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Brett & Sarah

HI! WE ARE BRETT AND SARAH. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US AND OUR HOPES, DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS FOR OPEN ADOPTION.

OUR STORY...

Sarah and Brett met in 2010 when they both worked for the Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Team. After being friends for a year, they only dated for six months before getting engaged. Brett proposed to Sarah on the bank of the Columbia River on May 1, 2011. In September of 2012, they got married in front of their friends and family in Sarah's hometown of Lacey, Washington. They wanted to make sure the wedding was full of joy, fun, lots of dancing and love. One of the highlights is after the wedding, sixty of the guests went to Sarah's parents house to continue the celebration into the night! Many still talk about how much love and laughter was shared that day.

SARAH DESCRIBING BRETT

When I met Brett, I knew there was something special about him. He has such a positive energy - he is someone people feel comfortable with and enjoy being around. He has the kindest heart, warmest smile and a sense of humor that ensures I laugh every single day. Brett is loyal, steady, confident and driven. He always wants to make sure everyone is happy and feels included. He loves children and at gatherings is the adult who the kids want to be around and play with because he is so fun.

BRETT DESCRIBING SARAH

Sarah is kind, compassionate, and selfless. She goes out of her way to make sure people are happy and well-taken care of. She's the complete package as she balances great empathy with leadership, is bubbly and warm. Sarah has a personality that you want to always be around. She can form a relationship with children of all ages with various interests and loves them for who they are.

OUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

As individuals and as a couple, we both prioritize living each day with gratitude, joy and love. We have a sign that has sat on our kitchen windowsill for the last few years that reads "Begin Each Day With a Grateful Heart." It is such a wonderful reminder every morning as we start the day.

We have many hobbies and interests that we share together, including cheering on our favorite sport teams (we are both fans of baseball, football and basketball) and traveling, both to sunny destinations and also fun day trips to local cities. Although we are avid sports fans, the only season tickets we own are to Broadway shows, as we are both big fans of musicals. Sarah's favorite musicals are Hamilton and Aladdin and Brett's are Hamilton and The Lion King.

We also enjoy working on projects around the house together, sharing our personal hobbies with one another, like cooking classes (Sarah's hobby) or golf (Brett's hobby), and playing cards on a Friday or Saturday night. Our favorite card game together is Rummy 500, although Brett usually wins, we truly enjoy the simple, quality time together.

TAKING A PASTA COOKING CLASS

AT A MARINERS GAME

DAY TRIP BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA

AT THE LION KING MUSICAL

ENJOYING A MORNING OF GOLF

OUR FAVORITES (COUPLE'S EDITION)

THING TO DO:	MAKE EACH OTHER LAUGH
TV SHOW(S):	NCIS AND NCIS LA
VACATION DESTINATION:	ARIZONA
SPORT TO WATCH TOGETHER:	COLLEGE FOOTBALL
FLOWER:	HYDRANGEA
DAY-TRIP:	CANNON BEACH
GAME TO PLAY:	SHUFFLE BOARD

CANNON BEACH

PLAYING SHUFFLEBOARD

WATCHING THE COUGS VS. DUCKS

ARIZONA VACATION

OUR VALUES

LOVE DEEPLY
FIND JOY IN EACH DAY
CELEBRATE THE LITTLE THINGS
EMBRACE, RESPECT AND LEARN FROM DIFFERENCES
LIFT OTHERS UP WITH KINDNESS AND COMPASSION

SARAH ROSE

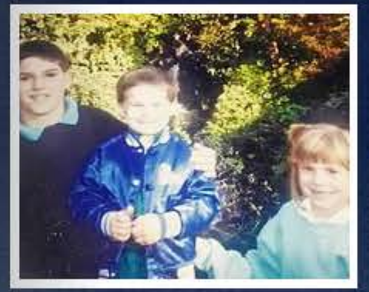
Hi, I am Sarah! I was born and raised in Lacey, WA, a small town located in the South Puget Sound. I grew up in a family of educators, my Mom was a Kindergarten teacher and my Dad worked in administration. I am the middle child and only girl. I have an older brother, Andy, and younger brother, Stephen and I have a very large extended family with over 25 cousins!

I grew up in a stable and loving household and lived a very simple, yet comfortable life throughout my childhood. My brothers and I spent many summer days playing outside with our neighborhood friends from sun up to sun down, or as my parents would say "come inside when the streetlights turn on."

In high school, I was captain of our girls basketball team and editor-in-chief of our high school newspaper. Many winter evenings I would spend two hours playing basketball and then stay in the newsroom until 10pm working on an upcoming edition of the newspaper. I am not quite sure how I managed, but those long days are some of my favorites to look back on.

After high school, I spent a year at community college while working at a local Starbucks and then attended school at a large university in eastern Washington. After undergrad, I had an opportunity to continue my education in Arizona and lived there until I was 26.

I continue to stay involved within my local community. I run a local nonprofit by day, and in the winter evenings, help coach a girls basketball team. I also love spending my downtime with family and friends and never miss an opportunity to hang out with my nieces and nephews!



FUN FACTS ABOUT SARAH!

SHE LIKES TO PRETEND SHE IS ON THE AMAZING RACE WHEN SOLVING A PROBLEM OR COMPLETING A DIFFICULT CHALLENGE

SHE WRITES LEFT HANDED, BUT LEARNED TO DO ALMOST EVERYTHING ELSE WITH HER RIGHT HAND

IF SHE WASN'T IN HER CURRENT PROFESSION, SHE'D WANT TO EITHER BE A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER OR A NURSE

SHE LOVES COUNTRY MUSIC, BUT ONE OF HER FAVORITE ARTISTS IS BRUNO MARS!

SHE HAS RUN 4 HALF MARATHONS

GROWING UP SHE HAD A CAT NAMED HOOTIE, AFTER HOOTIE AND THE BLOWFISH

SARAH'S 4TH HALF MARATHON

SARAH'S FAVORITES

FOOD:	NACHOS
SUBJECT:	ENGLISH
COLOR:	BLUE
ICE CREAM:	CHOCOLATE
ANIMAL:	ELEPHANT

HAVING FUN AT WORK - BRETT IS THE BEST VOLUNTEER

COOKING THANKSGIVING DINNER

HOOTIE

BRETT ANTHONY

Hi, I'm Brett! I was born and raised in Gresham, Oregon in a modest house full of a lot of love. I am the oldest of three siblings and have a younger brother, Brian and younger sister, Deana. My extended family is very close and large with 25+ cousins! Growing up with a large family was a lot of fun but I always had to share my birthday party! It was worth it in the end, and the memories and traditions created have lasted a lifetime.

Throughout my childhood, my parents worked hard to provide us a stable, safe and loving household. Getting by financially while my Dad worked full time and Mom stayed home to take care of the kids wasn't an easy task, but they showed me that with drive, commitment and a positive outlook, anything is possible. I have so much gratitude, appreciation and respect for them and hope to provide that same love and dedication to my family.

I was always an athlete and loved sports. As kids, you could find my brother and I playing a competitive game of whiffle ball in our backyard, or basketball at the local park. In high school I chose baseball to be my only sport and eventually ended up playing through college. Although I wasn't the best on the team, I appreciate the life lessons and resiliency college baseball taught me.

My love for sports, outgoing personality and drive have also guided my career path, as I have a leadership role within the sport industry and absolutely love what I do.

FUN FACTS ABOUT BRETT!

LANDSCAPING IS ONE OF HIS FAVORITE HOBBIES

HE LOVES FINDING NEW DELICIOUS RESTAURANTS TO TRY, BUT SARAH'S COOKING IS HIS FAVORITE

HIS FAVORITE SEASON IS FOOTBALL SEASON

FAMILY TIME IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM AND WILL ALWAYS MAKE TIME FOR THEM

HIS FAVORITE DESSERT IS PEACH PIE

HE LOVES TO MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH AND SEE THEM HAPPY!

HE IS THE MASTER OF "DAD JOKES"

IF HE WASN'T IN HIS CURRENT PROFESSION, HE'D WANT TO BE A FASHION DESIGNER!

BRETT'S FAVORITES

FOOD:	PASTA
SUBJECT:	HISTORY
COLOR:	BLUE
ICE CREAM:	STRAWBERRY
ANIMAL:	DOGS

FAMILY TIME!

LANDSCAPING OUR FRONT YARD

WATCHING THE DUCKS GAME

PLAYING CARDS WITH OUR NIECE

FAMILY, FRIENDS AND TRADITIONS

Family and friends are extremely important to us. We believe that time spent with ones we love is never time wasted. We also believe that friends can become family, and we are lucky enough to have a close group of friends who are family. Everyone lives throughout Washington (Tumwater, Ridgefield, Spokane, Yakima, Seattle, Tacoma & Edmonds) and Oregon (Greater Portland), so visiting each other is something that happens often. Many of our traditions include celebrating big occasions together, whether a birthday, retirement, milestone anniversary, wedding - you name it, we will celebrate! Brett and Sarah have also started the tradition of hosting Thanksgiving and having both sides of the family attend. Sarah and her Mom then shop on Friday! We host baking parties, set up family outings and get togethers and always make sure laughter and fun is had! Our favorite tradition with family and friends is that each gathering usually ends with a card game, or dominos!

SARAH'S DAD'S RETIREMENT PARTY

COOKIE DECORATING

SPECIAL CANDY STORE TRIP

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

GINGERBREAD DECORATING PARTY

WALLA WALLA WITH SARAH'S BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW

SHOPPING WITH MOM

family fun time

BRETT'S PARENTS - MARRIED 43 YEARS

SARAH'S PARENTS - MARRIED 42 YEARS

BASEBALL GAME WITH BOTH SIDES OF THE FAMILY

SARAH'S SIBLINGS AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

BRETT'S SIBLINGS AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

SARAH'S FAMILY

BRETT'S FAMILY

OUR NIECES AND NEPHEWS

Meet our nieces and nephews, Bre (15), Landon (11), Colton (11), Carter (7), Seager (6), Carlee (5), Wally (4), Miller (3) and Malia (the baby). Being a part of our nieces and nephews lives is a priority. Both of us have siblings with kids so there is always tons of laughter and fun when we are around each other. We like making visits with each of the kiddos as special as possible. From candy store trips, to vacations together or going to a baseball game, we love the memories created!

OUR PUPS!

Meet Zeva and Ackley! We have had them since our first year of marriage in 2012. Zeva LOVES kids and playing fetch! Ackley LOVES to cuddle and give hugs. They can't wait to have another friend to play and cuddle with!

OUR HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD

After living in Snoqualmie, WA for 8 years, we wanted to move closer to family and now live in the suburbs of Portland, OR. Our neighborhood is cozy and very family friendly. Over the summer, you can find many kids riding bikes and playing at the nearby park every day! There is a beautiful nature park with a playset right across the street, where Brett and Sarah walk their dogs and take their nieces and nephews to when they visit. Our home is spacious, comfortable and filled with photos of family and friends throughout. We love to host and enjoy decorating the house for every holiday and season! Christmas is definitely our favorite to decorate for.

THE PARK ACROSS THE STREET

OUR FRONT PORCH ON HALLOWEEN

DECORATED FOR FALL

NATURE PARK

OUR BACKYARD

Dreams For Our Child

Since we met, we knew that a part of our story as a couple would include having children. Through our journey to become parents, we have spent a lot of time discussing what parenting means to us and we believe its about the opportunity to provide a safe, steady, secure and loving space for a child to grow and thrive.

We believe as parents it will be our job to let our child dream their own dreams, and we will provide the foundation, love, support and encouragement for them to fulfill whatever dreams, goals and ambitions they have.

We want our future child to learn compassion, respect, love, and loyalty. We will encourage them to feel empowered to ask questions, be curious about the world around them, and have a kind and welcoming heart towards people they meet throughout their life.

Aspirations For Open Adoption

When we chose to move forward with adoption, we both felt a tug at our hearts that open adoption was the right path for us.

We value the importance of a child knowing their roots, family history, and having a relationship with their birth family. We understand that over time relationships evolve, and we plan to encourage, support and stay constant in our commitment of open adoption from infancy to teenage years and beyond.

We hope to have a relationship with the birth family as well. We would love to create new traditions, memories and welcome a new extension of our family with open arms, warmth, support and love.

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