

Bryce + Johnna





Dear Friend,

We would like to start by telling you how grateful we are to have you viewing our profile. Although we haven't met you yet, we want you to know that we admire you so much for the decision you are making. Adoption brought us our son, Caleb, and we now share a semi-open relationship with his first parents based on their wishes. We are excited to hopefully welcome another child through adoption and are committed to including you in your child's life as much as you desire.

We hope you connect with us through these photos and that it gives you a good snapshot of our family. We are spirited, goofy, and part of a very large and joyful extended family that can't wait to share in the joy that your child's life will be.

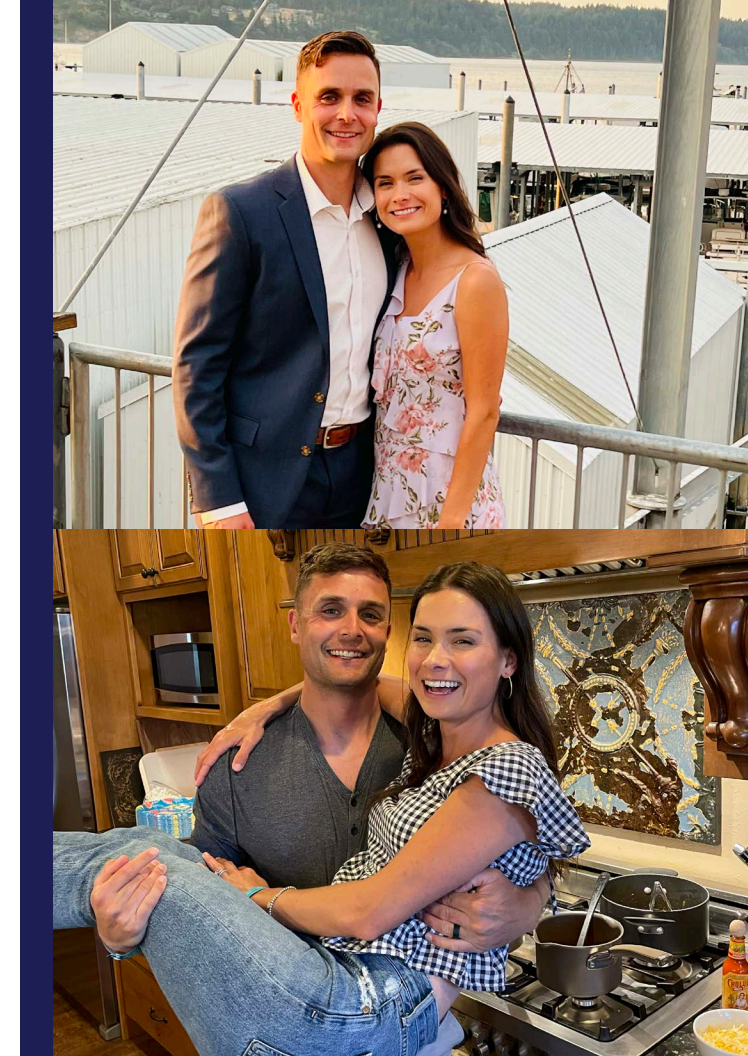
With love,

Bryce & Johanna



“You never know what’s gonna happen. You make your plans and you hear God laughing. Life changes and I wouldn’t change it for the world.”

- Thomas Rhett,
Life Changes



About Us

Our story began in college where we met living in the same dorm. Bryce was there to play college football and Johnna was busy with her nursing clinicals. We were married a couple of years after graduation and welcomed our first son, Peter, in 2016. Unfortunately, our hopes for growing our family changed after many years of infertility and heartache. Our hearts were healed when we held Caleb in our arms for the first time. With tears in our eyes, we looked at each other and knew how lucky we were to be chosen by his parents.

As a family we love to be active outside and host lots of gatherings with family and friends. We attend church every Sunday and are part of a prayer group that includes three other families that have grown through adoption! Family and community are incredibly important and have been a huge support to us throughout our adoption journey.



About Johnna

by Bryce

There isn't a day that goes by that Johnna doesn't make me smile or laugh hysterically! She lights up a room with her stories and sense of humor. Johnna is incredibly kind but also strong willed and not afraid to speak her mind. I love her courage and boldness. She is also the best mother to our boys and never seems to get tired of giving them hugs or snuggling them when they need it. Our oldest loves having a nurse as a mom because she always knows how to take care of all his bumps and bruises!

I fell in love with Johnna our Sophomore year of college and it's only gotten better since then. I love the adventures we have together. We've been stuck in an Italian village where no one spoke English (and we knew no Italian), danced in the streets of New Orleans, got caught in a tropical storm in Maui, boated around killer whales in Canada, and on and on. There is no one else in the world I'd want to road trip with and sing 90's country songs way too loud!



“Johnna is hilarious, easy to be around, tough as nails and loves those around her deeply.”

- Bryce

more about Johnna

Age: 35

Occupation: Retired RN, now stay at home mom

Favorite movie: It's a Wonderful Life

Favorite place: Palm Springs

Can't live without: My family and my morning coffee!

My perfect day: Spent with Bryce and the boys being active outside!



About Bryce

by Johnna

There is so much I could say about Bryce. He is the love of my life and my best friend. I honestly think he is the best man I have ever met and I don't know how I could have made it through the past 10 years without him. He is our family's rock and a true partner.

Bryce is funny, quick-witted and clever. As you get to know him, he will make you laugh and give insights you may not have heard from anyone else. He is compassionate and understanding but can also give tough love when it is needed. I love his creative side when he sings and plays guitar and also love watching him rough house in the living room with our boys. You should see the stars in their eyes that they have for him!



“We are so thankful for Bryce. You couldn't dream up a better dad!”

- Johnna

more about Bryce

Age: 35

Occupation: Accountant

Favorite movie: Friday Night Lights

Favorite place: Rome

Can't live without: My family

My perfect day: Golfing and fishing with my boys followed by an Italian dinner with my wife and a walk next to the water.



Our kids, Peter & Caleb



Peter is our oldest and is the sweetest big brother. He is cautious but goofy and gets along great with other kids. He is football obsessed and can't get enough of fighter jets, the military and Top Gun. His belly laugh is contagious and he loves to tell a good joke or show you a magic trick!

more about Peter

Age: 8
Occupation: Fighter jet expert
Favorite book/movie: All of the Harry Potter books & movies!
Can't live without: Mom, Dad & Caleb
My perfect day: Go to Harry Potter World then golf with Dad and Grandpa



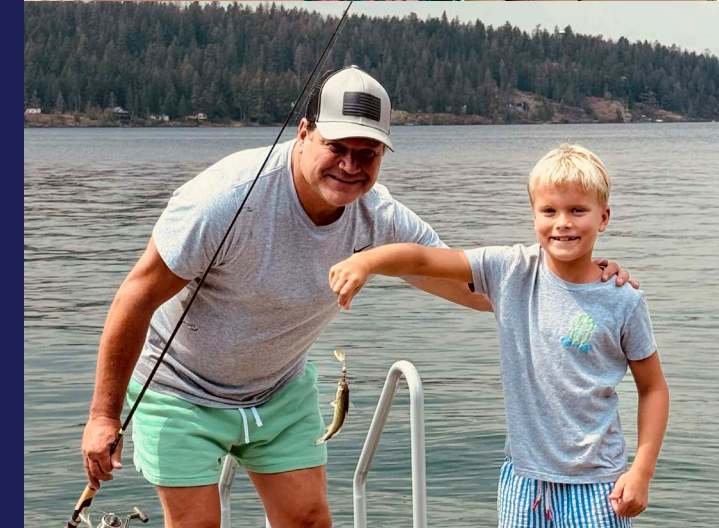
Caleb is our extrovert! He loves everyone he meets and is famous amongst our friends and family as being "the happiest baby." He chats constantly in his own language—we can't wait to understand all that he has to say! He is an absolute gift to our family and we couldn't love him more!

more about Caleb

Age: 1
Occupation: Mommy's sidekick
Favorite book: If I were a Puppy
Favorite place: playing at the pool!
Can't live without: Mom, dad and Peter
My perfect day: The zoo with my family and playing with Peter in the backyard!

Fun Facts About Us

- We have large family gatherings for Christmas and holidays. There are so many cousins that love to run around and play together!
- We read books at bedtime every night
- The boys rough-house with dad after dinner
- We love birthday parties! It's always so fun to see what our son will choose as his next party theme
- We enjoy awesome annual summer trips to lakes and mountains with Bryce's family
- We have chili on Halloween followed by trick or treating with the many families in our neighborhood



We spend summers on Flathead lake at Johnna's dad's ranch & we love fishing the river!

"We love the outdoors and anything we can do as a family!"

When it's football season, there is always a game on Thursday through Sunday and we usually cook up a big meal for friends and family. The more the merrier!



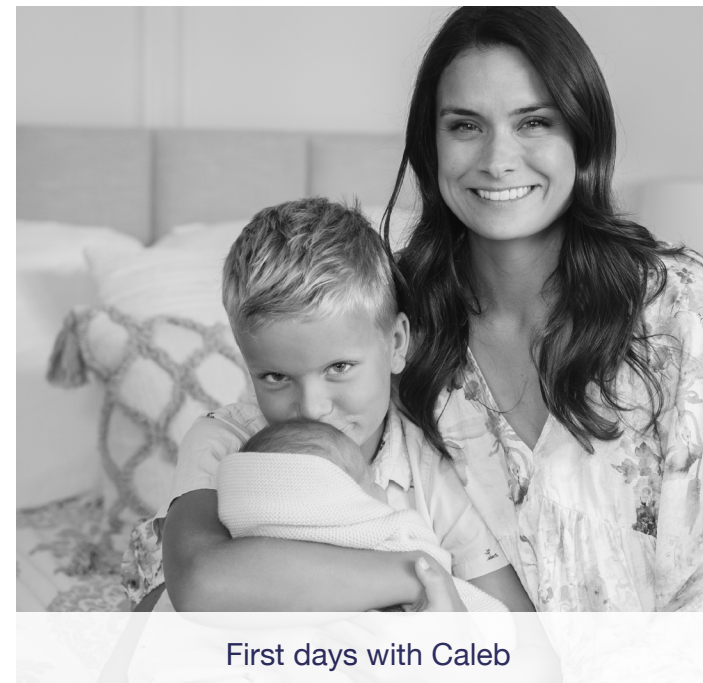
We love Fourth of July fireworks out at Bryce's family beach home. We cherish those summer Sunday night dinners at the beach.



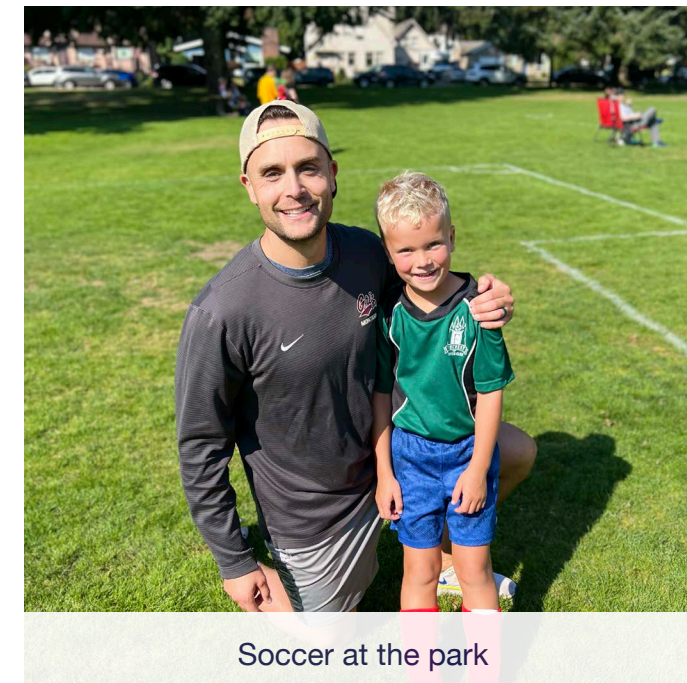
Our Home & Community

We live in a small town in Washington near a large city. Bryce grew up here playing sports, riding his bike all over, and playing with friends at the park. Our home is in a wonderful neighborhood with many other families from school nearby. On any given night you will find kids riding bikes, playing basketball in front of their homes, and neighbors chatting with each other.

Our home has 4 bedrooms and a great main living space. We love entertaining and hosting large gatherings! When you step inside you'll likely hear music playing. There is a cozy, warm feel and the air is filled with whatever home cooked meal Johnna is making in the kitchen. In the backyard, the playhouse is usually full of kids and there are toys all over the yard. In the summertime you have to watch your back as they go crazy with water and nerf gun fights!



First days with Caleb



Soccer at the park

Our Dog, Tucker

We have a super teddy bear of a dog named Tucker. He is a 4 year old Bernese Mountain Dog who loves nothing more than to lay on the ground while kids snuggle and lay on him. He is a great family dog and cracks us up with his loveable personality!



Our home



The nursery



Peter with his buddy



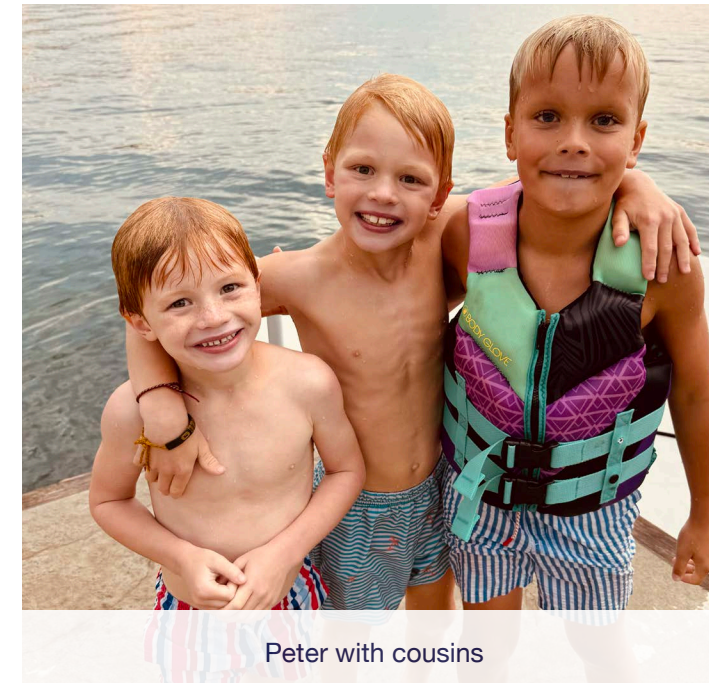
Caleb playing



Our Extended Family

Johnna has a very large extended family that is spread out across many states (Montana, Washington, Idaho, Arizona and Texas). She likes to say that she has her mom's side, her Italian dad's side, and her biological side. In 2019 we found out that Johnna's dad was not biological through Ancestry.com. We now have a great relationship with her biological extended family and it has been amazing! Johnna is close with her 4 brothers; the two she grew up with and the two she met 5 years ago.

Bryce's extended family has been deeply rooted for many generations. It is really special because we have grandparents and family who are within walking distance of our home and others who are close by in the surrounding area. It is rare that we go anywhere without running into someone we know or are related to! Every Sunday during the summer his family gets together at the beach for a potluck BBQ. Bryce is really close with his 3 siblings and it is hilarious to watch them together. They get louder and louder and before you know it they're all jamming on the guitar!



Peter with cousins



Dinner with Bryce's family



With Johnna's grandparents



With Bryce's parents



With Bryce's siblings



With Johnna's mom's family

Our Friends

Our friends mean the world to us. We have been extremely blessed with a large group of friends that attend the same church and school. We are also part of a prayer group that includes 3 other adoptive families who have been an amazing example for us in adoption and transracial adoption.



Hosting friends for dinner



Peter with his buddies

Why Adoption?



We always envisioned having 4 or 5 children close in age. We've since realized that so much of this was out of our control and that there was a different plan for our family. Now, we can't imagine our lives or our family without Caleb, who joined us through adoption! We are so thankful that our journey led us to him.

We have many examples of biological and adoptive families that we see on a regular basis. Bryce also has 2 cousins and one aunt who are all adopted. For us, adoption is a true gift that brought Caleb into our family. Our love for him is in no way different than our love for our biological son, Peter. Our love for Caleb's birth mother and father is similar to the love we have for other members of our family. It's truly amazing how much our hearts have grown from adoption!



Welcoming Caleb with Papa



We promise...

- to love your child unconditionally and cherish them everyday.
- our entire extended family is excited to welcome your child and are committed to surrounding them with love and support.
- to shower your child with snuggles and kisses everyday.
- to provide the best and highest level of education possible and encourage your child to pursue their gifts and passions.
- to teach your child about their cultural and family heritage
- to teach your child about their adoption story. We will make sure that they always know that you love them and made the bravest decision of all to choose adoption.



Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! Thank you for considering us as potential parents for your child. We promise that your child will be a beloved member of our family and there will always be the understanding that there would be no them without you. We look forward to getting to know you and taking these next steps alongside you.

With love,

Bryce, Johnna, Peter & Caleb