

MARIA + SEAN



HELLO!

We have been hoping to grow our family through adoption since before we got married. Maria has two adopted siblings, and Sean has three adopted cousins. We both grew up in large, blended families and believe that all life is precious.

We are blessed with energetic spirits, financial stability, and a deep love for kids. For us, there is no greater gift than the opportunity to raise children, and we can't wait to welcome another member into our family!

We are dedicated to supporting you as much as possible prior to delivery, with open communication after delivery (if desired) via email and picture updates.

SEAN + MARIA



HOW WE MET

TOLD BY MARIA!

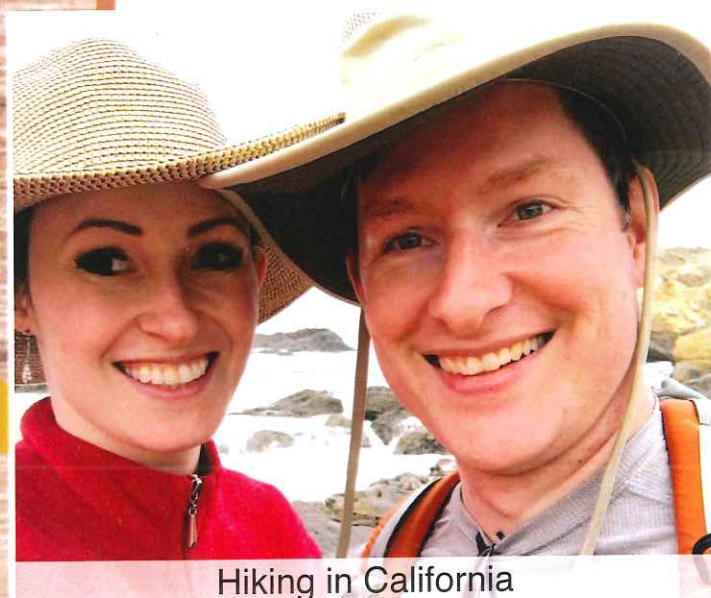
We met in 2013 on a Christian dating website. We wrote letters to each other and video chatted often. Fourteen months later, Sean proposed on a beautiful hillside overlooking the ocean with a ring he had made featuring golden Irish knots. We got married on New Year's Eve, celebrating with a live Irish band and traditional Ceili dancing.



Our engagement day



Our wedding day



Hiking in California

WHY WE CHOSE ADOPTION

While we have been blessed with two children, we have so much more to give and feel we are called to share our love through adoption, just as our families have done before us.



Crab feast in Alaska



Kayaking in Oregon

OUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO

- ▲ Explore the outdoors, especially through hiking
- ▲ Watch documentaries or play video games
- ▲ Go apple or berry picking, visit new playgrounds, skate parks, zoos, museums and more
- ▲ Travel to visit extended family and explore new places—recently, we've been to Hawaii and Alaska!



Boating in Alaska

HOW WE WERE RAISED

We were both raised by parents who emphasized faith, family, respect, and service to others. As a couple, we are deeply rooted in our faith, which shapes our individual lives as well as our relationship and family values.



Sean serving school lunch

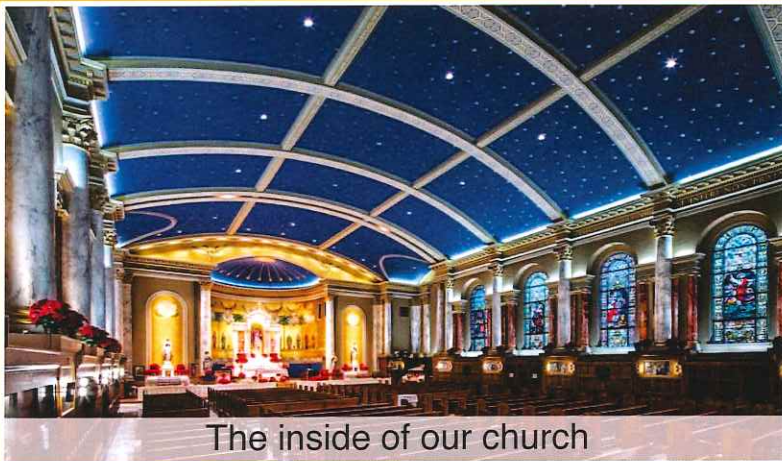
OUR VALUES

FAITH

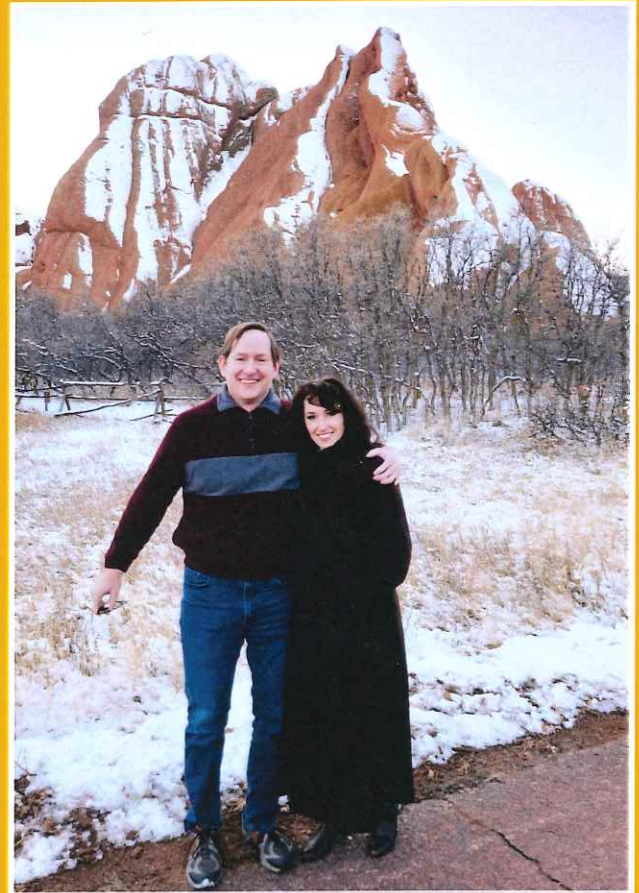
Our faith in God is the center of everything we do. We trust in God's love and plan for our family, and strive to serve Him above all things.

SERVICE

We are part of a small, closely knit church and school community, where we enjoy volunteering and building strong friendships with others who are trying to live a faithful Christian life. We regularly support St Vincent de Paul food pantry as well as other charitable organizations.



The inside of our church



Garden of the Gods in Colorado

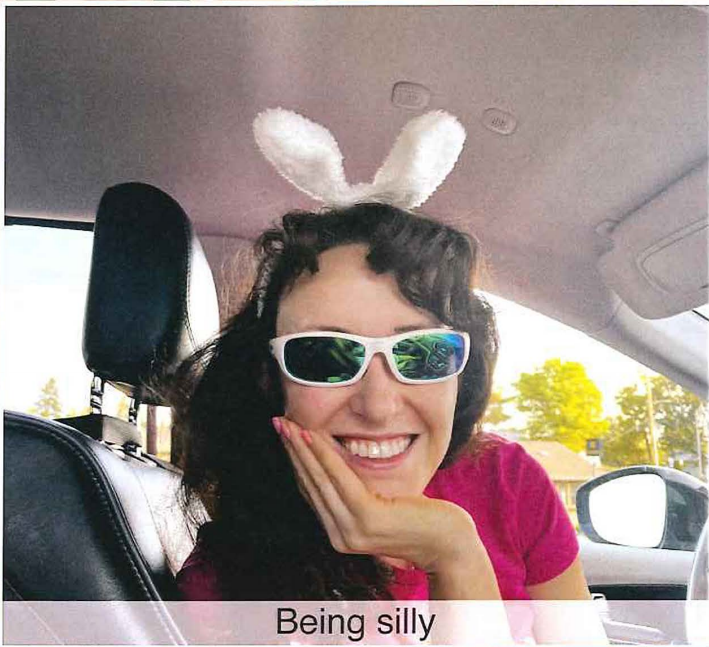


HARD WORK

We believe hard work and responsibility are important. Since we grew up in homes where hard work was a must, we want to pass on the value of effort and perseverance to our children.

MEET MARIA

Occupation: Physician



Being silly



At the local children's museum

FUN FACT

I can recite almost every line from the original *Star Wars* movies.

THINGS I LOVE

Horse riding lessons
Speaking fluent Russian
Classic rock music
Enchiladas and Thai food
Binge-watching fantasy stories



Halloween



Easter



Horse riding

I grew up in the Pacific Northwest as the youngest of five children — a surprise to my parents, as their youngest was already 12 years old! As a child, I was fascinated by horses and played piano. I later became a competitive Irish dancer, a passion I pursued throughout my late teens, and even ran a dance school for a few years.

I love constantly learning, being challenged, and making a difference for my patients! I work four days a week, with lots of vacation and time off for education. I will also receive generous time for baby bonding after placement.



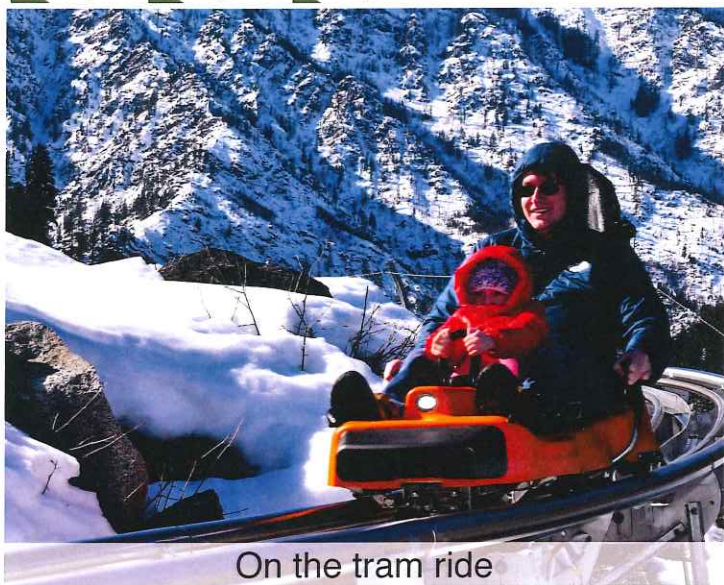
Hugging a kangaroo

MEET SEAN

Occupation: Professor



Visiting Hawaii



On the tram ride

FUN FACT

I know how
to
juggle!

THINGS I LOVE

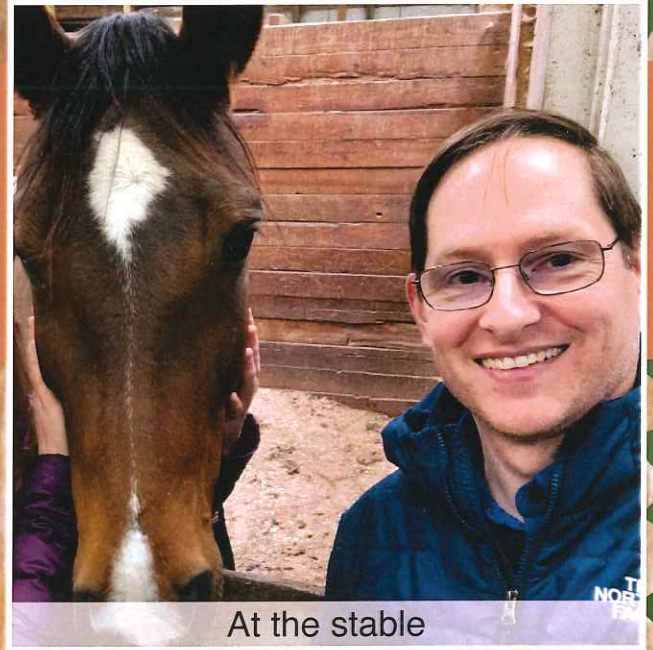
Making digital art and music
Baking homemade cheesecake
All things Christmas
Lasagna and pizza
Lord of the Rings



Trip to Colorado



Playing piano



At the stable

I grew up in rural Washington state as the middle child among five siblings, and some of my favorite memories are of exploring our town with them! As a child, I had some stereotypical interests: stamp collecting, rock collecting, and building models of planes and ships. My family was also naturally musical, so I have some ability on both the piano and flute.

I work remotely from home, teaching in-person for less than five hours a week. Aside from that, my schedule is quite flexible. Before teaching, I worked as a software engineer for many years. In 2024, I transitioned to teaching the next generation at the college level.



Celebration dinner

OUR KIDS

We have two daughters, Grace and Clare, who are warm, loving, and eager to welcome a baby (or two!) into the family!



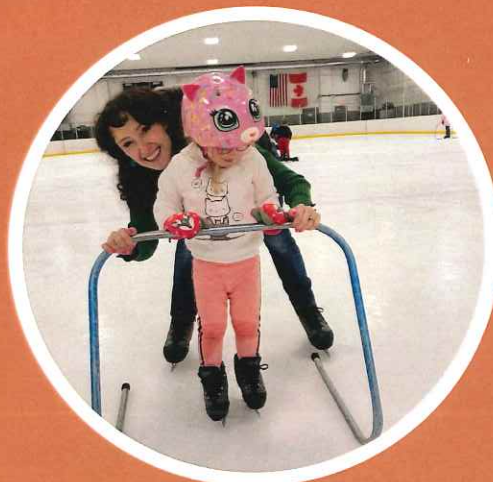
GRACE

Grace is extroverted, fun-loving, and self-confident. She has been taking riding lessons and can walk, trot, and steer a pony all by herself. She enjoys Tae Kwon Do lessons, watching funny cartoons, and will read books about animals for hours.



CLARE

Clare is affectionate, gentle, and incredibly thoughtful. If anyone needs a hug, she's the first to offer it! She loves dancing, playing with Lego sets, and trains. She's the family comedian, always trying to make us laugh—often by putting multiple pairs of pants on her head!



THEY CAN'T WAIT FOR A LITTLE BROTHER OR SISTER...



OUR DOGS

We have two dachshunds, Simon and Vienna, who are brother and sister. They are the snuggliest dogs you will ever meet! We love how cuddly they are and how they greet us with excitement whenever we come home. Simon is larger, fluffier, and always ready for a nap, while Vienna is the smaller, more anxious one who just wants to live on your lap.

WHAT SEAN LOVES ABOUT MARIA

Maria is energetic, fun-loving, and hardworking. Whether we're exploring the world together on hikes or just sharing quiet moments, I feel lucky to have someone so caring and compassionate—both at home and in her work as a doctor. She brings her heart into everything she does. Seeing her interact with our children reinforces how incredible she is as a mother and as a person.



Our favorite winter hats

WHAT MARIA LOVES ABOUT SEAN

Sean is caring, smart, and gentle. He is able to remain calm and non-confrontational, even in challenging situations. What I am most grateful for is how he takes care of our family. His love for our kids is inspiring, and it fills my heart to witness his devotion to them. His goodness helps me to be a better person, and I'm so thankful that God brought him into my life.

OUR HOME



Play room

We live in a suburb of Nebraska in a spacious house with four bedrooms and an office. Our large, fenced backyard overlooks a golf course, and there's a lovely park with a playground just down the road. Our community features multiple well-kept playgrounds and trails, as well as pools and other amenities for kids. Although our home is situated in a less developed area surrounded by many farms, we have easy freeway access to the city. The kids enjoy watching the farms change with the seasons and get excited about the corn, soybeans, pumpkins, sunflowers, and more as we drive around. Our neighborhood is very safe and a great place for kids to play outside.



Home sweet home



Family room



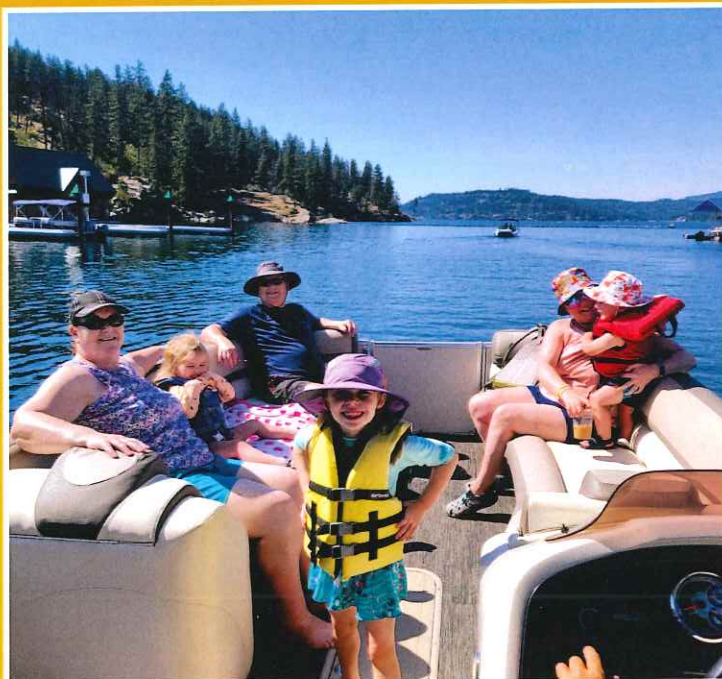
The back yard

OUR LOVED ONES

We live just three minutes from Maria's parents, who are devoted and attentive grandparents. While the rest of our families are scattered throughout the U.S., we are both very close with our siblings and maintain regular contact. Maria has a large extended family on the West Coast—53 first cousins!—whom we often visit, and we make several trips each year to see different siblings and cousins, as well as Sean's favorite aunt and uncle.



Lakeside get-together with friends



Boating with extended family



Visiting family in Colorado

Our school relies heavily on parent involvement, so we see other parents frequently and have built a large group of friends who share common values and interests. We enjoy gathering at each other's homes or local parks, cooking dinner together, and engaging in good conversation while all the kids play.



Family breakfast in Idaho

OUR FAVORITE TRADITIONS



Christmas lights in Washington

Sean's family recipe for mocha cake is often featured on the menu for birthdays, along with marinated chicken legs and ambrosia on New Year's Eve.

This year, we went to Idaho and rented a lake house with Maria's family. We all had so much fun that we've decided to make it a yearly tradition!

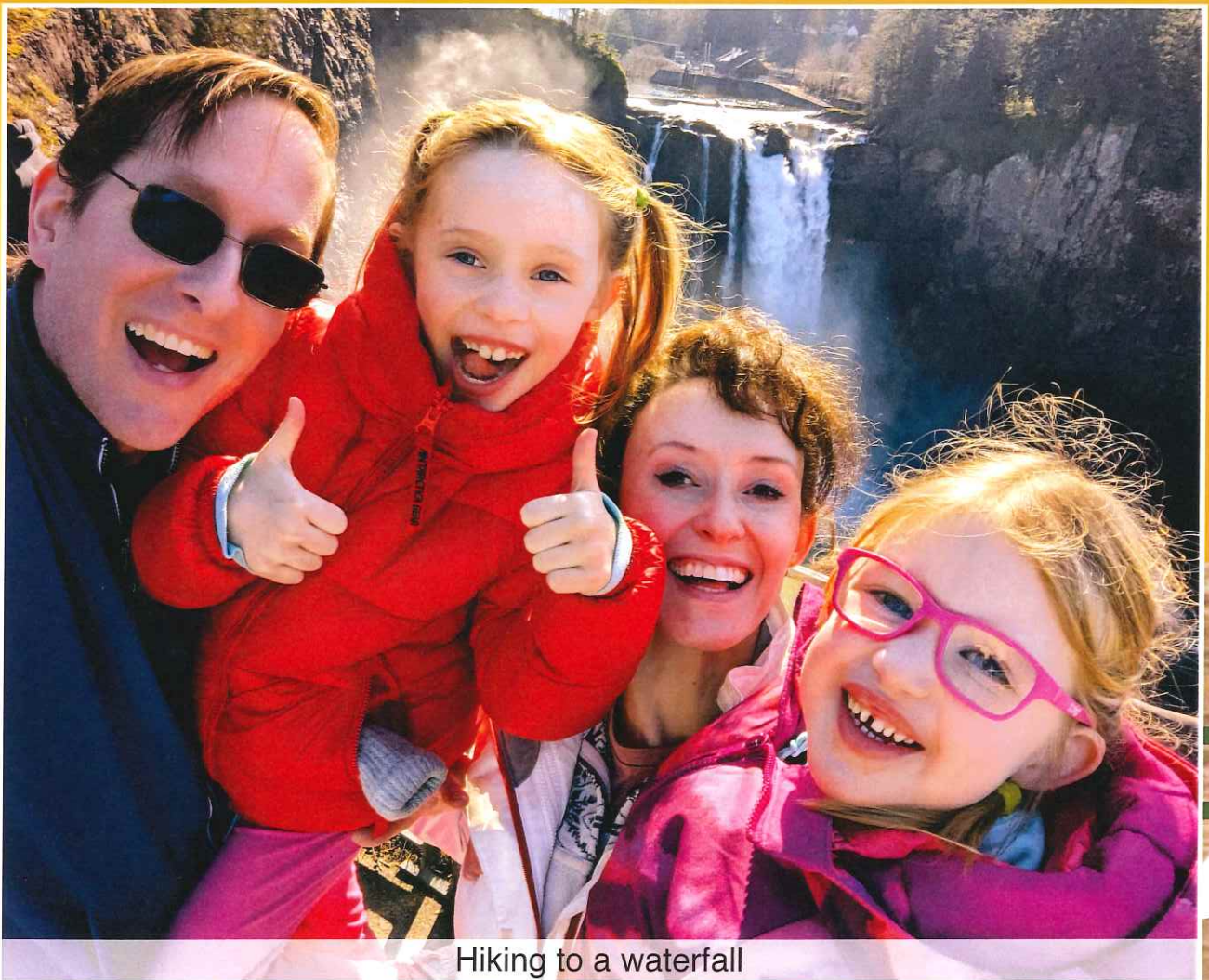
Fall decorating is a must, but Christmas is the main event in our house, complete with a large decorated tree, cookies from Sean's recipe book, and endless music.



Christmas with cousins

RAISING A CHILD

Our parenting is grounded in love, affection, and a desire to accept and gently nurture a child's unique personality and temperament. We believe that children thrive best when given clear boundaries, which provide security and allow them to grow with confidence, self-regulation, and respect for others. We both place a high value on education, viewing it as a lifelong journey that extends beyond the classroom. We recognize that every child learns differently, and it's important for us to be adaptable in meeting the child's unique needs.



Hiking to a waterfall

THANK YOU!

As future adoptive parents, we are committed to creating a warm and supportive home where faith, kindness, and generosity are at the heart of everything we do. We will offer unwavering support to help your child grow into a confident and compassionate person.

We are committed to honoring his or her unique needs— emotionally, physically, and mentally— adapting as necessary to ensure they flourish and develop their own unique identity. Above all, we promise to raise the child in a way that instills the values of kindness, courage, and the importance of making a positive impact on the world around them.

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