





#### **OUR LIFESTYLE**

Working in the kitchen together—check. Educating young people—that's us. Small crafts and hobby projects—we are all over it. Actually, we're kind of all over the place in general there's a lot we like to explore together! We are Stephanie and Keegan, a pair of teachers who enjoy crafting, reading, cooking (especially baking!), gardening, canning, dehydrating, and spending time with animals. Stephanie teaches elementary school, while Keegan teaches high school. Keegan paints small models and cross-stitches, while Stephanie makes personalized decorations and knits. We love time in the kitchen together, making all sorts of treats, both savory and sweet. We are lovers of learning and teaching, and while we have different age groups that we work with in schools, we share a deep love for children of all ages. We also share two central life goals: raising several children together and establishing a small farm for our family to live and grow on together.

### OUR HOME & NEIGHBORDHOOD

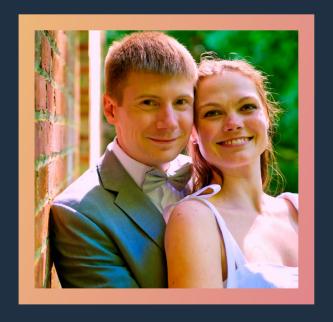
Recently, Keegan overheard our region referred to as "the upper left." We live in the lovely state of Washington, home to snowy mountains, dry deserts, rolling grasslands, coastal waters, and verdant forests. Set against this backdrop, our two-story home has a large, fenced yard and is filled with the sights and sounds of life. During the summer, our large garden is buzzing with the sounds of pollinators, while chickens cluck away in their part of the yard. The inside of the house is usually a little quieter; the two small dogs (Miniature Schnauzers) are busy asking for attention, and the four cats tend to sleep a lot, as cats do.

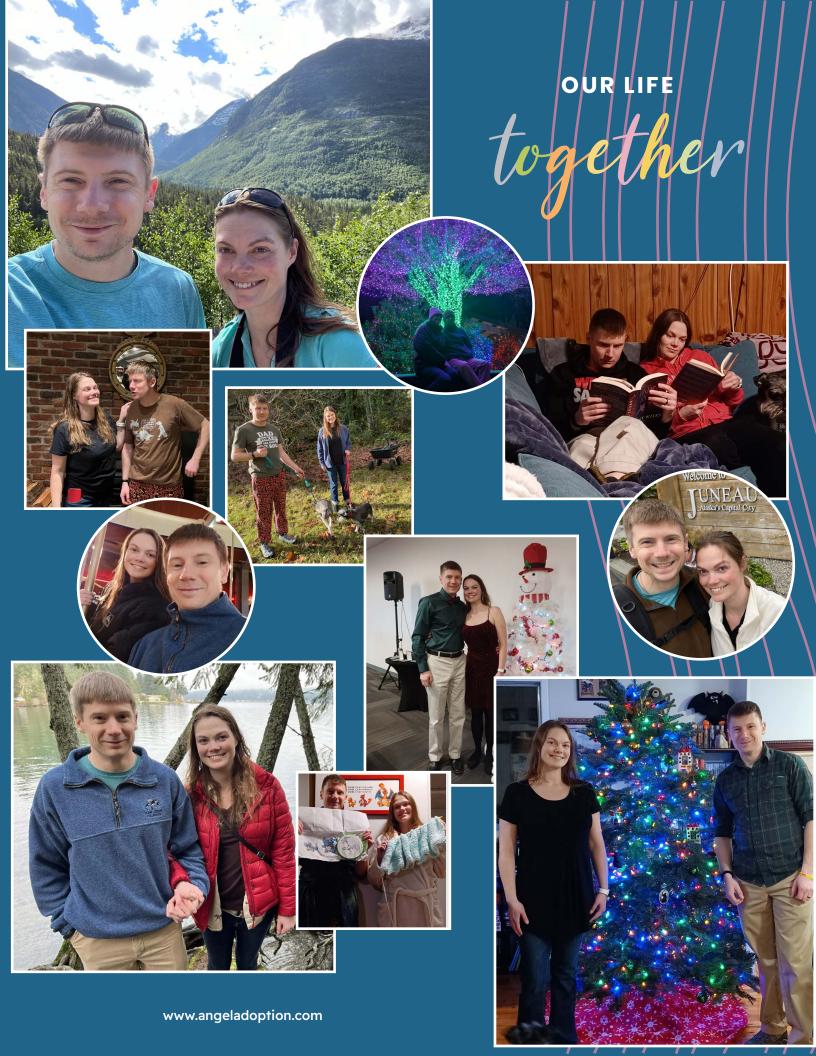


#### **OUR FAVORITE ADVENTURES**

There are so many natural and cultural phenomena to explore in the world; we know that we cannot sample them all. However, we believe that the more our children learn about the world, the better people they will be.

With both of us being teachers, we have a few scheduled times off throughout the year. We want to take time during our vacations to travel as a family. Whether it's a road trip to the Grand Canyon, a week spent touring Washington, D.C., or exploring the beaches and Everglades of Florida, we want to see new places and give our children diverse experiences.





**OCCUPATION:** Teacher & military member

**EDUCATION:** Master's degree

RACE: Caucasian

**RELIGION:** Christian

SPORT: Volleyball

**FOOD:** Pizza, seafood, breakfast foods

**HOBBY:** Reading, Warhammer 40k, cross stitching

**FAMILY TRADITION:** Processing foods from our garden

MOVIE: Pitch Perfect trilogy

**DREAM VACATION:** Cross-country family road trip

TV SHOW: Cheers, Friends, Scrubs

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL:** Science, English, P.E.

**BOOK:** Honor Harrington Series



**STEPHANIE** 

**OCCUPATION:** Elementary teacher

**EDUCATION:** Master's degree

**RACE:** Caucasian

**RELIGION:** Christian

**SPORT:** Volleyball

FOOD: Mexican, Italian

**HOBBY:** Reading, crafts

**FAMILY TRADITION:** Processing foods from our garden

MUSICAL GROUP: Amy Grant, Martina McBride

**MOVIE:** Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken

**DREAM VACATION:** Greece & Italy

TV SHOW: Rizzoli & Isles, I Love Lucy

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Science, English, history

**BOOK:** Temperance Brennan Series



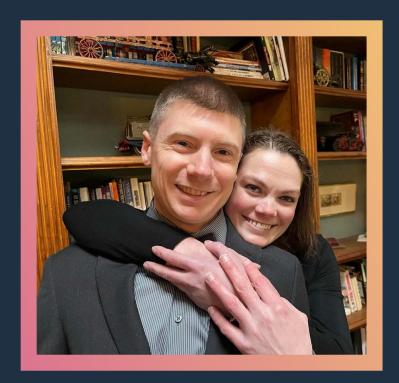
#### **OUR FAMILY AND**

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We are both the oldest of four siblings in our families, and that is part of why we both want several children. Some of our family members live in various places around the country. There are a few extended family members in Arizona. Stephanie has two siblings and their families in Florida and Texas, with three young cousins between them. However, most of our family members live in Washington.

None of Keegan's siblings are married or have children yet. Our child is the first niece/nephew/ grandchild on that side of the family, and his parents love having a little one in the family again. While we do not live near our folks, we talk with them constantly. We enjoy playing Wordle every day with Mom and playing more board and card games whenever we see them in person. Family time, cooking together, and holiday visits are things we look forward to every chance we get. We recently welcomed our first child, our daughter Olivia, and look forward to giving her some siblings to play with.





# to you

Dear Expectant Mother,

Good morning, good afternoon, or good evening. We don't know your name yet or when you will read this. We don't know where you are, what you look like, or any of your passions and interests. There's not much we know about you yet, and we would like to learn all of these things. However, there are a few things we know, and they are important ones: We know you are caring, brave, and strong.

We can say these things with confidence, and we are happy to explain why. Only someone who cares about a child as you do would consider adoption, because it is a difficult and selfless thing to pursue. Your care for this child should be obvious to anyone. Your bravery and strength are evidenced by the fact that this is a difficult decision you have undertaken to pursue. Despite that, you have the courage to say this would be the best option for your child, and for that, we can only express our admiration and gratitude.

While we don't know much about you yet, we are excited to meet such a person and know that the baby you carry must be equally incredible. Whoever you decide to partner with, we hope you accept our gratitude for considering adoption and choosing to bless another family with the wonderful life you are growing.

Sincerely,

#### STEPHANIE & KEEGAN

