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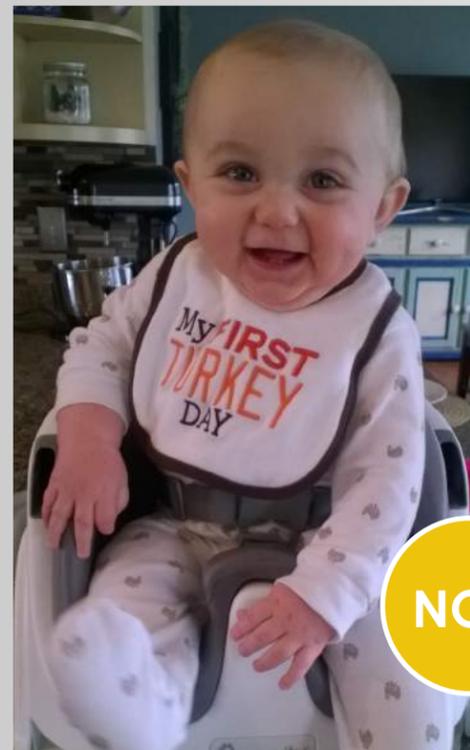


Since Zander is not in school full-time yet, we love taking daytrips to the zoo, museums and parks when it's not crowded. The best part...riding the train all by ourselves!



OCT

Sarah has always loved dressing up for Halloween and making costumes from scratch, including her OCD Fairy costume. This year was Zander's first time trick-or-treating. He loved ringing the doorbells and telling everybody he was a "lumber jacket"!



NOV

Every year, we host Thanksgiving at our house and spend the entire day with extended family and friends eating, talking, eating, playing games and then a little more eating.

We love EVERYTHING about Christmas! Sarah's favorite things are decorating, singing, baking and wrapping gifts. Tom loves taking time off work to take the family to holiday displays all over the city. Zander was obsessed with seeing Santa and still asks about him when we go to a mall. The absolute best part is going to the Christmas Eve service at church and celebrating as a family.



DEC



TOM, SARAH & ZANDER

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. After you read this, we hope you can get a sense of what our family is really like and the life we can offer your child. We love spending time together and having fun, but most importantly, we have a true love and respect for one another.

For the first nine years of marriage, we struggled with infertility. At first, this was very difficult for us. But ultimately, we learned our true desire was to be parents - with or without a biological connection. So while living in New Mexico, we became licensed foster parents. But when we moved to Ohio in 2013, we decided to begin the adoption process.

We adopted our son, Zander, through Adoption Circle in 2015. We spent several months getting to know Zander's birth family before he was born and have continued to do so. We get together for birthdays, holidays, and even his birth mom's wedding earlier this year. When life gets really busy, we still keep in touch through texts and pictures.

We are so thankful to have such an open relationship with Zander's birth mom and half-siblings, but are willing to participate in any level of openness that feels right in your heart.

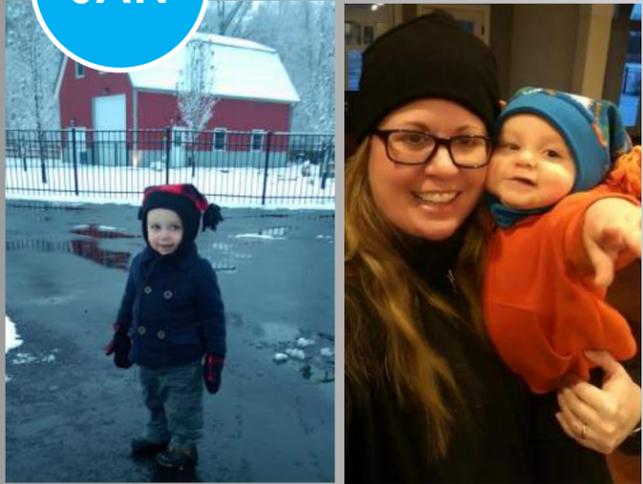
Thank you again for considering us and we believe you will make the right decision for you and your child.



A YEAR IN THE

LIFE OF US...

JAN



Our family really enjoys the cold weather, especially when it snows. With eight acres of land and a barn full of toys, we have plenty of room to run and play.

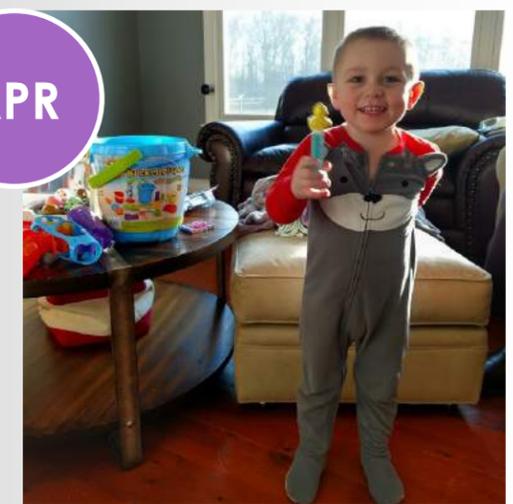
FEB



We always loved celebrating Valentine's Day as a couple, but the love just doubled when Zander came along. We also celebrate Tom's birthday this month. Being a stay-at-home mom, Sarah is able to do lots of art projects with Zander. And this year, he painted a picture just for Dada!



APR



On Easter, we start with Zander's basket of goodies. Then we head to church, where we have been attending for three years. Sarah volunteers in the children's ministry and participates in the Women's Bible Study. Zander loves his class where he proudly learned "God made me! God loves me! Jesus is my friend forever!" After church, we have the family over for dinner and an Easter egg hunt.

MAR

March is when we start getting the yard ready for spring. During the week, Tom works hard running his own computer software company. But on the weekends, Tom loves to landscape and Zander loves to help. Later in the month, we celebrate Zander's birthday with all of his favorite people. On the day of his actual birthday, we like to take a trip to somewhere he's never been.



MAY



From the very first Mother's Day, we have always included and celebrated Zander's birth mom. That first year, I received the most beautiful letter from her. It's one of my most treasured possessions. And every year, I always tell her the same thing... "thank you for making me a mom". Zander is the luckiest little boy in the world. He will grow up knowing that he has not one, but two Mommas that love him to pieces. It is an honor to share this day with her.

JUN



We usually celebrate Father's Day with a treasure hunt where Tom has to figure out clues to find his gifts. This year, we did a photo shoot at a local mall.

JUL



Sarah was born on the fourth of July so this month is all about sparklers, flags and fireworks!

AUG



August in Ohio is hot and humid!!! So we swim almost every day in our pool and love to invite the whole family, which includes three grandparents, four aunts, four uncles and ALL the cousins!

