SWEET, GENUINE, AND FULL OF IMAGINATION.

She is compassionate, loving, and adventurous. Having an old soul, she would never turn down an outside adventure such as a hike, fishing, or a trip to the mountains. She loves school, art projects, gymnastics, playing house and babies with Mama and building forts with Dad. She enjoys music and has two guitars and a keyboard that she is learning how to play. She has begged for a sibling since she was two years old, it truly means everything to her. When we first told Scarlett we were pursuing adoption, she said, "I just know God will make my dream of having a baby sister or brother come true."

## ROMEO IS THE BEST DOG A FAMILY COULD ASK FOR.

Amanda received Romeo as a Christmas present when he was 5 weeks old and he's been with her family ever since. He's gentle, snuggly, loves to play ball and take long naps. Dad is his bff!

Romeo





our life together ...



We love family time, mostly when we are out on adventures in the Jeep exploring the desert and local mountain ranges. Living within 15 miles of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, we often spend our weekends enjoying family pool parties and cookouts where Scarlett has a blast playing with her cousins. In 2018 we built a new house, where you can

often find Brett tackling the latest home project while Amanda fills the home with our favorite decor. We've built our family on unconditional love, trust, hard work, and dedication to providing the best life possible for ourselves and most importantly, our daughter Scarlett.

Returning home after a long trip is always the best part, "there's no place like home" is very true to our hearts as we've built a wonderful life to come home to. We love playing games, baking, and getting snuggly in our loft while watching family movies. We've created a space that encourages creativity, grit, bravery as well as the ultimate fun zone. Working hard is

great, as long as you can play hard too. We hope our children will always view our home as somewhere they can return to no matter what happens in life.

Our family motto is:

***"Be Brave and True"***





# *We are all about* **HARD WORK & BIG DREAMS**

We've made it a priority to pursue work that we enjoy and most importantly that allows us to enjoy life and the thing that matter the most — our family! Being together and being present is of the upmost importance to us. We have carefully crafted niche opportunities for ourselves that allow us to work from home, have extraordinary flexibility, light schedules, and take extensive time off. In our home we have a big focus on chasing dreams. We set family goals and make vision boards together. We also have a large emphasis on gratitude as we believe that to be one of the most important aspects to life. We know that there are no shortcuts

to any place worth going and we believe that you can have anything you want if you are willing to work hard for it. Instilling this in our children and guiding them towards reaching their goals to live the life of their dreams will always be a top priority.



*family is everything*





# Celebrations

**Christmas time is usually when the most family memories are made.** For the entire month of December the whole family including grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins get together a couple time a week for different Christmas events. Some of these gatherings include meeting Santa, walking around the coolest lit up neighborhoods while the kids enjoy hot chocolate or just to have the family together for a nice home cooked dinner. Christmas morning is very special as it is usually spreads out over the whole day bouncing around different family members homes. It's a wonderful time to really sit back and enjoy the simple things in life as well as watching all the younger kids running around so excited and happy.

**Celebrating birthdays is a family favorite** as we love to bake tasty treats and enjoy turning our kitchen into a cake batter and

sprinkle filled mess. We like to create magical experiences for our daughter such as riding a unicorn around a castle for her 4th birthday.

**Halloween is a must for this family.** A few weeks before the big day, we like to go over all of our favorite kids movies and decide which characters we should be. Over the years we have been Ninja Turtles, Elsa/Anna & Olaf from the Disney movie, *Frozen* and this past year, characters from *Moana*. It's such a fun day and we have a blast walking around with friends and family. We are so fortunate to live in such a wonderful and safe community that encourages families to go out and enjoy these special traditions to the fullest.

**If there are traditions or holidays in your family that you'd like to pass down, please let us know!**

# COMMUNITY

**We are extremely fortunate to be part of this community.** Our neighborhood has parks, fire pits, schools through all grades within walking distance, splash pads, a diner, an organic farm, concerts in the park, and an arcade/game room. It's a dream for us to raise our family here. A few of our favorite things about our community is the giant 4th of July party in the park as well as both Halloween and Christmas festivals which all cater to families with small children. It's a very safe area and we love the strong sense of community amongst the neighbors, it's truly a magical place for kids to grow up in.





**Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family!** We want you to know that adoption hasn't ever been a band-aid for infertility. We have always planned to grow our family by adoption we just weren't sure when or how. This has always been in our hearts and we actually talked about it on one of our first dates! If you were to choose us, please know that this child will enter into a home of endless love with the opportunity to chase dreams and live a life of continuous support and guidance.

