



*Cheryl & Trish*

# *Hello!*

**H**ello! We are Cheryl, Trish, and Bo.

We are a family touched by and grown through adoption. Quality time filled with laughter, love, and connection is the foundation of that family. We were blessed to receive the honor and privilege of adopting Bo at birth and are ready to welcome another child through open adoption.

We are excited and appreciate you taking this opportunity to get to know us. Thank you for having a look into our world.



# Our Story

We grew up in two very different worlds, but eventually, our paths crossed. Raised on opposite sides of the country, we each came here following a friend. Our passion for working with children and our desire to make a difference in their lives brought us together.

When we met, Trish was a paraprofessional working with children with severe special needs at a day treatment school. Cheryl was starting a private therapy practice and took a part-time position. Mutual respect and admiration were the foundation of our friendship which eventually blossomed into a relationship and marriage.



Exploring the Oregon coast

Spending our entire adult lives working with children, becoming parents was always part of our grand plan. Christmas 2018, we received the honor and the blessing of being chosen as adoptive parents by Bo's mother. Being a parent can be the most challenging job in the world, and we have risen to the challenge. As parents, we share all responsibilities and are a great team. We have learned to communicate well and make sure the other feels heard and supported.



Driving range date



Denver Botanical Gardens

Our goal has always been to provide a child with a good home filled with love, support, and opportunity, and we do that for Bo. We always knew we wanted two children, and now that Bo is getting older and constantly talks about babies, we are confident the next step is to complete our family through another open adoption.

# About Cheryl, "Mommy"

A woman wearing a red beanie, sunglasses, a green jacket, and dark pants is skiing on a snowy slope. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background features a dense forest of evergreen trees and a mountain range under a cloudy sky.

Cheryl is a clinical therapist who specializes in working with traumatized youth. She has a passion for helping others and giving children the opportunity to express their feelings and feel heard. Cheryl is caring and compassionate, and she is a healthy balance between being straightforward and nurturing.

She enjoys working out, maintaining our gardens, completing art projects, and connecting with friends in her free time. She loves to entertain, cook and bake for others, and always goes out of her way to make birthdays special. She is a fan of do-it-yourself projects and whatever she can tackle around the house with the guidance of a YouTube video.



Making cookies



Hiking

To watch the love Cheryl has for Bo is incredible. She is a very compassionate, energetic, and supportive mom. Cheryl loves to bake cookies during the holidays, birthdays, or just to thank you, and Bo loves to help her bake. Whenever she gets out the cookie sheet, he says, "making cookies!" Cheryl always reads bedtime stories to him or whenever he is interested in a book. I love how active they are together. Every day she is home with Bo, she makes it a point to either go to a park or on a walk exploring the neighborhood. She can't wait to share her support and energy with a new baby.

# About Trish, "Mama"

Three years ago, Trish decided to take her career to another level and went back to school and completed a program to become a behaviorist. She specializes in children with autism, and the way she connects with children is a special gift. She is the kindest, gentlest person you could ever meet and has a very calming presence.



Broncos game with friends

Trish loves all things sports, especially women's basketball and softball. She also likes to read, complete house projects, build something in her workshop, and play her guitar (she is self-taught!).

Trish is one of the most patient and supportive people I know. It is truly an art form to watch her teach Bo step-by-step to master tasks like brushing his teeth, getting himself dressed, or hitting a ball with a bat. Bo loves to learn, and Trish is such a great teacher. Bo is next to her when she plays the guitar, clapping and dancing to the music.



You got this Bo!



I love the mountains!

Trish teaches Bo words from their tribal language, sings him tribal hymns, and can't wait to share her Indian Taco recipe. Trish is such a great mama and a natural with babies. She can't wait to complete our family with another child.

# About Bo

Three years ago, we received the call to drop everything and drive to Oklahoma to meet our Bo Bear. He is a ball of energy and a thrill seeker. He loves the outdoors and playing with his friends. He gets along great with kids of all ages and, most recently, is obsessed with babies. He constantly points out babies in his books. When we are in public, and at pre-school, he always checks out the baby room. He is kind and gentle with his friends' siblings and will be a great big brother.



Always dancing



Hiking at Red Rocks

Bo loves his swim lessons, gymnastics, and music class. He is excellent at sharing, and dancing to the Trolls soundtrack is one of his favorite pastimes. Bo is independent and doesn't need to be the center of attention. He is close with his cousin Hayden, who lives in Atlanta and is also adopted. He often asks to Facetime him. He loves our life filled with adventure and road trips and is looking forward to sharing the fun with a sibling.



Mommy made my costume

Bo's birth family is a part of our family. Trish is from Oklahoma, and so is Bo's birth family. We foster the relationship with his cousins and aunt when we visit Trish's family in town. We are friends on social media with his mother and aunt, so they can see him grow. Bo has a photo book of his birth family and looks at it frequently.

We want an open adoption because we believe it is vital for children to know where they come from, their culture, and family history.



Exploring with friends





# Our Home and Community

We live in the suburbs of Denver, Colorado in a brick ranch that was built in the 1950s. Our lot is spacious, and when the weather is nice, you can find us entertaining our friends for a bbq in the backyard, spending a hot day playing in the mini pool and sprinklers, or roasting marshmallows in our amazing fire pit.



Denver Zoo



Backyard fun with friends

Our home has plenty of room for another child. Kids need time to run and play every day, and we would love to enjoy our favorite outdoor activities as a family. The mountains are practically in our backyard, and we go hiking and have picnics often. We also have our favorite playgrounds, outdoor festivals, and open spaces to explore.



Playroom/movie room



Colorado Rockies baseball game with friends

We are pretty active people. When we are not playing outdoors, we are close enough to the city to go to the zoo, the children's museum, and to see live sports. We love how our life is a healthy balance between the city and the mountain life.

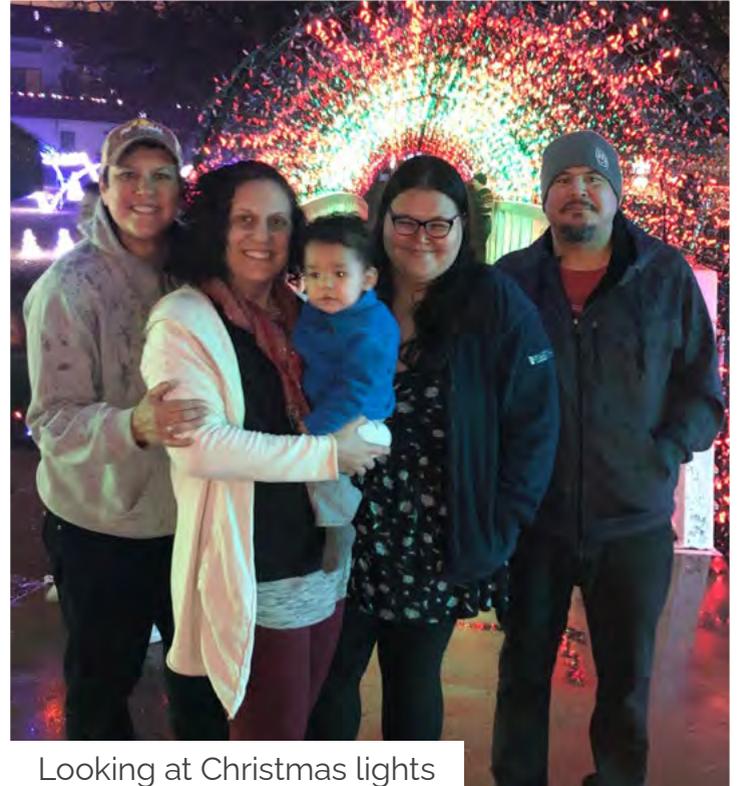
"Hera," "Hairball," and "Ball" are the many names for our friendly and talkative cat. He pretty quickly became a fan favorite of Bo, and that love was apparent when "Hera" became Bo's first word. Hera is excellent with kids and will be excited to share our home with another little one.

# Our Family

Family time is crucial to us. Although our immediate families live in other states, we are still very close. We speak almost daily, either on the phone or through video chat, and make frequent visits, including during the holiday season and special occasions.

Our vacation time involves family trips. We love visiting or traveling with extended family, despite the distance. Whether it's Christmas time in New York, a summer trip to the Rocky Mountains, or beach time in Florida, our family loves to spend time together.

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Looking at Christmas lights

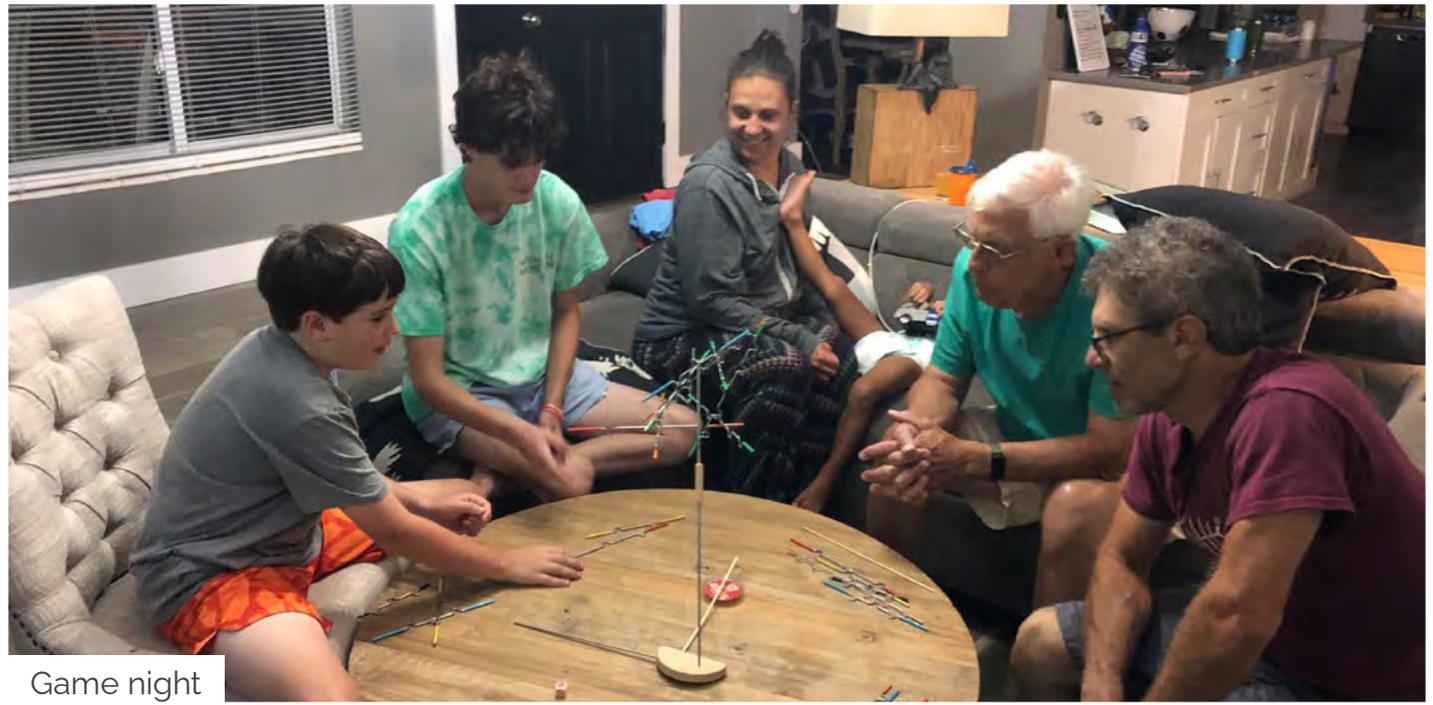


Beach day

Both families have welcomed Bo with open arms and can't wait for us to adopt another child. All of the grandchildren in Cheryl's immediate family are adopted. We feel grateful to have adoption as such a huge part of our family story.



We are always up for a puzzle



Game night



Playtime with cousins

Cheryl's parents love to have the entire family together and can't wait to open their hearts to another grandchild. Trish's family can't get enough of Bo and keep asking when we will adopt again. We have extended family and friends we are close to that live in Colorado and across the country. Cousins, aunts, and uncles can't wait to welcome a new baby into the family.

# Life Is An Adventure



**W**e love to travel, hike, and camp. Fortunately for us, the great outdoors are always available, especially living in Colorado! There is nothing better than being outdoors, building a fire, eating smores, and sleeping under the stars.

In the summer, we prefer to be around water to kayak, paddleboard, and swim, and in the winter, we snowshoe and go sledding in the mountains. We have always lived close to the mountains and camped together for years, even before we started dating. Bo took to camping instantly, is excited to be anywhere close to the water, and loves getting dirty. We have plenty of room for one more in our extra-large tent.

First trip to the ocean

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Sledging in the mountains



Learning how to build a fire



Hiking in the Red Woods

We have a scratch-off map to mark our adventures. We love exploring the United States and beyond while visiting family and friends. We get excited when we can share these experiences with our loved ones.

Bo has gone camping in all parts of the country. He has slept under the giant Redwoods in California with his uncle, the Rocky Mountain in our backyard of Colorado with extended family, and the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee with his cousins. We look forward to having another child join us on our adventures.

# Thank You!

**W**e are so excited to expand our family with another open adoption. If we are chosen as adoptive parents, please be assured that we will provide a home with unconditional love and support, opportunity, and happiness. You can know in your heart that your child will grow up knowing they are loved.

When we visit Trish's family in Oklahoma, we contact Bo's birth family ahead of time to see if they want to have a visit. We are open to figuring out whatever kind of relationship you'd like to have.

Thank you for your consideration. We would love to talk with you, get to know you, and answer any questions you may have about us.

