



IRENE & BRADLEY





HELLO,
— WE ARE —
BRAD AND IRENE
KARUCH

FROM
EAST TENNESSEE



We are so grateful for the opportunity to introduce ourselves, and we look forward to getting to know you, too.





Dear Friend,

We know this is a time you will remember for the rest of your life. We can imagine the feeling of gravity this choice must bring. During this time, we are calling in a supportive light surrounding you and we are looking forward to meeting you.

Our own journey in family-making has been wrought with hardship, as we have had three pregnancy losses. We would be so honored for your child to join our family. We will be sure that they know of your courage and your love for them. We believe adoption is a beautiful and loving choice for a mother to make.

We hope these pages give you a sense of who we are and the kind of life that your child will enjoy. A life full of love and security, learning and adventure, support in the challenging times, and a connection with you.

With support and gratitude,

IRENE & BRAD

OUR STORY

We met in 2010. Our first three dates were: a coffee shop, frozen yogurt, and vegetarian food. Brad had moved to Atlanta from Austin and was getting to know the city. Irene was in school and traveled back and forth from Athens to spend time with Brad. We enjoyed hiking, folk concerts, and art shows.



Dating 2010

2023



Camping 2012



ATV in Colorado 2018



Hiking in NC

We married in 2016 surrounded by friends and family.

Our ceremony included a live painter who created a wedding portrait of us.

Irene's 7 year old nephew, Zander, read a poem to start our ceremony.

For our first dance, we learned choreography that started with a slow sweet song and halfway through burst into a fast-paced Dolly Parton number that had us in a swing! We ended with a move called "the pretzel" and big dip-- everyone cheered and then joined in dancing. Brad's favorite reception memory is of his nephew wowing everyone by doing the worm across the dance floor.



First dance



Live painting



Last dance family hug

MORE ABOUT IRENE

I grew up in Atlanta, Georgia. I played softball and basketball and was in Girl Scouts. I hope to be a scout mom and pass these experiences on to a little one. I

grew up fishing
and boating on the lake with my dad,
and we enjoyed hunting for dinosaur fossils together.

My father was adopted by his dad and I learned of difficulties and beauty that comes with adoption from my grandfather. I value education and have a masters in Social Work. I work with nonprofits and enjoy making our community a better place.

Working with students



On the boat!



IRENE'S FAVORITES

Making Art

Caring for Animals

Being in Nature

Time with Loved Ones

Learning New Things



Painting & Collaging



Mosaic Museum



Fun hike exploring the bay

MORE ABOUT BRAD

I grew up in a small town in western New York state. I spent my childhood spending time with my large family and riding bikes with friends. As a teenager, I played the guitar in a band at a local taco shop. Even today, I love discovering new music to listen to.

I work from home in the healthcare field. I'm looking forward to being a father and showing a little one this big beautiful world.



I still play this guitar!

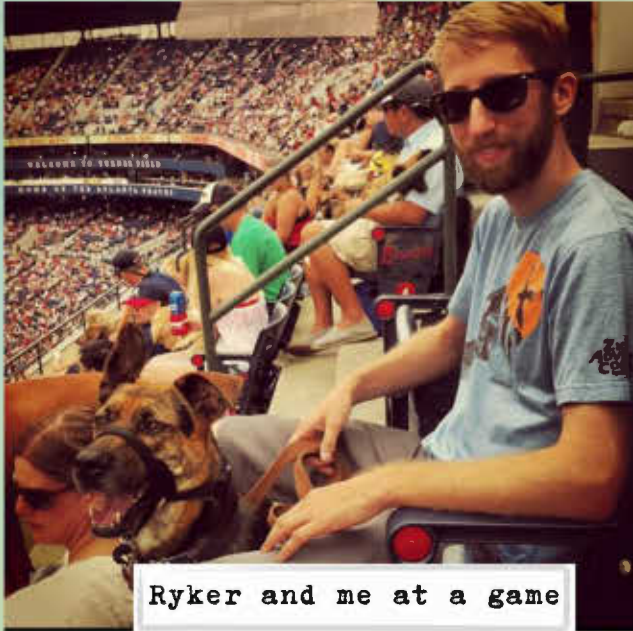
BRAD'S FAVORITES

Rock Climbing

Cooking New Recipes

Watching Soccer

Board Games & Reading



Ryker and me at a game



Rock climbing in TN



Family puzzle time!



Cooking dinner, a curry :)

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

We love learning about people, places, and history.

In 2019 we bought a camper van and set about renovating it with zero experience.

The renovation turned out mediocre, but the road trips we took were fantastic!

We trucked through Canada in the middle of a winter blizzard, and while Irene covered her eyes with a scarf, Brad (who grew up driving in winter storms) safely drove us to our destination. We explored Canada and the Western United States in our van and now fondly look back on those experiences.

When the pandemic happened we discovered our love of cooking and baking. During this time we realized how important it was to connect at the end of the day and continue to cook dinner together every night. Irene likes to bake cookies and pies, and Brad likes to explore recipes from other cultures. Some of our favorites are chicken curry, West African peanut stew, and huevos rancheros.

Throughout our marriage we have dreamed of little ones as part of our family. When it became clear that biological children were not in the cards for us, we entered the world of adoption with open and trusting hearts.



Trying new restaurants



Enjoying life together :)



Laughter and joy!



Being silly tourists



Art Exhibits



Baking Rhubarb Pie



Exploring new places



RV roadtrip 2019



FURRY FRIENDS

Say Hello to Adi and Ryker!
Our kitty and pup are sweet companions
to us and love play time. They can't wait
to show all of their toys to the little one!



Adi aka 'Little Guy'



Ryker aka 'the Mellow Fellow'

OUR HOME

We live in a 1950s ranch home that has a big front and back yard, perfect for playing. We have a full basement that we host game nights in. We're looking forward to using it as an extra playroom and to host sleepovers! We have been gathering things that baby will need so we can welcome them home.

Our Home



Preparing for baby:)



Our backyard

COMMUNITY & FRIENDS

We live in an established community with lots of kids in the neighborhood. There are nearby parks, splash pads, and summer camps. We belong to a welcoming and warm church with several babies and school-aged children. We are blessed to have a large group of friends, many with children, whom we see on a regular basis for meals, games, and hanging out.



Camping with friends



Our church entrance



Local playground



Community meal



Baby Lars

FAMILY

Both our parents are excited to be active grandparents to the new family member. We both have siblings (Irene 3, Brad 1), nieces (1), and nephews (4). Annual family trips to visit family include Cape Cod, Colorado, and Cleveland, OH. We both also have large extended families that we love to visit and spend time with.



Newpew zoo trip

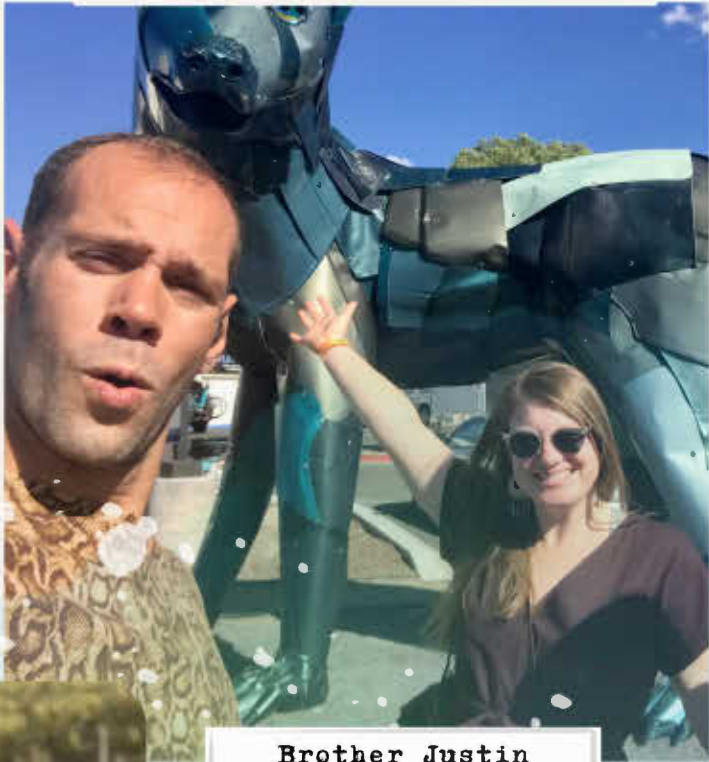


Family puzzle time



Brad's family

Irene and mom



Brother Justin



Irene's sister & family



Newpew Zander



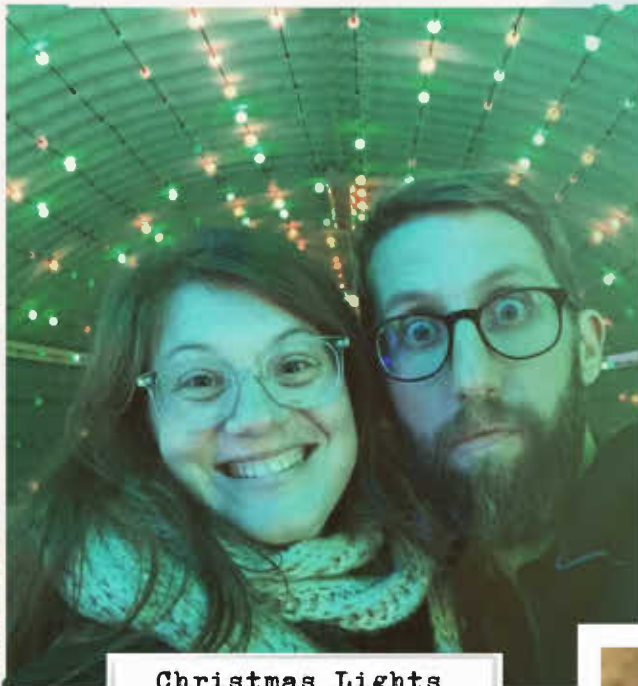
Allison



Family zoom

ANNUAL TRADITIONS

- New Year's Day
beans 'n' greens
- Christmas Lights and
the Nutcracker Ballet
- Summer trip to Cape Cod
with family
- Greek Festival in
Atlanta



Christmas Lights



Festival time!



Beach vibes

Friends brunch



Irene's Art



Baby Ronin



Dinner with friends



Fun with Brody at the park!

OUR PROMISES TO YOUR CHILD

We will always walk with you
and support you
throughout your life

We will provide safety, comfort,
and opportunity for you

We will teach you what it is
to be kind, brave,
have self-love, and be honest

We will explore and grow your
unique talents and interests



Thank you...

We are grateful for your bravery in creating an adoption plan for your child. This process, while seeped in love for baby, is difficult and at times feels scary. We feel those feelings too. However we believe in power of trust and the goodness of people. We honor you in this important choice and offer our home, hearts, and commitment to your child. We are looking forward to connecting with you and starting a lifelong relationship that will uplift and center love for your child.

Holding you in light,

IRENE & BRAD

