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About Bradley

BIRTH YEAR: 1961

JOB DESCRIPTION:
Cofounder of a behavioral analysis company

EDUCATION:
Bachelor's of Science in Engineering; Ph.D. in Leadership, Organizational Development

FAVORITE QUALITY ABOUT ANNA:
Anna is honest, kind, and she is very sensitive, intuitive.

FAVORITE MEMORY WITH ANNA:
I broke my ankle and had to wear a cast for eight weeks. Anna helped and was so patient.

FAVORITE EXERCISE ACTIVITY:
Hiking, biking and anything outdoors

FAVORITE FOOD:
Chicken, pizza and anything healthy Anna makes

FAVORITE SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL:
Math, science, history.
I am glad Anna speaks English and Polish fluently, as well as Spanish.

English was the subject I least liked.

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:
Ohio State Buckeyes

About Anna

BIRTH YEAR: 1981

JOB DESCRIPTION:
Career Coach and Business Trainer

EDUCATION:
Master's Degrees in Literature, Journalism, Business Coaching

FAVORITE QUALITY ABOUT BRADLEY:
Brad is very bright, personable and kind. His greatest qualities are his love of God, his deep humility, and his ability to forgive, forget, and move on.

FAVORITE MEMORY WITH BRADLEY:
Visiting Mill Creek Park and hiking, biking and talking about nature

FAVORITE EXERCISE ACTIVITY:
Spinning, yoga and ping pong (Brad taught me to play)

FAVORITE FOOD:
Sushi and steak made by Brad

FAVORITE SUBJECTS IN SCHOOL:
Literature and languages.
I still love reading books and learning new Spanish words.

FAVORITE HOBBIES:
Reading, hiking, travel, languages, since I like to learn about other cultures

CHILDREN: One daughter, Megan, who is in college

Our Home and Community

Our four-bedroom home is in a lovely neighborhood in Ohio that resembles a friendly neighborhood from years ago. Families are still close and kids play together in the backyards. We both wish we had grown up in a neighborhood like this. The schools are great (local and also private schools) and we are in walking distance of the elementary school. We have parks and playgrounds within walking distance.

We have a playhouse in the backyard that will be a wonderful fun safe place to play. We love our caring neighbors and are blessed to be surrounded by them. We love grilling or making a little campfire in the summer time for roasting hot dogs or marshmallows. There is a Dairy Queen about 1/2 mile up the street and we see friends walking past our house to get ice cream in the summer.

We both are fortunate to set our own schedules and often work from home so your child will never be left in day care. One of us is always home and — much of the time — both of us are. Brad's office is only a mile away so even when he does go in, he is always near.



Our play house



Our home!



Our backyard campfire



Our Families

ANNA: I have wonderful parents and three brothers (Daniel, Michal, Kamil). Both of us are also really close with my sister-in-law, Emilia. I have one niece, Julia, who is six, and in a few months, Michal and Emilia will welcome a new baby. Although they live in Poland, we spend a lot of quality time together via Skype, talking about our family, friends, things happening at work, plans for weekends and more. We go to Poland a few times a year and spend as much time together as possible, exploring Poland, chatting, tasting new food my youngest brother makes for us and many other activities.

BRADLEY: My mother lives nearby as does my younger sister and her husband. I have one niece, Maggie. My mother came from a large family so I have dozens of cousins and second cousins who also live close. We all get together for reunions, the Fourth of July and many other holidays.

I have hosted seven exchange students over the years and I was one of the AFS program host coordinators. I stay close with many of the kids and a couple have made return visits.

Our Lifestyle

We have a lot in common and we both like spending a lot of time outside. We like nature and to explore new places, so we spend quality time in parks hiking, biking, kayaking and more. From time to time we take a Jeep and go see places we have never seen before. In winter, we stay active playing ping pong in our basement (Brad taught Anna to play). We also enjoy doing puzzles with Brad's mom. It's a great opportunity to spend time together. We like just spending time together even doing different things — Anna reading books or learning Spanish and Brad solving riddles and watching sports or the History Channel. No matter what we do we feel that we love spending time together and look forward to sharing this love.

We also like travel, and we love to learn about different people and cultures. Anna originally came from Poland and speaks Polish, English and Spanish. Brad, with the company he cofounded, distributes learning materials worldwide and often has visitors from different places coming to learn and to be trained.

What Makes Us Unique

It is the diversity in our personalities and experiences, and the many interests we have that make us unique. We feel equally as comfortable in a business environment or just at home relaxing together. We have both been blessed with great educations but we feel best when we are giving back and teaching others. We can dress up for an evening out or just relax at home in shorts and T-shirts.

Second, is in our strong faith in God and truly believing He brought us together and is directing us in the decisions we are making — especially about this adoption.

The one other thing that is unique is that both of us knew from an early age that we each wanted to adopt someday. Brad remembers first telling this to Anna and he was somewhat surprised to hear that she had also felt, from a very young age, that she wanted to adopt.



How We Volunteer

Anna was involved in programs directed at helping children in Poland. She worked as a volunteer with after school programs for underprivileged children. She also served in music ministry in churches.

Brad has been involved with youth including helping in youth programs with church, Big Brothers of America, and primarily working with one of the largest Christian adoption agencies. Brad has worked with the staff, with foster and adoptive parents and the children themselves. He has witnessed thousands of successes when a state or government agency gave little odds for a normal childhood or adult life. This is attributed to having loving parents who believe God has called them to care for one of His own children.

What it Means to be Parents

Being a parent means thinking of the child's welfare above that of your own. Being a parent means wanting the best and giving the child every opportunity in life. It means wanting something better for the child than even we had growing up. We truly believe the decision you are making was made in prayer and made because you want the best for your child. God placed His own Son in the care of another couple and He understands your decision. We know we will be the best couple to raise this child because we consider this a miracle and will let him/her know they are special. Our commitment and vow to take care of this child is made to God first, then to you, then to the agency, in that order.

We have thought about how someday we will want to share the way God brought them into our life. We both love the stories in the Bible where God does something so special and so different it can only be His plan. He had a plan for Moses to be raised in another household, for a child to come to Abram and Sarah when it was impossible and how Ruth was adopted (even as a grown woman) into the home of Naomi. We think about the story of Hannah who had a special son by the name of Samuel but she gave this child a new home with Eli and declared "So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD."

We believe this child will be special. We believe this child is God's child most of all, just like Samuel.

There is also part of the story we cannot answer at this time, and that is the part where you come in. We want to also honor your wishes about what you would want to share and this will be entirely up to you.

Why We Chose Adoption

We both feel called to start a family through adoption. This is our choice, not because we cannot have children but because we feel this is our calling. It is not a backup plan we implemented, this is plan A for our lives.

Traditions We Would Like to Create

We would like to spend a lot of time together talking and exploring new places (especially on the weekends). Since we share common values, we will pray, read the Bible and other books together before we go to bed. We want to spend quality time eating meals together.

We both like the holidays, whether Christmas or Easter or the Fourth of July, and everything in between. We have slightly different ways of honoring these holidays since Anna was raised in Europe and Brad here in Ohio, so we try and take the special things we both remember and did as children and combine them for a multicultural celebration. Brad always jokes about the holidays he calls "made up" in Poland. For instance, in Poland there is "Three Wise Men's Day" after the New Year.

Christmas is both of our favorite Holiday and this year we went for the first time (as a married couple) and cut down our own tree. Anna had never done this before so when we were getting ready to go, she came down in a dress and the look on Brad's face was priceless. He said, "You look great but I think you are going to be bit cold out in a field cutting down a tree so you better change!" Cutting our own tree was so much fun and it would be wonderful to share this with a child.

What We Would Teach a Child

We believe that life is a gift and every day we should be grateful for all that we have. Everyone deserves being treated with respect and we should do our best to try and understand different opinions and views. Don't be judgmental of others as just because we don't agree with someone does not mean they are wrong or we are right.

We hope someday to take the child to different places to learn and see things for themselves.

We want them to know we are more alike others than different. That is because most everyone wants the same things in life. To be loved, to feel secure, and to feel they have a place and purpose in life



Dear Birth Parent(s),

Thank you for your love and courage to give life to this special child. The Bible says Moses' own mother saw her child as very good, fine. God already had special plans for this child. And his mother surely knew this as she placed him into the hands of another, as God directed.

We promise to be that family to your child. As you read our profile you will see we bring great stability in addition to strong financial support and a very pro-education approach to life. We definitely have a close relationship with God and seek His will in what we do. We both know that we can provide the love and understanding so that your child grows up to be confident, reassured, and full of hope.

But before we talk about us, let's talk about you. You will not be alone in this. We will be there for you in the ways we can. We can provide prayers and our willingness to share any additional information you need to feel peace with your decision.

Now a little about us. Brad and Anna met through work several years ago. We are both in the business of coaching and personal development and helping to do team building and training for companies. Brad is the director and cofounder of his company and Anna opened an office for them in Warsaw, Poland. We initially met when Anna traveled to Ohio for her training and we became friends. The next year was spent writing, talking (Skype) and becoming best friends, even soulmates. We both shared the same thoughts and interests and it was like we both knew each other for many years.

We began talking about the "what ifs" but we knew distance was a problem, Anna living in Europe and Brad in the U.S. One day, Anna bought a ticket and told Brad, "I am coming to see you. Let's give God a chance and see what He can do. For now, let's not worry about the details. If we are meant to be together, He will provide the way." Brad was a little nervous about this because he is the intellectual/planner type and he had to completely trust his heart and God. Anna came, we met and just as expected, there was something much more than a friendship going on. After our first meeting, Anna came and stayed in Ohio several times — one time for more than six months — and Brad travelled to Poland several times and met Anna's family and friends. Anna's family is old-fashioned and traditional (in the good way) so on one trip, Brad asked Anna's father for her hand in marriage!

There were definitely obstacles to overcome for us to get married and for Anna to gain citizenship. However, it was like God was directing and taking care of one problem after another. When we decided to get married and started thinking of all the things we needed to do, someone came to Anna in Poland and wanted to buy her car. Another family member offered to lease her condo. She found two very capable people to run her business so she could work from home in Ohio. Things that people told us would might take years happened in months. We learned — Brad especially — that sometimes faith is better than any man-made plan.

Lastly, this is your child we would have the privilege of parenting. We are open and welcome any involvement you feel comfortable with in the future and we are happy to answer any additional questions and send more photos. This is your choice and decision. Our hearts and home will certainly be open; this is how God would want it.

Truly,

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