### Mike and Julie Boyer

## Duluth, MN

Hello! Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We always knew we wanted to be parents; to share our life with a child and experience the joys of parenthood. When we learned we could not conceive, we knew open adoption was the best way to grow our family. We truly believe love makes a family.

We understand your decision is difficult and know you have your child's best interest at heart. We would like the opportunity to learn more about you and your hopes for your child. Our goal is to have an open adoption that supports your child's physical, mental, and spiritual needs. We support open adoptions and believe the child should understand their complete story and maintain connections with their birth and adoptive families.

#### About Us

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We are best friends. We have been together for 20 years and married for over 14! We are high school sweethearts who have always been there to support each other through the tough times. We've moved around the state of Minnesota together as we've pursued our education and careers. One thing that has remained constant is our desire to have children when the time was right.

Unfortunately, when the time was right for us, we learned that we faced fertility problems and would not be able to conceive. Although that was difficult to hear, we knew right away that our hearts were wide open to growing our family through adoption. We have known people in our lives that came from many different family situations, but their happiness always comes from love, not genetics.

We are incredibly excited to be parents and can't wait to find the right birth family to join us on this adoption journey. To help you understand us, here are some things that we value:

Honesty

Support

Communication

Faith

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Hard Work Kindness

#### About Mike

#### About Julie





- I was born and raised in Mora, MN, a small rural town and am the youngest of four children.
- I spent a lot of time on my grandparent's farm as a child and holidays always mean large extended family gatherings.
- I was very active in Boy Scouts growing up and have developed a great love for camping and the outdoors.
- I love to read and learn new things. I'm always challenging myself to grow in my career and personal life. I treasure all of those experiences and can't wait to pass them on to our child.
- I am a history nerd and own many books that begin with "Encyclopedia of." I can't wait to read to our child and share my love of books with them.





- I was born in Chicago, but was raised mostly in rural Minnesota.
- I still have a lot of extended family in the Chicago area and am fortunate enough to see many of them regularly. My brother and parents live close enough that I see them frequently.
- I've always enjoyed anything related to arts and crafts. I keep coming back to pottery as my favorite, but am always playing around with painting, drawing, sewing, crocheting, and photography. In fact, all of the background pictures for this profile were taken by me.
- I love animals and getting out on the water. I try to combine them whenever I can and take our dog Sadie out on the paddleboard. Don't worry, we both wear our life vests!

# Meet Emma and Sadie

We are pet lovers and hope our child will love animals as much as we do.

We adopted our cat, Emma, in 2006. She is a typical cat and loves to sit in the sun, chase lasers, and sit in boxes. She also likes to snuggle and tease the dog.

Sadie is a rescue that joined our family in 2018. She is a border collie and lab mix and is full of energy. Playing fetch and being with the family are her favorite activities. She is great with kids and will make a perfect buddy for our child. Sadie and Emma are patiently waiting for a tiny human to join our family.



Love Makes A Family



We live near the city of Duluth, which sits on the shore of Lake Superior and has roughly 85,000 people. We live on 25 acres so there is plenty of room for kids to play and learn about nature and animals. Minnesota also has many wonderful state parks and public land to explore. Our goal is to make it to every Minnesota State Park.

Our community offers many family friendly activities and a solid education system. There are museums, libraries, theaters, a zoo, aquarium, historical sites, and a lot more within 30 minutes of our house. We strongly value education, and living in the Duluth area provides a child with fun and diverse learning experiences.

We love living in Minnesota. We enjoy getting outdoors and experiencing the variation that four seasons offer. Even during the cold winters, there are so many things to do outside like ice fishing and snowshoeing. We can't wait to see our child doing things like roasting S'mores for the first time.



## Our Promise...



We promise to provide a safe, supportive and loving home. We will always put our child's needs first. We want our child to know they can be themselves and we will always accept them for who they are. We will encourage our child to explore and follow their dreams. We want to raise our child to be independent, hard working, and full of life.

We are not perfect; nobody is, but we promise to be the best parents we can be. We would love to hear more about you and your wishes for your child. We have faith that the right situation is out there for us and look forward to working with a birth family on creating an open adoption plan.

# WE WAIT WITH OPEN HEARTS