

### Dear Expectant Parent(s),

The have not met but we are so thankful you are taking time to read our adoption profile and considering us as potential adoptive parents for your child and Kate as their sister.

We have experienced the beauty of adoption as adoptive parents for our daughter Kate in 2018. Through that journey we developed sincere appreciation for the weight of the decision you are making. It is hard for us to know exactly what you are feeling but if

you are overwhelmed, terrified, or worried, please know that **we want to be a source of strength for you.** Know that if you choose us, your child will receive **unconditional love** for the rest of his or her life.

We promise to provide a home and life that enables your child to flourish, feel supported, and grow up to be whomever they dream to be.

## The third time was a charm...

The *First* time we met in college at a Halloween event

The **Second** time was in a class the next year - we never talked

The *Third* time we connected at a housewarming a few years later

t was clear that it wasn't a coincidence. On the day we reconnected we stayed up talking that whole night, learning about each other's families and interests and began dating. 8 months later we were engaged and 10 months after that we were married – March 5th!

**OUR** 

**STORY** 

We like to say that the first few times that we met, we weren't ready for each other – but are so blessed that **God brought us back together when the time was right**. We have grown so much through our marriage and the love we have for one another is stronger than it has ever been!

**Life does not always go as expected.** We always planned on starting a family of our own. However, through our efforts alone and undergoing infertility

treatments, it became clear that this was not the parenthood path meant for us. We made our decision to pursue adoption to grow our family believing that it was truly God's plan for us all along and he answered our prayers with Kate. When we are chosen for a second time it will be the ultimate blessing to add to our family.



Our wedding day

### MEET MAGGIE (by: Dan)

The level of pride I have in calling Maggie my wife is beyond words. She is a selfless person that cares for others. When she came into my life my family could not stop sharing how they appreciated her kindness, willingness to help (especially during holiday gatherings!), and positive outlook on life. She makes people feel special and consistently provides a listening ear - always asking people questions about their lives, sharing in excitement, or providing support during difficult situations. As a stay at home Mom, Maggie has

MEET DAN (by: Maggie)

Dan is the best person I know. He is deeply rooted in his faith, passionate in everything he puts his mind to and has so much unconditional love for me and our daugther Kate (and Clover - our dog). As a Dad he is patient, kind, and committed. His passion to be there for others carries over into his day job in Talent Development but also in mentoring others outside of work. For hobbies he enjoys exercise, reading, watching Notre Dame football, as well as watching the most random TV shows and

provided Kate such a wonderful life full of love, adventures, reading, singing, and learning. I know as Kate and our future child grow up, she will be a rock for them and support their dreams. But rest assured she is light hearted and quirky as well – especially her obsessions with the weather and listening to Elvis

movies. We like to sing out loud as a family and I look forward to the day when he has another baby in his arms to sing to every night. He will continue to be the most amazing, loving, nurturing, and involved Dad!

Duran in the morning!



Maggie & Kate





**Kate** is 6 years old and was our first blessing through adoption. We were fortunate to meet and be chosen by her birth parents and continue to share meaningful updates and pictures with them. Kate loves school, coloring, reading books, going to the park, and playing with Mom and Dad. She has lots of friends in the neighborhood. She is involved with Irish Dancing and has played sports such as soccer and basketball. She has also attended music camps. She is empathetic towards children and adults a like which is so special. We talk openly about her being adopted and she enjoys coloring pictures to send to her birth parents. She says she is excited to be a big sister and can't wait to be a big helper!



### MEET CLOVER

Clover is our adorable 8-year-old labradoodle who loves to "say hi", snuggle up against family and friends and be around babies & kids of all ages. She is a local celebrity in our neighborhood and kids always run up to pet her. She is a a great fur-sister to Kate and we know she will welcome her next sibling with open paws!



# **OUR PASSION**

We prioritize making memories as a family. That includes daily family dinner, walks to the park, adventures near and far, and celebrating holidays with family and friends.







Blue Ridge Mountains



Pumpkin Carving



Blueberry Picking in Michigan



Cheering for our local baseball team



Hiking at a Local Park



# OUR HOME

We live in a house in a **city suburb with a great school district** and lots of awesome neighbor families with small children. We are within walking distance of the grocery store, restaurants, shopping, our church, a big park, the pool, medical offices, and other great resources. Our house is a two-story home with 4 bedrooms, a partially finished basement, and a fenced in yard. There is plenty of space for your child to **grow up in a comfortable home**, a home that's **big enough for all the family and friends** that will love them to come visit too!



# **OUR "VILLAGE"**

We are both very blessed to come from **BIG** loving families who are our strong support system.

Maggie is the youngest of 5 children (one being her twin brother!). Her mom, sister, and one brother (and their families) live locally. We are lucky that we are able to see her other two brothers who live in Montana a couple of times a year.

Dan is the oldest of 3 boys. Both brothers are within driving distance to visit. His parents do not live locally (they are in the Carolinas), but we make time to see them as often as we can (FaceTime and in person)! A lot of our vacation time is used to visit out of state family.

We consider close friends an extension of our family. We have a church group the kids refer to as "church party" when we get together every Sunday. It is full of laughter and fun. Maggie is also very involved in a Moms group that has been a huge support system for navigating motherhood. Dan is also active in a Father's group.













All of our family and friends have been there with us on our journey to grow our family and they cannot wait to be part of the village of love that this child would receive!

Again, thank you so much for taking the time to learn a little bit about us. We are a family that roots themselves in a life of **faith**, **love**, and **hope**. We see the **opportunity to be adoptive parents to your child as one of the greatest blessings** we could ever receive, and if selected, we will dedicate our lives to providing your child with everything they need to have a **healthy**, **happy**, and **meaningful life**. **You will always be part of their story**, and we look forward to getting to know you better to understand the level of openness we can create.

All the best,