# JoshandBecky





Thank you for picking up our family profile!



Our family values kindness, respect, the importance of hard work, family time, compassion, and generosity. We want to instill these values in our children so that they can grow up to be successful, live harmoniously with others, and share these values with others.



## Hello!

We are so glad you are taking the time to look through our profile and we are excited to share a little of who we are and what our life is like. We realize this must be a scary and difficult time for you, and we hope you know you are being prayed for as you consider the best decision for your baby. Our family is very excited to grow once more through adoption and our children can't wait to have another sibling to grow up with! If chosen, we look forward to giving your child a loving home with God and family at the center while sharing our family traditions, adventures, and values with them as we live our best life!

Josh + Becky

## Growing Our Jury Trough Adoption





Due to a birth defect, I am unable to carry a baby. However, after volunteering at Children's Home in Thailand and Guatemala, God laid the desire on my heart to adopt. Josh shared in this desire and after we were married we began our adoption journey. We know firsthand the blessing and joy of adoption as a way to create a family, as all three of our kids are adopted!

We have children's books that share the story of adoption and are always open with our children about their adoption story and answer as many questions as we can. We communicate with their birth mothers as much as they would like through email, text, phone calls, and sending pictures. If they would like to meet up, we have done that as well. We always talk with respect and compassion when sharing about their birth mothers. We would love to hear what you imagine our future relationship will look like if you decide our family is the right fit for your baby! - Becky









# Our Story





### IN BECKY'S WORDS

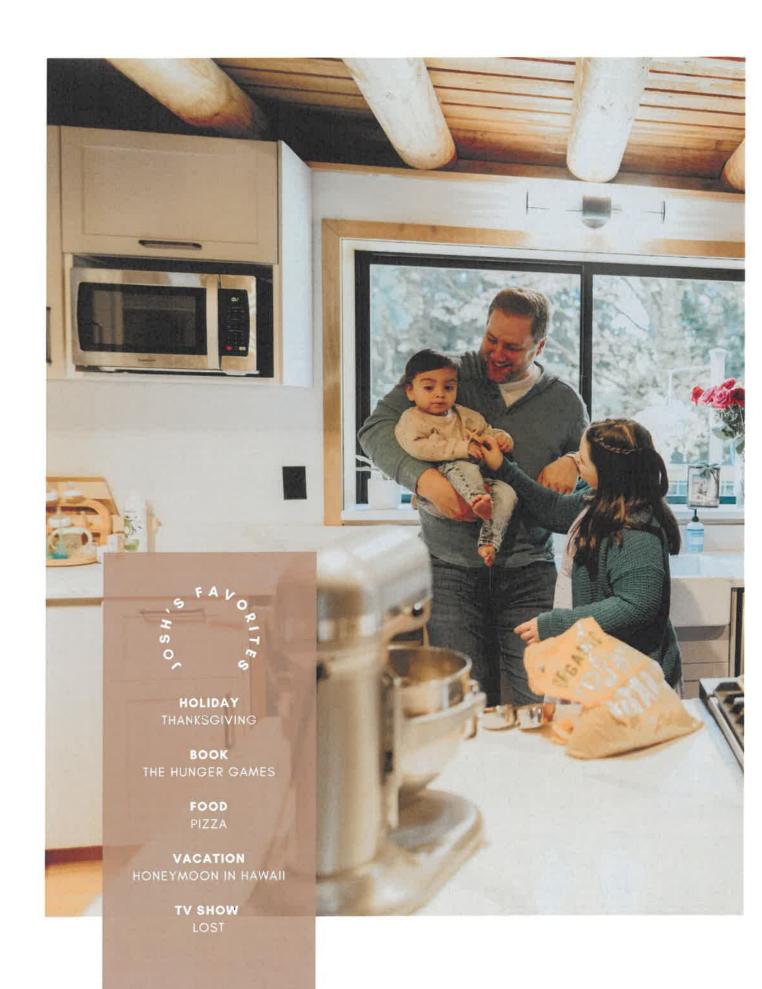
We have known each other for over twenty-five years. We met in our teens through church youth group events. My first memory of Josh was when he asked me to set him up on a date with my cousin and he would set me up on a date with his brother – obviously, that didn't work out and now here we are! We both had similar upbringings; we are both farm kids, grew up in the country, and came from Christian homes. After dating for ten months, Josh romantically proposed on a ferry boat as we were returning from a wedding. We got married just three and a half months later on a beautiful day in February.

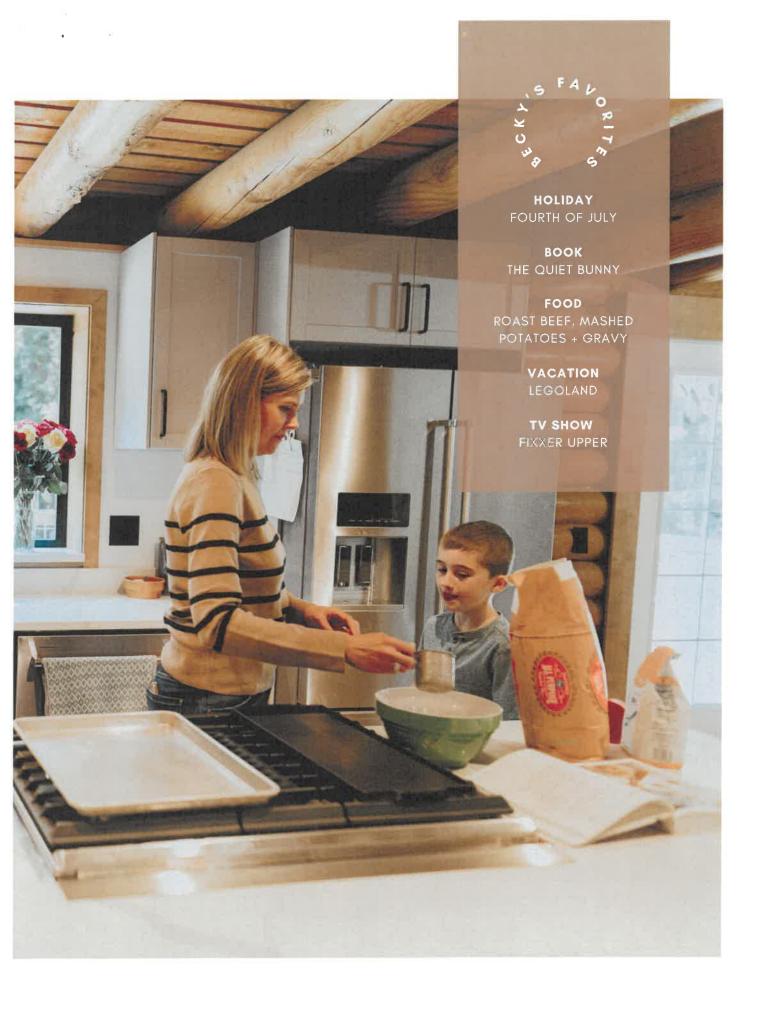






We have been happily married now for sixteen years. We are each other's best friend and enjoy spending as much time as possible with each other. We enjoy going for dinner, walks around the park, ax throwing, or even a Costco trip. Together we buy, fix up, and sell houses, so we also spend time and enjoy shopping for all the finishes to create a beautiful home. Ikea, Home Depot, Lowe's, and Floor and Decor are places we spend a lot of time! Because of our laid back personalities, our dedication to each other, and our similar interests, our love for each other has grown deeply since we got married.







## My Husband, Josh

Generous, Juny, Intelligent, Joyful

Josh's dedication to me, our children, and our extended family is such a blessing in my life. His great sense of humor, the way he provides for our family, and his thoughtfulness make him a wonderful husband and father. He enjoys surprising me with flowers and coffee and is always up for any adventure I may plan. Josh is level headed and calm and is able to approach situations with a positive mindset. His optimistic outlook of life and jokes make him fun and easy to be around. We compliment each other well as we both try our best to be selfless and put each others needs above our own, encouraging each other and showing our love for each other with our words, texts and memes. I feel so blessed to be his wife and love doing life with him.

Josh's love for kids was evident even before we were married with the way he loved all his nieces and nephews. If there was a baby around, he was holding them and a trademark of his is giving them fun nicknames! Now, as a dad himself, he gets to give his own kids nicknames, snuggle them, and joke around with them. He enjoys shooting hoops or throwing a football with them, taking them on kid dates or to McDonald's for ice cream after running errands. He is thoughtful and caring and always wants what's best for them.

#### A BIT ABOUT ME

I am an owner of an insurance and tax accounting office. I have been doing this type of work for over twenty years. I enjoy helping clients with complicated tasks. Since I am an owner in the firm, I do have flexibility and am able to be there for many family milestones. I am home for lunch most days and enjoy spending that time with Becky. I am thankful to have the ability to take off as much time as needed when we adopt again.

In my free time, I enjoy reading, playing sports, and working in our real estate business. I have a mind for numbers and love the challenge of buying a property in rough shape and bringing it back to life. Designing a home remodel project is a form of artistic expression for me. I also enjoy taking our kids to job sites and having them help. After we do some work, we go for ice cream! I hope to work with our kids together in our real estate business as they grow up.







I am excited to grow our family through adoption again. Being a father has been such a joy and I am looking forward to all the great moments, big and small, that another child will add to our family.

I grew up in a family of eleven kids, so one-onone time with my parents was really special. I always try to make sure each of our children gets some time with just me. Becky and I take turns going on kid dates, splitting up the kids and going to dinner or somewhere fun. We love connecting with them one on one.



## My Wife, Becky

Wind, Genuine, Caring, Creative

Becky is just the best! She is beautiful inside and out. She laughs at my jokes and we have a great time doing life together. She is very supportive and inspires me to do great things. Becky is always willing to help others, and give her time to love and support our kids. She has a great relationship with her dad and I really admire that. I love her smile and her freckles and the way she makes things better. She is adventurous and always up to go along with my crazy ideas. She is creative and loves taking care of others.

I have always loved Becky's heart for kids. When we were dating, I found out that she worked at a daycare and also spent time at an orphanage in Guatemala. Her dedication to helping these young kids, especially those in hard situations, made me know she would be a great mom. Becky's easy going nature is great for working through the challenges that raising kids bring. She is always willing to make time to play with our kids, do crafts with them, help with homework and teach them something new. Becky is a fun mom and we love her!

### A BIT ABOUT ME

I am our family manager, also known as a stay at home mom. I enjoy taking care of our home, making homemade meals and cookies for my family, and taking care of everyone's schedules. From home I am able to help with design, layout, and staging of our house projects as well.

I enjoy design and decor and always have our home decorated for the season. Growing flowers, especially dahlias, spending time outdoors hiking or at local parks, walking, and spending time at the beach are some of my summer favorites. During the fall and winter months, I enjoy playing games with friends and family, coffee dates, and puzzles.







I love my kids and really enjoy being a mom. Having a large family has always been a dream of mine and I am looking forward to having another child to love and share our adventures and family traditions with. It is my prayer that my children know each day that they are loved and can be themselves. I pray daily for their well-being and that they will grow up to love God and have a strong sense of family. My goal is to always have a wonderful, strong marriage and happy kids whose lives are focused on God and family.



## Parenting

We parent our children in a nurturing, involved, and supportive way, yet set firm boundaries for them to follow. We explain rules, discuss situations, and reason with our children. We sit with them and listen to their point of view, and enjoy teaching our children life skills, spending time with them, and watching them grow and discover who they are. The unconditional love and emotional connection we have with our kids is, beyond a doubt, why we love being parents.

## Family Time

As a family, we love to travel. Over the last few years, we have road tripped to California, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and South Dakota. We enjoy visiting National Parks, doing short hikes, seeing waterfalls, and beach combing. At home, we enjoy playing games such as Skyjo, Sorry, Uno, and Cover Your Assets. Once a week, we look forward to Becky's dad coming for dinner and a game of Dominoes. We enjoy evening walks together or time at the park. Family time is always something we look forward to. Having dinner as a family is important to us and we try to make it a priority during the week.



### Malachi

Malachi is eleven years old. He is full of life and enjoys making people laugh. Playing video games, watching Dude Perfect, riding a bike or scooter, and playing in our yard with his friends and sister are some of his favorite things to do. He takes piano lessons and is also learning clarinet this year. Malachi loves his younger brother, Zane, and is teaching him all things boy related. They love wrestling together or being snuggly at bedtime.

### Zane

Zane is a happy, laid back one year old who loves his family and people in general. Music, being outside, baths, and throwing things are some of his favorite activities. He loves wrestling and giving snuggles and kisses to everyone.



### Annika

Annika is our eight year old social girl and always has a story to tell. You often find her singing or whistling as she plays Barbies or Lego Friends. She loves to go shopping with Mom and could spend an hour in Claire's looking at all the sparkly things. Dressing up with jewelry, high heel shoes, crowns, and makeup is a common occurrence. She is a big help with her younger brother, loves helping out with the babies at our church, and can't wait to be a big sister again!



### WELCOME TO

## Our Home

We recently moved into a large log home that we remodeled. It is located in a rural neighborhood close to lots of Josh's family. There is lots of room to run around and play, make forts, and for having barbecues with family and friends as it is on two and a half acres. There is a private lake bordering our property where we look forward to kayaking in the future!

Our home has bedrooms and an office space that we will use for a nursery. The large family room with a fireplace is perfect for reading books together, playing games, having dance parties, and entertaining friends and family. It has a loft area where the kids love to have their cousins over for sleepovers and movie nights.

We live in Northwest Washington State. We have been here almost all our lives and love living where we have four seasons, no weird bugs, or natural disasters! Our extended family, church, and school are so much a part of who we are and this is where we want to raise our family and who we want to raise our family with.





























## Josh's Family

I have eight sisters, two brothers, and over fifty nieces and nephews, who are now getting married and having children. All of my siblings and their families live within an hour of us and we see most of them weekly. My dad passed away from a farming accident in 2010, but my mom lives a few miles from us and we see her often as well. All the kids love spending time at each other's houses weekly and most years, we rent a large house and do a weeklong vacation together. My sisters have a girls night often which Becky goes to and a yearly sister's trip. There is lots of talking, cooking, and playing games when they get together.

## Becky's Family

My dad, my brother, Brian, his wife, Kayla, and their two children live about fifty minutes from us and we see them weekly. My mom passed away in 2018 from cancer. My sister, Cami, her husband, Tim, and their five children live about an hour and a half away. We see them every couple months when we get together for family celebrations and holidays. One of our favorite traditions is having homemade Chinese food for Christmas dinner. Our families are very supportive of adoption, love our children like their own, and support us in every way. They are all anxiously awaiting the arrival of another little one to become a part of our family!





















## Holiday Fun

### FOURTH OF JULY

On the Fourth of July, we have a church picnic. Everyone brings food, we play games, and always dress in patriotic apparel. There is a cake contest and a water fight. From there, we head to Josh's brother, Dave's house. The food, fireworks, and festivities continue the rest of the day!

#### THANKSGIVING

On Thanksgiving, we rotate between both sides of the family. There is always an abundance of the traditional Thanksgiving foods, games, and family fun! Fall is a favorite season at our house. We love going to the pumpkin patch, carving pumpkins, playing in the large pile of maple leaves in our yard and going to our church Harvest party. There is a costume contest and the kids always come home with lots of candy from all the games.

#### EASTER

Easter is a big celebration in our family. Each year we go to Josh's sister, Melanie's house for delicious food and an Easter egg hunt with all the family. She hides eggs with candy, toys, and golden tickets, which can be traded out for a larger treat!

#### CHRISTMAS

Christmas is another favorite holiday in our family and comes with lots of fun traditions like cutting down our own Christmas tree, hanging stockings, making a gingerbread house and gingerbread cookies, and Christmas jammies.





























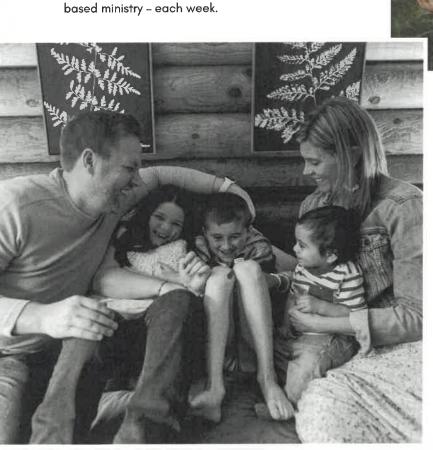




## A Few More Things

### OUR FAITH

Our church is like family to us. We attend services weekly and participate in Bible studies and other church related activities. They are very supportive of adoption and there are other families who attend that have also adopted. At home, we make it our practice to read Bible stories together, pray together, listen to a Christian radio station, and sing Christian songs together. Our kids also attend AWANA – a Bible based ministry – each week.



### EDUCATION

Our older two children attend a local Christian school and we plan to continue to have our children attend there. We see the value of a Christian education and want those benefits for our kids. If our children would like to go to college, we would support them and encourage them in their dreams. Josh has a bachelor's degree in finance and that education has served him well. With our home renovation company, there will be room for our kids to work there if they choose.



### OUR PROMISES

## To You

As parents, we promise to give our children unconditional love, in a stable, Christ-centered home. We will laugh with them, cry with them, teach them good values, and encourage them in their unique interests and talents. We will read books together, share our love for adventures, and spend lots of time outside. They will always be surrounded by our supportive family and friends who will love them as their own.

We promise to be open with your child about their adoption story and always speak in love about you. We will happily share letters, videos, pictures, and visits with you if that is something you would like. We always want to respect your feelings and honor you in your relationship with your child.



#### THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW US!

You are in our prayers as you make the best choices for your child. We know you are facing a very difficult decision and want you to know we think you are brave and a wonderful parent. Your strength and courage are inspiring! We are praying for you and hope that whatever decision you choose to make, you will know in your heart that that is the right thing for your child. The amount of love you have for your child is evident in you just being here in this place. If chosen, we look forward to sharing our love and adventures with your child. We look forward to getting to know you and hope you find peace as you move forward.

Josh + Becky

