

Brian AND Shannon



Hi there, we are SHANNON, BRIAN

AND OUR SON AIDAN

we are from NEW YORK

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO EXPLORE OUR PROFILE AND CONSIDERING US FOR THE GREATEST GIFT WE CAN EVER HOPE TO RECEIVE- THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW OUR FAMILY! We know that this might feel overwhelming and we have tremendous respect for the courageous decisions you have ahead of you. **Adoption is very near and dear to our hearts!**

We were blessed with our son Aidan through adoption. It has truly been the most amazing experience. Brian and his sister are also both adopted. Adoption is at the heart of our family! We feel well equipped to grow our family in this very special way once again. It is hard to fit our whole lives into this book but we hope that this gives you a glimpse into our world.

We cannot overstate what an incredible gift it would be to have the opportunity to have your child become part of our family. They will be surrounded with so much love and we will make sure they know what a brave decision you made by choosing this life for them.

Sincerely

SHANNON, BRIAN & AIDAN

THANK YOU! FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO LEARN ABOUT US.



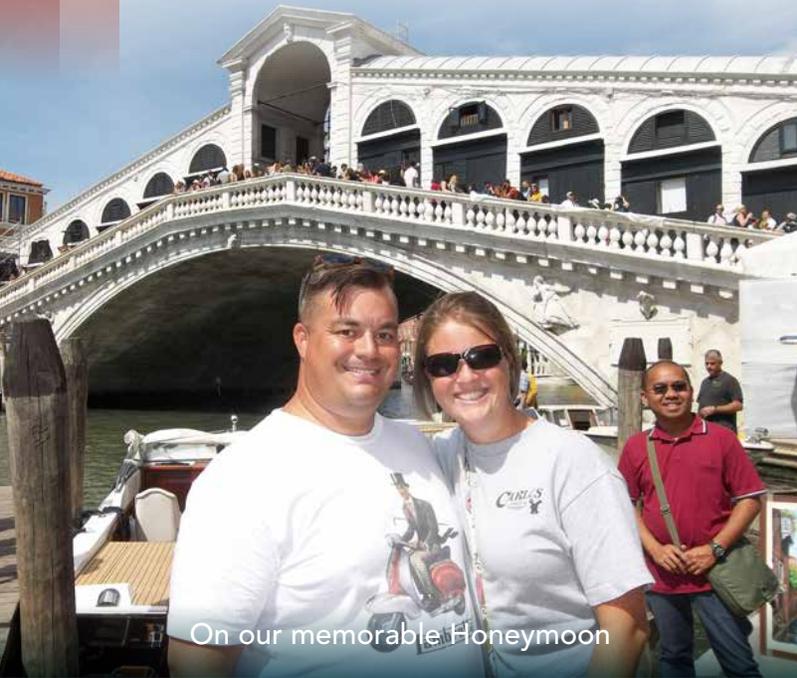
A sunny day visiting Canada



We love going to the beach

Our Story

FROM BLIND DATE TO FOREVER



On our memorable Honeymoon

We met on a blind date arranged by Shannon's mom. Brian and his future mother in law worked together for 5 years when it occurred to her that Brian would probably get on well with Shannon so she set the wheels in motion! We had our first date in a park in a cute small town half way between our homes at the time. We initially agreed to meet for a coffee in the late afternoon. We ended up chatting over dinner and for several hours thereafter. We have been inseparable ever since! Brian proposed in that same park and the restaurant where we had our first date hosted our rehearsal dinner the evening before our wedding. We enjoy visiting the park from time to time as a family and reminiscing about our great times!

We were both raised as Catholics and continue to practice our religion. Our favorite weekly tradition is to go to Sunday morning Mass and then breakfast at a local café. This is such a relaxing and peaceful way for us to begin our week. Aidan feels like the local celebrity there when the waitresses greet him each week!



Making the most out of a winter day



Wedding day bliss

When we were first married, we tried to have children on our own but have not been successful so we began to do a lot of research into adoption. We are thrilled to be on this journey once again. Both of us are big believers in providence and things that are meant to be finding their way.

We couldn't be more grateful that we were meant to grow our family through adoption.



Reading is my favorite past time

IT'S OFF TO WORK WE GO!

We are both very lucky to have careers that we love and that contribute positively to our community.

Brian is a high school teacher where he teaches foreign languages. Brian is the foreign language department chair and the faculty moderator for his school's chapter of the National Honor Society.



Enjoying a sunny day in London

INTRODUCING Brian

BY SHANNON I feel like I could write all day about how wonderful Brian is so I will do my best to just provide the highlights! Anyone who knows Brian knows that he is incredibly down to earth and balanced. *He is an amazing father who is very engaged with our son.* Whenever I walk into a room, I find Brian on the floor playing with Aidan. Brian always makes me laugh whether it be by telling a witty joke, coming into the room with a crazy hairdo, or making a silly face at me from across the room. *Being that Brian is adopted he will be able to relate to our future child in this unique way as he is able to with Aidan.* I feel so lucky to have met Brian and for the life we have built together. I am also grateful to have such an amazing partner to parent with. He is truly my best friend and someone I cannot wait to expand our family with!



First Father's Day

IT'S OFF TO WORK WE GO!

We are both very lucky to have careers that we love and that contribute positively to our community. *Shannon is an administrator at a human service agency that provides programs and services to individuals with disabilities and their families.* She has worked there ever since graduating from college and has moved up in the organization over the years.



Beautiful part of the world



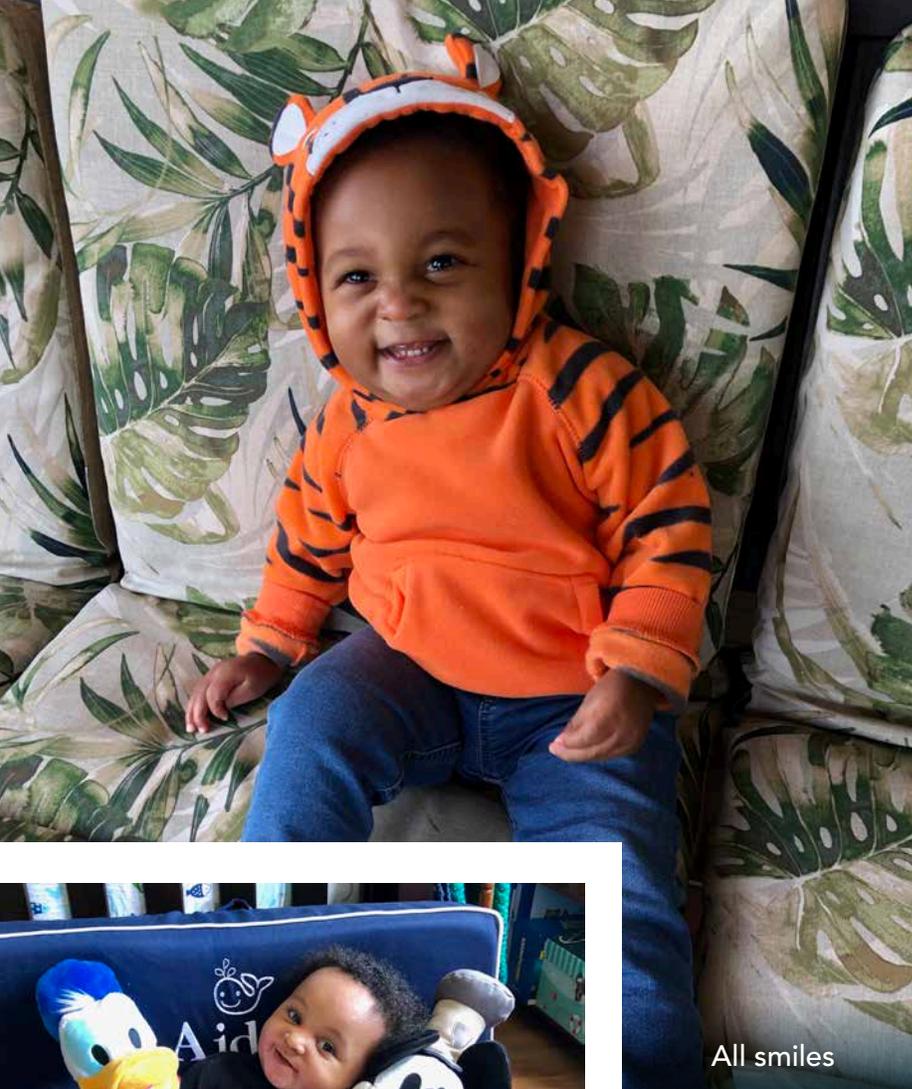
Christmas cuddles



Enjoying an outdoor dinner

INTRODUCING Shannon

BY BRIAN It is difficult to try to describe Shannon in only a few words. *Shannon is one of the most generous, thoughtful, and genuine people you could ever meet.* She is a phenomenal mother. Shannon loves reading with Aidan, taking him on fun outings to playgrounds, cuddling with him, and even dancing the hokey pokey with him. She is always generous with her time and talents in helping others; she is genuine in her relationships with others – consistently living according to her values and with respect for others. She works for a phenomenal organization that seeks to empower those with disabilities; she truly practices what she preaches when it comes to respect and empowerment. She is my best friend and there is no one with whom I would rather spend my time. I cannot wait to be able to grow our family so that we can share our love and lives with another child!



All smiles



READY TO BE A BIG BROTHER

Introducing Aidan

Aidan is such a joy to parent. He is kind, affectionate, and content. Aidan loves to be around people and is almost always in a great mood. We know Aidan will be an awesome brother from watching him interact with his cousins and friends. He is just as happy being read to as he is running around at a playground. Aidan never misses the opportunity to do the hokey pokey! Aidan loves going to swim lessons and the library but most of all, he enjoys going on walks and having the wind blow on him. We are so lucky to be his mom and dad.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We are so excited to be on this journey, which we hope will lead to us growing our family. Adopting Aidan was the most amazing and positive experience of our lives. We cannot wait to do it again! We believe in surrounding children with love and respect. We also believe in positive reinforcement and building a child's confidence and self-esteem by focusing on his or her strengths. We think it's important to teach a child how to make good decisions, not just to make the decisions for him or her.

We will both continue to work once we become parents again but feel very fortunate that child care during the workday will be provided by Shannon's parents. We also feel fortunate that our work hours are flexible to allow for the unpredictability of a growing family. Shannon works less than 10 minutes from our home and has the opportunity to work from home if needed. Brian's career has the added bonus of finishing work up by 2pm and having the summers off.

HOME *sweet* HOME

WE LIVE IN A SUBURB
LESS THAN 90 MINUTES
OUTSIDE MANHATTAN IN A
TOWNHOUSE COMMUNITY

Our development has a swimming pool where we like to spend a lot of time in the summer. We also have two playgrounds in the community that Aidan loves and where we look forward to playing with our future child. We love that we live so close to so many fun and interesting things to do from museums to hiking trails and seemingly everything in between. We enjoy the seasons that come along with living in New York and all the activities the different times of year lends to.

Fall fun!



The pool and playground at our home

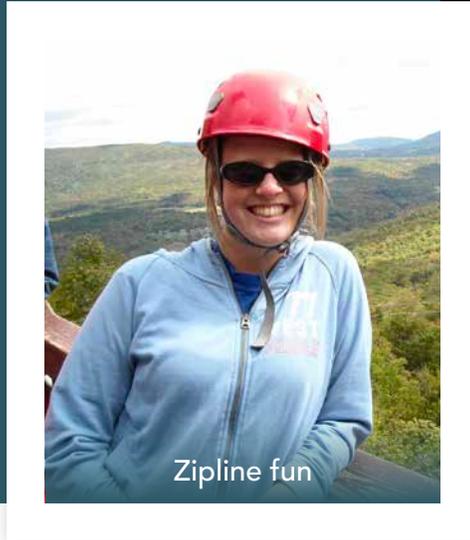


We love relaxing on our porch



OUR hobbies

We have many hobbies that we look forward to sharing when we are fortunate enough to expand our family again. We love to be outside when the weather is nice and we especially enjoy going to the beach. Each summer, we go on a weeklong vacation to the ocean with our extended families (both Brian's and Shannon's). It has been amazing to share this tradition with our son and look forward to sharing in these fun times with our future child as well. Aidan enjoys library story hours and swim lessons. We know he will be excited to share these activities with a sibling. Brian loves to do crossword puzzles and to cook. Shannon enjoys arts and crafts and loves to read fiction novels. Shannon has volunteered for Big Brothers/ Big Sisters for 8 years now. Brian is an Eagle Scout and frequently mentors others who are pursuing this themselves. Our best days are playing and having fun with one another.



Carving pumpkins



our favorites

FAVORITE DESSERT

BRIAN Ice Cream

SHANNON Lemon Meringue Pie

AIDAN Chocolate Cake

FAVORITE COLOR

BRIAN Blue

SHANNON Green

AIDAN Orange

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

BRIAN Cape Cod

SHANNON Anywhere with a beach

AIDAN Anywhere I get to play outside

FAVORITE GAME

BRIAN Trivial Pursuit

SHANNON Clue

AIDAN Hide and Go Seek

FAVORITE HOBBY

BRIAN Crossword Puzzles

SHANNON Reading

AIDAN Tricycle Ride

FAVORITE FOOD

BRIAN Seafood

SHANNON Sushi

AIDAN Butternut Squash





Beautiful day



Grandparent cuddles



A special day



A day of play

THESE ARE OUR *People*

FOLKS WE LOVE AND CHERISH!

Shannon is the middle of three children. She has an older brother and a younger sister. Although Brian's mom has passed, Brian's dad as well as Shannon's parents are incredibly supportive and provide us with a lot of love and fun times. Brian has a younger sister who is also adopted. She is married and has three children. We love spending time with our niece and nephews and know they will make great cousins! We are godparents to a niece and nephew of ours. We have an incredibly strong bond with our family and friends. Our siblings all live within an hour of us and we see them each frequently. We have an incredible circle



Apple picking fun

of friends many of whom we have known for years. They share our varied interests and we enjoy spending time going to sporting events, concerts, or just hanging out. We are very fortunate to have so many caring people in our lives!

ONE LAST Thank You



Thank you so much for taking the time to review our profile! We hope that it offered a glimpse into our world and conveyed how excited we are at the opportunity to grow our family. We would love the chance to have an open communication with birthparents by sharing updates with letters and pictures. We are also open to developing a more open adoption as well if that's something you would like to explore. We are honored to be considered for this amazing gift and honor your decision to make this plan for your child.

- Brian AND Shannon

**WE WOULD LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU!**

If you have additional questions for us or would like to speak to us, please contact **The Adoption Alliance** by calling 1-800-626-4324.