## DEXTER & NANCY





We know reading these profiles are not easy. We cannot begin to imagine what you are feeling, thinking and experiencing during this time. Please know, you are not alone; we would be honored to be a part of this journey and support you - through the tears and joy. We admire you for choosing life and considering adoption.

We hope as you read our profile that our love for each other, our values, and the love and life we could give a child comes through our words and pictures. If you decide we are the best choice for you and your child, we promise their future life will truly be blessed with love, adventure, and family traditions. Your child will always know it was your bravery, selflessness and profound love that allowed our paths to cross.



LOVE



# ALL ABOUT US

NATURE



We met in 2012 at our community clubhouse. Our dates rarely involved fancy dinners (even though we are both steak lovers). Instead, we would spend most of our time with friends at the pool, gardening, bicycling, going for evening walks or deciding upon a new exciting adventure.

In 2016 we made a pact to do one new exciting adventure every week throughout the year. We held up to our promise by touring what seemed to be every Ohio tourist attraction and even some out of state attractions (including Colorado, Caribbean and Hilton Head). The last new exciting adventure took place in Nancy's home town, which is out of state, when Dexter proposed in front of her family on New Years Eve at exactly the strike of midnight and she said "YES."

#### JEEP RIDES

Nearly a decade ago we restored a Jeep Wrangler, which we consider our recreational vehicle. We often get made fun of because the Jeep never gets dirty, which is primarily due to the sentimental value a year long restoration project does to you. We spend some of our free time cruising in the jeep to parks and lakes around Ohio.

#### "WE LIKE NEW EXCITING ADVENTURES"

#### CAMPING/ BACKPACKING

In addition to our traditional camping at Dexter's dad's, that is covered later in this profile, we also enjoy camping at different Ohio State Parks. We enjoy tent camping, as there are always great stories from our experiences, from kayaking and bicycling, to swimming and fishing. One of our favorite things about camping is ending the evenings sitting around a campfire roasting marshmallows.

We also backpack the Zaleski trail located near Hocking Hills. The trail is 30 miles, which requires us to hike with tents and all of our food, water and necessities on our backs. It takes us 3 days, which is a challenge, but we enjoy it!

#### CAREERS

Dexter is a Director of Estimating for a well established construction company. He has grown with this company over the past thirteen years. He is seated in a position that grants him family time in the evenings and weekends along with an ample amount of vacation time.

Nancy is a Director of Billing for a healthcare organization specializing in services for people with developmental disabilities. She has been with this company for sixteen years. She has the flexibility to work from home when necessary.

#### OUR FUTURE

Our goal is to continue having new exciting adventures while maintaining a healthy work-life balance to support our growing family.







### Home



Basement Ceiling

#### OUR HOME

We live in a safe, kid-friendly suburban neighborhood. Our neighbors and mailman know us as the DIYers (Do It Yourselfers) of the community (Yes, we DIYed this profile). September 2021 marked the completion of our home renovations, which we completed ourselves over the course of 18 months. We have a two-story home with 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, and a finished basement with a theater. We have a large deck and fire pit area outside in the back yard.





## Our Cat Nala



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#### THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Dexter is a graduate of The Ohio State University. Watching the football games on Saturdays is a longstanding tradition with our friends and family. We enjoy tailgating, going to the stadium, and having people over to watch the games. Ohio State will certainly be a part of our child's life. If the child decides OSU is not their favored team we have avid Virginia Tech, Texas Long Horn, Alabama and Auburn fans in our life as well, so they will be supported either way.

#### NALA

Born January of 2019, our family would not be complete without sharing this beauty. Nala enjoys many of the adventures we do, she gets the luxury of attending family gatherings away from home and has even tent camped with us. Her favorite holiday is Christmas as she looks forward to laying with her presents under the tree. She even tolerates dressing up like Santa (haha). This spoiled rascal gets to roam the whole house. She loves to be outside on her leash and hunt for bugs in the garage. Most nights she sleeps at the foot of our bed and is loved by everyone who meets her. For treats, she is trained to sit and shake hands on command. She communicates frequently with us, and we are positive she is ready for a sibling to play with.

#### FAMILY TRADITIONS

While we reside in a suburban neighborhood, our families are from rural areas and are steadfast on their traditions. Nancy has a large family out of state and Dexter has a small family in rural Ohio. While both families are 600 miles apart, they celebrate the same holidays.

We spend Christmas with Dexter's family where those who are not naughty are rewarded with lots of presents. The night before Christmas we construct gingerbread houses, which are put on display for the Christmas family gathering.

Dexter's sister, Darci, was born with Down Syndrome. Every August we have a birthday party for her. She will be a kid forever; this years theme was Trolls.

In late October we host the an-

nual pumpkin carving competition for our friends and family. Proceeding is a vote to determine the winner. Nancy won this year. Everyone looks forward to this event and has a great time.

Dexter grew up living in the middle of a woods. Every August we drive back to spend a day at the county fair, that same weekend, our family and friends camp in the woods Dexter grew up in.

Nancy grew up at the base of the Appalachian Mountains. Travel there is usually a challenge in the winter due to snow, so gatherings we attend in that region traditionally occur at Thanksgiving, Memorial Day and for special occasions.

Our life plan is to remain Ohio residents.

#### WHY ADOPTION IS RIGHT FOR US

We cannot bear children of our own, adoption is our chosen option. We know there are children whom require placement within families and we want to help. We know our home would provide an opportunity for a child to thrive in an environment of love, laughter and stability. Furthermore, we would be grateful for a chance to raise the next generation in our family and promote the values that have formed the foundation of our lives.



### ACTIVITIES

We know choosing the right family for your child is an incredibly challenging decision. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering us as potential parents for your child.

If chosen, we promise we will be respectful of your wishes and interests. We are open to staying in contact, keeping you updated and sharing your child's important milestones if that is something you desire.

We wish you the best in this process and hope to meet someday soon.

Dexter, Nancy and Nala

