



Daniel & Kaelyn

Daniel

AGE: 36
 OCCUPATION:
 Project Manager
 HOBBIES:
 Fishing, Golfing,
 Football, Baseball,
 Camping, Farming,
 Building things, and
 anything outdoors.
 FAVORITE THINGS:
 ACTOR:
 Denzel Washington
 VIDEO GAME:
 Mario Kart
 SPORTS TEAMS:
 Cleveland Browns
 and Atlanta Braves
 HOLIDAY:
 Thanksgiving, I like
 all the food and the
 weather.



What adoption means to me

In the beginning of our relationship, Kaelyn was very open about having felt a calling towards adoption. This is ironic because in Middle School, I remember one day coming home and finding out that I had an older sister! For all those years it was just my brother and me. After getting to know my sister, and her adoptive family, our family literally grew overnight. It has been an amazing bond. Her story has had an indescribable impact on my life. I truly feel led in this direction.

Kaelyn



AGE: 36
 HOBBIES:
 Photography, painting,
 music, gardening, off-
 roading, and traveling.
 FAVORITE THINGS:
 PETS:
 Talullah-Belle my
 German Shepherd and
 B.C. Baby my 18
 pound cat.
 PERFORMER:
 Beyonce'
 ACTOR / ACTRESS:
 Denzel Washington
 and Julia Roberts
 HOLIDAY:
 Christmas, I love to see
 communities come
 together.
 PLACE TO VISIT:
 Savannah, Georgia

What adoption means to me

Adoption to me means unity. It's the coming together of families for the sole purpose of love. It's a promise to be an amazing mother for a child. It's about nurturing, encouraging, and believing in the amazing things they will do. And having so much love for that child, that you ultimately love the ones who created them just as much.

"Adoption to me is about unity and the coming together of families for the sole purpose of love."



"Whoever said Diamonds are a girl's best friend, clearly, never owned a German Shepherd like Talullah-Belle!"

Adoption as a family

We have two amazing sons. We are blessed after struggling with fertility issues in between. After wanting to expand our family, we opened our home to fostering. The "good-bye's" were the hardest part, it was hard on us, but had a much bigger impact on our boys.

They would create these bonds with the children and when they would leave, there was no closure and they were left with an emptiness that you as a parent can't explain. The turning point for us, was experiencing the connection we as a family made with our foster children and witnessing our biological children accepting all the children who came into our home with open arms. It was very natural for them. After our foster daughter left, our oldest approached us about adoption and how he wished we could adopt where the family could play a role. Where there was open communication. To where we would get to know them, and they get to know us. At that point, we knew it was time.

Adoption for us was never "if" but, "when."

Lucas on adoption

"I want to be a big brother and hold the baby, tickle her, and make her laugh. I want to teach her how to walk and pick her flowers."

Lucas is the "Entertainer"

Age- 5

Hobbies: Playing the guitar, drums, nerf guns, and riding in the mud with his bicycle.

Tristan on adoption

"I really would like to have a little sister. When we were fostering, I enjoyed having a foster sister it was cool having another girl in the house."

Tristan is the "Entrepreneur"

Age- 12

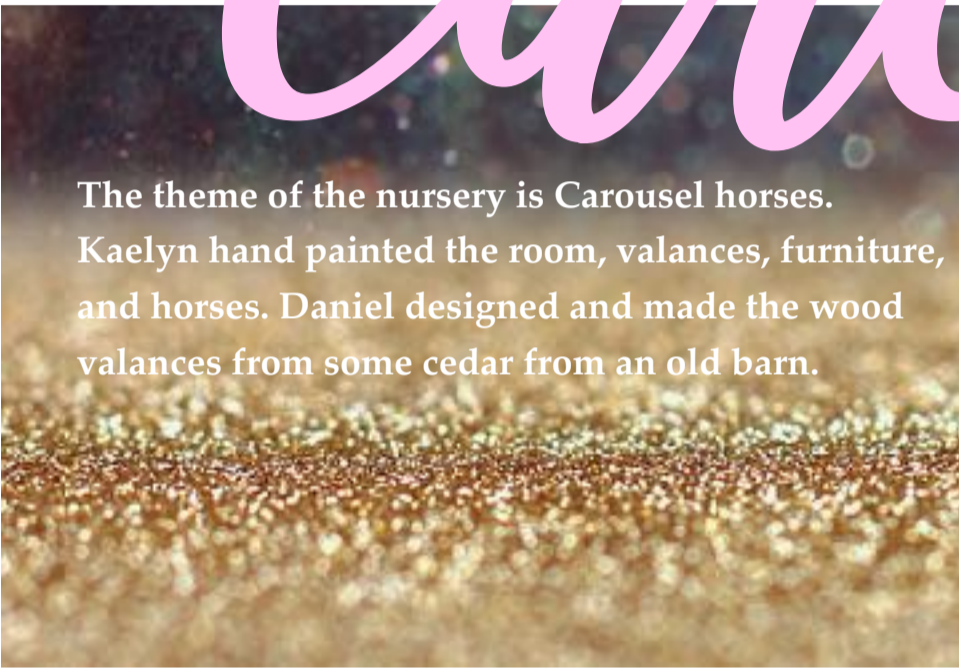
Hobbies: Airplanes, cars, coding, photography playing the guitar.





Carousel

The theme of the nursery is Carousel horses. Kaelyn hand painted the room, valances, furniture, and horses. Daniel designed and made the wood valances from some cedar from an old barn.



Our ducks, "Honk, Petunia, and Miss Waddlesworth."



One of our gardens

"A house is made with walls and beams, A home is built with love and dreams."

- author unknown