



*Hello from East Texas!*

We're a happily blended family and we own a preschool together. Our work gives us flexibility and time for traveling, fun on the lake, the boys' sporting events, and church. We're both able to be at-home parents and look forward to raising a child together!

Our family is excited and ready to adopt a boy or girl of any racial background. We'd love to get to know you and the hopes you have for your baby's future, and welcome an open adoption, if you'd like that.

# CHRIS and BRANDI



# OUR STORY

**According to Brandi:** We have known each other since we were about 5 years old! Chris lived next to my cousin and they were best friends. We played together as kids, and years later we came together again, this time to become a family. We've been married 8 years now! Adoption has been on our hearts for a while and we look forward to growing our family this way.

Our faith and family are most important to us. We're very involved in our church, attending service or Bible studies at least twice a week, and our sons are active in the youth group as well. We feel blessed to own a Christian preschool that allows us to provide for our family and serve our community. We're actually planning to open a few more around Texas one day!



## TOGETHER WE

- Sports
- Lake life: swimming, fishing, jet skiing, boating, paddle boarding, tubing, & more!
- Traveling around the U.S.
- Watching baseball, football, and basketball





# OUR HOME IN TEXAS

Our house has 4 bedrooms and is on 2 lakefront acres in East Texas, in a small gated community. We live just outside of the city and enjoy country living, with easy access to shopping and anything we'd need or want to do. We're working on a nursery for our future child, with homemade touches from Mamaw.



## OUR PETS

We have 3 dogs; 1 Dachshund, Leia, and 2 German Shepherds, Archer and Izzy, who are sweet, loyal, and calm. We also have 2 cats; Tank is a spunky, sweet long-hair, and Phoebe is a loving and snuggly short-hair.



# ABOUT BRANDI

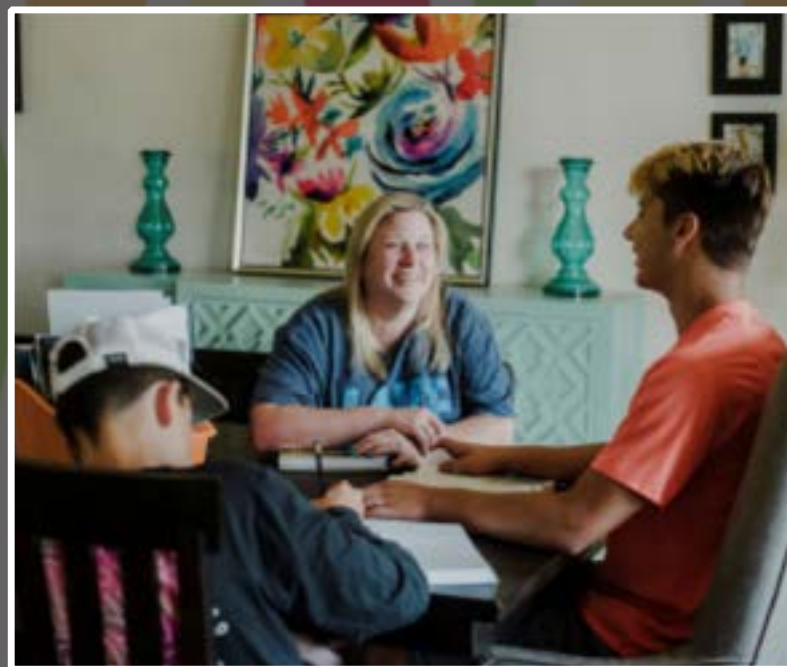
Brandi is deeply caring, witty and funny, and so patient. She always gets us to experience new paces and try new things. Before we started the preschool, Brandi worked as a social worker helping children. Now she enjoys homeschooling our boys and looks forward to being a stay-at-home mom with the baby we adopt.

## Brandi loves:

Getting her nails and hair done

Reading on the back porch

Walking or jogging with the dogs



## BRANDI'S FAVORITES:

**Food:** Mexican

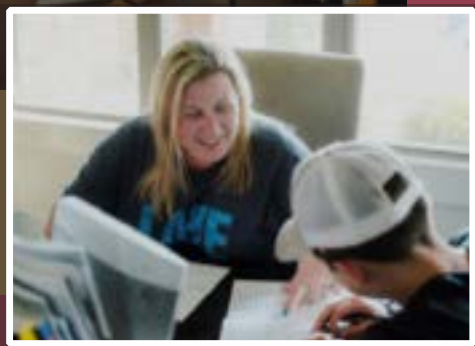
**Color:** Pink

**Activity:** Reading

**Movie:** *The Greatest Showman*

**Song:** *Lead Me*, by Sanctus Real

**TV Show:** *The Chosen*



**FUN FACT:**  
BRANDI IS A VERY GIRLY-GIRL AND ENJOYS ALL THINGS GIRLY OR SPARKLY!



# ABOUT CHRIS

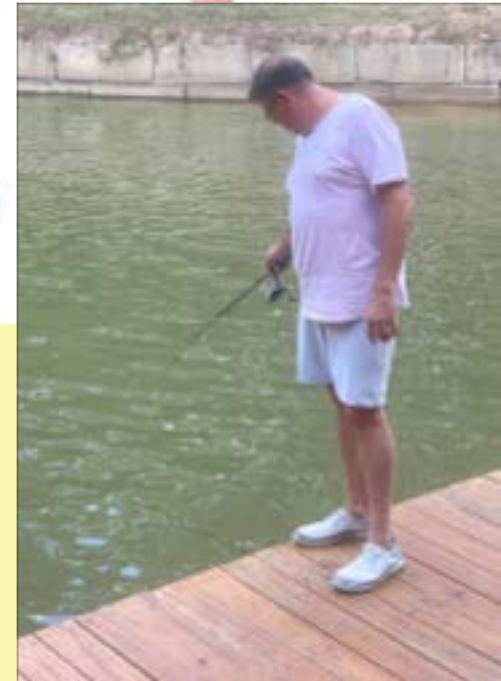
Chris is steady and keeps our family grounded; he is very loving, honest, and gives the best hugs. He's a great dad and so fun! Chris loves to get in on the action and will often be found on the jet skis or fishing boat, right alongside our boys.

## Chris loves:

Anything outdoors and everything lake living offers

Fixing just about anything (he's technically gifted!)

Fishing



## CHRIS' FAVORITES:

**Food:** Mexican

**Color:** Midnight Blue

**Activity:** Fishing

**Movie:** *The Greatest Showman*

**Song:** *My Feet are on the Rock*, by I Am They

**TV Show:** *Blue Bloods*

## ***FUN FACT:***

CHRIS ENJOYS COOKING! HE RECENTLY ENTERED A SMOKED RIB COOK-OFF AT OUR CHURCH.



# OUR CHILDREN

Together we have 3 children. Our daughter, Paige, is grown and out on her own, and at home we have Colton, 16, and Caden, 13. Adoption is very special to us already, because Brandi legally adopted Chris' son, Caden, after his biological mother passed away. Colton, is so loving, to people and animals, and has been a kind and loving big brother too. Caden always has a smile on his face, is kind, and good hearted. All 3 of our kids are excited to welcome a new sibling!



**OUR BOYS ARE VERY ACTIVE AND SHARE IN OUR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES! WE ALSO ENJOY ATTENDING THEIR SPORTS GAMES.**



# OUR FAMILY

The blessing of a blended family is extra grandparents and aunts and uncles! Our parents visit often, and the family stays very close, even sharing vacations and day trips together. We each have one sister, and together we have 3 nephews, 2 nieces, and a lot of cousins! Our families are very supportive of our plans to adopt and can't wait to welcome another child to the mix.



## **FAVORITE TRADITION: *VACATION'S***

**WE GO ON VACATIONS TOGETHER AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. EVERYONE HAS A GREAT TIME!**



# OUR PROMISE

We promise to raise your child in a Christian, loving environment, where he or she will grow up with the care and support to become the man or woman they are meant to be. We promise to be patient, honest, and available to all of our children, so they know they can come to us for anything. We value education and will encourage your child to try their best. We promise to raise your child in healthy community, with a loving church and family to support them. We will provide opportunities for your child to pursue sports or talents, to see new places, and to grow in his or her strengths and interests. Your child will know how truly loved and embraced he or she is as a part of our family.

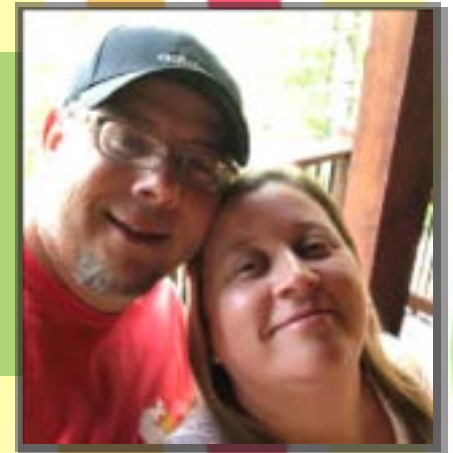
We want you to know that we have already been praying for you and your child. If you'd like, we will honor an open adoption and share updates or annual visits. We will always be open about how we came together through adoption. You will be a very special part of our family's story!

Thoughtfully,

*Chris & Brandi*



**WE'D LOVE AN OPEN  
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WHAT YOU WANT!**

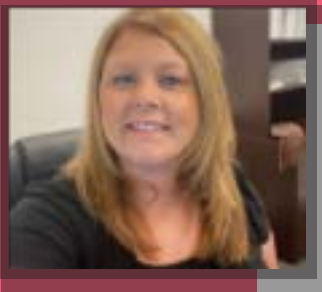




# LETTERS FROM OUR *LOVED ONES* ...

Brandi and Chris are amazing parents. They spend quality time with their children. When we visit, we are busy with the children's activities and family ventures. We have taken many family vacations together to support Colton and his team in the World Series this last April! When the family gets together, we play crazy games, cook family dinners, and enjoy being together and laughing. Any child would be welcomed with open arms and loved by our family.

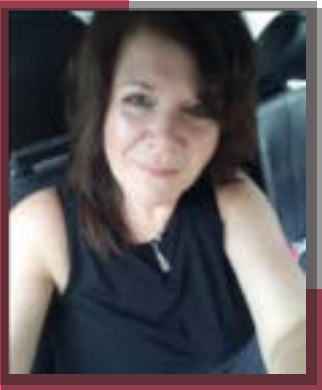
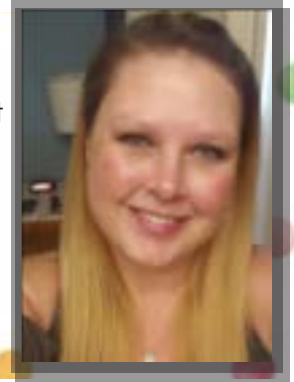
—Mamaw and Papaw, Brandi's parents



Chris and Brandi are two of the most compassionate people I have ever met. Both are hardworking and willing to help anyone with anything. I met them when my daughter attended their preschool. We continue to have a relationship although my daughter is now school age and does not attend. My son and Colton are now best friends. Brandi and Chris are both examples of selfless parents and have always been an example that I strive to be like. Their home is always filled with the love of God and the love that they have for each other; it shows in the way their children have thrived. They are both dedicated to their family and would provide a loving home for any child they adopt. —Betty, family friend

Chris and Brandi are a very caring, loving, and compassionate couple, grounded in their faith. I have known them for most of our lives. They are very attentive parents heavily involved in all aspects of their children's lives. Brandi has been involved with taking care of children her entire adult life, through working as a social worker and now having their own successful preschool. Children are her passion! Your child will be raised in a very loving, nurturing, and faithful home.

—Donia, long time friend



Brandi and Chris and their two boys are a very close, loving family. They spend all their time together as a family and as parents they provide many opportunities for the boys to achieve their greatest potential, both together and as individuals. As a family they love the water, the boys love to go boating and fishing. They take the boys to their sports games and play a big part in their teams. Family vacations are always a fun time, and their extended families are part of this. They are a generous family who give to others; their faith in God guides them in all they do. They have been praying to welcome another child into the family and they have so much love to give. I am beyond excited for them to be given this opportunity to adopt. They will be the best parents a child could wish for! —Kay, family friend

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