

This is Us





Where to begin? When I first saw Erica, I saw this happy smiling girl that I just had to meet! She is so kind and friendly to everyone. Above all, she is a wonderful loving mother. She is always doing things for the kids; Buying them little presents, looking for moments to teach them, and just generally making sure they are happy and healthy.

She is also extremely strong. She lost both parents at too young of an age... To watch her still be able to go on from that makes you want to try even harder to be the best person you can be. With the loss of her parents, it made her want to pull her family in even closer. This is why it is so important to grow our family. We love our family so much and want to share that love with another child.

Erica -
(Former) Elementary Teacher
Children & Family Photographer

My husband's actions speak 100% to his genuineness and character. This man stayed the night in the hospital with my father when his cancer took over just so he wouldn't be alone. He would scrub my mother's bathroom floor on his hands and knees when she was unable to do it herself. This amazing guy cooks often because I don't like to. He irons, reads bedtime stories, sings songs, dances with the kids, and packs diaper bags without being asked and without complaint. He is present. He is loving and takes care of his family.

We have a wonderful relationship that has been through thick and thin and has never wavered. Some of our friends think we're "odd" because we don't fight. We disagree of course, but yelling at one another has never been our way. I truly hope that our children learn best from their father's wonderful example on how men should treat others.



Matt -
Computer Aided Designer

Mackenzie is loving, intelligent, and extremely outgoing. This girl is full of personality and is exactly the child we hoped and prayed for! She loves being a big sister and is a natural born leader. She has many interests and picks things up very quickly. Some of her favorite activities include baking, singing, and helping others in any way possible. Now 8 years old, she reads at a 7th grade level and is at the top of her class. She loves everyone and gets along with people of all ages. She is a true social butterfly and loves being around people. Lately she has been asking for a sibling often and sincerely. She even promises to change dirty diapers!

Our Adopted Daughter



Mackenzie
Giselle



Landon is our sweet, sweet boy. He gives the best hugs and his smile lights up a room! He is all boy! He loves trains and taking things apart. He has a wonderful imagination and can play by himself for hours. However, he loves playing with his big sister (most days) and being her faithful sidekick. He is a kind friend and protector to big kids and small. Usually shy and reserved, he is super silly when he feels comfortable and makes us laugh every day. He just turned 5 this spring and will start kindergarten in the fall. (Thinking he may end up being voted class clown!) He loves getting kisses from friends' little ones and would be the sweetest big brother!

Our Surprise Baby



Landon Carter





Our relationship with our daughter's birth mother happened very naturally and organically. We have truly loved having an open relationship with her and her daughter. (Mackenzie's half sister.) I'm thrilled that they know Mackenzie is happy, safe, and well taken care of. We love that Mackenzie knows them and why we were chosen to be her family. This is her reality and her story. They will always and forever be a part of it.

Our Daughter's Birth Mother



New York



Cancun



Disney World



Lake Michigan



TreeRunner



Ludington



Disney/Epcot



Horseback Riding



Bethel



Camping



Patterson,
NY

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Grandparents & Cousins



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Adoption Party 2019



Everyday
Fun



We are silly and goofy, what can we say?



Our Home





Thank you for getting to know our family.