

Lives Transformed Grow Strong, Resilient Communities

Pathways Family Spotlight Series



In honor of National Adoption Month, we spotlight an adoptive father turned board member whose dedication to transforming lives will impact the Austin community for generations to come.

Brent Campbell and his wife, Susan, were ready to start their family. After trying to have a baby for a few years, they decided to explore adoption. Brent, who was adopted when he was just six days old, knew the impact of growing up in a loving family and hoped to afford that same opportunity to another child.

Brent and Susan attended a Pathways orientation in the summer of 2007. By December, Brent and Susan were fostering two young boys, John and Isaiah, who they adopted eight months later. Almost a year and a half after that, the Campbells began fostering two more young boys, Troy and Trey, who they also adopted. By 2009, Brent and Susan were the proud parents of four boys!



Brent Campbell pictured with his sons, Isaiah, John, Troy, and Trey, his wife Susan, and their family dog McLovin in 2021.

Today, the boys they adopted as young children are resilient and successful young men. Troy graduated from Cedar Ridge High School in 2014 and is working in sales. Isaiah is currently studying Horticulture at Texas A&M University and is set to graduate in 2025. John is a senior at Texas Tech University and will be graduating with a degree in Marketing later this year. Their youngest, Trey, is a junior in high school who plays football, runs track, and hopes to become a collegiate athlete in the near future.

The impact Brent and Susan have had on the lives of their four sons is immeasurable. The family they built together over the years has provided love and support to each child, and their influence extends beyond their household, enriching the community around them. Together with their sons, they have become positive influences and contributors to our society.

“Being adopted has fueled my relentless drive to find success beyond my wildest dreams. The past will always be with me and lingering in my mind, and yet I harness that history to push me forward, transforming my early struggles into a relentless ambition that knows no bounds.” - Isaiah Campbell



Brent Campbell pictured with his sons, John, Isaiah, and Troy, on their family vacation hiking Fish Creek Falls in Steamboat, Colorado, in 2010.

Brent has been a member of Pathways’ Board of Directors since 2010 and since 2023 has served as board chair. He views his board service as mission work that transforms the lives of children experiencing foster care and their future, forever families.

Pathways comprehensive programming impacts not only children and families like the Campbells but the communities in which they live. Brent and Susan Campbell rewrote the life stories of their children because they decided to become foster parents and adopt. They are proof that rewriting the story of just one child radiates to impact the community at large, improving our collective future.

“Pathways has a direct impact on the lives of children who may someday be our neighbors. Children experiencing foster care are worthy of love, and full of potential. They just need a chance.” - Brent Campbell, Board Member and Adoptive Parent

Read ahead to see how Pathways and our partners have impacted the Austin community.

GIVINGTUESDAY

December 3rd, 2024

Partner with Pathways on December 3! Created in 2012 as a global generosity movement, Giving Tuesday harnesses the collective power of community donations to address crucial community needs. Through Pathways, your gift helps rewrite the life story of a child experiencing foster care. Together, we can collectively transform future generations.

Donate Here!

Hundreds of Austin children served through Pathways CPA and Mosaic Behavioral Health

With your support, last year, Pathways served 77 Austin children and youth through its child-placing agency, with 61 foster placements and 24 finalized adoptions. Some children were supported through both our foster and adoption programs. In this case, they were represented in both categories.

77
children served

61
foster placements

24
adoptions finalized

Also in Austin, through Pathways Mosaic Behavioral Health Services, a total of 540 children and youth were served. Specifically, 249 children and youth received behavioral health services, 391 received psychiatric services and 42 received the CANS 2.0 assessment. Some children received more than one service and were therefore counted in multiple groups.

249
children received
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391
children received
psychiatric services

42
children received the
CANS 2.0 assessment

As November is National Adoption Month, Pathways would like our recognize the families who have adopted more than 4,000 Texas children since 1992. These families provide the love and security that every child deserves and Pathways provides the resources and support they need along the way.

To learn more about Pathways' Adoption program, visit <https://pathway.org/adoption/> and join us for our upcoming [orientation class](#) to learn more about adopting a child in Texas!

To future parents considering adoption, Brent reflects on his experience:

“Parenting adopted kids is not more challenging. It’s just different. The key is finding a way to be a positive influence in their lives so they can be a positive influence in their communities.”

