



Dan & Danielle

Our Letter to You

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about us, our values, and what we envision for our family. We know you have likely faced many challenges on this journey, and we have been praying for you and thinking of you daily as you choose the pathway that is right for you and your child. We are honored that you would consider us as adoptive parents as we have both always dreamed of having children. Should you choose us, we promise to love, nurture, and cherish your child. We will make sure they always know where they come from, their birth story, and your brave and selfless act of love. Family is important to us and if you would like, we would love to openly share your child's story with you as they grow. We know this letter can't begin to answer all the questions you may have, and we would be more than happy to meet with you and learn more about your story while sharing more of our own.

Sincerely,

Meet Dan & Danielle



We met at a wedding rehearsal dinner where we quickly bonded over a love of lobster, our backgrounds in teaching, and card games. On a typical day we can be found at home after work where we enjoy winding down with our pets. As a couple, we are silly and like to try to make each other laugh. We tend to only argue when one or both of us are hungry, and those arguments usually end in laughter. We are supportive of one another and strive to help the other achieve their dreams and goals. We hope to one day have two or three children

We are blessed to live close to most of our family and we visit as often as possible with out of state family members in Boston or North Carolina. We celebrate all holidays and birthdays together and even take family vacations! We see some part of our family almost every week and they have been extremely supportive of our choice to adopt. There are multiple family members on both sides who have been adopted, so it is a very natural thing in our family and our children will be warmly accepted.

Meet Danielle, by Dan



To begin, Danielle is one of the biggest Harry Potter fans on the face of the planet. She works as a nurse practitioner in an urban/community hospital and is passionate about advocating for her patients and taking care of people. Working in the ER, she knows how to handle all sorts of situations and doesn't get grossed out easily. Danielle is a huge reader and I know she looks forward to reading to our kids. She is outgoing, energetic, and tends to make friends with everyone. She always assumes the best of people and tries to make everyone feel welcomed. She is protective of the people she loves and is an amazingly caring person. My favorite thing about her is when she is being goofy and starts making funny faces while doing her "happy dance." Danielle is going to make a great mom – I've seen firsthand how she is with the kids of our family and friends, and I can't wait to see her in action with our own children.

Danielle's Fun Facts

Loves: singing loudly in the car and shower, visiting family and friends, cheesy Christmas movies

Favorite books: the Harry Potter series, Cathedral of the Wild, and the Velveteen Rabbit

Hobbies: reading, crafting, kickball, photography, and antiquing

Meet Dan, by Danielle



When I met Dan, I had already been warned by my friend that he would make a great husband, and he has certainly lived up to it! He is extremely kind, helpful, and loyal, and I can always count on him. Dan is one of the funniest people I have ever met - he loves to make people laugh! He can and will start a dance party at the drop of a hat, which was one of the first things I noticed about him. He is a huge sports fan and knows everything there is to know about "his" teams, the Buckeyes, the Browns, and the Reds. Dan loves Maine, where he has vacationed every summer since he was born, and he is looking forward to continuing this tradition with our kids. One of my favorite memories is when he proposed in front of our favorite lighthouse there. He is a devoted teacher and is passionate about making a difference in his students' lives. Dan is a truly great guy - a fantastic and supportive life partner - and I know he will make an excellent dad.

Dan's Fun Facts

Loves: Maine, history, teaching, eating, and spending time with family and friends

Favorite books: Where the Red Fern Grows, Lord of the Rings, and Game of Thrones

Hobbies: watching sports (Go Bucks!), snowboarding, kickball, old school video gaming, guitar



2012

we meet at a wedding rehearsal when Dan's cousin married Danielle's best friend



2013

we begin officially dating after a ski trip



2015

we get engaged while on vacation in Maine; in December we buy a house together

Meet the Pets



We are pleased to introduce our adorable cats, Calvin and Teddy, and our lovable dog, Laretta. Calvin tends to be shy; Teddy is adventurous, and Laretta wants to be friends with everyone. All three love to cuddle and be near “their humans.” We want our children to grow up with family pets to love them unconditionally and to help teach them the responsibility of caring for others.

A Letter from Danielle’s Mom

Us with nephew on Danielle’s side



Members of Danielle’s family

Dan and Danielle are a perfect match. They make each other laugh, share the same values, and support each other. They are soulmates. I have always known Danielle would be a fantastic mom. She is loving, patient, and a great listener. She is a nurse practitioner and was a teacher, so when knees are scraped, or feelings are bruised, she has all the tools to patch things up. Dan is a teacher and he is wonderful with children. Kids are drawn to him because he always knows how to make them smile. Together they are an amazing team. Their child will thrive in a home filled with love and laughter, surrounded by extended family and friends who help and encourage them. We have many adopted children in our family and all of them have been welcomed with open arms. Danielle and Dan were meant to be parents, and I am thrilled to support them in this journey!



A Letter from Dan’s Mom and Dad



Nieces and nephews on Dan’s side in Maine

Dan and Danielle will be amazing parents. We have watched them play with our grandchildren and other children in the family. Dan and Danielle love and respect them and are favorites with all their nieces and nephews. They are just meant to be parents! We have six grandchildren, some adopted, and we love all of our grandchildren the same. We adore them completely and can’t wait to add another grandchild to our family. All of us are looking forward to supporting Dan and Danielle as parents. Even the littlest family members are excited about having a new baby cousin. Any child who finds his or her way into their home will be cherished, nurtured, and very, very loved.

Adventures and Traditions



Family ski trip

We hold closely to our traditions with our family and friends and we can’t wait to introduce our children to the fun things we do every year, including:

- Whole family vacations to Maine
- Ski/snowboard trips (we can’t wait to teach our children to ski!)
- Camping and canoeing in the summer
- Cabin trips to Hocking Hills in the winter
- Holiday and birthday celebrations

Education and Employment

Dan

Teacher – teaches 7th and 8th grade social studies. He has weekends, summers, and holidays off!
Bachelor’s Degree from University of Dayton, Master’s Degree in Education from the University of Notre Dame

Danielle

Nurse practitioner – specialized in Psychiatry and works in the Emergency Department.
Former high school science teacher. She is looking forward to doing science experiments with the kids!
Bachelor’s Degree from Denison University, Master’s Degree in Education from Ohio University, Master’s Degree in Nursing from The Ohio State University



2016
we get married in August;
we adopt two kittens -
Calvin & Teddy



2018
we begin
the adoption process!



2019
we adopt our
dog, Laretta

Our Community



We live in a neighborhood in a small suburb. It has a great school system and a small-town feel. We are within walking distance to the downtown area and the streets are closed several times a year for family-oriented events. We are also close to a larger downtown city with parks, museums, a conservatory, and a science center – all with tons of activities for children.

Our house is located on a small court. It is within walking distance of a swimming pool, playground, library, our church, and the schools our children will attend. Our neighborhood has a lot of kids and there are constantly people doing things outside. Everyone in our community is very involved in making it a safe and special place to live. We are lucky to be located within 15 minutes of several family members and friends!

Our Values



Wedding day with all the parents

Family: our family is extremely important to us. We also know how important it is to show children the love their parents have for each other. We have a strong, committed, and loving marriage. We hope to teach our children about their biological family, too, so they have a good foundation about who they are and where they come from.

Education: we are both highly educated and value how education has shaped our lives. We plan to start education at a young age including reading daily from day one. We can offer our children a strong school system as they grow, either through public or private school, and will encourage them to attend the college of their choice. We hope to teach them to ask questions and become life-long learners.



Hiking in Maine



John Mayer concert



At the cabin in Maine



Health: we are committed to being healthy, happy, and mindful and we hope to instill these values in our children. We make time to exercise and walk the dog together every night. We eat as naturally as possible and our home is environmentally friendly. We will encourage our children to participate in activities that foster their development, whether that means sports, music, or something else. We promise to raise our children to be healthy, happy, and to make a positive impact on the world.

Faith: we both believe in God and we continue to grow in our faith and attend the Catholic church in our neighborhood weekly. Our faith in something greater than us is something we hope to share with our children.

In closing

We've always known that we want to be parents and when we learned about our fertility challenges there was no doubt that adoption is the right choice for us. We have been blessed to witness the love adoption has brought to our immediate and extended family and can't wait to experience it ourselves. Should you choose us, we promise to love your child to the moon and back. If you would like to meet with us to learn more or to discuss your views on an adoption plan, we'd love to meet you.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.