



Hello and thank you for taking the time to get to know our family! We admire how brave you are and how much love you have for your child. We hope that our story will help you feel comfortable knowing that your child will be loved and cherished in our family. Since the first days of our marriage we have talked about adoption and wanting to become adoptive parents, and we both know now is the right time and adoption is our first choice for our family. We believe in open adoption, in sending letters and pictures, in being tolerant and non-judgmental and growing our family through adoption.



Samantha & Clayton We met freshman year of college studying together in our campus dorm and fell immediately in love! We were engaged the summer before our senior year of college and married right after we graduated. During the first few years of our marriage, we enjoyed studying together, running marathons, traveling, buying our home and adopting our dog and two cats. Now we enjoy changing diapers, building forts, telling bedtime stories, playing with Legos and the occasional date night out of the house!

Robbie & Nora Robbie is a sweet, outgoing, fun-loving five year-old. He loves Star Wars, bugs and Legos. He is a great helper and friend to his sister, Nora. Nora is a loving, adventurous and independent two year-old. She loves baby dolls, trucks and all of Robbie's toys. They are both very excited to have a new baby brother or sister to take with them on all sorts of adventures.



Hobbies & Interests We love going on adventures as a family! We all have A LOT of 'going outside clothes' and we put them to use - rain, snow, mud - anything goes. We love the Cleveland Indians and Ohio State Buckeyes and enjoy attending games every year when we are not cheering them on at home.

Our Home We live in a wonderful community that is known for its exceptional schools. Our home is within easy walking distance to many shops, restaurants, parks, libraries and schools. We spend much of our time outdoors exploring the area (on foot, big wheel, stroller, wagon...) and love to take walks to get pastries at the local bakery or ice cream on warm summer nights. Our home is surrounded by friends and neighbors with kids.

About Clayton (by Samantha)

Clayton is a wonderfully loving husband and father. He has worked very hard over the past many years to gain a great education that has afforded him a job that allows him to provide very well for us while maintaining a great work-life balance. He is home every night, never works weekends and is the favorite for giving baths and telling bedtime stories (his are much better than mine anyway!). In his free time Clayton enjoys reading, running, playing outside with the kids and watching/listening to Cleveland Indians baseball.

About Samantha (by Clayton)

Samantha is my best friend and an amazing mother. Her dedication for our children is unbelievable. They are truly the center of the universe to her and it is easy to see how much they love her back as they are seemingly literally inseparable (piled up on top of her in a 'fort', sitting on her lap reading books, or in the kitchen helping her cook)! She is always thinking up great ideas for the kids or going along with whatever they can think up - digging up worms in our yard with Robbie (again and again!) or going "Wheeee" with Nora around the house (riding in a laundry basket!). In her free time Samantha loves to get together with our friends (and their kids), spend time outside in nature (she is not afraid of mud...), and planing fun stuff for our family to do.



Our Favorite Things

	Food	Song	Books	Interests
Clayton	Anything Spicy!	Bob Dylan, Bruce Springstein	Harry Potter, History, Earnest Hemingway	Running, reading, being outside with kids
Sam	Ice Cream	Anything from the 80s	Twilight, Hunger Games Series	Exercising, volunteering, cooking
Robbie	Fruit Snacks	Cars3 Soundtrack	Anything about Star Wars or bugs	Building Legos, digging for bugs in the yard, riding his big wheel, fixing things with Dad
Nora	Cheese	Dominic the Christmas Donkey	Goodnight Moon, Barnyard Dance and Doggies	Dancing, playing with baby dolls, helping Mom and Dad in the kitchen

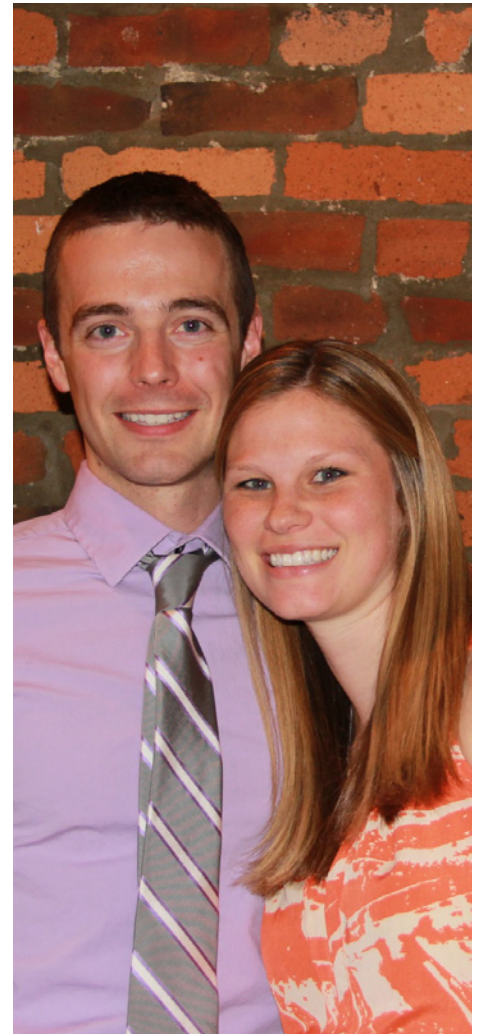
Our Careers

Clayton- I am a radiologist at a large local hospital. I've been lucky to have great medical training (and amazing support along the way from Samantha!) and now I have my dream job. I have a very rewarding career where I feel like I am really helping my patients and just as importantly - I have great work life balance with all of my evenings and weekends free at home to spend time with our family.

Samantha-I am an actuary at an insurance company. Since Robbie was around one year old I have been lucky enough to be able to work part-time. The kids go to a wonderful daycare that provides gymnastics, music, Spanish and even a nature program, on the days that I work. But we really love our "stay-home" days. We like to get out of the house at least once a day either on walks to the park, library, pool in the summer or take a short drive to the local zoo or science center.

Our Extended Family

We are lucky enough to have almost all of our extended family very close by so we constantly have family around our home. We enjoy spending our holidays at large family gatherings and travel several times a year with our extended families. Last year we took a trip to Cape Cod in July with Clayton's family and Sanibel Island in the winter with Samantha's family. This year, we are excited for our upcoming trip to Disney World! It is one of our favorite places and one we try to visit every couple of years.



Our Promise

If we are blessed with the chance to expand our family through adoption, we promise that he/she will be in a home filled with unconditional love, happiness and adventure. We understand that you are making a huge sacrifice in the name of love for your child and would welcome openness in our adoption at whatever level you feel comfortable. Thank you again for taking the time to read our family's story. We hope to meet you soon!

