

Rob, Laura, Jacob, Jymma & Lilyana



Dear Expectant Mother,

Thank you for choosing to learn about our family. We won't presume to understand the feelings and emotions you're experiencing over the last several months. We can, however, empathize with you and know that you are making a selfless and courageous decision. We are humbled that you've taken this step to consider us.

We offer a warm and inviting home grounded in God with a family full of love in a safe and supportive environment. We will encourage your child to become the person they're meant to be. And they will be loved unconditionally.

This will be our third time through an adoption. It's a beautiful, emotional experience. We maintain an open relationship with

Jymma's birth family sharing texts, pictures and an occasional meetup. We have an open invitation to Lilyana's birthmother to reach out whenever she feels ready. We look forward to exploring any type of relationship with you down the road. We want your child to know, to respect and to cherish 'their' life's story from the very beginning, and that includes you. They will understand that you made this decision deep in love and with confidence in your heart.



This Is Us

We were both born and raised in central Ohio. We married in West Virginia in 2008. Jacob, Laura's biological son who was five at the time, immediately looked to Rob as a second father. We share similar values and beliefs and couldn't have found better partners to tackle all of life's challenges together. Although we have a number of individual hobbies and interests, our main priority is cherishing our days with each other and continuing to grow our family's faith together through the grace of God.



Rob After graduating college with a degree in accounting and finance and working in a large corporate setting for some time, I started a consulting firm with my family. My brother and I also advise a charitable trust in memory of our mother who we lost to breast cancer in 2002. I love our animals, nature, reading and learning. With a flexible schedule while working from home, I'm grateful to have so much time guiding and watching my kids play and grow.

Laura's take on Rob

Rob is as selfless and caring a person you could meet, putting others needs before his own.

He loves being in nature and has such a caring heart for the animals that hang around the property. Just the other day he cared for a bird that had flown into our sliding glass door. He held it in his hand petting it until it was well enough to fly away.

Rob is a great role model to our children. He's shown Jacob everything there is to know about all the superheroes in far off galaxies. Important stuff! He loves to read books with Jymma & Lily and teaches them about all the interesting wildlife we may come across on our walks.

Several years ago he decided to start running having completed a number of half-marathons and three fulls, including one just weeks after Jymma was born. He is committed (or just plain stubborn).



Laura I graduated with a degree in American Sign Language Interpreting.

I've had a love for the language from a very young age. I've worked for a video relay company that interprets phone calls between the hearing and hearing-impaired but now stay at home with the girls. I have an older brother who has three children, and I enjoy working on many projects on our property.

Rob's take on Laura

Laura is patient and the most genuine person I know. Laura handled our fertility struggles with strength, dignity and acceptance. Her heart is even more filled with love for having experienced those challenges.

She is diligent and disciplined: working, raising a son, and putting herself through college at 30 so that she could pursue an ASL Interpreting degree. She's worked in a local school district as an aide for children with special needs and interprets ASL for the hearing impaired.

She's trying to convert me into a country music fan. She'd pay to meet Ryan Gosling but is content watching *The Notebook*, reading a good book, learning how to work our land and is always up for trying new recipes.

She enjoyed Jacob's basketball, watched with pride as he graduated and now discovering new paths. She looks forward to new activities with Jymma and Lily everyday, even teaching them some sign language, and the proper way to cultivate our gardens.



Jymma's first day of preschool

Jacob has such a big heart and is the best big brother to his younger siblings. He's very sociable, always smiling and is full of love. He is currently a freshman in college studying to be a mechanic. He enjoys basketball, swimming for fun, tinkering with his car, video games and entertaining his 'baby' sisters.

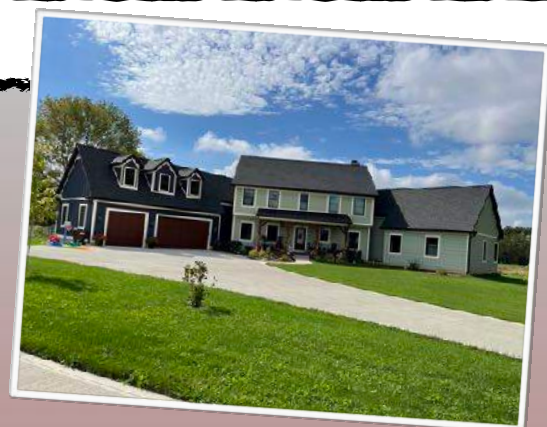
Jymma is a sweet, loving, intense and silly girl who makes us laugh, or pull our hair out, everyday. She loves trips to the park, diving off the side of the pool, and meeting new friends anywhere she goes. Her favorite time of day is when 'Bubba' gets home from work or class!

Lilyana has the purest heart of us all - what you see is what you get! She loves driving her Gator around the property, working in the garden with mommy or riding the 'big' orange tractor cutting the grass. She's not afraid to get her hands dirty, dig for worms and bugs or hug a chicken. She loves to run and can't wait to start soccer like 'Sissy.'

Our Life

We recently moved out into the country surrounded by cows, corn and soybean fields! Our property has all types of nature: prairies, a pond, woods and a creek that runs through it. There's so much to explore. We feed, and oftentimes care for, all types of animals that visit. We even raise our own chickens and have plans for goats, ducks, and turkey to fill out our barn. The neighbor's pig often visits, and the girls love feeding the horses next door.

We are within fifteen minutes of our families and see them often. There are eight cousins between all of us. They enjoy playing at Grandpa's and Nana's during backyard cookouts, shooting hoops and running around the gym at our family Field House or learning how to fish at the pond.



Chickens!

We love cutting down our own Christmas tree and getting hot chocolate in the cabin afterwards. It's our favorite time to decorate using old family ornaments that have been passed down over the years. And we have multiple chances to celebrate Thanksgiving or Easter dinners over the course of several days with all of our families.



A garden in the making

We attend Mass weekly. We've started our own garden. Jacob, Jymma and Lily look forward to going to the pool throughout the summer. The girls are involved in numerous activities like music class, swim lessons and soccer. We love our pets and have had either cats or dogs during all phases of our lives. We consider family the highest priority and dream of the chance to continue growing ours by welcoming another child into our home.

As Parents

When we decided to marry, we established goals right away on how we would raise Jacob together. We've been blending a family and evolving our roles as parents ever since. Living a life of faith, instilling that into our family, is the primary focus of our lives. We value education and the importance of reading. We want to support and encourage our children to explore any talents, interests, sports, arts or hobbies as they grow.

We teach them to love God, to pray, to be respectful and patient, to cultivate compassion and empathy, and to seek others in need. We teach them to take responsibility for their choices, to follow their dreams, and to laugh freely - growing into the person they were meant to be according to God in a supportive environment.

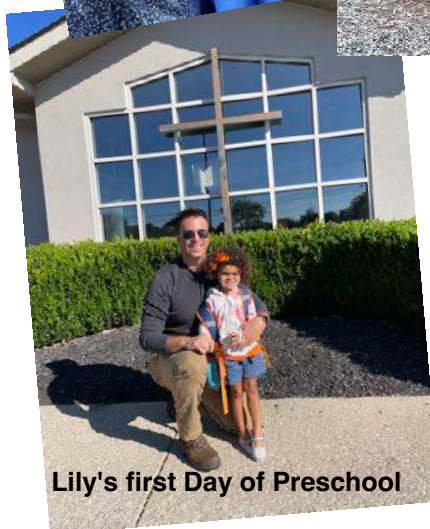
We live a life of constant adaptation, but it is ever filled with kindness, love and careful attention. We seek to remain proactive towards new challenges, yet we understand that raising a family is a constantly rewarding work-in-process. It's been our experience that unconditional love, mutual support, and the grace of God are the ties that bind us and carry us through. We cherish the little things and hope that's evident in how we lead our lives together.



High School Graduation



Reading with grandma



Lily's first Day of Preschool



Christmas 2021



We thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for taking the time to consider our family. We lead content and fulfilling lives but hope to welcome another child into our home - to more completely enrich our family's bond through the unconditional love of your child. We understand the difficulty of your decision. We see you. We wish you the peace of God in your journey and the comfort you seek for a match to your child. Our family would accept this precious gift with the fullest of hearts, always and forever.