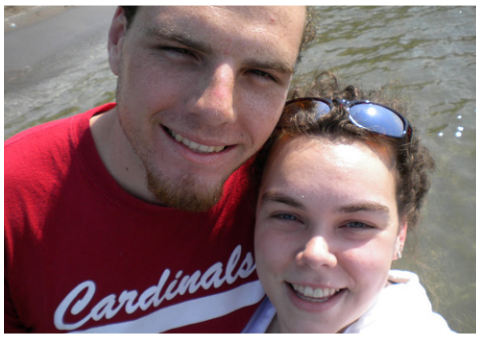
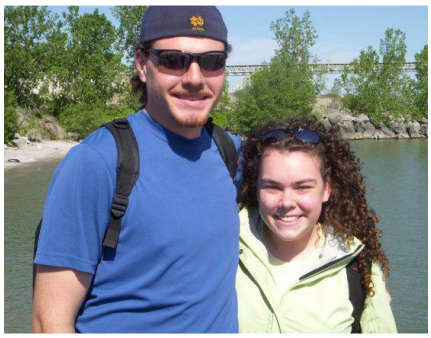
Jessica + Daniel

About Us

We are an energetic family of five looking for the peanut butter to our jelly. We have been together for thirteen years, married for nine. Along the way we've been joined by three sons Nathan, Sam, and Ryan as well as Wendy the dog and cats Molly and Belle. After being blessed with the three best boys we could even imagine it's time to add a little girl. Our family is all about love, respect, support, and kindness. With the right combination of family, friends, hard work, good luck, and a lot of teamwork we have built something really special, together. We're so grateful you're taking this opportunity to get to know us a little better and hope the love we have for each other and our lives shines brightly through.





about daniel

(written by Jessica)

Dan makes my life better every day he's in it. I knew the day we first met that he was the man I was going to marry, even if I did wait a few years to tell him that. There is a certain type of calm about him that lets me know everything is going to be ok. He is patient, flexible, dedicated, and motivated. In the first years we lived together, I think Dan had ten jobs all together; he's always willing to do whatever it takes to get where he wants to be. I am amazed every day at how well he manages the bubbly excitement of our day to day lives and always has so much kindness ready for us after days spent at work teaching dozens of middle schoolers. He knows who he is, what he wants out of life, and how hard he needs to work to get there. He is the foundation of the best part of me and I am grateful for every day we have together. His love of activity of all kinds, especially hockey, has been a hugely positive influence on me and all of us. He is a gentle and loving father who isn't afraid to be hands on with every aspect of parenting. I can't wait to raise another child with him.

about jessica

(written by Daniel)

Jessica and I have been together for 13 years and each year has been better than the one before it. Jessica is a wonderful wife, partner, friend, and mother. She is completely dedicated to our family and we are all better because of her. When I met her in college, I saw how dedicated she was to school. She continued that dedication after her first Bachelor's degree and earned a second Bachelor's as well as a Master's degree. She has taken that same level of commitment and directed towards our family. Jessica has a gentle and loving nature about her. She spends her time at work navigating complex medical problems all while making sure patients and their families get the compassion and attention they need. At home, she puts our family first and always has ample love and attention for all of us. Jessica is a fantastic wife, partner, and mother, her love, support, and patience are the glue that keep us together. I am beyond excited to add one more child to our beautiful family.

Our Home

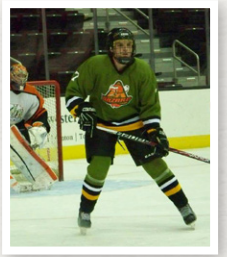
We live in a single family home built in the 1950s. It's 2000 square feet and has a playroom in the basement. We've been in this house for just over two years at this point and are diligently working to make it feel like home. Far and away the best thing about where we live is our neighbors. We live on a corner lot and two of the three families sharing our back yard have small children as well. Our neighbors have five kids between them so far with hopefully more to come. The other house sharing our backyard belongs to our secret weapon: Jessica's newly retired parents.

Molly

Dan, Sam, & Nathan

Wendy

Fun Facts



Jessica

- occupation: nurse practitioner
- color: green
- food: tiramisu
- movie: Apollo 13
- song: M79 - Vampire Weekend
- vacation: Traverse City, MI
- holiday: Christmas
- hobby: gardening
- weather: warm and raining
- skittle flavor: lime

Daniel

- occupation: teacher
- color: blue
- food: chicken wings
- movie: Shawshank Redemption
- song: Journey - Don't Stop Believin'
- vacation: Allegheny Mountains, NY
- holiday: Christmas
- hobby: hockey
- weather: sunny with snow
- skittle flavor: strawberry

Family + Friends

The people around us have made the story of our life. Our families have made us who we are and our friends have become the family we have chosen for ourselves. We are very fortunate to have an outpouring of support from all directions during this adoption process.

Daniel's family is a loving group of world travelers. His brother Matthew has a wonderful wife Samantha, son Cedric, and dog Ellie. They are braving the countryside in upstate NY and building their own homestead. Daniel's sister Melissa is a college student just back from studying abroad in New Zealand with big dreams of making the world a more habitable place. Daniel's parents, Marcia and Todd, are living the American Dream of traveling across the country in an RV while always coming home to their cabin in the mountains. Daniel is also blessed to have two living grandmothers as well as many loving aunts and uncles.

Jessica's family is spread across the country and loves coming home every year for the holidays. Her sister Sarah lives in Colorado and travels the country to participate in ironman triathlons year round. Jessica's brother Tom lives in Washington DC with his darling wife Emily and super dog Turbo. Tom and Emily both work for the federal government and recently purchased their first home. Jessica's brother Michael and his dear wife Alex live just about a mile from our house. They have a joyful dog named Livie and are hoping to have children of their own in the near future. Jessica's parents, Irene and Jim, are recently retired from nursing and aerospace engineering, respectively, and are enjoying their newfound retirements.

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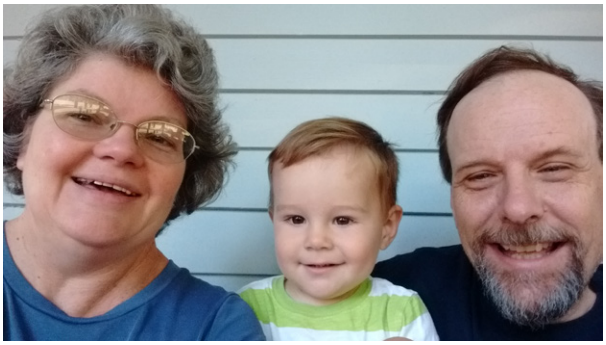
Bowling party with Dan's family



Dan's parents Marcia & Todd and nephew Cedric

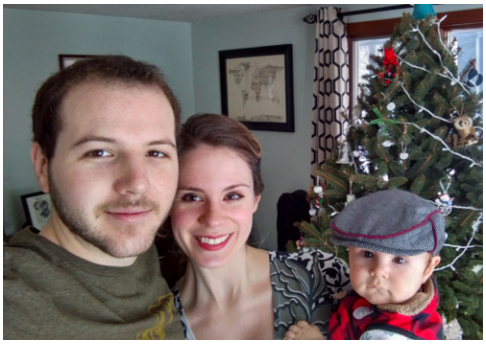
Friends

Jessica's mom and sister, Irene and Sarah

Alex and Michael

Emily and Tom

Jessica's parents - Jim and Irene



Matthew, Samantha and Cedric

Skating in the backyard

Melissa

Dear Birth Parent,

We met in 2005 while attending College in Buffalo, NY. Daniel was studying education and Jessica biochemistry and nursing. 200 miles between us during the beginning of our relationship helped us build a foundation of solid communication and an eye toward better days ahead. Growing up with multiple siblings we always knew we wanted a big family of our own and after eight years together we were ready for kids. Jessica struggled through two difficult pregnancies that gifted us our three beautiful boys. We can't remember what life was like before them and love them each more every day. Watching them learn to love each other has made all the day to day difficulty seem insignificant in comparison. After the birth of our third son it was time for a hard conversation about whether it would be safe to try for another child. When it became clear that another pregnancy wasn't in our future it would have been easy to despair. Instead we chose to open our arms, our eyes, and our hearts to a new way of growing our family. We have one more chair at our dinner table, one more seat in our car, one more bedroom in our home, and all the love in the world to give a daughter. The five of us are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our newest family member, and we warmly thank you for giving us a chance.

Hopeful,

Daniel, Jessica, Nathan, Sam + Ryan

Why Adoption?

Adoption is for us like a lighthouse on a rocky shore. Medical difficulties have driven us away from the course we thought our family would follow and onto a different direction. The adoption process is a path for us to complete our family as we have always imagined and has truly renewed our hope. We are ready to accept a baby girl of any race or nationality, the love we have for our children knows no bounds. Family is made in the heart and we are ready, willing, and able to offer all of ourselves up in hopes of finding our missing piece.