



Hello We Are...



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## Our Hopes & Dreams

Our greatest hope is to provide a child with a life filled with love, safety, and belonging. We will raise our child to feel confident, valued, and prepared to find their own place in the world, knowing they are always supported.

We are pursuing adoption to grow and complete our family. After years of infertility and many medical treatments, that did not lead to pregnancy, we have come to understand that our journey to parenthood looks different than we anticipated but is no less meaningful.

Adoption has always been close to our hearts. Allison has a cousin who was adopted and one of our brothers-in-law is a birth father who made an adoption plan as a young adult. These experiences, combined with our own journey, have given us deep respect for adoption and for the courage it takes to make such a loving decision.

We hope to offer a child a joyful home where they feel fully included and unconditionally loved. We will encourage their interests—whether that's sports, music, the arts, band, or something entirely their own. We look forward to family vacations and shared experiences, creating memories together and exploring the world beyond everyday life. More than anything, we want our child to know they can always come to us about anything and with the assurance that they will be met with love, understanding, and honesty.

What we look forward to most is simply being a family, spending time together, supporting one another, laughing often, learning side by side, and creating traditions that strengthen our bond and sense of togetherness.

Above all, our hope is that this decision brings peace to everyone involved and that you feel supported, respected, and never alone in this process. We do not take lightly the love and courage behind an adoption plan, and we are deeply grateful for the trust you are placing in us. If chosen, we promise to walk forward with humility, openness, and gratitude, always keeping your child's best interests at the heart of everything we do.

Sincerely,

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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**KINDNESS AND RESPECT** - Kindness and respect help make the world a better place and are essential to building and maintaining healthy relationships. They are conscious choices we make each day. We both work in fields where we often interact with people during some of their most vulnerable moments, when kindness may be harder to come by. These experiences have taught us the importance of offering grace and consideration, knowing we may not understand the challenges others are facing. We will teach our child to treat others with compassion and dignity through everyday actions, using "please" and "thank you," opening doors for others, speaking politely, listening attentively, and respecting the opinions and feelings of those around them. We donate to our local food bank and community center and will involve our child in these efforts as they grow, such as donating toys or gifts to children in need, so they can learn the joy and responsibility of caring for others.



**FAMILY** - Family is at the heart of our lives. Dallas is the oldest of six children, and Allison is the oldest of three, and we both grew up surrounded by strong support and unconditional love from our immediate and extended families. Staying connected is important to us, and we regularly spend quality time together through visits, group chats, and video calls. Our child will grow up with that same sense of belonging and support. They will be included in family traditions and everyday moments, sleepovers with cousins, camping trips, visits to the zoo and playgrounds, and time spent with aunts and uncles. Like the other cousins, our child will wear matching Christmas outfits as we gather to celebrate the holidays, bake cookies, and watch movies with grandparents; building meaningful memories rooted in love, laughter, and togetherness.



**HONESTY** - Honesty is an important foundation for building meaningful relationships. When we are honest, others can trust our intentions and rely on our promises. Our child will grow up in a family where honesty is valued and modeled every day. We practice honesty in our own relationship, especially during difficult moments, because it strengthens trust and deepens our connection. We will teach our child the importance of honesty by openly acknowledging our own mistakes, following through on our commitments, and praising our child when they choose to tell the truth even when it is hard. Simple, meaningful phrases like "thank you for telling the truth about..." or "thank you for being honest about what happened" will help reinforce that telling the truth is always met with understanding and acceptance.



**TEAMWORK** - Teamwork is an essential part of life, as very few people go through life doing everything on their own. Learning how to work with others by listening, cooperating, and sharing responsibility is an important skill that helps build strong relationships and achieve common goals. We will teach our child the value of teamwork by helping them learn how to be a supportive team player at home, at school, and in the community. We will encourage participation in group activities such as sports, band, plays, or other school or community programs, based on our child's interests. The cousins love playing together, whether it's tag, hide-and-seek, playing with Barbies, or building with Legos, and they are very excited to welcome a new cousin to join in the fun and build lasting bonds.

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### HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Reading, watching sports, going on walks and hikes, camping, playing with our dogs, and spending time with family and friends

**Adoptive Father:** Raising cattle, attending and following Iowa State football and basketball games, watching the Chicago Bears, camping, local culture, hanging out with family and friends

### PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** Registered Nurse

**Adoptive Father:** 911 Dispatcher

### EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Bachelor's Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelor's Degree

### PLUS:

- Two family dogs
- Both non-smokers

# Our Home

This is the first home we purchased together, and it holds a very special place in our hearts. We have always envisioned growing our family here, and it means so much to us knowing this is where many memories will be made. Our home is located in a small Midwestern town, nestled between two larger communities that offer many opportunities to explore while still allowing us to enjoy the peace of country living.

Our home sits on approximately 4.5 acres of land, where we have a farm. We truly believe it is a wonderful place to raise a child. There is something special about the quiet of the countryside—the reduced noise and slower pace—while still being close enough to nearby towns that offer parks, libraries, schools, and extracurricular activities. On clear nights, we love looking up at the bright stars, and we have plenty of space on our property to add a large playset for a child to explore, imagine, and play.

When people walk into our home, they often say it feels warm, welcoming, and full of love. We value comfort over formality and have created a space that feels relaxed and inviting. Our living room is designed for everyday life, with a television, a cozy couch, and two recliners where we unwind together. Our rooms are bright and cheerful, with bookshelves easily accessible and filled with books and games that reflect the things we enjoy. We look forward to adding children's books and games throughout our home.

Evenings are our favorite time at home, we are both finished with work and able to reconnect. Whether we are watching television, folding laundry, or simply talking about our day, what matters most to us is being together. We love cooking dinner as a team, and some of our favorite meals include Mexican dishes and pasta. We can't wait to have this time to spend with our child too. We always sit down together at our kitchen table to enjoy our meals. On weekends, we slow things down even more, enjoying larger breakfasts of bacon, eggs, and toast, pancakes, or waffles. We look forward to making special breakfasts that our child enjoys.

Our home is often filled with family and friends. We love hosting dinners, watching sporting events, movies, or shows, and celebrating birthdays and special occasions together. During gatherings, we are usually outside grilling, laughing, and spending time exploring our farm, especially when the weather allows.

We look forward to welcoming a child into our home and family. They will be included in everything we do, and we are excited to support them as they discover their own interests. We imagine exploring the farm, climbing trees, roasting marshmallows over the campfire, and simply enjoying time together as a family.

Although the child's room is not yet decorated, we already dream of creating a space where they feel calm, safe, and truly at home. Whether that includes pictures on the walls, a toy chest full of favorite toys, or a bookshelf filled with books, we want it to be a place that brings them comfort and joy. The colors and decor will reflect both the child's gender and, most importantly, their own personality and favorite colors.

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# Our Family

Our immediate family includes the two of us, along with our two dogs, Storm, a black lab mix, and Bella, a yellow lab. Our home is full of love, laughter, and some wagging tails.

We met through an online dating website in 2009. At the time, we lived about two hours apart and spent the first year and a half of our relationship long-distance. Even with the distance, we felt an immediate connection and truly enjoyed every moment we spent together. Allison was drawn to Dallas's kindness, thoughtfulness, sense of humor, and the way he made her feel safe. Dallas fell in love with Allison for her humor, kindness, and their shared love of anything sports. After dating for three years, we were married, and we have now been together for 16 years.

One of our greatest strengths as a couple is our strong communication and mutual support. We trust one another, listen without judgment, and openly share our feelings. We support each other's goals and passions, whether that means Dallas cheering Allison on at a running race or Allison helping Dallas with farm chores and trips to the veterinarian. We spend much of our time together enjoying the simple things in life. We love watching sports both in person and on television, relaxing with a good movie, traveling, camping, and spending time outdoors. We know we can always be ourselves with each other, and that foundation of love, respect, and teamwork is what we look forward to sharing with a child.

Family is very important to us, and we are fortunate to have strong relationships with our extended families. Dallas comes from a large family with four siblings, most of whom live within a short drive of us. We see them often, especially for birthdays, holidays, and shared meals, whether dining out or cooking together at someone's home.

Allison's family is smaller but just as close-knit. Her sister and her family live in Kansas City, Missouri where we visit them each year. When we are together, we enjoy shopping, going out to eat, and spending time at their home. Allison's mother often meets us in Kansas City to spend time together as a family.

One of our most cherished traditions is celebrating Christmas Eve at Dallas's mother's home with all of his siblings and their families. This tradition began even before we were married and continues to be a meaningful time for all of us. Each year, we also attend the Jolly Holiday Lights, a Christmas light display that raises funds for Make-A-Wish Foundation. In recent years, we have enjoyed bringing our nieces and nephews along to create lasting memories.

As we grow our family, we look forward to continuing these traditions and creating new ones together. We are excited to celebrate holidays and traditions such as trick-or-treating, carving pumpkins, decorating gingerbread houses, seeing Santa, and sharing a special Christmas morning together as a family. We also hope to begin Easter egg hunts and take fun family vacations.

Our families have been incredibly supportive of our adoption journey. Our child will be surrounded by a large, loving network of family members who are excited to support, encourage, and celebrate them.



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