

GROWING OUR FAMILY



Christen
AND
Daniel

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ABOUT US

We're an active family who love each other and our community. We both work from home. Daniel is a data scientist, and Christen works part-time as an epidemiologist. We have two biological kids who are excited about a new sibling. We are involved in church, music (Christen plays viola and the kids are learning piano), drama, and swimming. We love being outdoors, especially hiking and kayaking. We also try to maintain a good balance of being at home. We try to keep weekly rhythms like Monday night tea, Friday movie night, Saturday special breakfast, and Sunday rest/art time.



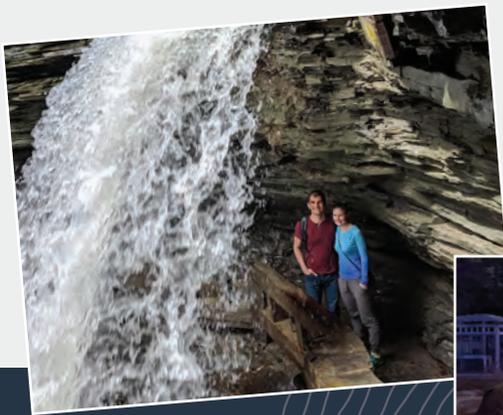
OUR HOME + PETS

We live in a small, quiet neighborhood across from a nature preserve where we love to hike and kayak. Our neighborhood has access to a small beach on a river where we often go to hunt for fossilized shark teeth. We also spend a lot of time in our pool during the summer. Our dog, an athletic red heeler mix, plays lifeguard while we swim and also watches out for our 15 chickens, several of whom love to cuddle. We live near a college town with wonderful music and arts opportunities. We've lived in a lot of places, but we love this as a place to raise our family for its diverse education opportunities, tight-knit community, and character. We also have great access to a major city with world-class museums and cultural opportunities.



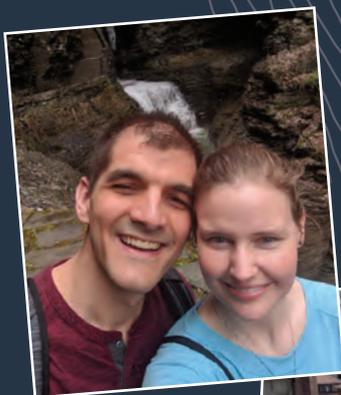
WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We have always been interested in adoption as Daniel's mom was adopted. After we had two biological kids, we learned we would not be able to have more children naturally, so we felt affirmed that adoption was the right path for us. We started the process of trying to adopt through foster care. As we learned about the adoption process, we realized we wanted to be close to our extended families and moved back to our home state. We were certified for foster care and have been happy to support families in the foster system as they work to be reunified. However, we are just really ready for a little one to come stay with us and know they are a forever part of our family.



OUR LIFE

Together



MORE ABOUT

Christen



OCCUPATION: Epidemiologist
EDUCATION: Master's
RACE: Caucasian
RELIGION: Christian
SPORT: Kayaking
FOOD: Anything herby and spicy

HOBBY: Baking, viola
TRADITION: Leprechaun pranks
MUSICAL GROUP: ABBA
MOVIE: O Brother Where Art Thou
DREAM VACATION: London
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Spanish



MORE ABOUT

Daniel

OCCUPATION: Data Scientist
EDUCATION: Master's
RACE: Caucasian/Asian
RELIGION: Christian
SPORT: Swimming
FOOD: Sushi

HOBBY: Chess
TRADITION: Family movie night
MUSICAL GROUP: Imagine Dragons
MOVIE: The Matrix
DREAM VACATION: Rome
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Math

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Traditions

We are blessed to have a really supportive extended family. Daniel's parent's and Christen's mom have been there for us through some very tough times with our son's early medical challenges. Daniel has a brother and sister who are both married and who each have one young child so far (aged two and under). We are excited that Daniel's sister will be moving home from living abroad. As a family, we are trying to learn/brush up on Spanish to welcome her husband and daughter.

Christen's parents and sister live near us, and we try to

spend a lot of time with the six cousins. We do a lot of school activities with them, like pioneer day and science labs. It's always a circus in the best way! Christen's other sister is in the military and lives in another state, but she's also pretty cool.

We also have a few families in the area who have grown from college friends to be basically extended family at this point. They have become like extra aunts, uncles, and cousins.



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EXPECTANT MOTHER,

We want to affirm your strength and bravery. We can't imagine a more difficult choice and understand that considering adoption comes from the kind of courageous love that only our children can move us to.

If you allow us the privilege of raising your child, know that he or she will be so very cherished, and they will be welcomed into a home with the most eager and adoring big brother and sister. We can't wait to share our traditions, like epic hide and seek games, over-the-top birthday cakes, and our annual leprechaun mystery hunt. We also look forward to new adventures and traditions as our family grows.

We strive to raise our children to love those around them and to serve in their community in whatever way they are able. One of our greatest goals is to empower them to live in a posture of abundant life and not to act out of fear or anxiety, no matter what their circumstances might be. We pray this for you as well.

Being parents has been an incredible experience for us, even in the face of major health challenges and loss. And we have been just as touched by our babies we did not get an opportunity to parent. Whether you choose to parent your sweet little one or to move forward with adoption, may you arrive at a place of peace and assurance about your decision.



WITH LOVE,

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