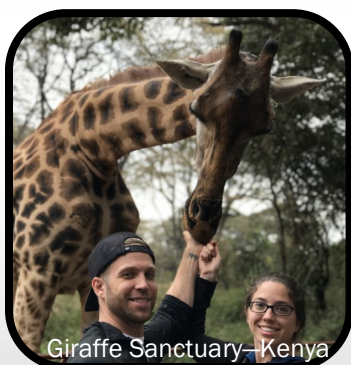


CHRIS & BRYANNA



OUR STORY

Our story goes way back—we have known each other **since we were 7!** We grew up with friends from youth group (they are still our closest friends!) and began dating long distance in 2005, when we were both at different universities. We were married in 2009 and our relationship has strengthened as we have encountered and overcome life's challenges **together**. We both have close, **supportive families**, many of whom live nearby, and are a big part of our lives. Our friends are also family to us, and many of their kids call us Aunty Bryanna and Uncle Chris. Each year, we host a **Friendsgiving** celebration, the week after Thanksgiving, with all of our friends and their kids joining us for dinner and pie.



Giraffe Sanctuary—Kenya



Wedding Day 2009



Anniversary in White Rock



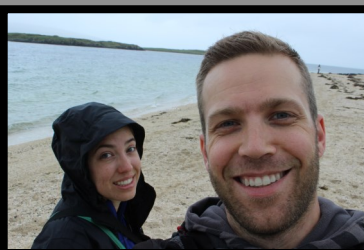
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OUR LIFE

We are an **active** couple, and spend a lot of time outdoors. We love to hike, snowboard, run, paddleboard and camp and look forward to continuing these adventures with our children. We are also **world travellers**, and have visited many countries. After several trips, **Scotland** has become our home away from home and we can't wait to go back! We currently have two **fur-babies**, a dog, Hamish, and a cat, Otto. They are both great when our friends' kids visit and we know they will make great big brothers! We own our three bedroom home with a backyard and live in a diverse, **family-oriented community**.



Family dinner



Isle of Skye—Scotland



Christmas with friends

OUR JOURNEY

We always knew that we wanted to be parents. After settling into our careers and travelling, we discovered that having children by birth was not going to be an option. It did not take us long to decide that **adoption was right for us**. Bryanna's dad is an adoptee and we have recently reconnected with his birth family. We also have several friends who have adopted children or are adoptees themselves. Listening to personal stories, reading books, and researching has lead us here, and we can't wait to **share our lives and love with a child!**

BRYANNA

Chocolate Food **Pepperoni Pizza**
 Bubble gum Ice Cream Flavour **Salted Caramel**
 Scotland Travel Destination **Scotland**
 Penguin Animal **Octopus**
 Lord of the Rings Book/Movie **Harry Potter**
 Spring Season **Fall**
 Beauty and the Beast Disney Movie **Brave**
 Forgiving Best Quality According to Partner **Loyalty**

CHRIS



I am a kindergarten and grade one **Teacher**. I love my job and teaching kids to read is my passion. In the near future, I plan to get my Masters, studying attachment and trauma. I love to be **outside** - gardening, hiking, taking the dog for a walk—but I also love to be **cozy** indoors with a book, puzzle, baking, or doing yoga. I love the **mountains, forest, and ocean**.

I try to be cool, but really, I'm a closet nerd. I am a **Care Aide** in a seniors home as well as a **Paid-on-Call Firefighter**. I love what I do as each job has unique challenges. My goal is to be hired as a career Firefighter. My favorite things to do are to swim in the ocean, run with my dog Hamish, work out, and go on **adventures** around the world with Bry... but nothing beats the **beach!**



OUR COMMITMENT

We would like to **thank you** for taking the time to learn about us. We do not know you or your circumstances, and we cannot imagine how you are feeling. We can promise that we will **surround your child with love** and give them everything we can. We hope to have an open adoption and get to know you, but recognize that this is your choice. We can promise that whatever level of connection you choose, you will always be a part of your child's story and a part of our family.