

OUR JOURNEY



Brent, Anna, Lane, and Lillian

Welcome

Dear Expectant Parent,

Thank you for taking the time to read our story. It is with open hearts and with generous spirits that we have come to such a wonderful decision. We are, Anna and Brent, a loving couple with a happy home who would love for you to continue reading as we give you a look into our lives. We both had wonderful childhoods, growing up in loving homes with strong family bonds. We understand that finding the best possible home for your baby is the most important priority. Adoption has always been in our hearts. Adoption is a blessing from God and brings different families together. Our dream of adding to our family may begin with you!



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Family
For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.
Luke 12:34

More....

On June 29, 2019, Brent and I will be celebrating our sixth-year anniversary. We have always known that we wanted to adopt. My sister and her husband were blessed by adopting through this same agency, Adoption Circle. Their son, our nephew, Ian, is now eleven years old.

On March 20, 2014, we were blessed with our son, Lane. We love children, and we want more kids; however, we have had some fertility issues in the past. I encountered a few miscarriages since Lane was born. With the help of fertility, we were blessed with Lillian on September 28, 2018.

We have always wanted to adopt and have biological children. We are excited about the opportunity of adopting. Our child will know that he or she is adopted from a young age. We will share this information with them through children books and through open discussion. We have no idea what you are going through right now; we admire your courage and your decision to consider adoption. This journey brings two families together for life. It is a true blessing from God. May God be with you, and May God bless you during this time.

"You were born in our hearts."



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Finding Love

Anna's Recollection: Brent and I met through a mutual friend. At the time, I really was not interested in dating; however, I am glad that my friend was persistent about me meeting him.

Brent and I were attracted to each other; however, I wanted to get to know him personally. Brent and I became good friends at first. We talked regularly. He was sweet, kind, caring, and good-hearted. He was such a gentleman. We slowly fell in love with each other. He is my best friend, and he is the love of my life.

Brent's Recollection: When I first saw Anna, I was attracted to her. I loved her personality and good heart. She enjoyed talking... A Lot! I am one who enjoys listening, so it was a perfect match. I love that we both have a sense of humor. We both agree laughter is the best medicine. Laughing makes everything easier, funnier, and happier especially when I can do it with my best friend.



Anna and Brent: Wedding Day, June 29, 2013

Anna's Point of View of Brent

Brent is a nurse. Nursing is his passion. His job reflects his character. He is compassionate and caring.

Brent is such a fun friend, husband, and daddy! He gets a long with everyone and has the biggest heart. I can honestly say, "Brent was born to be a dad." He gets time with Lane and Lillian when I am at work. He takes them to Columbus Zoo, Cosi, and World of Bounce. Lane and Lillian enjoy their adventures with their daddy.

Brent's favorite holidays are Halloween and Christmas. He loves to pick coordinating costumes for us on Halloween. Brent and I dress up as we take our son and daughter, Lane and Lillian, around our neighborhood trick or treating.

The other holiday that is special to us is Christmas. Brent reminds me of "Clark Griswold" on "National Lampoon's Christmas vacation." He competes with the neighbors by adding more lights to our house every year.



Anna, Brent, Halloween costumes

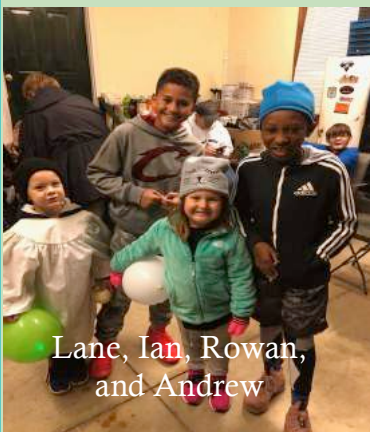


Brent and Lane

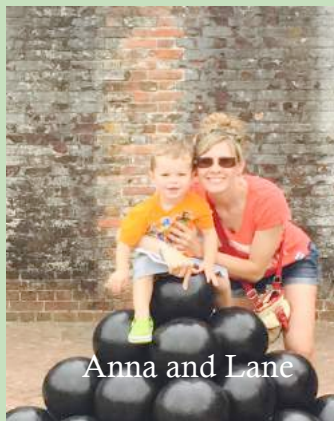
Adoption Views

Adoption is a beautiful process. We want to build our family through a variety of means. We want a large family full of laughter, love and memories. We feel that family is not made by blood; it is made with love. We will meet all our children's unique needs by making them feel equally loved and welcomed. A label does not define our love; we will make it clear "they are simply our children." Our children will be loved unconditionally and respected for their unique needs.

Adoption is all around us and in our families. As stated previously, my sister and her husband were blessed with our nephew, Ian, through adoption. There are also many family members that were adopted: cousins, family friends. Honestly, our family and friends are a melting pot of diversity. Lane and Lillian are blessed with biracial cousins and other family members of different ethnic backgrounds: Asian, Indian, and Hispanic. Our children are blessed to have so many unique family members and friends to be apart of their lives and expose them to different cultures and traditions. Brent and I have huge hearts, and we want to experience the blessing of adoption.



Lane, Ian, Rowan, and Andrew



Anna and Lane



Anna and Lillian

Brent's Point of View on Anna

Anna is a sixth grade Science teacher in a rural community. She has taught for ten years. She teaches and goes beyond her job duties. She loves all her students. She is kind-hearted, genuine, helpful, funny, and patient. All of these characteristics apply to Anna.

Anna is very active, and she enjoys being outside. She likes to ride bicycles and to walk with friends and family. She is very supportive to friends and to family. She tries to participate in all activities and events of her son, nieces, nephews, and children of friends.

Anna's number one priority is her family. She loves being a mother, wife, sister, and daughter. I know that she believes with her whole heart that the love of a family is life's greatest blessing.

Anna spends as much time as she can with her family. She, Lane, and Lillian like to snuggle in bed and watch television together. She takes them swimming in the summer, and she takes funny pictures with them. When she gets the opportunity, she brings them to school events and encourages them to develop their personality.

Anna and I are very faithful. We want to lead our children in God's way to strengthen and to encourage them throughout life. She and I believe it is essential for a close relationship with the Lord.

More of Our Views on Adoption

We want to have our children close in age; they will share so many memories and have a close relationship. We are a very active family, and we love the beautiful chaos children bring to our lives. We want to provide a loving and supporting family by involving our diverse family, friends, and children in the process. They are excited to add to the beautiful diversity of our family.

Brent and I are open and will be comfortable with any situation. We are willing to share information through the agency or directly with you. We would love to share pictures, videos, emails, and letters throughout the child's life. We are going to share this child for the rest of our lives; we will forever be bonded.



Lane and Gracie



Lillian and Gracie

Lane, Lillian and Gracie

Gracie is our Golden Retriever. She is four years old. Lane refers to her as his "CeCe." Lane and Lillian love their dog. Lane thinks of his dog like his sister. Lane even likes to blame "CeCe" for his own messes. Lane plays hide and seek and fetch with Gracie. Gracie loves Lane and Lillian dearly; she even sneaks in their rooms at night to watch over them. She is always by their side whenever they take a bath, sleep, nap, and play.

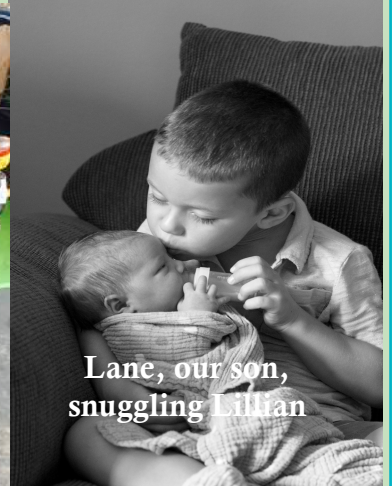
Our Point of View on Lane and Lillian

Lane is four years old, getting ready to turn five. He is an old soul at heart. He is kind and caring. He loves all people and animals. He is very empathetic and is always concerned about everyone else's feelings and emotions. He is always willing to help take care of his sister, especially when she is upset. He loves being a big brother. He always makes all over his sister, Lillian. He enjoys holding Lillian, and with our support, we help him. He wants more siblings and is excited with what the future holds.

Lillian is growing and changing everyday. God blessed us with her through the process of fertility. She is developing her personality, and she is starting to smile and to coo. She loves being held and snuggled by family and friends. We know she will bond with more siblings and will love the relationship that will eventually develop.



Lane riding his bicycle



Lane, our son,
snuggling Lillian

Home Sweet Home

We live in a ranch style home at the end of a cul-de-sac. Our neighborhood is very close. Every summer, we have a neighborhood block party. Lane entertains all of the neighbors with his dancing skills and delivery mail that he designed. We swim at the neighbor's pool. We are very blessed to live in such a close and loving neighborhood.

Our home is very child friendly. A lot of the neighborhood kids come over and play with Lane or to visit Lillian. Lane's friends like to play tag, ride bikes, and share their toys. We treat our friends like family. Home is where our love resides and our memories are made. Family and friends are always welcome.



Our Home

Religion



We are religious. We attend church regularly, and we have been involved in church since we were little. Anna attends Bible study every other Tuesday after school. We try to be Godly role models for Lane and Lillian, so they can learn from us about God.

We work towards pointing our children to true faith and to be vibrant follower of Christ. We started instilling these values and respect for God before they were even born. We add biblical teaching to our daily routine. Lane loves to learn about Biblical stories. He says grace with mommy and daddy before eating our meals as a family. Before we go to bed, we all say our "good night" prayers.



Brent and Lillian

From Us to You

We realize that it takes a great deal of strength to consider making an adoption plan for your baby. We admire you for being able to make such a courageous and selfless decision. We will provide a home filled with love, laughter, and diversity. We will care, teach, support, and love your child unconditionally for the rest of our lives. We sincerely hope that getting to know us will give you the confidence that we can and we would provide your baby with everything that he or she could ever need. We pray this profile will allow you to get to know us better as you get another step closer to making a decision that you feel is best. We are so excited to have the opportunity to experience the joy of welcoming another child into our home and expanding our family. We pray for you and your peace of mind during this time. With Warmest Regards,

Anna and Brent

OUR FAMILIES

Our families are very close. All of our family members live in close proximity, within thirty minutes. We visit our families on a regular basis. Our mothers babysit Lane and Lillian at least once a week while we are at work.

Our families spend a lot of time together especially during the holidays. We have a lot of fun traditions. Anna's dad dresses up as Santa every year for the grandkids. Last year, Lane recognized his voice and said, "My Pa Pa is HoHo." Now, he thinks every Santa is grandpa.

With Brent's family, we spend the night at his parents' house and spend the next day, after Christmas, celebrating with them. All of his aunts, uncles, and cousins attend this family tradition. We cannot wait to share all of these wonderful traditions with a new baby.