

Bethany & Her Kids



Bethany
(mom)-45
Jonathan-19
Ryland-16
Xander-16
Izabella-14
Avalyn-14
Cyrus-2
& Kylo (our
puppy)

Hi I'm Bethany aka the Mama.

I'm 45 years old and I have been a foster parent for 17 years. I have cared for over 30 special needs infants and toddlers, six of those special babies have become my adopted children. I love being a mom more than anything else!

Some of my favorite things to do is the beach, shopping at Target, grabbing a Starbucks and being with my family. I also really enjoy taking my kids on fun adventures like Disneyland and the Zoo. I'm not a great cook and I don't like to clean so we eat out a lot and we have a housekeeper.

Prior to becoming a foster parent I worked as a paramedic for several years so I have a background in the medical field which has been extremely helpful when it comes to caring for my special kiddos.





Jonathan is the oldest of my gang, he's 19 years old. He was my very first foster baby. Jonathan was born very prematurely and has had many medical issues because of that. When he came into my care the doctors told me that he wouldn't ever learn how to walk or talk, but definitely knows how to do both! Jonathan has some developmental delays but he is the sweetest young man you'll ever meet. He also has multiple issues with his stomach and colon which has required many surgeries. Jonathan has a gtube to help him get enough fluids and calories. Jonathan is a great big brother! He loves everything Pirates of the Caribbean and Star Wars. Disneyland is his FAVORITE place to visit!

Ryland is my next oldest son, he's 16.

Ryland is an extra special young man. He was born with a brain malformation called Schizencephaly. He also has a traumatic brain injury that he experienced when his birth mom unexpectedly gave birth to him at home. Ryland can walk, feed himself and follow simple instructions, he doesn't talk but he's always laughing and smiling. Ryland has a severe seizure disorder, thankfully it's well controlled with medications. Ryland also has a gtube to help with medications and fluids. His favorite things to do are playing in our backyard pool and watching train videos on his iPad.



Xander is my next oldest son, he's 16.

Xander is a pretty typical teenager who loves basketball, video games and swimming. He had a rough start as he was born prematurely at just 2lbs. Xander had some medical issues and delays when he was younger but he's doing really well now. He loves school and makes friends very easily. Xander is a fan of Star Wars, Marvel and loves Disneyland.



Izabella and Avalyn are my 14 year old twin daughters. They both love being big sisters, they adore their baby brother! They also both love to swim, go to the beach and Disneyland.

Izabella is a typical active teenager who loves being outdoors. She also enjoys art, singing, running and doing CrossFit. Izabella is very good with her baby brother and has always been a very big help to me with all of our foster babies.



Avalyn is also a pretty typical active teenager despite being only three and a half feet tall. She has a form of dwarfism called achondroplasia, she's a little person. Avalyn had many medical issues when she was younger including hydrocephalus (shunt surgery at 7 months old) and she had a gtube until she was 3 years old. Now Avalyn is a super healthy teen girl who loves hip-hop dance, shopping and baking.



Cyrus is my sweet 2 year old baby boy. I adopted Cyrus in August 2019 when he came out of the hospital at 5 months old.

Cyrus has a complicated medical background but he's doing very well since coming home. Some of Cyrus' diagnosis are Dandy Walker syndrome, severe hydrocephalus, rare genetic disorder, and epilepsy.. He is mostly gtube fed but has recently started taking a small amount of food by mouth. Cyrus can sit up on his own and he can crawl everywhere! He's also starting to use sign language and say a few words. Cyrus loves everything Cars and playing in any kind of water, especially the beach.

Cyrus has truly brought endless joy to our family!

A little more about our family....

~we live in a large home in a very safe, family friendly neighborhood in a beach town just north of Los Angeles

~our family is very blessed to have a full-time nanny who's been with us for 8 years

~we have many extended family members that live close to us so they are a big part of my children's lives

~along with our puppy Kylo we also have 3 older small dogs named Sunshine, Pepper and Audrey.

~we have several close family friends that have children with Down Syndrome including our family pediatrician who has an adopted 3yo son with Down Syndrome.

We have many, many resources in our area for children with disabilities including in-home therapy and a specialized school that's within walking distance from our home.

A child with Down Syndrome will be given endless opportunities to thrive in our family!

