## Hello from The Holman's!

We admire your courage in pursuing an adoption plan. We adopted our two oldest daughters and hope to expand our family again through adoption. We are committed in providing a loving, warm, and nurturing home for another child. We would like to share a little bit about ourselves so you can begin to get to know us.

Lindsay is from a family of ten children – five brothers and four sisters and was the third oldest. I grew up in Missoula, Montana. I have so many fond childhood memories, especially those at my Dad's family's lake property, of swimming, boating, and taking road trips. I love doing CrossFit with Matt and I attempt to be more creative by sewing, quilting, scrapbooking, and other crafts. I have been an elementary school teacher for 19 years, which I have loved. I will start 2023 school year, however, as an assistant principal I have been teaching at for the last 15 years.

Matthew is from a family of 4 boys. I grew up in Phoenix, AZ, and when I was 10, moved to Missoula, Montana. I have a degree in Business Management and got my Masters Degree in Teaching in 2015, so that I could teach business and career readiness to high school aged students. However, after getting fit myself, I found a new passion of teaching students to be healthy through fitness, diet and exercise. I am now a PE teacher. As a teacher, I love being able to have Christmas Break, Summer Vacation, and most holidays off with Lindsay and the girls to be able to take trips, see family, and enjoy our time together.

We married in July of 2004 and moved to Alaska when Lindsay got a teaching job. We lived in the village of Kotzebue for four years before moving to the Mat-Su valley. We have a four+ bedroom house with a ton of playing room inside and out. We live in a nice neighborhood with kind neighbors and quiet cul-de-sac perfect for riding bikes and skating. We have two dogs, our old lady, an Aussie Shepherd/Lab mix named Koda and just over one year-old, a Mountain Bernedoodle named Montana (Monty for short).

We adopted our oldest daughter, Ryleigh, in 2014 as an infant. She has brought such happiness into our lives with her silly faces and sense of humor. We have been delighted watching her grow up from day one. As a nine year old, she enjoys reading about whatever she can get her hands on. She is also an amazing swimmer and is on a swim team. Finleigh, who is six, was also adopted as an infant in 2017. She is our little sassy, confident, animal-loving daughter. We stay in contact with both girls' birth families in various ways and times. Ainsleigh, born in 2019, was a little bit of a surprise as we had spent several years trying to figure out why we could not get pregnant and all the sudden there she was. She is a hilarious little one that loves to sing, dance, and watch her favorite TV show, Bluey.

We try to give the girls experiences with many different kinds of activities including basketball, swim, dance, gymnastics, CrossFit, art, and softball. They are very active and we stay very busy. As a family we love to be active, but also like to spend time at home relaxing. Matt and Lindsay do CrossFit together usually five days a week. Fishing, camping, running, hiking, and biking are some other activities we like to do together. Of course, in the winter, sledding is a favorite activity! We also like to travel especially to Hawaii and Mexico for some much needed Vitamin D in the winter. Spending time with family and friends playing games is another favorite pastime. We attend Church nearly every Sunday in Palmer, and during the school year the girls attend Sunday-school before church. Our family dinners, bedtimes and other gatherings are usually kicked off with a prayer or blessing.

As parents, we provide a safe and loving environment. We value family, education, and tradition, and will encourage our children to develop their strengths and improve on weaknesses. We hope to pass on values of respect for self and others, compassion, strong worth ethic, empathy, and kindness. We want to nurture their imagination and help them to realize their full potential.

With warmest regards,

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Matt and Lindsay Holman