



Hello We Are...



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Our Hopes & Dreams

We are a funny, kind, and active couple. We don't take ourselves too seriously and are usually the first to laugh at ourselves and each other; some call us "hilarious" and Dave "the life of the party." Yet, we treat others with compassion and consideration and are committed to living a life of service and doing what is right.

Our greatest hope is to grow our family through adoption and share the love, joy, and experiences we have with a child, and help the child grow into the person they were meant to become.

Dave's family has two cousins that were adopted. We have witnessed the love and support as they became a part of our family and how it brought everyone together in the process. We have also watched several of our friends grow their families through adoption, and they have all spoken very highly of adoption and how happy and rewarding it has been for them and their children.

Having a child is something we have talked about for years and we know will be life-altering. We welcome the change! We promise the health, well-being, unconditional love, and safety of your child will always be first and foremost a priority for us. We will strive to meet every need and provide every opportunity available for your child to be happy, experience all life has to offer, and to be successful in whatever they decide they want out of life.

We can't wait to shower a child with love, affection, and the fun life experiences our family can provide. We are excited to share our large extended family, friends, and support system. We look forward to the holidays, sharing stories and gifts, and laughing over games at the family table. We also want to help a child explore the environment around them - take them to visit parks, trails, walks and runs with our dog, and travel to explore new places and to visit family. We hope to raise your child in a way that when they look back on their childhood, they will know they were happy, be grateful for the experiences they had, and know they were loved.

We are sincerely humbled and honored you are reading about us and may be considering us for this incredible responsibility. We cannot fully appreciate how challenging and difficult this decision is for you and those close to you. We hope you have all the support you need and want during this process. We promise to answer all your questions, provide you with the most comfort possible, and honor your values, traditions, heritage, and communication desires in making an adoption plan for your child.

We look forward to getting to know you and honoring you for a lifetime.

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

ENJOYING LIFE - Life is an amazing adventure with many ups and downs. We want our child to find happiness in the simple things in life, to laugh often, giggle, dance, and feel joy. We will go to theme parks, go on bike rides, go to professional baseball and basketball games, but we want our child to have fun simply skipping down the street, blowing bubbles, counting rocks, and spending time with friends and family. We, as well as our friends and family, have had challenging times. However, we don't want to be defined or hardened by these, but instead continue to see the pleasure in everyday life.



INTEGRITY - We want our child to learn that trust and respect is built by being honest and keeping your word. We will teach our child to follow through when they say they will do something such as picking up their toys, brushing their teeth, and when they get older being home on time. We will have honest conversations when they are not truthful with us, teachers, friends, and others. Brandon is a project engineer at NASA. Thankfully learning these lessons early in life has helped him be trusted and successful in his career.

PATIENCE - We want our child to understand the difference between patience and impulsivity. Patience is critical to recognize the needs and input of those around us, as well as understanding not everything is within our control or influence. We will teach our child that not all material needs/wants must be met immediately, and we will demonstrate that some activities or rewards happen at certain times and cannot be rushed. For example, we will teach our child that he or she doesn't need the candy bar at the checkout counter, or that play time takes place after homework is complete.



COMPASSION - We understand everyone approaches a situation with their own distinct life experiences and challenges for which we may know nothing about. Dave is a nurse practitioner, and he shows his patients compassion without judgement or explanation. He wants them to have a meaningful experience and come back for care when needed. We believe people do the best they can with what they have and it's our job to give them grace and try to do better ourselves.

CONFIDENCE - We want our child to have confidence in their own abilities. This is not the same as arrogance or bragging, but understanding that everyone has different talents and skills and to measure themselves only against themselves. We will teach this by celebrating achievements including grades, academic accomplishments, extracurricular abilities like music, sports, and arts. We will teach our child that doing their best, whatever that is, is good enough, the important thing is to do your best. Perfection is not needed or wanted.



EDUCATION - We believe education is critical and starts as early as possible. We believe in reading to a child from day one, providing educational toys and experiences, and encouraging them to explore the world around them with curiosity. We want to provide them with the best schools and learning opportunities available to us. We also want to support their choices and interests in school and extracurricular activities as they grow, facilitating a wide array of both learning opportunities and life experiences. We want them to try music, art, sports, volunteering, and cultural activities to discover what they enjoy.

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Our Home

We bought our home with the intent of expanding our family and having the space to do that comfortably. We wanted to create a home environment that was playful and reflected our personalities and interests, and a place where we could gather with all of our friends and family. We wanted a home that centers around growth and community.

The houses in our neighborhood line three cul-de-sacs. Our backyards allow for larger open green space between the homes. The neighbors' children often play in their yards or sometimes in the large cul-de-sacs since they are secluded and safe from traffic. It is an inclusive and diverse neighborhood with children of all different ages, races, and cultures.

People tell us our home feels welcoming, like they are "home" when they are here. Our front porch is welcoming, lined with rocking chairs and planters. We have a large fenced-in backyard with many trees and flower beds. The deck is lined with overhead string lights, has a large grill, dining table for eight people, a corner couch, and is surrounded by flower beds. Our friends, family, and their children often enjoy this space for meals and games. The backyard is very safe for children to run, play, and explore. We look forward to our child playing with their friends, neighbors, and the dog in our back yard.

The main floor is largely an open floor plan so we can easily spend time with anyone here. The home has a family room, an eat-in kitchen with a large table for games, puzzles, and homework, and downstairs is a movie and game room, and a large playroom for more family fun. Upstairs includes the master bedroom, another guest room, the child's room, and currently another open room we are using to occasionally work from home.

The child's room is spacious with two large windows looking out over the front yard and a large flowering tree. We painted the room a soft yellow and have already purchased many zoo-themed items for the child's room. Although it's not yet complete, we have many ideas for adding toys and learning opportunities. We want this to be their space that can grow and change with them over time and be their own.

Right now, everything revolves around food in our home. We enjoy a variety of cuisines but some of our favorites are Indian, Thai, Chinese, and Italian due to the wide array of flavors and spices they include. Dinners are more relaxed, almost always at the table unless we're eating during a game or other event with friends and family. Dinner is our time to unwind and talk about our day. Friends and family frequently come over for brunch or dinner, and to watch movies or college sports or play board and card games. We host "create your own ..." (pizza, omelet, cookie, waffle, etc.) meals, and have started hosting friends to "create your own seasonal décor" parties. Our house is always decorated for each and every holiday and special occasion.

We realize our schedules and routines will immediately change to accommodate the child's needs and schedule. Again, we look forward to this change. We anticipate free time on evenings and weekends will be more recreational like playing in the yard, going to parks, playing with chalk, and having playdates and organized activities as the child grows. We look forward to our child "planting" in the gardens and running through the sprinkler. We also look forward to celebrating their life at home with our friends and family.

HOBBIES:

Adoptive Father: Learning about history and science, cooking and eating new foods, gardening, board and video games, entertaining friends and family, decorating for holidays, traveling, weekend getaways, going to the beach and pools, assembling puzzles and Lego sets, and playing with our pets.

Adoptive Father: Cooking, trying new recipes and different cuisines, working in the garden and relaxing in the yard, long distance running and marathons, decorating for any holiday, and hosting friends and family to celebrate.

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Father: Nurse Practitioner

Adoptive Father: Deputy Project Manager

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree

Adoptive Father: Masters Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog and two cats
- Both non-smokers

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Our Family

We met online and were quickly drawn to our many similarities and shared interests. We dated for four years before we married on the anniversary of our first date.

We laugh easily, enjoy close relationships with our friends and families, and are kind and ethical people. We recognize that our lives have been a series of teachings, as well challenges and situations through which we have learned and grown, and had to overcome difficulty along the way. We feel this has taught us the immeasurable value of close friends and family, and that while some events may have extreme or disproportionate impact, no one event is sufficient to deter us or alter what we strive for. We both think there are things we could change about our younger selves, but we both love the people we have become and the people we have around us today.

Dave is direct and able to make decisions quickly. He is caring and compassionate about those around him and wants the best outcome for everyone involved. Brandon is more diplomatic in his approach and tends to be more deliberative and cautious in his decision making. He is creative and detail-oriented, planning out various events and activities with friends and family. Our strengths as a couple are that we tackle challenges as a family; we never leave one of us to solve a challenge by himself or without support. We are a team and deeply respect each other.

We enjoy cooking together, gardening, games and puzzles, going to museums and professional sporting events, and outdoor activities at home or in the community like biking, going to parks, zoos, and wineries. Cooking is probably our favorite family activity, either just us or with extended family, because everyone can share in the process, experience, and the meal together. We are deliberate in spending quality time with friends and family and have an incredibly supportive network we would feel lost without. We realize how fortunate we are to have these relationships.

Our family and friends are all "close" in terms of distance or in our hearts. We wouldn't imagine celebrating life – a holiday, birthday, special occasion – without family and friends. We are joyfully together for all. Many weekends are spent having family and friends over for meals we cook together. Crafting and decorating are hobbies for many in the family and have become something we enjoy doing together. We also enjoy trips to apple orchards, pumpkin picking, a summer getaway to the nearby ocean, weekly trips to the local farmer's market, college football game day cookouts, local Christmas festivals, and gardening and planting in the spring and fall together. We look forward to sharing all these special occasions and moments with our child as well as starting new activities around Easter egg hunts, 4th of July fireworks, trick-or-treating, and getting pictures with Santa. Several of our close friends are pregnant or recently had children and we look forward to our children growing up together.

Our child will be surrounded by the same network of support we have, that is our mothers, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends. Everyone's sense of humor is infectious and will keep him or her laughing, and their silly antics will be a good lesson in not taking life too seriously. One thing for sure is that our child will always feel loved and supported.



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