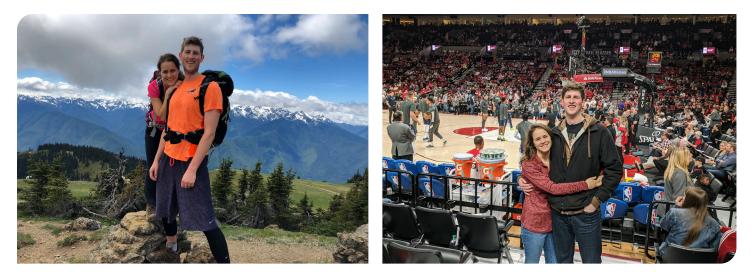


Alex & Angie





Our Hopes & Dreams

We are a close-knit, fun-loving family that prioritizes spending time together above all else. Learning, growing, and experiencing life's adventures are at the heart of who we are, and we remain committed to supporting one another and giving back to our community. We strive to ensure that each member of our family can pursue their dreams and find joy in their unique way.

For me, Angie, being a mother and caregiver is my greatest joy. Whether at home or in my role as a neonatal nurse, I find deep fulfillment in comforting and supporting others during life's most vulnerable moments. For Alex, his happiness comes from being a hands-on dad, coaching children's sports, and volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Our son, Miles, thrives in his extracurricular activities, especially sports, and enjoys pursuing his hobbies and taking piano lessons, which he expressed interest in exploring.

We've always dreamed of building a family with multiple children to love and cherish. Miles is destined to be a protective, caring, and loving big brother—a lifelong companion to your child. After several years of secondary infertility, we realized that our hearts were still full of love to give, and we felt a deep desire to grow our family. Adoption has always been part of our dream, and we knew that our love for a child would be the same, whether they joined our family biologically or through adoption. With patience, grace, and unwavering faith, we know our story isn't finished yet.

We want to offer your child a life filled with unconditional love, acceptance, kindness, patience, and endless opportunities. They will grow up surrounded by a family who will nurture their emotional and social development, helping them discover who they are and their place in the world. We are committed to fostering open communication and strong family bonds, ensuring they feel safe, brave, and free to express their truth.

To you, we admire your incredible strength and courage. While we cannot fully understand the emotions and thoughts you are experiencing, we hope to offer you a sense of comfort and peace. If you choose us, we promise to honor your hopes and dreams for your child and to provide the life you envision for them. We will ensure they have every opportunity to thrive and reach their fullest potential, supported by endless love and encouragement every step of the way.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family and for considering us as potential adoptive parents for your child. We are committed to fostering an open and respectful connection with you, creating a bond that will last a lifetime.

Our hearts are with you as you make this courageous decision.

With love and gratitude,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

LOVE & COMPASSION - Love is the cornerstone of our family, shaping our decisions and creating an environment where everyone feels supported and inspired to be their best selves. Our daily routines—morning cuddles, reading books together, heartfelt encouragement, and meaningful conversations—foster deep emotional connections and a strong sense of belonging. As parents, we intentionally model love by openly expressing our feelings within our marriage and relationships. We take every opportunity to celebrate and praise our son when he shows kindness toward his friends, reinforcing the value of compassion and empathy. Our children will grow up knowing they are unconditionally loved and will be encouraged to care deeply for others through both their words and actions. By modeling kindness, gratitude, and empathy in our daily lives, we hope to inspire them to make a meaningful and positive impact on the world around them.

FAMILY - Family is our foundation, offering love, support, and unwavering belief in who we are. We prioritize fostering strong bonds with our family and friends through shared weekly dinners, spontaneous get-togethers, fun outings, and celebrating holidays and birthdays together. We cherish the memories we create, whether it's snow skiing, visiting the local pumpkin patch, or spending cozy nights at Grandma's house, swimming in her indoor pool. These moments remind us of the joy and connection that comes from being surrounded by loved ones. We are deeply grateful for the people nearest to our hearts, and we are committed to ensuring our children experience the same unconditional love and devotion from our family. Through these relationships, our children will grow up feeling supported, cherished, and deeply rooted in a loving community.

EDUCATION - We believe that learning is a lifelong journey, and it's important to continually seek out new knowledge and skills. Both of us pursued college degrees to secure careers that provide stability and support for our family. Our commitment to education extends beyond formal schooling. Angie actively engages in continuing education in nursing, and Alex is learning to speak Spanish to broaden his abilities. At home, we nurture a love of learning in our son by helping him develop essential skills like reading, writing, and math. We are passionate about offering our children diverse educational opportunities, from hands-on activities like home science kits to enriching experiences at local museums and libraries. We encourage exploration in both creative and academic areas, fostering curiosity and a love of discovery. To us, education is not just a tool for personal growth but a catalyst for meaningful and positive change.

KINDNESS AND EMPATHY - Our values are deeply rooted in the kindness and empathy we show to those around us. We recognize how blessed and fortunate we are for the life we live—our family, health, and meaningful work. This gratitude inspires us to approach life with compassion and understanding. We are attuned to our child's emotional well-being, striving to build a secure parentchild relationship by offering consistent emotional support and encouraging our son to openly share his feelings. We believe in teaching kindness and empathy through real-life experiences, helping our children reflect on their classmates' perspectives and understand the value of caring for others. As a family, we engage in meaningful conversations about how a "wrong-doing" can impact others and how stepping in as a helper can transform the experience for those who have been wronged. These discussions not only foster empathy but also emphasize the importance of taking positive action to make a difference.

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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Snow skiing, playing board games, reading a good book, hiking and planning new places to explore, being active, and doing anything outside

Adoptive Father: Traveling, new experiences, going to the river or beach to play in the sand, sports, coaching, video and board games, nature, hiking and fresh air, and cars - the engineering behind them and going to car shows

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Neonatal ICU Nurse Adoptive Father: Manager - Business Analysis

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Bachelor's Degree Adoptive Father: Bachelor's Degree

PLUS:

Both non-smokers

Our Home

We love where we live and look forward to growing our family here. We are fortunate to live in a supportive and peaceful community just outside a larger city. Our home is nestled in a quiet cul-de-sac with minimal traffic, making it a perfect place for children to play freely and safely. The neighborhood is alive with the sounds of kids playing hide-and-seek, setting up lemonade stands, and riding bikes to their hearts' content. Our spacious driveway provides an ideal spot for basketball games or wiffleball, while the park across the street is a hub of activity. The park features a playground with slides, swings, a wooden climbing structure, and an open field for picnics and exploration. Nearby, there are many family-friendly attractions, including an indoor play jungle gym, pools, rock climbing, trampoline parks, libraries, indoor soccer, go-karting, the zoo, and a science museum for kids—all within a short drive.

Our home is warm and inviting, a place where everyone feels welcome. Guests are greeted with hugs as they step through the door, instantly making them feel at home. Our cozy sectional couch is a favorite spot for relaxing by the fireplace, surrounded by family photos and our son's artwork proudly displayed throughout the house. The children's playroom is filled with toys of every kind, creating a space for imagination and fun. It's no surprise that most kids never want to leave after coming to our home for a playdate.

Weekends are often spent with friends and family, enjoying our hot tub or roasting marshmallows around the fire pit. We love hosting cookie baking days, where Angie and the kids dance to music while decorating cookies in the kitchen. Our dining table is the heart of many cherished moments, from board game nights to shared laughter and friendly competition. Living close to both the mountains and the beach allows us to enjoy skiing and snowboarding in the winter and beach trips in the summer, making it easy for out-of-town family to visit and join in the fun.

Our favorite time of day is in the evening when we unwind together as a family. We love going for bike rides and walks in our neighborhood. We also cherish our nightly routine of dinner at the table, where we catch up on each other's days. We enjoy ending each night cuddled up with story time, creating a tradition that strengthens our bonds. We can't wait to include another child in these treasured moments.

The new child's room is ready, located right next to Miles' room. The walls are painted a calming, gender-neutral color, with shelves ready to hold baby books and keepsakes. A white and grey rocking chair sits in the corner, perfect for story time and late-night feedings. We look forward to personalizing the room once the child comes home.

We are so excited to share our love, laughter, and life with another child. We plan to take several months off work to bond and grow as a family. We look forward to watching Miles build a lasting friendship with his new sibling—cheering them on as they take their first steps, learn to ride a bike, or say their first words. We can't wait to see the wonder and excitement in their eyes as they explore the world and grow alongside us.

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Our Family

We first met in the spring of 2014 in Peoria, Illinois, where we were both living and working at the time. Angie had recently reconnected with a group of college friends and was invited to an event at a local bowling alley. That night, Angie confidently walked up to Alex and introduced herself, sparking a connection that would change both our lives. Later that evening, Alex asked Angie to grab a meal together. From that very first conversation, we both felt an incredible sense of comfort and ease, as if we had known each other forever. Within a week, we started dating, and just a few months later, we decided to move in together. From the start, our connection felt natural and effortless—like we had always been best friends.

Over the years, we've continued to prioritize time together and like to stay active. We enjoy hiking nearby trails in the forests or mountains, rock climbing at the gym, or going on creative date nights like taking art classes. We visit a local gym a couple of times a week, and during the summer, we love playing friendly games of tennis. On quieter evenings, we play board games or watch a new movie in the comfort of our home. No matter what we're doing, we simply enjoy being together.



We have one son, Miles, who is a bundle of energy and curiosity. He is outgoing and quick to make friends. Miles is a loyal companion who stands up for his friends when needed. He looks forward to being a big brother and having a life-long companion.

We make a conscious effort to stay closely connected with our families and friends. Angie's best friend is like a sister, and our children are so close they feel more like cousins. We often take turns watching each other's kids, loving them as if they were our own. Alex's parents live nearby, and we spend time with them weekly—whether it's enjoying family dinners at our home, dining out at a local restaurant, or swimming at Grandma Patty's indoor pool. Angie's side of the family has a cherished tradition of taking an annual vacation to a new destination. Recent trips to Florida and North Carolina have provided wonderful opportunities for quality time and lasting memories.

Holidays are a special time for us, and we look forward to adding another child to the celebrations. Each year, our Elf on the Shelf, Pringle, makes an appearance, delighting our son with his magical nightly mischief. We also take the Santa train with close friends and their children to the "North Pole" to see Santa, enjoy hot cocoa, and sing Christmas carols.

Halloween is another highlight, where we enjoy dressing up as a family. This year, we were the Super Mario Brothers, and last year, we went as Sonic the Hedgehog. We also love going on tractor rides to find the perfect pumpkin, then watching a Halloween movie while we carve them. We can't wait to share this experience with our future children, watching them embrace the creativity and excitement of carving their own pumpkins.

Both sides of our family are deeply involved in Miles' life, celebrating his milestones and everyday joys. We know they will show the same love and devotion to our next child, creating a warm and nurturing environment where they feel cherished, supported, and surrounded by family.



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