



The Home of Darrell, Dawn, Brantley and Austin
We would love to welcome you into our growing family.

Our Family

Built the non-traditional way, the four of us that make up the soon-to-be “Fleming-Kendall” family somehow found our way together and call our quaint little farm in Auburn Twp, Ohio home. Mom and Dad- Dawn and Darrell- met in their mid/late thirties. Dawn had already adopted Austin (2 years old), and Brantley (1.5 years old). Darrell had recently moved back home after living in Washington, DC for nearly 10 years, and started a sustainable farm with the goal of producing healthy, sustainably, and ethically raised food for his family. Now together, we share our love with each other, and the farm, but most importantly with the children. As we dive into our marriage, which will officially begin on March 28, we are hopeful that the love our family shares, and whose foundation has been built on adoption, will grow yet again.



Our Farm

Our home is a farmhouse that was completely renovated in 2017 and sits on 13 acres. On the property we have goats, chickens, pigs, and our pet cat- Chow Mein. We have a playground and trampoline for Austin and Brantley---which is also used regularly by their soon-to-be cousins, Anuhea and Zita who live up the street. We spend our springs making maple syrup, and in the summer Dawn plants a garden where we grow enough vegetables to eat almost year round. We also have two other farm properties where we have as many as 30 cows. The boys love to help on the farm, and have mastered the art of mooing with the cows, and feeding the goats. The boys have a John Deere themed bedroom that they share, and their love of tractors is apparent anytime they see one of ours, or if we pass one on a drive. Many of our dinners are made from food that we grew here on our farm, which we love both because of the flavors, but also because it is the reward of our hard work!



An introduction to Dawn

Written by Darrell

Dawn is an amazing woman. From the very instant that I first talked to her on the phone, it was clear that she is passionate about everything she does, she has a caring soul that has no limits, and her zeal for life is present every time she smiles or laughs—which is quite often. As a professional she fights tirelessly at her school district (where she is a senior administrator) to ensure that all kids, regardless of their abilities or backgrounds have the best possible chance at success. At home, she wrangles all three of us boys, and shows us so much love and support. Even on her worst day, all of us are painfully aware how lucky we are to have her. Dawn has an unbridled love of the outdoors, and has passed that love onto Austin and Brantley. Austin and Brantley are so lucky to have her as a mother, and I am beyond lucky to soon call her my wife.



An introduction to Darrell

Written by Dawn

Darrell is a very outgoing, witty and engaging individual. He loves sports, is athletic and loves the farm. Professionally, Darrell is dedicated to the recycling industry to help make our world a better place. His family and friends live close by to offer support and to spend time with. With Darrell's zeal for life and family, I hope the boys enjoy his contagious nature and learn so many positive things from him. Darrell is a very hands on parent, he is great model for the boys as to how to become a responsible gentleman and is very loving. Darrell is the type of parent that bear hugs his kids and tells them he loves them everyday. That is such a strong model for young men, they need to see that it is positive to love so openly. He is genuinely involved in all their care, participates in Austin's therapeutic and medical needs and in general works with me to help them grow. He is dedicated to growing our family through adoption and is excited to go down this path.



Brantley

Brantley came to Dawn right out of the hospital. Now 21 months old, Brantley is chock full of personality. With his signature curly hair, and his smile that seems to melt even the coldest heart, Brantley quickly makes friends wherever he goes. Of the four of us, Brantley is the only one that can truly “bust a move.” Whether music is playing or not, Brantley can be found on the nearest flat surface dancing---usually to the beat of his own drum. Brantley is currently in his parrot stage, where he will mimic most of the words that we ask him to say. Like his big brother, Brantley likes to find his limits, but always does so with a smile. Brantley’s biggest challenge in life is throwing a ball. Try as he might, he can’t seem to get it to go where he wants



Austin

Austin is an amazingly sweet kid, who had a rough first 14 months. Austin came to Dawn after a disrupted adoption, and while he has some delays that we are working through with him, he has all the tell-tale signs of a typical two and half year old. He is incredibly smart, and follows instructions particularly well. He lives to please his parents by doing whatever is asked of him, and his interactions with his brother are “usually” very sweet. Even when his terrible twos are shining bright, he keeps his charming little smile beaming from ear to ear, just to make sure you know that he knows he’s challenging his boundaries. Austin has been working with a speech therapist—and with us at home, and we have found so much joy in his progress. Austin is an amazing big brother to Brantley, a doting cousin to Dawn’s baby niece, and is so immensely caring around all of our animals.



Loving life and hoping to add to the love in our family

The next couple pages are a compilation of photos taken over the last two years of the fun and enjoyment our family has experienced. We hope to share this with your little one! We believe kids should not be in front of screens, we do a lot of outdoor activities, eat healthy and enjoy the amazing people that support us every day!



Family and Friends

We love traveling and doing exciting things with everyone that supports us!



Because they are my everything

Love sharing

pictures of my boys!



Just one more page of cuteness!

We wish you the best in making this decision. Our hearts and thoughts go out to you.

