

Dan & Kerri



We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering adoption. Having been through this process once before when we adopted our son, we admire your strength, courage, and selfless love as you choose what is best for your baby. We are praying for you, that God will give you peace through your journey. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and for considering us as adoptive parents. We will take joy in faithfully sending pictures and letters as the child grows.

“Dan and Kerri are caring, responsible parents who provide a stable home full of faith and family. As natural teachers, they foster new experiences and skills through their playfulness and curiosity. Dan and Kerri also share an active love for the outdoors with their children and spend much of their time gardening, hiking and camping.”
 -Dan’s brother and sister-in-law



OUR STORY

Meeting through a young adult's group at church, Dan was excited to hear that Kerri was also headed to Maine on a trip to repair houses for low-income families. Providentially put into the same work group, we were able to see each other's hearts for people, and love blossomed. Now, almost nine years later, we have built a life together centered on our faith, our commitment to family and each other and a common desire to share our love with those in need of it.

Both growing up near Philadelphia, we moved to Ohio for Dan’s work and have found a home here through friends and our church, though we also stay close to family by road-tripping back to Philly several times a year.



Working in Maine

From the beginning, we have always envisioned a house full of family, friends, and children. Our son Charlie was adopted two years ago and he is turning from a baby into a little boy. Strong, confident, and the life of the party, one of the best things has been watching our families open their hearts to him as a cousin, nephew, and grandson. He has 9 cousins from 2-11 who love him and dote on him constantly. We would like to see our family grow and for Charlie to experience the joy of having a brother or sister.

Charlie!

What are we...?

	eating?	watching?	reading?
Dan	Tacos	The A-Team	Brad Thor
Kerri	Cheesesteak	America’s Got Talent	Go Dog Go!

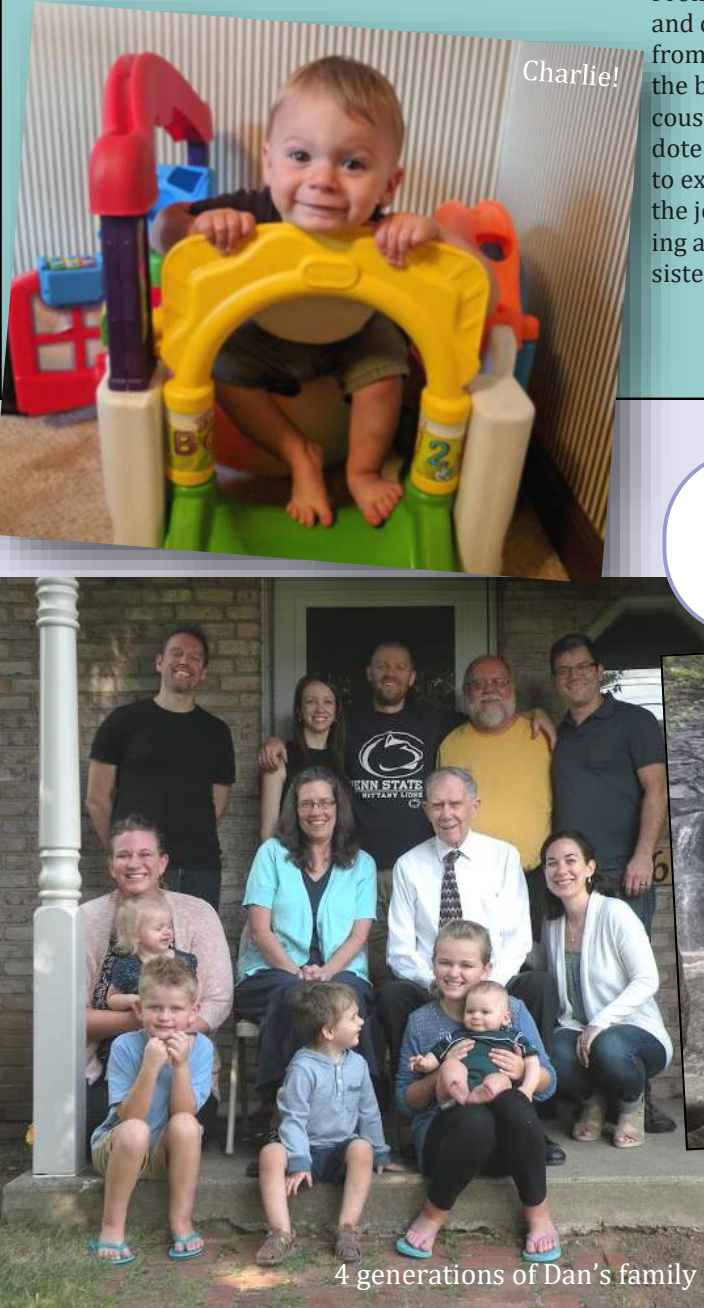
I have observed Dan and Kerri respecting each other as a couple, and cherishing their adopted son... I would trust Dan and Kerri with my own children, because they love others as they love themselves
 -Friends of Dan and Kerri

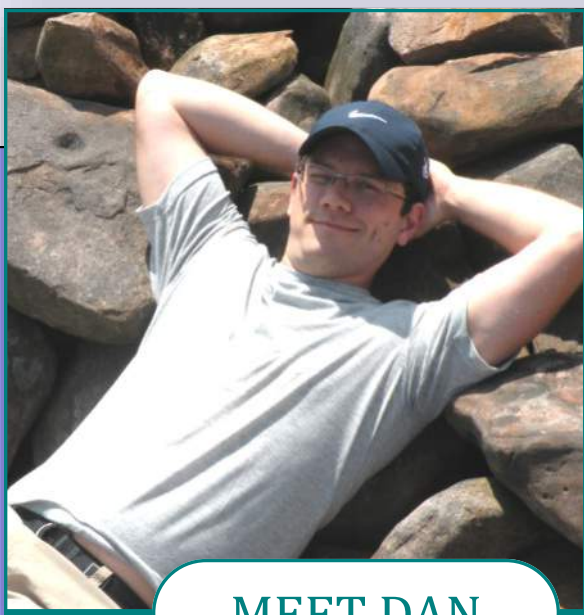


Kerri’s family on vacation

It’s a joy to watch Dan and Kerri as they delight in caring for their son. They display a wonderful mixture of playful interaction, loving guidance, and compassion. Dan and Kerri possess the resources to provide a secure home life and have support from a loving extended family.
 -Kerri’s Mom and Dad

4 generations of Dan’s family





MEET DAN

A born engineer, Dan grew up taking apart his toys to see how they worked. Now, he spends his days working on 3D printing parts for jet engines, tending the yard and garden, and getting pinned by a toddler.

What are we...?

	feeling?	doing?
Dan	Sleepy	Renovating the house
Kerri	Excited	Something outside

Dan and Kerri are patient and loving parents. They have created a friendly, secure and loving home where any child would thrive. The best testament to their parenting is the happiness and contentment of their son, Charlie.
-Kerri's Sister

Kerri says: "If I had to describe Dan with one word, it would be curious. The curiosity of how things work spur him on to be an exceptional engineer, home renovator, and personal mechanic. Even more, he has a generous heart and is willing to use his gifts and talents to help others thrive. Not unlike Curious George, he also has a playful side. I love watching him play, wrestle, and be silly with Charlie. I know that Dan's desire to learn, perseverance, and compassion for others are setting an example and legacy for Charlie and any future children we may be blessed with."



MEET CHARLIE

Charlie says: "I love my cousins and friends. I love wrestling with Daddy and dancing with Mommy. We go on lots of fun adventures together. I can't wait to be a big brother and have siblings join in the fun."

Charlie is an extrovert, a goofball, and a delight to be around. He is also sensitive and perceptive, always ready with a hug and a kiss. His favorite things are balloons, balls, books, and his lawn mower.



Dan and Kerri are the perfect team for raising children. They are kind, loving, and sure in their faith. Their strong, yet gentle approach with their son, Charlie, has produced a wonderful little boy who reflects his parents' good will, friendship, and community.

-Friends of Dan and Kerri



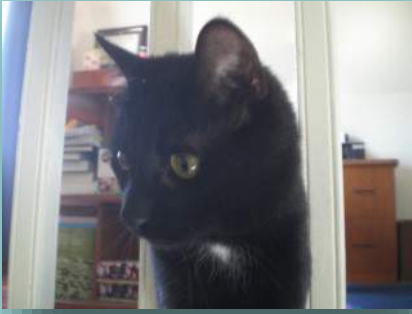
Dan says: "One of the things that continues to draw me to Kerri is her great big heart. She has such a genuine tenderness and compassion for others that I have never seen in another woman. She is intelligent and fiercely determined, a great dancer and a formidable opponent for Dutch Blitz. I know she will teach our kids to be gentle, tender, loving, and kind. It is my honor to call her my wife."

MEET KERRI

Like her father, Kerri has had a lifelong love of music and performing, playing the piano and violin. In addition to working as a high school math teacher, she has also served as color guard coach for many years, though she has been thrilled this year to transition from the classroom to being a full-time mother.



We recently purchased our home and strive to make it a place that is warm and inviting for all who enter. It is located in a quiet and safe neighborhood with a top-ranked school district. It has a spacious back yard and a cul-de-sac out front where kids can ride bikes and play hockey. We enjoy growing fresh vegetables and flowers when it's warm, and Charlie loves to help.



OUR HOME

Our cat Gollum came to us about eight years ago in need of a home. He is energetic, ever curious, and has shown himself to be extremely patient around children. Charlie loves to pet and chase Gollum. Gollum mostly loves to hide...



"Dan & Kerri are the type of parents that every child deserves. It has been exciting to watch them nurture their son from a newborn into a happy, healthy and curious little boy. They are a hard working couple who have made a safe and welcoming home for themselves and their family

-Dan's Mom and Dad

"Dan and Kerri value family and make it a priority to spend treasured time together. They visit often with the entire extended family that loves and cherishes Charlie. You know that he feels loved and cared for through the way he is drawn to his mom and dad.

-Kerri's sister

FAMILY

Our Christian faith characterizes who we are, and not only will we have unconditional love for our children, but we will also teach them about God's unconditional love for them. We will model a loving, committed, and happy marriage for our children. We will teach them to love God and others around them. We will pass on our love of learning and do everything in our power to provide opportunities to help them discover and grow in their own talents and

identity.

Our love and commitment to family is another central part of who we are. It is our earnest desire to see our home filled and to let God do that however He sees fit. That started long before Charlie with friends, nieces, nephews, parents, siblings and we are excited to see how it will continue. We are grateful for the support we have in them and our hearts and home are open to give everything we can to another child.

Having watched [Dan and Kerri] raise Charlie over the past two years, I cannot think of another couple of better character to call family, or a more loving environment that another child could call home

-Friends of Kerri and Dan

We hope that this brief letter has given you some insight into our lives as a couple and as parents. We greatly value adoption, and highly esteem you. We recognize that nobody can take your place in the life of your child. You are special and we hope to meet you. We will take joy in sending pictures and updates faithfully.

We would love to meet you and get to know you too.

Dan + Kerri