



Dan & Maggie

Hello! We're so **grateful** that you're taking the time to learn a bit about us. We can only imagine the weight of the decision you are making and the **courage and love** it takes to educate yourself on your options and consider an adoption plan. Even before meeting you, we hold you - and your baby - with so much **respect and care**.

Becoming parents through adoption has been the greatest gift of our lives thus far. Our daughter's story is filled with love and we've seen firsthand the beauty that comes from **open hearts and a real connection**. We're excited to grow our family again through open adoption and to give another child a home filled with stability, **unconditional love and encouragement** for them to grow to be whomever they dream to be. We hope, more than anything, that you feel peace and support as you make decisions for your baby. We are wishing you the best as you navigate this journey.

♥ Dan and Maggie

THE STORY

THAT BUILT

OUR FOUNDATION



We met each other while in college, at a friend's gathering but didn't cross paths again for quite some time. We were even in a class together and never really spoke. We reconnected a couple years later at another friend's house and stayed up talking that whole night, learning about each other's families and interests and began dating. Eight months later we were engaged and 10 months after that we were married – March 5th! We like to say that the first few times that we met, we weren't the person we were supposed to be 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 nearly 15 years of 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 our prayers were answered with the adoption of Katerina (AKA Kate) in 2018. Becoming parents to our daughter has been such a blessing and joy, and we're so grateful every day for the gift of her birth family and the story that unites us. We feel called to grow our family again and when we are chosen for a second time it will be the ultimate blessing to add to our family.



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 the holiday gatherings!), and positive outlook on life. She makes people feel special by consistently providing a listening ear and asking people questions about their lives. She shares in other's excitement but can also provide support during difficult situations. As a stay at

home Mom, Maggie has 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 Elvis Duran in the Morning Show!



A Few Favs of Maggie's:
Anything to do with dogs,
group exercise classes,
coffee first thing in the
morning

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 daughter 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 (especially college students) outside of work. For hobbies he enjoys exercise, reading, watching Notre Dame football, as well

as watching the most random TV shows and 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!



A Few Favs of Dan's:
going for walks,
listening to music,
Notre Dame football

MEET KATE



Kate is 7 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 and reading books. She has lots of friends in the neighborhood she plays with. 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 which makes her very friendly. 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 9-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 great fur-sister to Kate and we know she will welcome her next sibling with open paws!



OUR PASSIONS

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.



Watching Sunrise and Sunsets



Building a Snowman



Blue Ridge Mountains



Pumpkin Patch



Beach Day



Local Amusement Park



Blueberry Picking in Michigan



Festival of Lights at Zoo



Cheering on our Local Baseball Team



Exploring New Places



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 that 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.



Maggie's Family



Dan's Father's Group



Dan's Family



Sunday Small Group



Maggie's Mother'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.

With the warmest hearts,

DAN + MAGGIE