# Dan & Dawn

# Dear Birthparent,

Thank you for taking the time to read our story and allowing us to introduce you to our lives. This is just a small part into our world but we hope after looking at our profile you will want to know more about us. Hopefully the information that you are seeing shows you that we are a loving, caring, and compassionate family.

We are Dan and Dawn. We have been married for 13 ½ years and have a son who is 4 ½ years old. Dan is an assistant manager for the railroad and has been employed there for the past 18 years. He loves his job and has always wanted to work for the railroad since he was a little child. Dawn was a customer service representative employed with a bank for 13 years until she was laid off. Dawn was then blessed with an opportunity to work closer to home and closer to our son's daycare as a customer service representative in transportation. Dawn has been there now for 1 ½ years. We both enjoy our jobs and they are very flexible so we can be very active in our child's life.

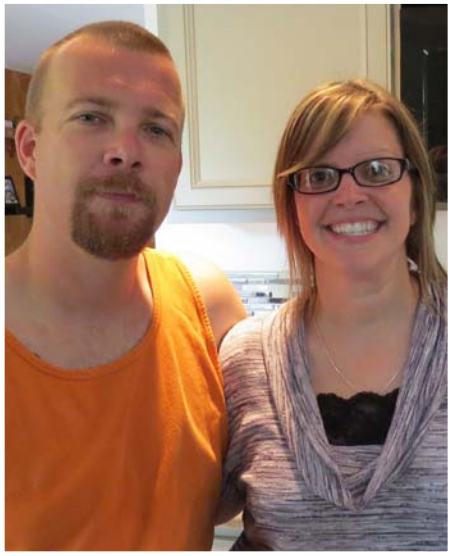
We have a saying on our wall at home that states "Welcome to our happy, loud, crazy, fun, loving home" and that fits us perfectly. Family is everything to us. We are Christians and our faith is very important to us. Our church offers great Sunday school classes as well as many children programs. We want to raise the child in a Christian home. We believe all children are precious and we are open to a child of a different cultural background. We have taken the time to choose photos of our life so you can get a glimpse into our world and know who we are.

We want you to know how much love we have for you and your child already. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the decision you make. Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us a little better and consider us as adoptive parents.

Warmest thoughts and wishes,

Dan and Dawn

# About Us



We meet in 1997 at Shoney's Restaurant where Dawn worked as a server and Dan worked as a cook. We went miniature golfing on our first date and we have been together ever since. We have been married for 13 ½ years. What makes our marriage last as long as it has is the ability to work together through the good times and the bad times never giving up on one another. We love the outdoors, going four-wheeling, playing games, and having family time. Dan grew up playing soccer and football as a child. In high school he played football for all four years and was the best kicker around. In high school, Dawn played volleyball, basketball, and was in the band which there she played the baritone. She loved being in the band.

We had a daughter in 2006 but sadly she passed away in 2007 due to heart complications. She was a very sweet, loving child. She will always be in our hearts and she will never be forgotten. In 2012 we were blessed with a son who is now 4 ½ years old who is super smart, energetic, kind, and loving. He is a big helper and loves making friends. He loves to color and hands out what he colors to anyone and everyone. After watching him around other kids we know he would make an amazing big brother.

Since our son we have had a few devastating miscarriages. We are looking to open our home and share our lives by expanding our family. We feel that we are being lead in this direction and have so much to give to a child. With not being able to have more children on our own we feel that adoption would complete our family.

We go to the zoo every summer and try to visit a different one each time we go. Our son always gets a chance to feed the animals and he gets super excited. His favorite animals are giraffes and elephants. We love four-wheeling and we say the more mud there is out there the more fun we have. We like to go swimming when we can. We like to go on walks in our neighborhood which we pull our son around in a wagon because he says he is too tired to walk but he really likes riding in it. We both love to make each other laugh and have a good time with one another. We are big sports fans so we are always ready for the season to start when it comes to football or basketball. We love being outside and having campfires. It gives us a chance to wind down, spend time together, and chat about our day.

## Dan (written by Dawn)

Dan is an incredibly hard working, loving, kind-hearted man. He is very understanding and would do anything for anyone at any given time. He makes sure everyone is taken care of before himself. Dan loves his sports. He will either watch them on TV or try to get tickets to a game so he can watch them live. Dan's interaction with our son is amazing. Whatever our son wants to do, my husband is always ready to go and play with him. Their favorite thing to do together is playing with monster trucks and teenage mutant ninja turtles. I think Dan likes playing more with my son's toys because when he was a kid he was a huge teenage mutant ninja turtle fan but we will keep that a secret. Dan is truly a wonderfully family man. Dan is my rock and my shoulder to lean on no matter what is going on in our life. I can always count on him for anything. Dan is the best person I have ever known and I am very thankful to have him in my life.

## Dawn (written by Dan)

Dawn is the most fun loving caring person that I know. No matter what kind of mood you are in she is right there trying to make you laugh. Dawn loves taking pictures, decorating, and making crafts. Dawn has so much fun with our son. She loves reading to him, playing with whatever he has in mind, and making him laugh all the time. Dawn's focus on our family is having everyone be themselves and being happy. A happy home is a wonderful place to be. I admire my wife because she has had a great deal of loss and disappointment in her life but she continues to come out strong for herself and others. I don't know of any other person who could move on from so much hurt in her life and still have a positive attitude but she amazes me for doing that. As life changes all around us, I am very lucky both of us grow in the same direction together. It is such a great feeling to know I married my best friend and we can conquer anything together.

# Our Home

We love the house we live in. We live in a 3 bedrooms, 2 bathroom, single family, ranch style home with a large fenced in backyard. Our house sits back a ways from the street so we have a huge front yard as well. We have half of a finished basement in which it is considered a second living room for us since we are always hanging out down there.

We share our home with a few fur babies which include our three dogs Booda, Rogue, Rhino, and one cat Precious. They all get along quite well with each other. The cat usually stays in the basement because she likes her own space. The dogs always want to be where we are. They love our son more than anything. The dogs love to cuddle, play, and are very good with children and people.

We live close to all kinds of shopping centers, parks, movie theaters, restaurants, great school districts and our church. We are very close to our jobs and our son's daycare which helps us out a lot. Our neighborhood is on the quiet side. Our favorite part of our house is the outdoor space. We love being outside where we can enjoy having our friends and family over for cookouts or just spending time together.

# Favorites

| Favorite: | Dan | Dawn |
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| Color: | Orange | Purple |
| Restaurant: | Texas Roadhouse | Red Robin |
| Movie: | Armageddon | Kids movie Alice in Wonderland |
| Sport: | Football & Basketball | Football & Basketball |
| Food: | Pizza | Fries |
| Candy: | Reese's Peanut Butter Cups | Kit Kats |
| Hobby: | Hunting, camping, four-wheeling, anything outdoors | Scrapbooking, crafting, taking pictures, reading |

# Our Family & Friends

*Family Friends*

Dan's family lives out of state except for a few cousins that live close by. We usually go over to Dan's cousin houses every other Sunday to hang out and catch up. Dan is the oldest of two brothers. One brother was in the navy and has passed away while serving this country and the other brother is in the army. We try to visit his family or have them come visit us as much as we can. As a childhood memory Dan loved to go camping with his family. It was a good way to have family time for him.

Dawn's family lives within 20 minutes from our home and comes from a small knit-family. Dawn grew up in a loud, funny home. Dawn is the oldest of her two brothers. One of her brothers is married and the other one is single. When we get together it is full of fun and craziness. As a childhood memory Dawn enjoyed having family dinners and game nights with everyone. It was nice to grow up with a close family. Dawn's parents are retired so they get to see our son whenever they want. He usually goes over there on Friday's to spend the day with them each week and they love that time they get to spend with him.

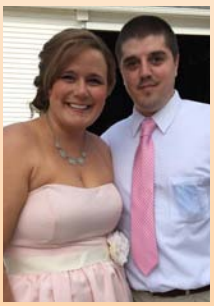
We also have a very supportive group of friends that we hang out with. They would do anything for us as we would for them. Our son calls some of them his aunts and uncles so it is nice to have that closeness with our friends as we do. Our friends are very supportive in our decision to adopt and are looking forward to being in our child's life the same way they are now.

*Our Son*

*Pajama Party*

*Fun times!*

*Family Birthday Party*



*Dawn's brother and sister-in-law*

*Best Friends of ours!*

*Awesome Friends!*

*Dawn's Parents*

*Dan's Parents*