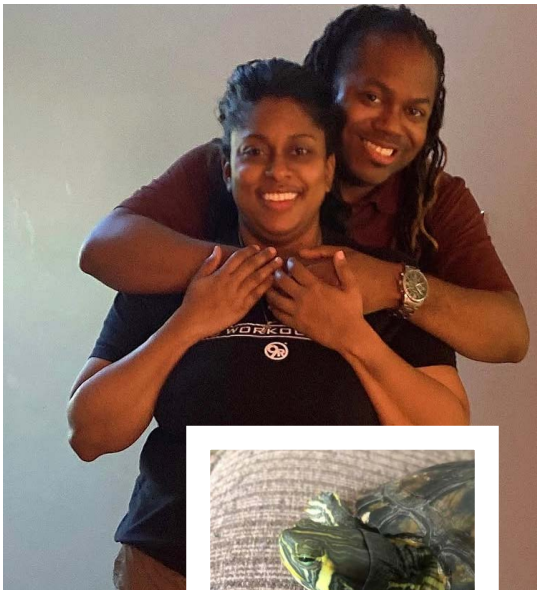


Brandi
and *A. J.*



what we love about each other

We balance each other out. We have so many similarities, but our differences are what make us a great team. We take a tag-team approach to issues that life may bring. AJ is really easygoing and mellow, and Brandi is really business-savvy. AJ is silly and does not stress or take himself too seriously. Brandi is bubbly and nurturing to virtually everyone she meets. It is hard to have a bad day around Brandi.



our hobbies and passions

AJ has several passions. He has been playing drums since he was nine years old, and also plays bass guitar and keyboards. He loves to produce music in his spare time, primarily pop, soft rock, and R&B. He also has a passion for educating and has been a school teacher for five years. AJ is experienced in teaching elementary, middle, and high school. Prior to teaching, he worked as a journalist, is also a published author, and has written seven books.

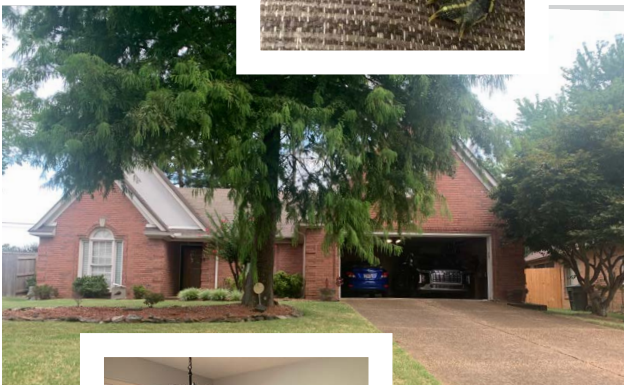
Brandi is also a published author and has a passion for helping others. She is currently pursuing certification to become a life coach, which will allow her to follow her passion for helping people reach their goals. She also wants to learn how to play electric guitar, is learning different languages, and cannot wait to start crossing items off her travel bucket list!

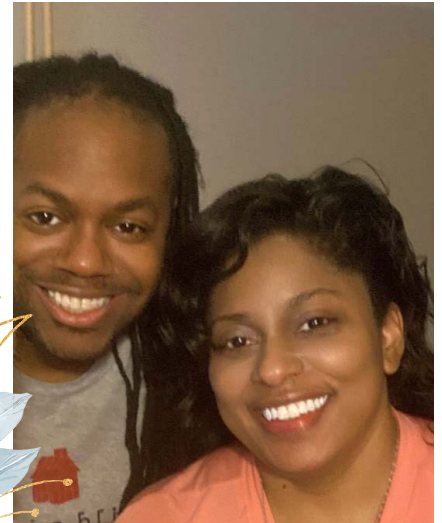
We both love animals and adore playing with our pet turtle, Large Marge. Marge loves watching TV with us and exploring our home, both inside and outside.

our home + neighborhood

We have been blessed to live in a very friendly neighborhood within West Tennessee for the past 11 years. When we first moved into this neighborhood, it was filled with children, and several of them frequently visited our house just to spend time with us. But as can be expected, children grow up just as we do.

We are super close to several of our neighbors, and often look out for them and their homes when they are out of town. They are always happy to return the favor!





get to know

A.I.

OCCUPATION: Teacher

EDUCATION: Master's & Bachelor's Degrees

RACE: African American

RELIGION: Christian (Baptist)

FAVORITE SPORT: Boxing

FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza

HOBBY: Writing books and producing music

FAVORITE TRADITION: Christmas

MUSICAL GROUP: The Temptations

FAVORITE MOVIE: *The Temptations*

DREAM VACATION: Samoa

FAVORITE HOLIDAY: Christmas

FAVORITE TV SHOW: *Family Matters*

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN

SCHOOL: Band

FAVORITE BOOK: *Who Killed Joel Larson?*



get to know

Brandi

OCCUPATION: Communication Coordinator

EDUCATION: Bachelor's Degree

RACE: African American

RELIGION: Christian (Baptist)

FAVORITE SPORT: Boxing and Figure skating

FAVORITE FOOD: Pasta, salads, sandwiches

HOBBY: Reading, traveling, and watching tv

FAVORITE TRADITION: Christmas, birthdays, and family vacations

MUSICAL GROUP: New Edition

FAVORITE MOVIE: *Adventures in Babysitting*

DREAM VACATION: Hawaii and Italy

FAVORITE HOLIDAY: Christmas

FAVORITE TV SHOW: *General Hospital*

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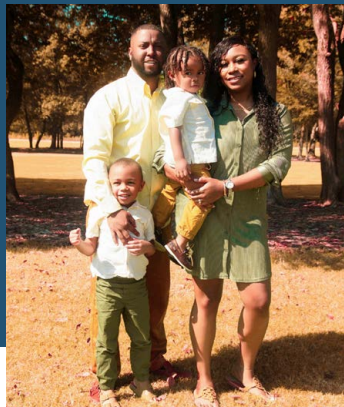
SCHOOL: Geometry

FAVORITE BOOK: *Moon Called*





our family



and friends

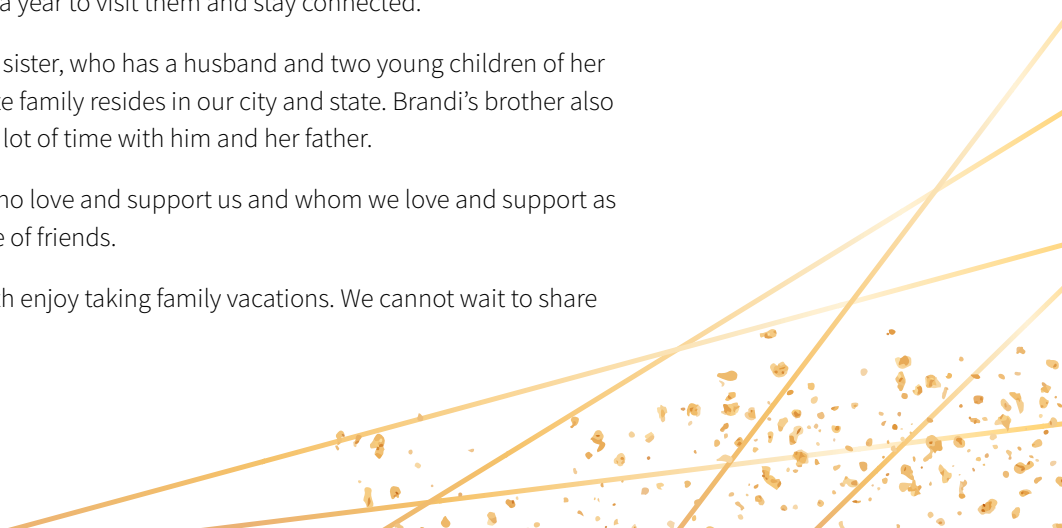
We are both really close to our immediate families and regularly spend time with them. In turn, we feel blessed that both our families are close to each other as well.

Additionally, all of AJ's extended family resides in the same city and state as us, so there is no shortage of uncles, aunts, or cousins. Most of Brandi's extended family and her father reside in a state that is several hours away; however, we make several trips a year to visit them and stay connected.

We spend a lot of time with AJ's parents and sister, who has a husband and two young children of her own. Like his extended family, AJ's immediate family resides in our city and state. Brandi's brother also resides in our city and state, and we spend a lot of time with him and her father.

Additionally, we have a network of friends who love and support us and whom we love and support as well. We keep in close contact with this circle of friends.

Christmas is our favorite holiday, and we both enjoy taking family vacations. We cannot wait to share these favorite pastimes with your baby.





our letter to you

Dear Expectant Mother,

We cannot begin to imagine all the emotions you are experiencing right now—anxiety, uncertainty, sadness, and so much more. Please know that whatever decision you make will be the right one for you and your baby. It was not in the cards for us to have biological children, but we did not want that to put an end to our dream of being parents. Our home is full of love, creativity, fun times, and wisdom, all of which we plan to share with your child.

We want to let you know that you will not be a stranger. This special child will definitely know who you are. Rest assured, this child will become the great person we all envision them to be. We are here for you and your baby! God tapped us both on the shoulder and told us to adopt, and we are happy to do so to become parents.

Our hearts will be full of gratitude if you choose to trust us with the future of your little one! What matters to us is love. We have so much love to give and promise to shower your child with love for the rest of our lives. They will never have to ask for anything.

Brandi and A.J.