



Phil, Brandy, and Ryan

Hi! We are Brandy, Phil and Ryan from New York. We are so happy to give you a little glimpse into our life and who we are.

We can only imagine what you are experiencing while you make a decision that is best for you and your child. We genuinely admire your courage and strength for the steps that you have already taken in this process, and we have so much respect for you in all the decisions you have ahead.

We are very excited to have the chance to expand our family through adoption, and are open to bringing a baby of any race into our family, and believe that our diverse community will support that. It is our promise to you that, should you choose us, your child will grow up in a home full of love, adventure, support, fun, encouragement, laughter, and with an amazing big brother!

Even if your road doesn't lead to us, it is our hope that you will take care of yourself and follow your heart throughout this process.

- Brandy, Phil, and Ryan



October, 2014 - one of our first pictures together!



December, 2021 - on our way to Phil's work Christmas party!

The story of us....

When we first met in 2014, Phil wanted to impress Brandy, so he bought her some ice cream - not knowing that chocolate, especially DOUBLE chocolate was her absolute LEAST favorite flavor; Brandy appreciated the gesture, but wasn't looking for a relationship at the time. About six months later, we ran into each other again, and Brandy decided to give Phil a chance. Something clicked, and the first date quickly turned into a second, and then a third.

We became engaged in 2017, and had an amazing day at our wedding in 2018. In 2020, our son, Ryan, was born, and this started a whole new chapter of our lives, especially since it was the beginning of a crazy pandemic. Becoming parents has been an amazing experience, and we truly enjoy watching Ryan grow.

We bought our forever home in 2021, and this was when we knew we were ready to begin our years-long dream of pursuing adoption - something that we are both passionate about as a way to complete our family. We are in the place where we want to raise our children, we have an amazing home to do it in, and we want to continue learning and growing as a family! We also feel so fortunate to have such a supportive group of family and friends who are waiting with open arms and warm hearts to welcome your baby into our family! Brandy's family was so blessed with an adoption in 2005, and they all can't wait to experience this special kind of joy again!



In 2017, Phil's family got together to celebrate his and his brother's graduation from the police academy. Much to Brandy's surprise, there was another reason to celebrate - our engagement!

Our engagement and wedding....



In 2018, we had the best time at our wedding! Everything was DIY, and we had food trucks to serve dinner, an ice cream truck to serve dessert, lots of outdoor games, and tons of fun!



Our honeymoon...



We had such an amazing time on our honeymoon in St. Lucia! These pictures are from a waterfall we visited after taking a mud bath, a beautiful sunset view from the pool, and our hike up the Pitons.



This is Phil....



Hiking on one of our favorite trails during COVID

I grew up close to where I live now with my mom, dad, younger brother and younger sister. My dad sadly passed away in 2015, and my mom and sister each moved to Florida within the past few years. My brother and I live in the same town, and we are very close; he's going to become a dad this year! I enjoy working out and love being hands-on with Ryan and doing projects, wood working, cooking, car maintenance, and repairs to anything Brandy finds wrong in our house :)



My father-in-law has been a great support for both me and my brother



I love teaching Ryan how to be my little helper!



Two of the best guys in my life - my brother, Tyler, and my friend, Rafael



Our dining room table that I hand built from pieces of deck wood!



I love living close to several beaches and being able to drive on with my family and our dog, Nico.



I used my dad's old Jeep as the base for this one that I built, and I am so grateful that he got to see it finished and ride in it with me



My grandpa is a great role model for me in so many ways - he even played softball well into his 80s!



My grandma and I have birthdays one day apart, so we celebrate together every year!

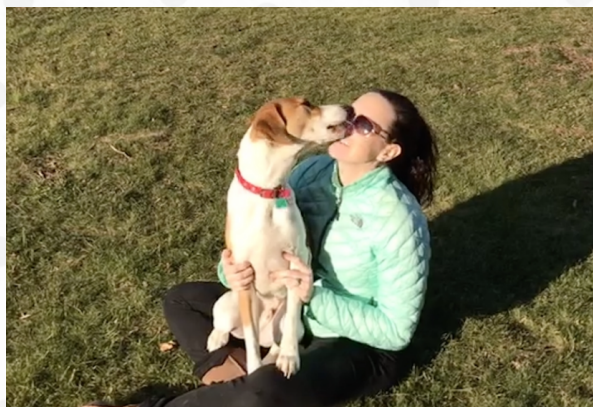
My cousin's wife, Lauren, and I are very close - our first kids were born exactly one month apart!



My first half marathon!



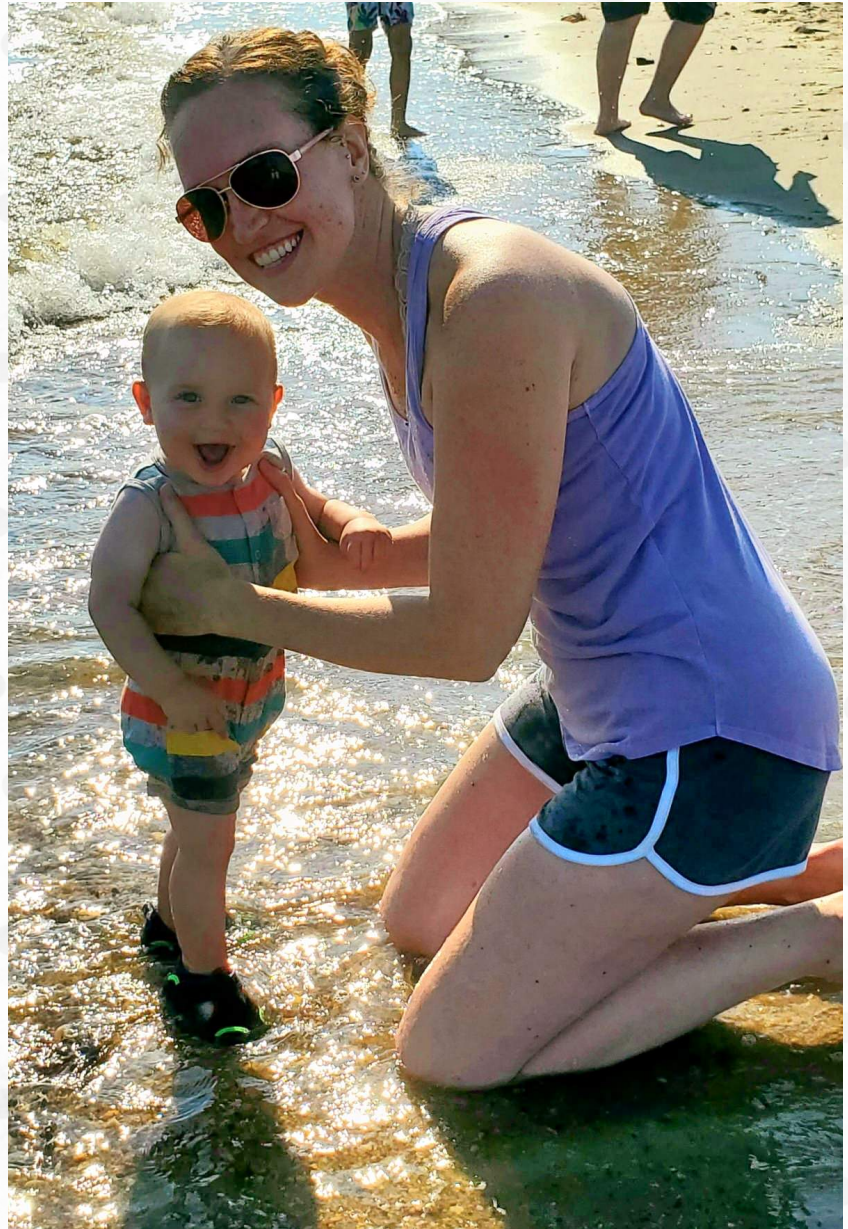
I love having a little running partner!



Our dog, Nico, has been a big part of our family since we adopted him in 2017, and I spend a lot of time taking him out on his own adventures!

This is Brandy...

I grew up close to where I live now with my mom, step dad, and step sister. I am a true animal lover, and can barely resist petting every dog I see! Fitness is very important to me, and I recently ran a half marathon! Equally as important is a good ice cream cone! I enjoy baking, decorating our home, playing word games, and going on adventures with Ryan - I have so much fun going to the beach with him and taking him on runs with me!





Adventures with Ryan

We like to expose Ryan to all different things, and allow him to learn from his environment as well as in structured activities. We love going on "bear hunts" in the woods, spending days at the beach, reading, and including Ryan in daily tasks like cooking and household chores. Ryan has been in swimming class since he was 3 months old, he attended a children's gym for a year, attends a weekly music class, and goes to the local library's programs.



He has been going to day care part-time since he was a year old, has learned so much from being there, and has developed relationships with his teachers and classmates. We know that Ryan will be an amazing big brother because of how well he interacts with other kids, how willing he is to share his toys, and his desire to offer a hug when his friend is sad.

We look forward to giving your child the same kind of experiences, and doing things with them that build their independence and nurture their curiosity.



Where we live and play...





We live in a quiet, very diverse, and woodsy neighborhood that we joke is like the setting of a Disney movie because of all the wild animals we see running around. We have a safe, fenced in pool and swing set in our back yard, a trailled woods down the block, and a community lake about a mile away. One of our favorite playgrounds is a quick 5 minute drive, and we love visiting the animals at the local ecology center. The elementary school is right in our neighborhood, and we plan to be walking the kids to and from school when the time comes!

My mom and grandma at our wedding

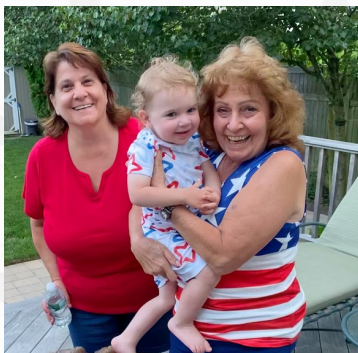


My brother and his wife, and my sister and her daughters



Phil's
family

My family lives near us, and in Florida. I've always been very close with my Aunt Diane, and she actually married us! The whole family gets together often for holidays, summer BBQs, and for just because, and always has a great time! Everyone is extremely supportive of our adoption dreams, and can't wait to have another family member to love!



Two of my aunts loving on Ryan on the 4th of July!



My immediate family - lots of flannel!



Apple picking with my mom and her partner!

My cousin, Danielle, loves being around kids!



Brandy and her mom with my mom and sister, Michelle, at a Paint Night

The whole family at my brother Tyler's wedding in 2021



Aunt Diane marrying us!



We love hanging out in Aunt Suz and Uncle Barry's pool!



Fun at the circus with my cousin Diana



My cousin
Mike, and his
son Kellen



Selfies with Nanny and Poppy!



We love visiting Moma and Papa, as Ryan
calls his Great Grandparents!



Nanny and Poppy love playing with Ryan at the beach!



My mom and stepdad

Brandy's family...



All of Ryan's grandparents and great grandparents!

Most of my family lives near us, too, in Florida and in upstate, New York. My parents are very involved with our family, and are our biggest supporters for everything we do. I feel very lucky to still have 3 grandparents to share my life with and they can't wait to hear about another addition to our growing family!



My cousin, who was adopted from NY in 2005 and is also my goddaughter, is very happy to be a big cousin to another adopted member of our family!

Story time with Nana!



My immediate family at a Christmas brunch tradition!

Our Family Traditions...



We make it a point to do certain activities each season. Since we started dating, we've been going pumpkin picking, apple picking, strawberry picking, and cutting down our own Christmas tree every year - we've included Nico, and then Ryan! Since becoming parents, we now go to visit the Easter Bunny and Santa each year, and we dress up for Halloween as a family. Each Christmas, we pick out an ornament to represent our family and accomplishments, and our tree is full of memories and special events. We are so excited to include your child in our traditions, and we know it will be so much fun for all of us to watch another family member experience these things for the first time!







More of our traditions...



Our Furry Family...



We are definitely a very pet friendly family - we have one dog and one cat, and we rescued both of them! When we met, Brandy had two cats and two dogs, and we all moved into a one bedroom apartment - yikes! Brandy's dogs and one cat have since passed, and in 2017, Nico joined the family as a puppy. He is great with children and loves his family. We take walks with him every day, and include him in our adventures whenever we can. Fiji is our cat and she was rescued in 2012 - she's a typical cat and mostly keeps to herself, but she will always come running if she thinks there's a piece of chicken on the floor!



Nico



Fiji

What we do...

Brandy is a social worker and Phil is a Deputy Sheriff. Brandy works part-time in her local office, and Phil's schedule rotates, so we are each able to be home with our family. We are fortunate enough to have an amazing day care nearby that Ryan loves on the 1 or 2 days he goes each week, and Nanny (Brandy's mom) is always ready to play. She and Poppy can't wait to play with your baby, too!



Phil's Sheriff's Car



Hiking the Pitons during our honeymoon in St. Lucia, 2018

Vacations

After taking our first vacation together on a cruise to the Caribbean in 2015, we decided to make it a goal to go somewhere special every year. We have met that goal every year since (except for 2020), and plan to continue taking family vacations as often as we can. We have been to Jamaica twice, St. Lucia, the Western and Eastern Caribbean, Montauk, Florida, and the Poconos. We cannot wait to bring your child along on our vacations and take a family trip to Disney World!



St. Thomas, 2015



Bahamas, 2016



Jamaica, 2017



St. Lucia, 2018



Mahogany Bay, Isla Roatan,
2019



Mauch Chunk Lake,
Poconos, 2021



Montauk, NY, 2021



Jamaica, 2022



Jamaica, 2022

Our friends...
The people
who are like
family



Ryan and his
best friends
going for a ride
- there's plenty
of room for your
child, too!



Hanging out at a local summer concert!

Posing after a hard run!



Having fun at our wedding!



Our friends Martha
and Joe are like an
extra set of
grandparents!



Lunch time sillies with a friend!

Our friendships are very important to us, as these are the people who keep us laughing, give us support, and know and accept us for who we are. It has been so much fun to have kids at the same time as some of our friends, and as a few will be having babies in 2022 and 2023, we are looking forward to having more children for Ryan and your child to grow up with.



One of Ryan's buddies!



Lots of smiles and friends at the park!



Our best friends who we spend lots of time with!

Thank you...

As you are about to finish our book, we would like to thank you for taking the time to get to know us, and to let you know that you and your baby will be met with open arms and hearts, should you choose us. We want you to be a part of our lives as much as you are comfortable with - whether that is through visits, sharing photographs, and/or phone calls - and we fully intend to always speak about you with your child, and to make sure that they know how brave you are, and how much you love them.

Everything you have seen on these pages is our real, day to day life, and adding another child into these moments, and these memories, would make our hearts feel so full in such a special way.

We truly appreciate you, more than words can describe, and we are happy to answer any questions you may have about us, our family, or anything you can think to ask!

Thank you again,
Brandy, Phil, and Ryan



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