



ADOPTION PREFERENCES

Preferred Gender of Child: open to either gender

Preferred Ethnic Background: open to any racial/ethnic background

Preferred Age of Child at Adoption: newborn – 5yrs

Willing to Adopt: one child, sibling groups, twins/triplets

Preferred Adoption Type: open (but we are willing to do whatever is best for the birth parents and child)

PROFILE

<https://www.adoptionformychild.com/family/1030/>

FAMILY OVERVIEW

Josh and Brooke
Married 10 years
1 daughter – 4 years old – adopted at birth
1 dog
1 cat
1 tortoise
1 fish
1 mini donkey

JOSH, BROOKE, & OLIVIA

HOPING TO ADOPT

INTRODUCTION

Our relationship was a whirlwind from the day we met. It all started on a blind date that was set up by Brooke's older sister. As cliché as it sounds it really was, "love at first sight," and we have been inseparable ever since. We were together almost every day for several months until we got engaged. We were married 3 months later.

6 years later, Olivia joined the party, and it was love at first sight all over again. We were at the hospital when she was born, and as soon as we saw her, we knew that she was meant to be our daughter. She is just as excited as we are for us to find the next member of our family, and asks us almost every day for a brother or sister

ABOUT JOSH

After graduating high school Josh spent a year at MCC and then received a call to serve in the Dominican Republic for 2 years as a full-time missionary for the LDS church. It was there that he learned Spanish and fell in love with the Dominican culture. After returning from his mission, he went back to school to pursue a degree in business. He is now the Vice President of Commercial Loans for a local bank. He loves his job because it allows him to help local businesses, provide for his family, and spend lots of time with his family. The most important thing in the world to Josh is family. He loves to spend as much time with them as possible and would do anything for them.

Josh also likes to golf, box, read, be outdoors, and grill. He loves taking family trips to the beach and mountain. Brooke also bought Josh a mini-donkey named Chancho this year (which he has always wanted). Josh enjoys training the donkey so that one day Olivia and his other children can ride him.

Josh's mother was adopted, so adoption is very special to him.



Olivia at the Beach - 2021



Josh & Olivia Driving a Boat



Olivia's First Snowman!

ABOUT BROOKE

Brooke was born and raised in Gilbert AZ. She was born the youngest of 5 children. Her favorite memories growing up were taking car trips with her family to visit other family members in different states. It was on these trips that she learned to love history and nature. They would stop at every historical point along the way, while her mom would pull the car over and take pictures of the family in beautiful fields of wild flowers. Brooke loves to take pictures of one of her favorite things, nature. After adopting Olivia, Brooke was able to stop working full-time to stay home and take care of Olivia. Everyone that meets Brooke instantly loves her, she is a peacemaker and is able to brighten up anyone's day.

Brooke's hobbies include going on nature walks with Josh & Olivia, serving other people, baking sour dough bread, and playing games with her family. She also loves plants and animals.

Brooke has 4 adopted siblings, which has given her an excellent insight into adoption, and helped her develop a deep love for it.

ABOUT OLIVIA

Olivia turned 4 years old earlier this year. She is such a special little girl, and instantly makes friends with everyone she meets. Olivia is in preschool, and loves going to class so she can learn and see her teacher and friends. She is also in karate class and loves practicing her moves. Earlier this year Olivia conquered her fear of swimming and now it's almost impossible to get her out of the pool. Right now her favorite things include dinosaurs, karate, animals, and coloring.

Her and Josh are best buddies, and love to play together. As soon as he walks in the door from work she runs and gives him a hug and then they are instantly on the ground playing with toys and laughing together. Olivia and Brooke love to spend the day together and are often found reading books, coloring, or exploring.

Our adoption with Olivia is an open adoption. We have good relationships with Olivia's birth mother and birth father and regularly speak to them both. We believe that while the child is younger it is important to have whatever level of openness the birth parents want to have, and then when the child is older, they can choose for themselves.



Brooke loves cows!



Olivia feeding our mini-donkey



Family Beach Trip - 2020

PARENTING STYLE

One thing that is very important to us is that our children know they are loved and that they in turn learn to love themselves. It is our desire that our children find out what they are passionate about so we try to allow them to have as many different experiences as possible. We are each other's cheerleaders and want to make sure our children know that no matter what, we will always be in their corner. When Olivia is frustrated, we try to allow her the space to problem solve herself, but if she can't, then we have her take a breath, give us a hug, and talk her through how to overcome her problem, whether it be her emotions, or trying to play a game. We want our children to have the confidence to know that they can do and become whatever and whoever they want to be. We also believe in teaching our children to be kind and to respect all other people at all times.

LETTER TO EXPECTANT PARENTS

If you decide that placing your child for adoption is the right choice for you and the child, we would be eternally grateful if you would consider us. The selfless sacrifice that comes with placing a child for adoption is one that is incredibly admirable and hard for anyone to understand that has not already done the same. We pray that you have amazing support from friends and family and we cannot wait to be added to your support system. We were able to get a small glimpse into all this entails when we adopted Olivia from her birth parents. We still have great relationships with both of them and have learned and grown so much with them throughout this process. Olivia knows them, and knows how much they love her too. We look forward to having you join our family (on whatever level you feel comfortable with) as we all take this journey together.

Both of our families are filled with people from various races, lifestyles, and beliefs, which has helped us both to be very open minded and learn how to love everyone. We believe in celebrating what makes each person unique, instead of letting differences divide us. We also both have people in our families that have been adopted, which has shown us how amazing adoption can be for everyone involved.

We are an open book and are willing to answer any and all questions.

Whether you choose us or not, we hope for nothing but the best for you as you make this difficult decision and continue forward with all that life has planned for you.

Love,

Brooke, Josh, and Olivia