



BEN & BRANDON

AKA Team Bendon

About us!

Hello!

True strength is shown when we must make life's most difficult decisions. Your bravery in choosing this path shows just how strong you are. Without this kind of selfless act, we would never have the opportunity to become parents. We are deeply grateful and are excited to share our story.

“Would you like to go to the opera?” was the opening line Ben used on the dating app where we met. Brandon was not available that night and it would be several months before the two of us met for a first date (in a blizzard). We married in 2017 (on the hottest day of the year) and decided to move from Chicago to Minneapolis so that we could raise a family near family. Team Bendon, as we call ourselves, consists of two individuals who can take on anything the world throws at us when we are together!

Ben in Mexico City



Ben's patience, openness, and understanding are several of the reasons our marriage is so strong. His focus on self-improvement and self-care to create balance in his life inspires me to do the same. He is a classically trained opera singer and is a Lead Consultant of Human Resources focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion.

-Brandon

Cook | Musician | Reader | Nature-lover

Gardener | Party Host | Adventurer

Brandon is strong, goofy, caring, playful, and loyal. What I admire most about him is the deeply loving friendships he has created. I knew from the moment I met his friends-welcoming me with open arms-that there was no clearer proof of his character than these incredible relationships he has built. He has a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology and has devoted his life to working with the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness.

-Ben



Brandon at a super hero themed Christmas party



Our Growing Family

In April of 2022, our lives were changed forever when our amazing son Stephen was born. He truly is a big bundle of joy - and when we say big, we mean it! Ever since he was born he's been in the 90th-100th percentile for height and weight. He is a light in our life and we couldn't be more in love. We are forever grateful to his incredible birth mom and value the relationship we've built with her. What we want more than anything is for Stephen to grow up with an awesome sibling to go on adventures with. We're excited to be working again with Adoption Minnesota.

Our Commitment

Your child will know compassion, empathy, vulnerability, and courage by the way we treat each other. Above all else, they will know that they are loved unconditionally, that they wholeheartedly belong, and that they are an inextricable part of our family.

Contact us!

Please don't hesitate to reach out in whatever way is most comfortable for you. Our hearts are open, and we are ready to take this journey with you!

~Ben and Brandon

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Ben & Brandon at a Minnesota United Soccer match