Sam *And* Danielle



Hello!

We're Sam and Danielle

from

South Dakota along with our sons, Asher and Walker.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us.

We have so much respect for the strength and love it takes to consider an adoption plan, and we are truly grateful you are here. As you look through our profile, we hope you get a sense of who we are and the kind of home we have built. One filled with love, laughter and support. We are parents to two wonderful boys who have brought so much joy to our lives, and our hearts are open to growing our family through adoption. If you choose adoption, please know your child would be deeply loved, supported and always reminded of how important you are to their story.



Why We Are Adopting



We feel incredibly grateful to be on the path to adoption.

Becoming parents has been one of the greatest joys of our lives. Our second son was born at 26 weeks and showed us a strength and resilience that has shaped our family. That experience, along with raising our boys has only deepened our love for parenting and our desire to grow our family in a meaningful way. **Adoption is something we have felt drawn to and we feel honored to now be on this journey.**



MOUNTAIN VIEWS

HAVING FUN AT THE LOCAL FAIR



WE ENJOY DOING FUN RUNS TOGETHER AND AS A FAMILY



We are filled with hope and excitement for the future. Especially for the opportunity to welcome another child into our family with *so much love.*



Our Story

We met in 2017 through our careers as registered nurses. We worked at the same hospital and were introduced at a work function. From the start, we connected over shared interests like hiking, traveling, and sports, but it was our shared faith in God that built the strong foundation of our relationship. Our faith continues to guide our marriage and how we strive to raise our children to be kind, compassionate, and selfless. **After graduate school, we moved to Colorado, where we welcomed our first son, Walker. We later moved back to South Dakota to be closer to family and welcomed our second son, Asher, who was born very prematurely.** While challenging, that season strengthened our marriage and deepened our faith in Jesus.



PLAYING OUTSIDE AT SUNSET



Today,

our home is filled with love, laughter, and gratitude.

We are so excited to grow our family through adoption and cannot wait to welcome another child into our hearts and home.



FAMILY VACATION TO MEXICO

Our Hobbies

We enjoy staying active and creating memories as a family.

We love to travel and make it a priority to take one family vacation by car and one by plane each year. Walker, our oldest, has already been to Mexico twice! **Danielle's family has a cabin in northern Minnesota that we try to visit at least once each summer.** It sits on a small, peaceful lake where the boys—and our dog Hank—love to swim and fish off the dock. It is a special place for our family to slow down and enjoy time together.

ENJOYING A ROUND OF GOLF TOGETHER



We also enjoy working out and going on runs, and each year we participate in a local 5K as a family. Some of our favorite moments are simply being together—playing outside, going on walks, and enjoying unstructured time at home. **We love watching our boys learn and grow, and we are especially excited about including another child in these everyday experiences and the family rhythms we already cherish.**

MOM & DAD NIGHT OUT AT A CONCERT



FAMILY FUN RUN = SMILES, MILES, AND MEMORIES!



Meet Danielle



As a previous a registered nurse and now a nurse practitioner, caring for others has always been a meaningful part of who I am. **I work only 2 days a week so that I am able to primarily be home with our two children.** Friends and family would describe me as loyal, compassionate, and someone who shows up. I tend to be the person others come to for support or encouragement, and I genuinely enjoy being there for the people I love. I love being outdoors with our family and going on family vacations. My husband will joke I am planning our next vacation while on our current one!

Becoming a parent has been one of the greatest joys of my life. **Motherhood has deepened my faith and my gratitude in ways I didn't fully understand before. It has also made me even more excited about adoption.**

I feel incredibly honored at the thought of welcoming another child into our family, loving them fully, and watching them grow in our home.



BEACH DAY ON VACATION WITH THE BOYS

"Walker and Asher are so very lucky to call Danielle their mom and I am so lucky to call her my wife."

-Sam

ALWAYS UP FOR A NEW ADVENTURE





A PERFECT DAY TO EXPLORE

by Sam

My wife is an absolute natural as a mother.

She is by far the most selfless person I have ever met and our boys and future child will be lucky that she is their mom. She is always taking care of everyone else before herself. Danielle was raised by her father and grandmother and they instilled in her exceptional values that she exemplifies everyday. **Her upbringing, rooted in Jesus, is what makes Danielle the heartbeat of our family.** She is naturally smart, very gifted, and has many incredible qualities that would be of value to any child that we would be lucky enough to welcome into our home. Danielle not only takes care of me and the boys but also is a mother figure to her little sister. **Danielle is a hard worker and incredibly capable when it comes to being a mother and a nurse practitioner.**

Fun Facts

Favorite Vacation Spot
Clearwater, FL

Sports You like to Play
Basketball

TV Show
New Girl

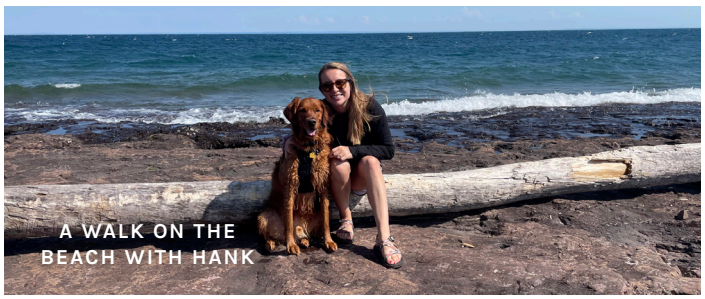
Place to Take a Child
Science Museum

Ice Cream Flavor
Chocolate

Favorite Children's Book
Love You Forever

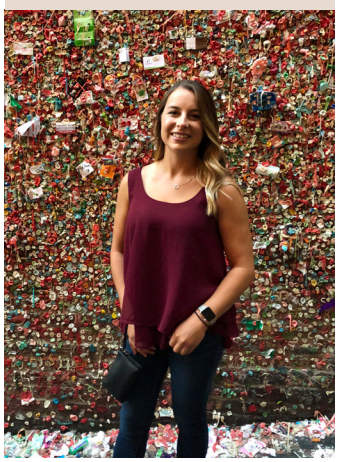
Can't Live Without
Caffeine

Source of Inspiration
My grandmother



A WALK ON THE BEACH WITH HANK

EXPLORING SEATTLE'S FAMOUS GUM WALL



PROUD TO BE A NURSE PRACTITIONER



Meet Sam

I didn't really know how I would feel as a father until we had our first child and ever since, it has been one of the greatest honors, privileges, and joys of my life. **Being able to nurture, take care of our boys, and provide for my family is the greatest accomplishment of my life.**

I currently work as Nurse Anesthetist. I provide anesthesia services to patients needing surgery of any type. It is a stressful and rewarding job but when I get home I am consistently reminded of why I do what I do. I go into work with the mindset to serve God and to serve others. This is the same way I take care of my wife and children. I attempt to humble myself before others and make people feel loved and seen. **To have the opportunity to welcome a child through adoption, would be such an honor for us and to raise them.**

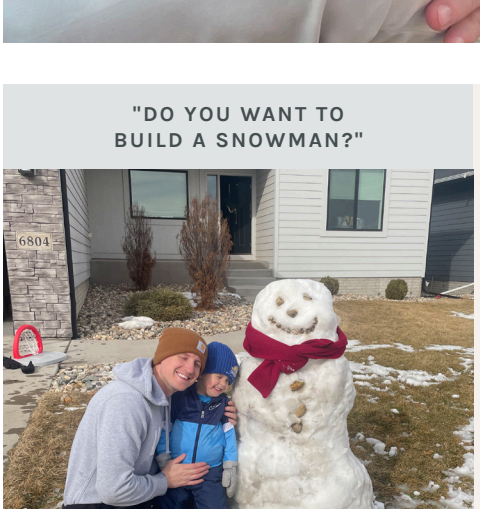
My greatest goal in life as a dad is to guide my children to grow their faith.



READY FOR ANOTHER DAY OF CARING FOR OTHERS



"DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SNOWMAN?"



"Walker and Asher adore him and are happiest when they're with him."

-Danielle



ADVENTURE AWAITS

by Danielle

Sam is hardworking, patient, and the absolute best father and husband.

One of the things I admire most about him is how naturally he puts others before himself. **He is consistent in the way he shows up for our family, friends, and those around him, always bringing calm and stability, especially in stressful moments.** One of the most meaningful examples of his character was during our son Asher's NICU stay. He remained grounded, present, and strong in his faith, which was a great source of support for our family during that difficult time. As a father, he is very involved and intentional. He leads our family in faith and is an incredible example to our two boys. He enjoys playing with them, reading to them, and being part of their everyday routines. **He will be a loving, steady, and positive role model for any child who joins our family and will support and guide them throughout their life.**

Fun Facts

Sports Team
Green Bay Packers

Sports You like to Play
Golf

Vacation Spot
Cancun, Mexico

Place to Take a Child
The pool

Ice Cream Flavor
Cookies and Cream

Favorite Children's Book
The Grinch

Musical Artist
Brandon Lake

Source of Inspiration
The Bible



EXPLORING ESTES PARK, COLORADO

PROUD ON GRADUATION DAY



SWIMMING IN MEXICO





TAKING HANK FOR A WALK IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



CHAIR SNUGGLES AT HOME

Our Home

We live on a quiet cul-de-sac in a kid-friendly neighborhood on the outskirts of our city.



We live in a quiet neighborhood with a lot of families. On nice evenings you can find our neighbors enjoying bonfires together while children ride bikes and play outside. We have a fenced-in backyard with a playset that Sam built, which has become a favorite spot for our boys. **We love spending time outdoors as a family, whether it's in our yard, at nearby parks, or exploring different playgrounds around town.** Behind our home is an elementary school, and a middle school is also close by. We are fortunate to live in a top-rated school district in our state. **We also enjoy taking our children to local attractions like the zoo, science museum, and butterfly house. In the summer, we spend a lot of time at pools and the local waterpark.**



LOCAL WATERPARK AND POOL



TRICK-OR-TREATING TO A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY

Our Community

We truly believe we live in the best city and community.

It may seem like a large city but it has a very small town feel. **Our neighbors are so friendly and our neighborhood is very family-friendly.** There are always multiple activities occurring that we can bring children to on the weekends especially in the summertime. **We have a fenced in backyard with a playset and spend as much time outside as we possibly can.** Near our house is an ice cream shop that we love to go to as well.

Our family also lived in Colorado for two years, and we love returning to the mountains whenever we can for trips and time together outdoors.



MOUNTAIN HIKES



WE LOVE SPENDING TIME IN OUR FENCED-IN BACKYARD ON OUR PLAYSET THAT SAM BUILT

SUMMER DAYS AT THE ZOO



Meet Our Sons

WALKER

ASHER





Walker is our energetic and fun-loving 4 year old.

He is outgoing, curious and smart. **He has a silly sense of humor that keeps us laughing every day.** He loves being outside riding his bike and can often be found asking us to play a round (or 10) of CandyLand. **Walker has a special bond with his younger brother and is protective of him.** He tries to include him in whatever he is doing, already showing us what a kind and loving big brother he is.



Asher is our spirited and adventurous two year old.

He has a determined personality that was shown as he made an early entrance to the world at 26 weeks. **He has been full of strength and energy ever since.** Asher loves anything that involves a ball and is happiest when he is running, playing and attempting to keep up with his big brother. He especially loves dancing along to any Danny Go song! **His resilience and curiosity is a special part of our family.**



MINNESOTA TWINS BASEBALL GAME

Our Dog

Hank is our 7 year old golden retriever and he is just the best boy!

He is the most gentle and patient dog especially with our two children. He loves going on walks and playing fetch. At our family cabin in northern minnesota he loves to swim in the lake.



BEST BUDS



HANK LOVES DAYS AT THE LAKE



THE BOYS PLAYING OUTSIDE WITH HANK

Our Family



SAM'S SIDE OF THE FAMILY

We are fortunate that most of our immediate family lives in the same city as us, and we spend a lot of time together. We often gather at Sam's parents' home for dinners, where the cousins run around and play while the adults catch up. These are some of our favorite, everyday moments as a family. Sam's brother lives in Colorado, and each year we make a tradition of meeting in the middle in the Black Hills over the Fourth of July to spend time together. It is something we all look forward to and helps us stay closely connected despite the distance. We also regularly support Danielle's sister at her Special Olympics events, and we have even traveled to Orlando, Florida to watch her compete in the Track and Field World Games representing Team USA. **These experiences are very meaningful to our family.**

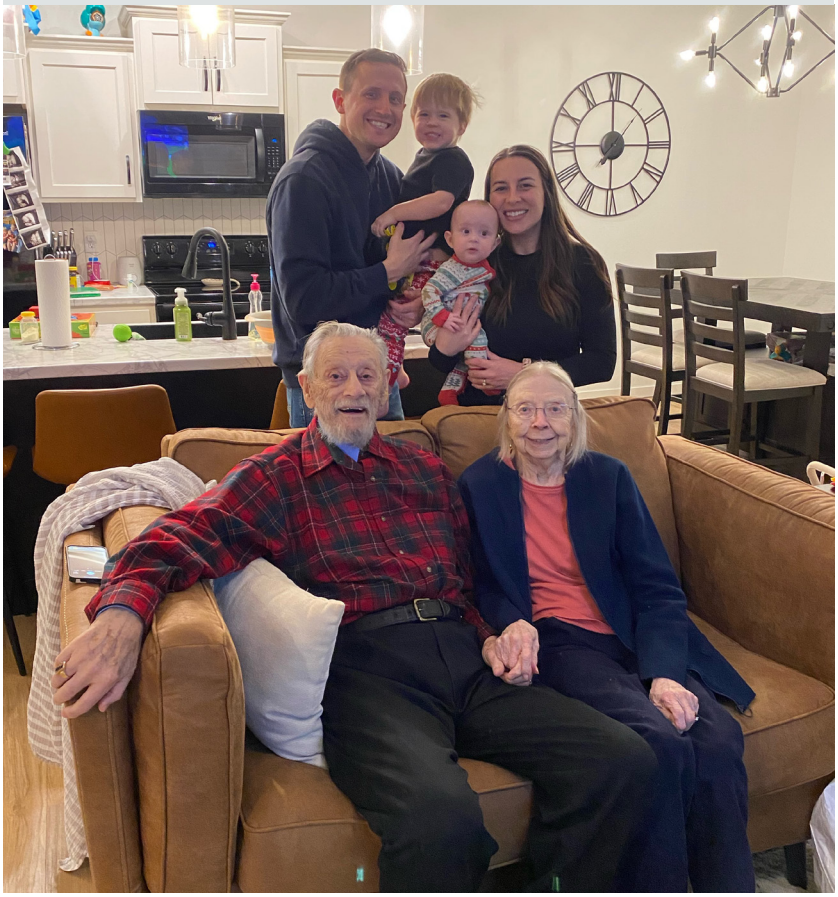
SUPPORTING DANIELLE'S SISTER IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS



VISITING OUR UNCLE AND COUSIN IN COLORADO



CHRISTMAS AT OUR HOME WITH DANIELLE'S GRANDPARENTS



CONCERT WITH FRIENDS



We are also blessed with a close-knit group of friends in our community.

Since we both grew up here, many of our friends live just minutes away. On weekends, we often get together with friends and their children, and it is a joy to watch all of the kids play and grow up together. We also have a tradition, now going on two years, of taking a yearly vacation with another couple who have children close in age to ours.



SPECIAL MOMENTS WITH GRANDMA, GRANDPA AND COUSINS



ALL SMILES AT CHRISTMASTIME

Our Family

Traditions

We have many holiday traditions in our family!

Each year, we go to the Black Hills on the west side of South Dakota to spend time with Sam's side of the family. The cousins gather together and have so much fun playing. Another tradition is we always bake cookies on Christmas Eve so that we are able to set out treats for Santa, and of course his reindeer. We typically host Danielle's side of the family at our house and then gather at Sam's parents' to celebrate with his side. **We spend Christmas morning with just our family opening presents.**

In Closing



We cannot fully understand all that you are feeling or the strength it has taken to consider this decision, but we want you to know that we hold deep respect for you and your story. It is an honor to be considered as a family for your child. **If chosen, we promise to provide a home filled with unconditional love, stability, and faith.** Your child will be raised knowing they are deeply wanted, cherished, and supported every single day. We will do our best to give them a childhood full of laughter, learning, adventure, and strong family connections. **Most importantly, they will always know where they came from and the love that surrounded their story from the very beginning.**

Thank you

for taking the time to learn about our family.

If our hearts and story feel like a possible fit for your child, we would be truly grateful for the opportunity to connect with you.