

Hello we are...

*Alicia and Daniel*



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## Our Hopes and Dreams...

We have known each other for thirteen years and have been married for eight. We met in high school through a group of friends. We joke that it took a while for Dan to convince Alicia to go out with him, although Alicia admits she has no idea what took her so long to agree. As we developed a friendship we both knew that we would be together forever and today we are still best friends. Having such a great relationship has allowed us to travel through life together weathering all the storms that have come our way.

After years of failed infertility treatments we felt liberated in our choice to adopt and could not have been more at peace about our decision. Adoption was always close to our hearts because Alicia's brother was adopted. While we knew that our family may look and develop differently from other families, we never imagined that what developed would be so much better than we ever dreamed. Not only did we gain our daughter Harper, our family now includes her mother too. We thank God every day for our daughter and her wonderful mother.

Just like God put adoption in our hearts before we adopted our daughter, we are ready to love and nurture another child. We believe that we can give your child a wonderful life filled with love, support, guidance, and joy. Through many exciting adventures we will learn and grow as a family. We look forward to the sounds of little giggles and footsteps and will embrace the scraped knees and cries in the middle of the night. We will forever love and cherish your child as our own.

We live our lives in an open, honest, and loving way. But we find ourselves limited by mere words. Nothing you read in this letter or profile will express our overwhelming admiration for your strength in choosing this journey. Although we've not met, we are in awe of your compassion and courage. The gift of adoption is the ultimate act of profound love and selflessness.

Someone once said that, "sometimes, reaching out and taking someone's hand is the beginning."

If you select us to parent your child, we promise that your child will be loved, protected, and celebrated by not only ourselves but our family, friends, and community. We will only and always love them unconditionally. We vow to ensure they know that you are an incredible person who placed their needs above your own. It is said that "if life is a journey then let my soul travel and share your pain." We wish you peace and love for your yesterdays, tomorrows, and right where you are today.

Yours Truly,

*Daniel and Alicia*

  
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## Our values and beliefs as parents...



We will raise our children to be kind, loving, patient, and forgiving individuals. We know that it is our duty as parents to teach our children to be compassionate and caring. Harper sees the compassion we have for her and others and we always say simple phrases such as, “sharing is caring,” and “be kind,” as reminders. With our support, love, and guidance we know our children will have kind and patient hearts.



It is important to us and our children to show empathy and a giving heart to others who are going through a difficult time. We are incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to support others in need through our church. We hope to instill in our children the importance of being a part of a community and church that helps those in need. We believe that everyone has a gift or talent that they can share with someone in need. At even a young age we encourage Harper to “give” and “help” as she can around our home. She’s a great helper and will be a wonderful example to her younger sibling.



We understand the value of a good education. We both have Bachelor’s degrees and Alicia recently earned a Master’s degree in Teacher Leadership. We will always be our children’s number one “teachers,” but will also ensure that their needs are met at school. Academically, socially, and emotionally we want our children to be challenged at school. We look forward to sharing our love for learning, new experiences, and adventures with our children.

Both of us love to learn about new things. Someone once said, “If my child wants to be a pilot, I am going to buy them a plane. If my child wants to be a painter, I will buy brushes. If my child wants to engineer skyscrapers, I will buy them a calculator and pencil.” This quote is a reflection of exactly how we feel about learning new things and the opportunities we will provide for our children as they discover their interests and who they really are.



Having fun is one of the many qualities that drew us together and still holds strong in both of us today. We like to have fun no matter what life brings us. We don’t need a vacation or to go somewhere to have fun, sometimes it’s simply laughing at ourselves, telling jokes, singing in the car, or startling each other from around the corner out of good fun. We encourage Harper to embrace the same attitude and watching her develop a fun and easygoing personality brings us such joy! We will encourage our children to find ways to have fun each and every day, and not to take themselves too seriously.

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## Our home...

Our home is located in a very family-friendly neighborhood with lots of children. Our neighbors are genuine and we can always count on them if we need something. We have great schools, parks, and shopping facilities nearby. We love the diversity of people and culture in our area. Our home is located within 20 minutes of several museums, sporting venues, aquarium, zoo, and lots of other exciting activities.



What makes our house a home is the love that is within the walls. Our home is a place filled with love, kindness, and most importantly grace. It is a safe place where individuality is welcomed and accepted. When family and friends come to visit, we spend our time chatting over amazing food, games, and movies. The walls are covered with pictures of loved-ones and the furniture is overstuffed and comfy. Toys are scattered about, usually just enough to show that an active toddler lives here, but not too many that we are dodging them going from one room to the next.

We make it a priority, no matter how stressful or busy the day was, to eat dinner together every night at the table. It is our favorite time of the day because it is our time to relax, share, and listen to one another. We cherish many moments at our table and can't wait to experience what another child brings; his/her first bites of food, jabbering at the table, prayers, and of course all of the messy cleanups. We can't wait to sit around our table with our children and enjoy all of the special memories to come.

### A little more about us...

- Both non-smokers

#### Hobbies:

##### Adoptive Mother:

Run, watch movies, read a good book, bake, volunteer and help those in need, go to the lake and spend time with my family with no distractions

##### Adoptive Father:

Watch movies, build computers, construction, yard projects, cooking and grilling, volunteering, travel, adventure.

#### Professions:

Adoptive Mother: Elementary Teacher

Adoptive Father: Property Manager

#### Education Level:

Adoptive Mother: Master's Degree

Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree



We look forward to having our children run around together and create memories that will last forever. We can't wait to see their first steps, haircut, and lost tooth. We're looking forward to decorating our walls with their artwork and pictures. We're excited for their first day of school and when they learn how to ride their bike. We can't wait to make snow forts and snow angels in the backyard. We will always be there with a bandaid to heal their bumps and bruises. Kisses can make everything better. At the end of the day, we'll always carry them upstairs and safely tuck them into bed with a story. Most importantly there will always be "I love you," before each, "good night."

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# Our family...

Family means giving your heart to someone and knowing that love builds an indestructible bond. We have been blessed with the most amazing parents who have led by example and molded us into the people we are today. It's because of our parents' positive influence over our lives and their 30+ years of marriage that we know we will also be great parents.



As a child, growing up for Alicia meant spending summers with her siblings outside playing at her Grandparents' house or traveling up north to her family's cabin on the lake. For Dan and his siblings, it was road trips to his relatives' houses and going fishing with his brother. Still to this day we cherish our relationships with our sisters and brothers by celebrating old - and making new - traditions.

We are doing the same with our own family. It doesn't matter what we are doing or where we are going, we are creating memories that will last a lifetime. There is a bible verse that says, 'God knows all things,' and that saying is particularly true when it comes to our daughter. She is perfect for us and we believe we are perfect for her. She's very happy, easygoing and loving. Blocks, puzzles, dinosaurs, and dolls are her favorite toys. How can we leave Elmo out! He's her main squeeze lately. She has brought a completely new meaning to holiday traditions. We love seeing her face on Christmas morning as she opens her gifts.

There is no greater joy than sharing in the joy of others. Harper will make the best big sister! We can't wait for the kids to build and create friendships, just as we did with our siblings. We anticipate making endless memories with all our children during the holidays and every other day of the year.



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