



Dan & Stephanie





Hi There!

First of all, we want to thank you for taking the time to read our letter. We cannot imagine the emotions and decisions you are facing, but we want you to know that we are deeply grateful for your courage, love, and selflessness in considering adoption for your child. We have such admiration for the strength it takes to make this decision, and we want you to know that if you choose us to be the parents of your child, we will cherish and love them with all of our hearts.

We are Dan and Stephanie, and we have dreamed of becoming parents for as long as we can remember. We believe that family is about love, support, and togetherness, and our home is filled with laughter, warmth, and a deep sense of connection. We are excited about the opportunity to share this life with a child, and we can promise you that we will provide a safe, nurturing, and loving home where your child will be supported to grow, explore, and become their own unique person.

We believe in the importance of family and connection, and we will always make sure your child knows how much you love them. Your decision to choose adoption is one of the most selfless acts of love, and we will honor and respect that decision every single day.

We want you to feel comfortable in knowing that your child will be raised with love, kindness, and the tools they need to follow their dreams.

Our hope is to build a relationship with you, one that is based on trust and understanding. We are open to communication through letters, photos, and visits (if you are comfortable with that) so that your child will have the opportunity to know and learn about their birth family, their heritage, and the love that brought them into this world.

Thank you for considering us as parents for your child. We are sending you our heartfelt thoughts and hope that you find peace in whatever decision you make. Your courage, strength, and love are truly inspiring, and we are so grateful to be a part of your journey.

With love and gratitude,

Dan & Stephanie



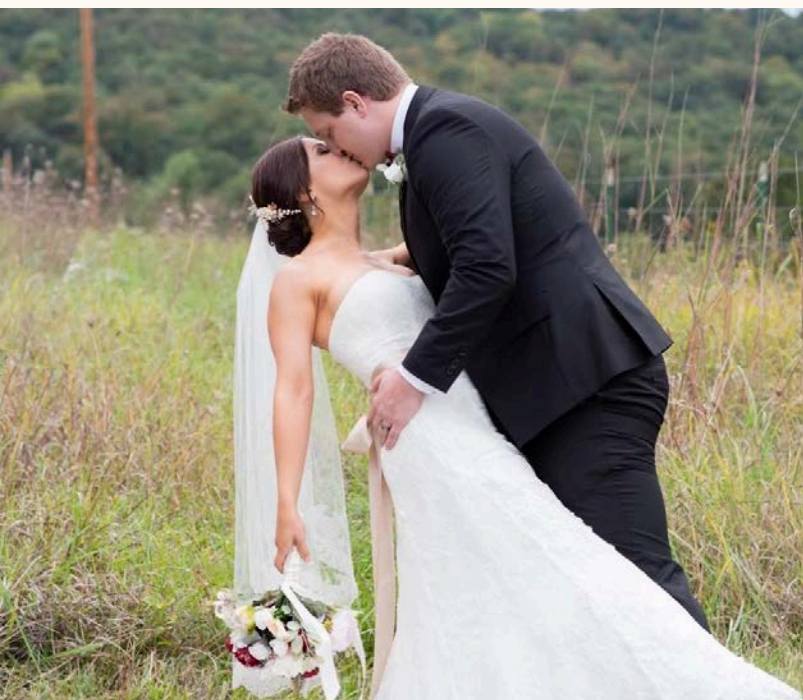
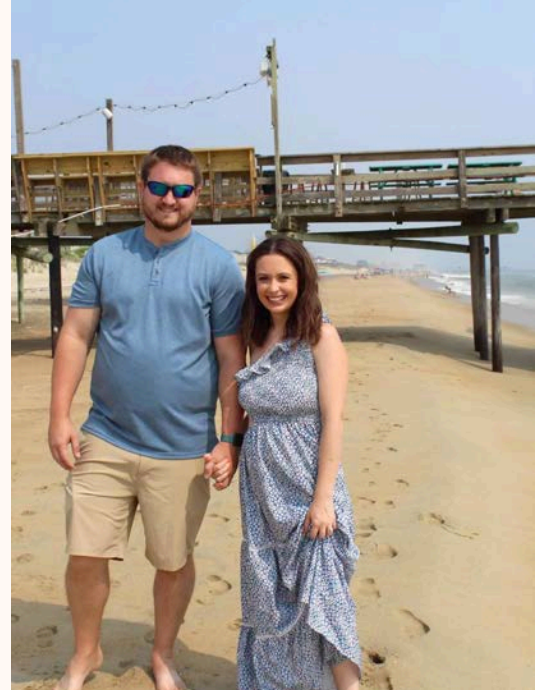
This is Our Story



We actually met through online dating! We messaged back and forth for a few weeks and then decided to go on an official first date. We met for dinner and then walked around downtown. After our first date I think we both could envision spending forever together. We dated for about a year before Dan popped the question. Dan planned a surprise weekend, where I only was told what kind of outfits to bring. Unfortunately, his surprise plan (a hot air balloon proposal) got cancelled due to high winds. But he quickly came up with a new plan and took me hiking to see the beautiful fall leaves. Then at the end of the hike he got down on one knee and proposed! And of course I said yes!

We then got married a year later (two years exactly from our first date) in a beautiful outdoor setting. Our honeymoon was a drive up the coast through Oregon to Seattle. Now we have been married over 5 years and are still head over heels for one another. Dan is my best friend and biggest support. We have enjoyed traveling, watching movies, and starting a family. Honestly, even the normal day to day things are so much fun doing together! And now as a family we still enjoy going on walks, traveling, and playing games together. We eagerly look forward to what the future holds for us and our family. We are so thankful God brought us together and can't wait to see His plans for us in the future!

"Two are better than one"
Ecclesiastes 4:9





Meet

Stephanie

I'm Stephanie! First and foremost, my favorite role is being a wife and mother to my extraordinary husband and two kiddos. As far back as I can remember I have wanted to be a wife and mom. Outside of those roles, I currently work as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner in a substance use treatment center. I have been there for about 10 years and absolutely love it. I am very confident that is the area God has called me to serve in. Personality wise, I am on the introverted side but still love hanging out and having fun! I deeply cherish family time and getting to travel. I hope to raise our kids to also have a love of travel and a strong sense of family, as well as a sense of humor!

I am so humbled and excited to be able to grow our family through adoption! Adoption has been something Dan and I have talked about, even before we were married. After lots of prayer we decided now is the time to grow our family and we couldn't be more excited!



More about *Stephanie*

Occupation: Nurse Practitioner

Favorite TV show: Castle

Favorite Food:

Chick-fil-A
mac & cheese

Can't Live Without:

Of course, my husband and kiddos. But also travel, Netflix, and dessert

My Perfect Day:

I would sleeping in til 7. Then brunch and a fun outing, like the zoo. Then ice cream and an outdoor movie night!

Meet

Daniel

Hello, my name is Daniel, and apart from spending time with my friends and family, I have several passions in life. Whether it is lacing up my shoes for a recreational softball or basketball league, game nights, bon fires, or attending attractions around town, I enjoy being active and enjoying life. These passions have stuck with me through playing football in college and attending law school and I hope to allow my children to explore these passions as well. I am also passionate about my job where I work for the DoD. Knowing that I make a difference in the everyday landscape is fulfilling and at times, even exhilarating.

I couldn't be more excited to add another member to our family. I have witnessed how much love and support can be given to a child through adoption and I know that my wife and I can provide the same. We have talked about wanting to pursue adoption even before we got married and after much discussion and prayer we realized that now is the right time to consider it.



More about Daniel

Occupation: Lawyer

Favorite Movie: Gladiator, The Marvel movies

Favorite Food: Pizza or Chinese

Can't Live Without: My family, friends, games (sport, board, and video games)

My Perfect Day: Sleep in, lunch with friends, a family activity like the zoo, steaks for dinner, end the name playing games or watching a movie





Stephanie in Dan's Words

Stephanie is a wonderful person that I knew was special from that awkward side hug that everyone does on our first date. After only a few months of getting to know her and her family and seeing just how happy she made me, I realized that I wanted to spend the rest of my life with her. Since that time I have only grown closer and more in love with Stephanie. Whether it is her compassion that she shares with anyone she encounters or her desire to constantly grow, I feel myself more amazed with her each and every day. She helps me work through the daily stresses of life, like work, while also being a fantastic mother to our children. Stephanie takes the brunt of the meltdowns and tantrums, yet still shows nothing but love for our boys. Not only does Stephanie strive to help her friends and family, she also works as a Nurse Practitioner in a rehab facility. In this position she works hard to help people through the darkest times in their lives without judgement. She also pushed herself to earn her Master's Degree helping to further her career while still working and taking care of our two little ones.

Daniel in Stephanie's Words

I know I am slightly biased, but I think Dan is truly the most amazing man I have ever met. He is such a good leader of our family and my biggest cheerleader. He keeps me grounded and calm. He makes me laugh like no one else can. I easily fell in love with him from the moment we met. Then getting to see him become a father to our children has been the biggest blessing. He jumps in to play with our kiddos every night after work and they love spending time with their Daddy. Dan is also the guy who will lend a hand to anyone who needs help. Dan is so smart, driven, and kind. He is a hard worker and excels at what ever he does. In addition to being a husband and father, Dan is an attorney, currently working in government contracts. His current position allows him a lot of time off and he never has to work late, so he is always home for a lot of family time. Dan is the rock of our family and I could not imagine doing this life without him. He is so excited to welcome in another member of our family!



Meet

Levi

Levi is our 4 year old. He has a big personality and lives life to its absolute fullest. He is so incredibly smart (sometimes too smart for his own good!). He is high energy and a little sassy. He currently loves playing with cars, building blocks, or doing just about anything outside. Levi is an incredible big brother and is so excited to have another sibling to play with!



Meet

Beckett

Beckett is our almost 1 and ½ year old. He is a little more laid back and easy going. He is a little cuddle-bug and gives the sweetest hugs and kisses. Beckett is also so smart and is loving reading books right now. His absolute favorite thing right now is swinging on our swing set and playing with bubbles (he could literally do those things all day long lol). Even though he is the youngest right now, we know he will be a fantastic big brother!



Welcome to Our *Home*

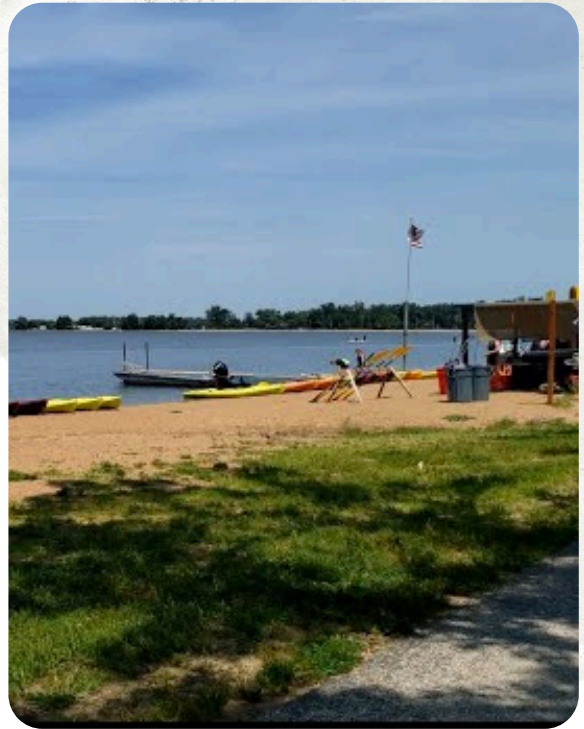


We live in a 3 bedroom ranch style home. We have a room set up as a nursery and our boys have bunk beds in the other room. Our backyard is fully fenced and has a swing set and sandbox for outdoor fun. We also love our firepit and use it often for bonfires with the neighbors, and of course s'mores! There is also a large play area in our finished basement that has TONS of toys and room to play. Our boys favorite at the moment is the little trampoline and the pretend kitchen. We have been in this house for almost 7 years now and have very much made it a home. Once our family grows we plan on moving to a larger home to accommodate our growing family.



Our Community

We live in a suburb of a larger city, about 30 minutes from downtown, which we enjoy going to baseball games, the zoo, and museums. About 5 minutes down the road from our house is a lake with a nice walking trail. We have rented kayaks and paddleboards, which is fun! We are a part of a Blue Ribbon award-winning school district. We are also very close with several of our neighbors and spend time together often. Our church is about 20 minutes from us and we meet with our small group once a week. They are incredibly supportive and help out with anything. We love our city and plan to live in this area for as long as we can!



Meet Our Pup

Murphie

Murphie is our 9 year old Yorkie Poo mix. He was rescued when he was three months old and has been a fun addition to the family. He has quite the personality and is protective over the kiddos. But Stephanie is most definitely his favorite!



Meet Dan's Side of the Family



Dan's side of the family starts with Dan's parents, Steve and Cathy. Our kiddos know them by Pop Pop and Grandma! They are now both retired and love to travel to visit the grandkids. Dan is one of 5 kids! Dan's older brother, Jeremy and sister-in-law, Savannah live in Ohio and we see them a few times a year. Dan's older sister, Jaclyn, lives in Iowa and she is such a fun aunt to her nephews. Then the two younger siblings are twins, Kirstin and Chris. Kirstin also lives in Iowa and we FaceTime often! Chris lives with his wife, Kelsey, in Tennessee, and they are expecting a baby boy in a few months! Dan's family loves to have a big beach trip to North Carolina every other year. We rent a beach house and have such a fun time hanging out for the week. We also get the whole family together the opposite years of the beach and spend a week or so up in Iowa for Christmas. When we are all together, it is loud but so much fun!

Meet Stephanie's Side of the Family

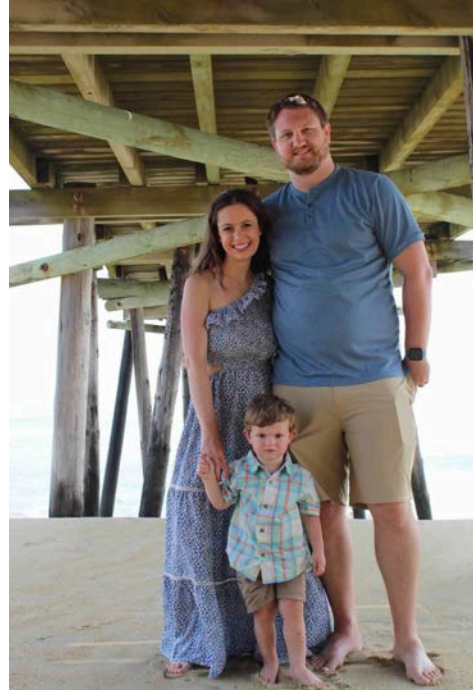
Stephanie's side of the family starts with my parents, Scot and Robin, or formally known as Grandpa and Nana by the grandkids. All of the grandkids have a playdate at their house every Friday! I am the oldest of three. Jake, the middle child, is married to Damaris, and together they have a 1 ½ year old named Olive. The youngest child is John, who is currently finishing up his senior year of college and will soon be a registered nurse. Growing up we loved to travel and play outside. Even now we are all still super close! We are also very close with my extended family and have some kind of get together at least once a month. My grandma (Grammy) and step-grandpa (Howard) are great leaders for our family and both have such a funny sense of humor. My aunt and uncle, Brenda and Mark, live 10 minutes from my parents house and we often spend the summers at their pool. They have two daughters, Anna and Lauren. Anna is getting married to Tyler soon and we are excited to welcome him into our family! We love spending time together playing games and always have a great time!



FAVORITE FAMILY TRADITIONS

NC BEACH TRIP

We go to a beach in NC every other year with Dan's whole family. We rent a house on the beach and spend the whole week hanging out and enjoying the beach and the pool.



NEW YEARS GAMES

On New Year's Day Steph's family gets together for appetizers and plays crazy games, like reindeer marshmallow pickup. The winning team gets a prize and the coveted trophy for the year.

ZOO DAYS

The zoo downtown has special events throughout the year, like Boo at the Zoo and the Zoo Glow. They have fun activities and food. The boys favorite part is getting to ride the train and carousel.



VALENTINES DAY DANCE

For Valentine's Day we decorate the house with white lights and flowers. We get dressed up and have waffles for dinner. Then each pick a song to slow dance to in the living room.



CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve every other year is celebrated by Steph's family going to church then having chili and dessert at Grammy and Howard's house. And of course, presents!



CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Day every other year is spent with Dan's family at his parent's house. Grandma always has a fun game for how we open presents. Then we do an appetizer game night!



DERBY DAY

For Mother's Day we get together on Kentucky Derby Day and wear our big derby hats and play a horse racing board game.



FOOD & GAME NIGHTS

Anytime we can all get together with Dan's family we have a themed food night, like appetizers or fried foods. Then we play card games and board games.



Our Promises

1. We promise to love your child unconditionally - No matter what, your child will always feel safe, cherished, and valued.
2. We promise to honor your child's story - We will always speak of your love and courage with respect. Your child will grow up knowing where they came from and how deeply they were loved from the beginning.
3. We promise to provide a safe, stable, and joyful home - Our home is filled with laughter, learning, and warmth. Your child will have room to grow, explore, and discover their unique path in life.
4. We promise to support and nurture their dreams - We'll be their biggest cheerleaders and advocates every step of the way.
5. We promise to surround your child with a loving community - Family, friends, and a strong support network will always be close by.
6. We promise to always be open and honest - We believe in open communication. We will share their adoption story with honesty, compassion, and gratitude.
7. We promise to make space for you - If you're open to it, we welcome an ongoing connection in a way that feels right for you—whether through letters, pictures, visits, or updates. Your place in your child's life will always be respected.
8. We promise to model kindness, empathy, and respect - We will raise your child with values that reflect compassion, fairness, and a deep respect for others.
9. We promise to laugh often and love deeply - From bedtime stories to family traditions and silly games, we promise a childhood full of joy and cherished memories.
10. We promise to never take this gift for granted - We are in awe of your strength and the love it takes to consider adoption. We will honor this path every single day.

Thank You



Thank you so much for taking the time to learn about us and consider us as potential adoptive parents. We hope we have painted a picture of who we are and the love we have to give. We can only imagine the strength and love it takes to explore this path, and we want you to know how deeply we admire your courage and selflessness.

If you choose us, please know that your child will be welcomed into a home filled with unconditional love, laughter, and support. We promise to honor their story, their heritage, and the deep connection they will always have with you.

No matter where this journey leads, we are grateful for the opportunity to share a piece of our hearts with you.

With respect and gratitude,

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