# BEN + MANDY

our journey to adoption





## about us

Hi! We are Ben and Mandy from Central Washington. We met in July of 2021 online and fell in love instantly, marrying just five months later in a beautiful Christmas wedding. Ben is the Youth Director for our church and has a big heart for kids and youth! He is a big kid at heart and can always make you laugh. Mandy is the General Manager for a large retail company in town. We are both hardworking and love our careers but also love our playtime too. Ben loves disc golf, baseball, video games, and sports card collecting. Mandy loves decorating, crafting, cooking...basically anything from Pinterest. We both love board games, watching a favorite TV show, relaxing on the patio, and spending time with our good friends.

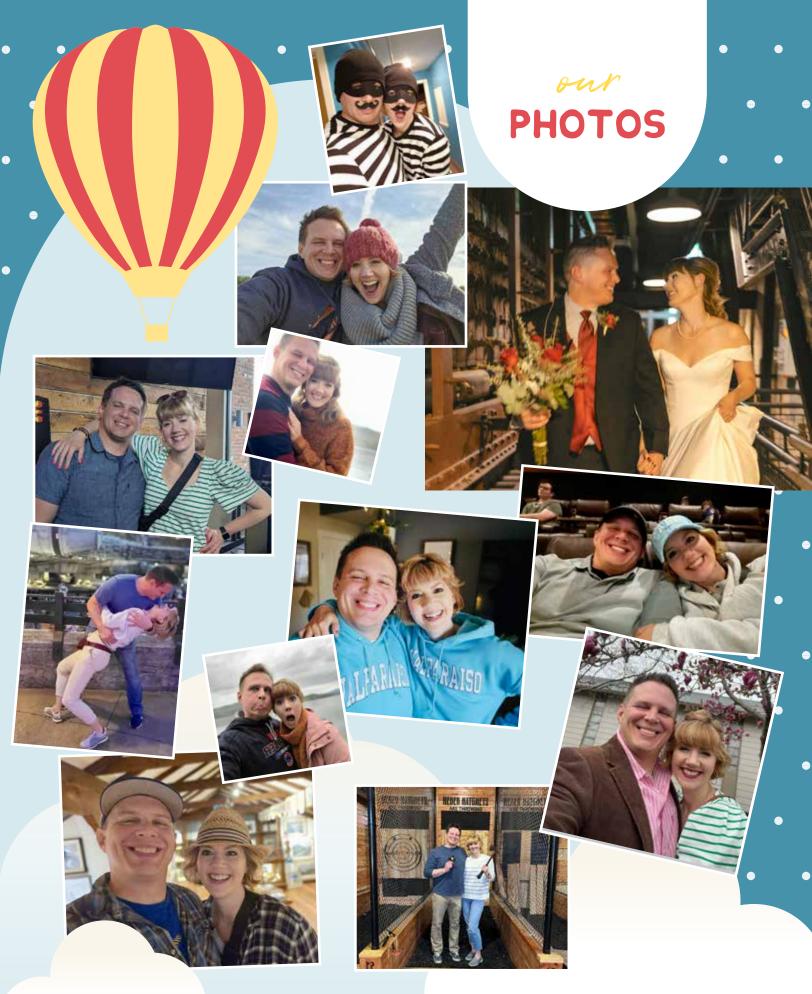
## our home + pets

We just bought our first home! We live in a new development and found the perfect home with plenty of room for a child and a small backyard space for a growing family. The backyard still needs to be landscaped, but we did that with intention so we could build what we wanted to prepare for a little one. Plus Mandy is creative and loves projects like that! We live on a cul-de-sac and are surrounded by young couples and families. Our home is near good schools, quiet and safe. We currently have two cats, Milo and Rella Joon. They are the sweetest! We hope to get a dog someday soon as well.



# WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We have desired to build a family from the time we met and have always had hearts for adoption. We met later in life, so although we did try on our own, having a biological child was not the journey for us. Some of our good friends have adopted and shared hopeful and inspiring stories that have encouraged us to pursue this journey. We have so much love in our hearts for a child and want to provide a loving and stable home. This time of waiting has given us the chance to build stability in our home, finances, and each other. We are so thankful for what we have and have so much to offer a child if given the chance.



#### more about BEN



**OCCUPATION** Youth Director

**EDUCATION** Bachelor's in general studies

**RACE** Caucasian

**RELIGION** Christian

**SPORT** Baseball

**TRADITION** Christmas dinner and light show

**MUSICAL GROUP** Skillet

**MOVIE** The Dark Knight

**DREAM VACATION** Anywhere with my wife

TV SHOW Smallville

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL** English

**BOOK** The Oath

### more about MANDY

**OCCUPATION** General Manager

**EDUCATION** Some college

**RACE** Caucasian

**RELIGION** Christian

**SPORT** Football

**TRADITION** Christmas Eve board games

MUSICAL GROUP The Eagles

**MOVIE** Jurassic Park

**DREAM VACATION** Anywhere on a beach, Disney World

TV SHOW MacGyver

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL** Creative writing

**BOOK** Anne of Green Gables







It is impossible for us to truly know what you are experiencing and the amount of strength and love it takes to consider the decision you are making. Should you choose us, know that we have been waiting to love your baby for so long. We will raise your child as our own and know our responsibility goes well beyond accepting your baby but raising a child to someday grow up and make an impact of his or her own. And you are a part of that. If you choose, we want your child to know who you are and the important role you play in this story. If you choose, we want to support open communication between you and your child because we know the strength it can bring all of us. The love we feel is for both of you.

Our faith is a big part of who we are. We love Jesus and live our lives to hopefully reflect that love onto others. We are not perfect by any means, but we live by grace, love, faith, joy, and forgiveness and will raise your child with all of those traits close to our hearts.

We wish you the best in your journey and the decision you make and hope you find peace and courage along the way. We would be honored if you chose us and forever grateful.

With Love.



