







ABOUT US

We first met when we were in middle school during a biking adventure with our friends. Twelve years ago, we were reunited and started dating. We got married in July 2016 and have shared many laughs and adventures together. We both love the outdoors and like to spend our spare time camping, kayaking, hiking, and biking. We also spent time as licensed foster parents and enjoyed providing respite to children and families in need. We have taken a pause in respite to pursue bringing home a baby of our own. Larissa is kind, funny, and caring, which she uses to help others in her career in human resources. She has a passion for making sure everyone is given a fair chance. Ryan is compassionate, dedicated, and hardworking. His nickname is "Mr. Fix It" because he can fix just about anything. He leads the maintenance department at a company that makes facial tissues. Ryan loves working with the large machines and vendors to ensure the company runs seamlessly.

OUR HOME & PETS

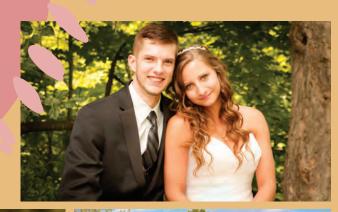
We live in a quiet and safe neighborhood where many children play. We live in between two parks and less than a block away from an elementary school. We can see it from our porch! We are within walking distance to a downtown area that has a children's museum and plenty of places for fun and educational activities. There are also many nature trails just blocks from our home. We have a warm, brick home with a lot of beautiful flowers and a fenced backyard. We share our home with our three cats, who love to snuggle up by us whenever they get the chance. Nala and Nuggets are sisters and are ten years old. Our other cat, Salem Sketti, is a kitten and loves to play with kids!

what led us to adoption

When we decided it was time to start a family of our own, it became clear we were unable to have biological children. Throughout this time, there were many ups and downs, but our support for each other grew. We always remained positive and resilient. We believe everything happens for a reason, and this is part of our journey to find the child we will be fortunate to share our love and care with. While we have been waiting to start our family, we have prepared ourselves to provide the best home and life for a child. We have become financially and emotionally stable and gained a lot of experience through fostering.



our photos





















more about

ryan

OCCUPATION: Maintenance lead

EDUCATION: Technical certificate

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Lutheran

HOBBY: Fixing things, camping,

hiking, biking

MUSICAL GROUP: Ozzy Osbourne

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Math

MOVIE: Avatar

DREAM VACATION: Ireland

HOLIDAY: 4th of July

BOOK: Harry Potter

TRADITION: Spending holidays

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larissa

OCCUPATION: Human resources

EDUCATION: Associate degree

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Lutheran

HOBBY: Camping hiking kayaking plants

MUSICAL GROUP: Red Hot Chili Penners

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Creative writing

MOVIE: The Whole Ten Yards

DREAM VACATION: Hawaii

HOLIDAY: Halloween

BOOK: The Taking

TRADITION: Family picnics,

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our family & traditions



Most of Larissa's family lives nearby. She has five caring older brothers and her dad. Her dad and mom spent 49 beautiful years together before her mom passed away. They set a great example for what a healthy and long-term marriage looks like, and we took a lot from it. The oldest of her brothers lives in California with his life partner. They fly to Wisconsin a couple times a year to visit. Larissa's closest brother lives nearby with his wife, who is also Larissa's best friend. They are the parents of our six-year-old goddaughter, whom we have been lucky enough to help care for since she was born. We have movie nights and bike rides with them often. We also enjoy many family picnics in the summer and other get-togethers during the year with all of them.

All of Ryan's family lives within 15-30 minutes of us. This makes holidays a good opportunity for everyone to get together. Ryan's grandparents are mostly retired, with the exception of Grandpa, who still works a part-time job to stay busy. His mom and her fiance bought a ranch a couple years ago, and they now have two horses, two dogs, and too many chickens to count. Their home is always open for visits, and our goddaughter says it's a great place to play and have fun.

Both of our families couldn't be more excited to welcome a new member and share the love they have for us with them. We have always found a strong support system with them.





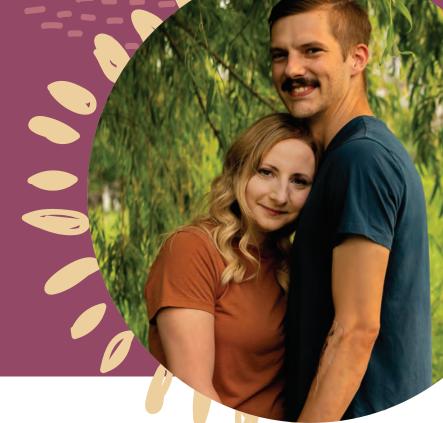












We are so grateful at the thought of you even reading our profile and the possibility of your consideration. Please know we are humbled by the opportunity. We will never know what it is like to be in your shoes. The journey you're on cannot be an easy one. It's hard to put into words how much we admire you for making this courageous and certainly difficult decision.

Just as you came to this selfless decision, if given the chance, we would return the gift by being selfless parents. We will work tirelessly to provide a loving home for your child, filled with warmth, love, and laughter. They will never question for a second whether they are loved. We will be there telling them every chance we get. They will be given the opportunity for gymnastics, piano lessons, karate, ballet, or anything else their little heart would like to explore. They will go on camping adventures, playing in the dirt, fishing, and catching fireflies. They will spend every holiday in a house full of giggles and people who love and support them. We will do everything in our power to give this child the childhood everyone deserves.

As they grow, we will love and support them no matter who they grow to be or love. And we will be there to guide them no matter the choices they make. We will be there for them, by their side every step on the way, cheering them on through all of life's ups and downs.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. We wish you all the best on your journey and hope we can be a part of it.

WITH LOVE,

Larissa & Ryan

