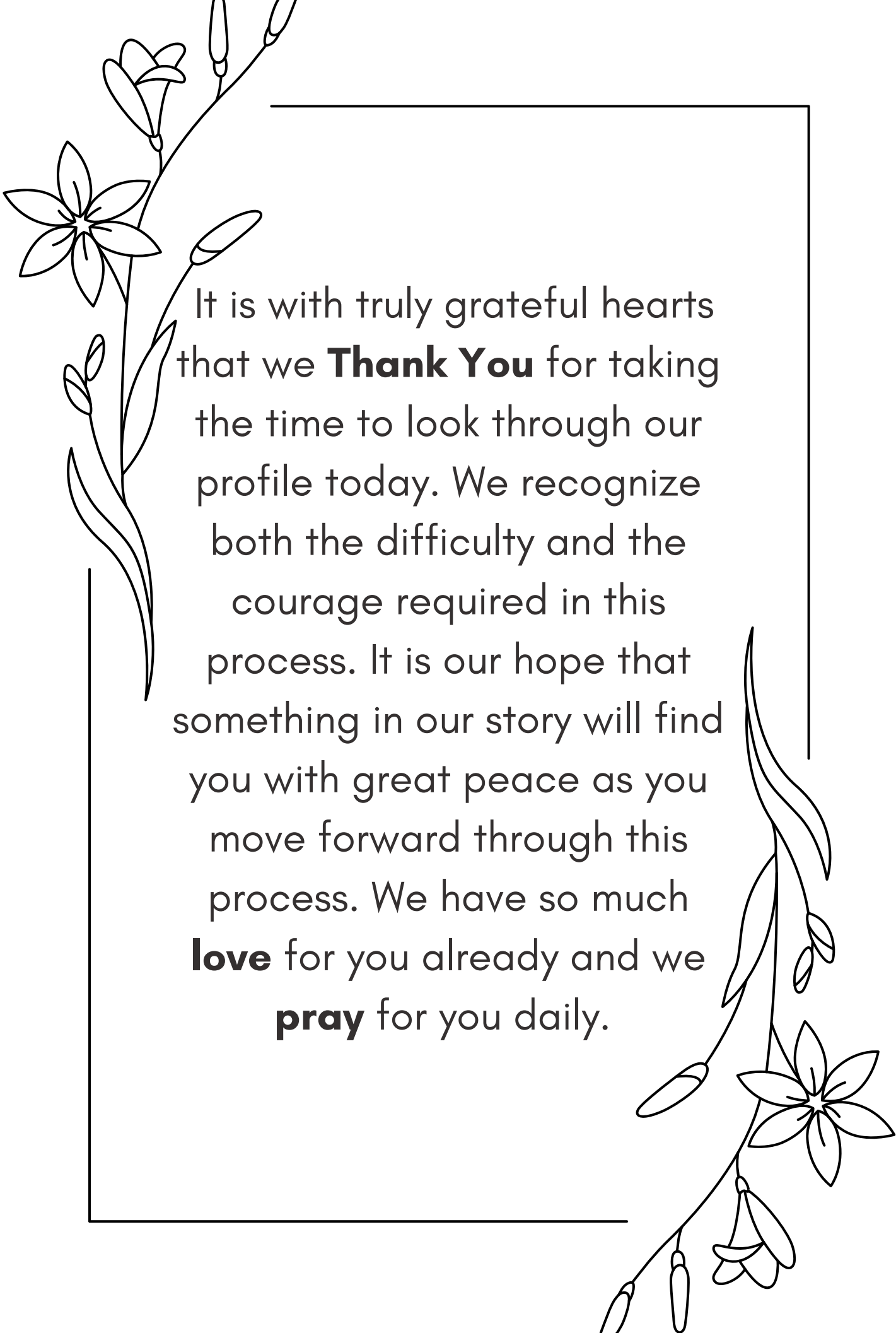


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Kandace



It is with truly grateful hearts that we **Thank You** for taking the time to look through our profile today. We recognize both the difficulty and the courage required in this process. It is our hope that something in our story will find you with great peace as you move forward through this process. We have so much **love** for you already and we **pray** for you daily.



Hey
there!!

We are Brandon & Kandace from a small town, a little north of Nashville, Tennessee. We live in a great neighborhood with our son, Sawyer (he is adopted too) and our dogs, Flurry (Eskimo Spitz) & Champ (English Bulldog/Pomeranian).

Adoption has always been such an important part of our lives. Sawyer was adopted as a newborn in 2018 and it was truly the most magical experience. Kandace is unable to have a biological child but we have so much love to give and cannot wait to see another child grow up. Sawyer is so excited for a baby brother or sister and he is going to be the best big brother. We dream of seeing our children grow up in our happy and loving home where they can feel supported in creating the life of their dreams. We are excited to see our children slide down a slide, learn to swim, and just find joy in our beautiful world. Thank you so much for reading about us!



Kandace

A B O U T M E

I grew up in a small town, on a farm in Southern Tennessee. I was raised by my grandparents and I loved every second of it. I think that is, amongst other reasons, why adoption has always been such a special desire for me. Without my grandparents, I would not be where or who I am today. Family has always been very important to me and there is nothing I enjoy more than spending time with our family.



After graduating with my Bachelor's Degree in Human Services & Counseling in 2015, I started working as a children's case manager in community mental health. While doing this, I completed my Masters degree in Social Work and began working within the jail/prison system to help rehabilitate repeat offenders struggling with mental health issues. After working in social work for 7 years, I decided to transition into the school system and now I am going into my 2nd year as a behavior teacher at the local highschool. I love my students and I love the ability I have to be on the school schedule too! This allows me to spend so much extra time pouring into our family.



fun facts

- I LOVE Tennessee Football (GO VOLS)!!
- I really enjoy all things outdoorsy!
- I enjoy planning and hosting parties.
- Kids and animals are my most favorite things to be around!

I am beyond excited to be adopting for a 2nd time and to be called "mama" once again!

ABOUT KANDACE IN BRANDON'S WORDS

"WHERE DO I BEGIN?"

She is my greatest friend.

"Kandace was truly sent to me by God. I prayed for her, and he answered. She loves with a passion and the heart she has for kids cannot be matched by anyone else. The joy that shines out of her could brighten up anyone's day,

The world would be a better place if everyone had the understanding that she has for the way someone acts and why they choose to act that way. I love that she is not afraid to speak up and fight against injustice, especially when it involves her students. She tries to better the lives of the kids she works with to a level they have never experienced before. This often results in them calling her "mom" and that says more about her than any words ever could. Everyone would describe Kandace as "genuine and loving". She has already adopted one little boy and has equipped him with the confidence he needs to take on the world."





Brandon

A B O U T M E

I grew up in a close knit, big family near Nashville, Tennessee. I am the dad of a 20 year old boy and 19 year old girl and the bonus dad of a 6 year old boy that Kandace adopted as a newborn. I am so thankful to have so much support, specifically from my dad and sister. My mother passed away in 2018 which has really shown me how short life is and how important it is to spend my time and energy on my family. As a teenager, I remember always thinking about being a husband and a dad, which is probably why I became a father at 19 years old. Raising my kids has been the greatest blessing and I am excited about the experience of this adoption journey.

As for my career, I enjoyed being a Firefighter/EMT which then led me to become a State Fire Inspector. I am currently working on my degree to be able to become a Fire Science teacher at the highschool level. I look forward to being able to teach kids about the career that I have enjoyed for the last decade.

FUN FACTS

- I love all things about water.
- I never touched a goat until we bought our first one on the farm.
- If I ride a horse, I am probably going to fall off.
- I am an avid chess player.

**"I AM HIS ABSOLUTE
biggest fan!"**

Brandon is a wonderful husband and father. I could not have asked for anything more as a role model and “bonus” dad to my little one. We work, play, cry, and laugh together. He is my rock and never ceases to amaze me. I was so fearful that my infertility struggles might push him away but he was more than I deserved during those difficult moments. He’s compassionate, goofy, and all kinds of weirdness rolled into one and he brings the fun and craziness to our household. Legos, Nerf gun wars, Ninja fighting, and tickle monsters are a constant, thanks to this man. I am thankful for his faith in God and for his daily reminders that we are “in this together”. I cannot wait to see Brandon step into the “dad” role once again!



**A B O U T B R A N D O N I N
K A N D A C E ' S W O R D S**

our story

WE MET WHILE AT WORK...

In 2019, we both went into work thinking it would be a normal work day (Kandace as a social worker and Brandon as a firefighter). Neither of us were looking for a relationship but when we met each other, it was instant and we have not gone a day without talking to each other since. In 2020, we became engaged (after an airplane ride) and in March 2021, we got married and officially blended our family together. Together, we love to go on road trips, have coffee dates, gather with our church friends and family, go camping, and enjoy all of the experiences of farming. We are beyond ready to give our unconditional love to another child and expand our family through the miracle of adoption.



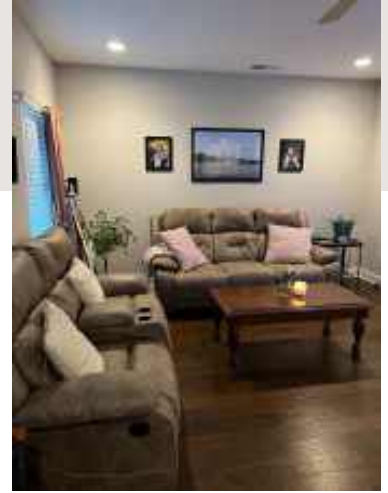
Sawyer



Sawyer is an absolute bundle of joy. We love viewing the world through his eyes. He is goofy, intelligent, courageous, and confident. He knows he is adopted and loves that about himself. He is getting to the age where he can understand it fully and through this process, we have already seen him grow so much. We look forward to being able to send updates to his birthmother and Kandace has formed such a sweet relationship with her through the years.

He recently graduated Kindergarten and definitely excelled in his first year of school. He currently does Karate and swim lessons and plays baseball and basketball during the appropriate seasons. We really try to listen to him and allow him to decide what he wants to do. At this time, he wants to grow up and be a Lego Set designer. He is well-mannered, self-controlled, loves to pray and tell people about God, and in the same breathe, tell a thousand dad jokes.

HOME SWEET HOME

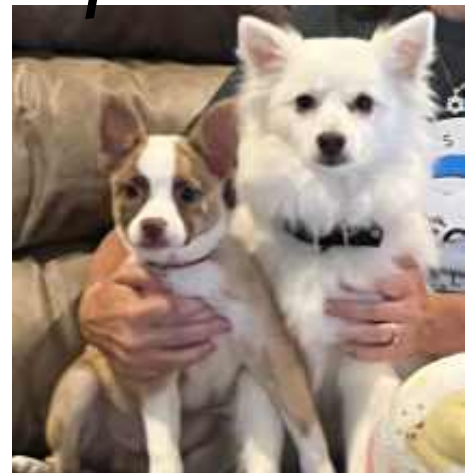


We live in a 3 bedroom 3 1/2 bath home...

We live in a family-oriented town in Tennessee, while still being a short distance away from Nashville. Our home is a two story and has 3 big bedrooms. Our favorite place is our home is our large family room and kitchen because it is where we currently have the most fun and make the most memories. We have a neighborhood pool and some of the best neighbors we could ask for. Oh...and we literally live right next to our church.

Our nursery is almost complete! Our theme is "we will love you 'til the cows come home". We have been so blessed by the people that have poured into us during this journey and we cannot wait to see them love on our new addition.

Flurry & Champ



ABOUT FLURRY

She loves her family and is very attached to all of us. She loves to cuddle and is such a sweet furbaby.

ABOUT CHAMP

Champ is such an energetic little guy. He loves to play with Sawyer and looks forward to his play time each day. He has been such a perfect addition to our family.



OUR FAMILY TRADITIONS

Having being raised by her grandparents, Kandace LOVES the Holidays.

She is a planner at heart and enjoys being able to host Holiday get togethers and decorate to the extreme. We typically host Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving at our home. Kandace looks for every reason to have people over, even if it just for coffee and chatting. For Easter, we have themed food and a massive egg hunt for all of the kids. Every Halloween, we carve pumpkins, go to pumpkin patches, and have themed Halloween costumes as a family (until the kids decide this is not cool anymore). For Christmas, we do finger foods for Christmas Eve and amazing family time with games and presents. For Thanksgiving, Kandace has carried on tradition and has everyone sign a tablecloth so that we can remember who was present each year.



Our Adventures

WE LOVE TO EXPLORE

Together, we love to see and experience new places, people, and foods. We appreciate the beauty of the world around us, and try to explore it as much as we can each year, whether it is around our home or a far off destination. We have recently started a new vacation plan of having one vacation each year where we include our extended family, and one or two vacations as an immediate family. We love to travel and experience new cultures. We are fortunate to be near Nashville where there are many festivals throughout the year that we can attend too. I hope you enjoy looking at some of the pictures from past fun times including: kayaking with the dolphins, camping, going to Buc-ee's, and spending time at the baseball field.

OUR FAVORITE PLACE EVER : HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA
WEIRDEST FOOD WE'VE HAD : CRAWFISH & OCTOPUS
GREATEST EXPERIENCE : KAYAKING WITH THE DOPHINS

Our Promise to You...

**AS YOU MAKE THIS DECISION, WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE BEING TAKEN CARE OF--
AND THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO FIND PEACE.**

Our promise to you is this: we will love your baby unconditionally. We will delight in your child and will always treat them like what they say matters and that their ideas are worthy. We hope that if we do this, they will feel: “anything is possible for me”. We will share their birthstory with them because we understand the importance of family and understanding identity. We want them to know who they came from. We want you to be as much of the child’s life as you would like to be. We are open and happy to share as many stories and pictures as you would like. We really enjoy doing this with Sawyer’s birthmother and we are excited to add you to our family too.

The life your child will have with us will be filled with big family parties, lots of chances to explore the world, a supportive community, a good education, and tons of love. We may not know you but we send you all our love.

*Brandon, Kandace, Sawyer
& the Furbabies*