

# Randi + Steven

*growing our family*





# about us

We are Steven and Randi! We met in college in 2011, started dating, and have now been married for eight years. Steven works as a hospice chaplain and pastor. He is happy-go-lucky, adaptable, caring, and a great listener. Randi stays busy at home with our son, Aidan. She is kind and witty, and she brings a sense of peace to those around her. We are licensed foster parents and have had four children stay with us over the last few years: three who were reunified with family and one who has been added to our family through adoption, our son. We plan on keeping our foster license active but will take a break when a match happens so we can adjust to new family dynamics! We are passionate about hospitality, celebrating others, and helping everyone we interact with feel known, loved, and supported as well as experiencing a sense of belonging.

## our home

We reside in Ohio and live less than two hours away from Steven's family, whom we enjoy visiting often. Our home is a four-bedroom two-bath house with a fenced-in yard and patio. In a quaint but growing town, we get to experience festivals, the fair, the farmers market, and more. We also live just ten minutes away from a lake with a sandy beach, which is one of Randi's favorite spots in town. We enjoy hosting others for dinner, overnight visits, or playdates. Our favorite rooms are the adjoining living room and den, where there's comfy seating and a cozy fireplace. This is where we spend time with others or play with toys on the floor with our son.



## what led us to adoption

Just over five years ago, we began dreaming about what our family might look like and the kids who would make up our family. Because of a variety of experiences we've had, we knew we felt called to be both foster and adoptive parents. We dreamed of raising children from all places and backgrounds in our home: some who might be temporary (foster care) and others who would become grafted into our family forever. Our dream is to love, cherish, and care for these children in every way we can. As an interracial adoptive family, it is important to us that our kids' cultures are honored and celebrated, and we recognize we will forever be learning how to support them better in this area.





*our* life together





more about **Steven**

**Occupation:** Hospice chaplain, pastor, soccer coach

**Education:** Master of Divinity

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Christianity

**Sport:** Soccer, football, basketball

**Hobby:** Reading, board games, being active

**Tradition:** Yearly family vacation

**Musical Group:** Hamilton soundtrack, The Eagles

**Movie:** Anything Pixar

**TV Show:** *Lost*, *The Office*, *Sherlock*

**Subject in School:** Math, chemistry

**Book:** *Name of the Wind*, *Calvin and Hobbes*

more about **Randi**

**Occupation:** Stay-at-home mom, foster mom

**Education:** Master's degree in Marriage and Family therapy

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Christianity

**Sport:** Volleyball, waterskiing

**Hobby:** Being in the sunshine, time with family

**Tradition:** Sister dates, family trips

**Musical Group:** Pentatonix, Rihanna, Civil Wars

**Movie:** *Pride and Prejudice*, *She's the Man*

**TV Show:** *Gilmore Girls*, *One Tree Hill*, *Downton Abbey*

**Subject in School:** English, literature

**Book:** *Mark of the Lion* series, *Harry Potter*, *Red Rising*





## *our* families + traditions

Steven is the oldest of six kids, and we enjoy attending his younger siblings' soccer games and cheer competitions. We love to all be together, and there is never a dull moment when that happens! One of his sisters also just had their first child, so adding new kids to the family has been very sweet.

Randi is a middle child, in between an older sister and a younger brother. They are each married, and her sister has kids ages four and two and is pregnant with their third. Every six weeks Randi and her sister get together for "sister dates" in order to spend time with one another and catch up. Randi's extended family enjoys getting together for the holidays and celebrating "Thanksmas," where they have Thanksgiving for lunch and Christmas for dinner, eating all day and celebrating the holidays.

One of our favorite things to do every year is take vacations with each of our families. South Carolina and Colorado are common destinations as we have family in those two states. Both of our families are very excited about our plans to adopt. They have fully embraced our foster kids and our son and are thrilled for more grandbabies.



dear  
expectant  
mother



Thank you for considering us to have the honor and blessing of raising your baby. We recognize the courage it takes to create an adoption plan and admire you for your selflessness on this journey. We could never express our gratitude for you enough.

We are so looking forward to inviting your child into our home and family. We are excited to show him or her the world: lakes and mountains, cities and small towns. We look forward to the adventures we will go on, whether it's hiking on a trail, kayaking in the river, watching fireworks, or just rolling down a grassy hill at a park. We will gaze at stars on a clear night next to a campfire, lick the batter off the spatula when we bake, and cozy up with blankets and a good book in the winter. We will dance in the living room, give hugs often, and laugh till our bellies hurt.

Growing our family through adoption is a dream we have had for several years. We will instill the important values of love, kindness, grace, and self-worth into your child as they grow. We will encourage their dreams, love them unconditionally, and teach them the love of Jesus Christ. We will make sure they know they are fully loved by us and by you. We are so incredibly excited to grow our family and welcome a new baby into our lives, and we look forward to our son becoming a big brother.

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