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Hello! We are David and Jennifer. We appreciate the time that you are taking to learn about our family. Considering adoption is an emotional and difficult decision, one that takes incredible strength and perspective. We are honored to be a part of your journey and while we do not know you personally (yet), we have great respect for you.

We hope that our profile will give you an understanding of who we are and confidence in us to provide a warm and loving home to your child. If you decide we are the best fit for your child, we will be committed to the best interest of him or her. That includes them having an honest, open understanding of where they came from. This will include having a level of openness and a relationship that is most comfortable to you.



In 2013 Jennifer was living in San Antonio, TX. One day one of her friends approached her to let her know that she was moving to "a little town in Ohio" with her husband to open a business with a partner he had served with in the Marine Corps. Having been originally from Ohio, Jenn inquired into what town her friend was moving to. Out of sheer coincidence, they were moving to her hometown in Ohio where her whole family still resides!

Fast-forward about 9 months later, Jenn came to Ohio to visit her family and newborn nephew. Little did she know, her friends also had a blind date lined up for her with David, who happened to be her friend's business partner. Needless to say, there was immediate chemistry and a lot of time spent together the week Jenn was in Ohio visiting. This relationship continued after Jenn traveled back to Texas with a lot of time on the phone...multiple times a day for 4 months. In July of 2014, Jenn moved to Ohio to be closer to her family, being closer to David did not hurt much either and two years later we were married.

We have always had the ambition to have a large family and in January of 2019, we had our first child, Jaxon. Our miracle baby came into the world early at 28 weeks. Although he spent some time in the NICU, he is a healthy, thriving, happy little boy. To this day our doctors have been unable to tell us why this happened. This event closed the door to us having more biological children of our own and opened the door to adoption as our path to building our family.



Meet Jaxon

Jaxon was a 28-week preemie, but quickly got on track and is thriving. He is a very active toddler and loves going to the local parks, walking on trails with his parents, and riding on his grandpas (yes, both of them) tractors. He is a high-energy little boy who has no limits to his curiosity and has quickly picked up on his colors, numbers, animals, and different types of construction equipment. He is excited about having a baby brother or sister to love and protect.

#### Meet Dave (as told by Jennifer)

Ambitious, driven, loyal, and loving are just a few words I would use to describe David. He grew up in a small town in northern Indiana where much of his life revolved around family, friends, and an obsession with sports. He excelled in basketball, baseball, and cross country. David is very goal-driven which is why he has accomplished so much at a young age.

As a business owner, he continues to grow our small businesses and mentor employees along the way. He provides a wonderful workplace and truly cares about his employees. As a father, he is caring and patient with Jaxon. He often reads with him, goes on hikes, and enjoys teaching him how something works. As a husband, he has been an ear to listen and a shoulder to cry on. We've been through tough times together, fun times together, and everything in between. I couldn't have asked for a better partner in life! David is a great provider; he will be an amazing dad to your little boy or little girl.

Jennifer & Jaxon Enjoying a Hike

David & Jaxon Cutting Down Our Christmas Tree Funny PJ Night Tradition with Jennifer's Family



Apple Picking in Indiana with David's Family

Shananigans For a Thanksgiving Dinner

#### Meet Jenn (as told by Dave)

Jenn is the most caring & selfless person I know. She applies this trait not only to relationships but to everything that she does. As a young adult, Jenn lived on both the east coast and the west coast, determined to travel and experience as much as she could prior to settling down. This love for life continues to grow in her as she applies that same determination to her family and community. Jenn is a professional, accomplished saleswoman, but her true passion is for health and fitness. Much of her adult life has been spent helping others make positive life-change relating to their mental, physical, and emotional health. After having our son, she paused her career and has devoted herself entirely to her family.

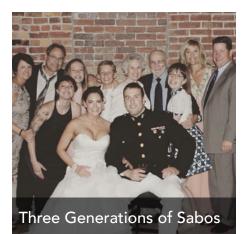
As a mother, Jenn is tireless. Since having Jaxon, he has been her number one priority. She reads, feeds, and attends to his needs each day. They enjoy going to the park, pumpkin patch, and long walks around the neighborhood together. She invests a tremendous amount of time into their relationship and his early success in life is a testament to her as a mother.

As my wife, I can honestly say that our family would not be where we are today without her. She is the glue that holds us together and the foundation that our world is built on. Jenn is our rock in times of difficulty and is always attending to our family's needs. She is my soulmate and will welcome your son or daughter into our home with loving, open, arms.



#### **Meet Riley**

Jaxon's only sibling currently is our one and only fur-baby, Riley. Riley is a 12-year-old miniature Australian Shepherd. In her earlier days, she was very active and would regularly go on runs, hikes, and literally be obsessed with her tennis ball collection. In recent years, however, she has slowed down quite a bit. Most of her days are spent sleeping and providing love to our family.



Our Family

Our family has been blessed in a number of ways. Due to the success of our business (now plural), we have been able to provide a warm, healthy, home for our family. While being business owners is challenging at times, it gives us the flexibility to prioritize and ensure family comes first. We have been blessed to be able to keep Jenn at home during the first 3 years of Jaxon's life. Now that he is turning 3 (4 days after writing this!), he is going to school with his Paw Patrol book bag already knowing his colors, numbers, animals, and farm equipment!

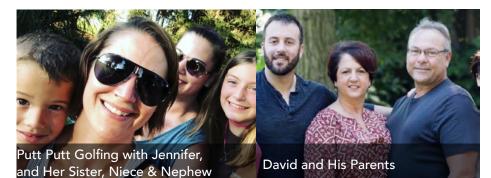
In our "spare" time we enjoy being outside. Going to the zoo, aquarium, and the local network of parks are regular activities when the weather permits. When the weather is rainy or snowy, we typically go to the library or trampoline park! Weekly, we see our local family, and 1-2 times per month we see our family from Indiana. We also enjoy heading out west to Colorado and Utah a few times per year to enjoy the beautiful scenery and nature there. We ski, hike, and enjoy being locals for the week.

On Sundays, we go to our local Church. We have strong convictions around values, beliefs, and education. We believe that having our church as a center point in our personal community is important to all three of these.

### **Extended Family**

Jenn is originally from central Ohio, where most of her family still resides. Between the 3 sisters, there are 5 first cousins that all live within a short distance from us. Almost weekly, the cousins are able to meet, have fun, and grow up together. Jenn's parents both live within 15 minutes of us and we see both of them regularly. Jaxon especially enjoys going to see Jenn's dad (papa Ed!). Jaxon helps his papa with his garden, goes on tractor and golf cart rides, and plays in the mud when they are together. As a former teacher, Jenn's mom has been a great resource for early childhood development. She was Jenn's hero growing up and has always been a hardworking, loving, and caring mother and grandmother.

Dave is from a small town in NW Indiana. Even though his immediate family is about 3 hours away, they are very active in our lives. Dave's parents have been married for 38 years and set the standard for how a marriage should be. His dad is an equipment and logistics manager for a large construction company. Like Jenn's dad, he is very handy and owns tractors/bulldozers that Jaxon loves to play on. His mom recently retired but worked in the medical field for over 30 years. Her early retirement was driven, primarily, by her desire to spend more time with grandkids.





## Our Commitment

We are so appreciative of you for choosing adoption as a path for you and your beautiful child. We promise to provide an open, honest, and loving environment for your child. There will be lots of time spent with family, laughter, love, and adventure. We will work with you to create a level of openness that feels right for you so you can see how your child is growing and the amazing life they are living due to your selfless act of kindness. Thank you for considering us to raise your child and taking the time today to get to know us!