# Vanessa & Eli

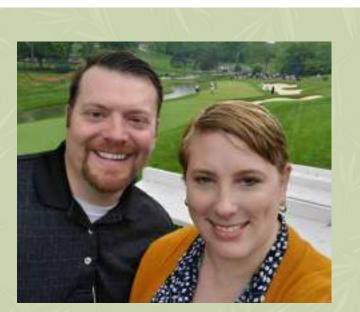
## » Hello! « €

We are Vanessa and Eli from Ohio. It's an honor to have you read our profile and gain a glimpse into our family.

We can't pretend to know your journey, but are willing to support your courageous decision. Whether you choose to parent, choose us, or another loving family, we are humbled you are reviewing our profile. You have our utmost admiration and respect.

We love being parents to our two beautiful children, Eli and Alyssa. We encourage their growth by supporting their strengths and nurturing their opportunities. We have been called by God to grow our family again, but through adoption due to fertility challenges with a history of multiple miscarriages. Eli and Alyssa are incredibly excited for a little sibling to embrace, love, and teach.

# **Our Story**



**Memorial Golf Tournament** 

We love going to amusement parks!



Night out in Philadelphia



e met during pharmacy school in Pennsylvania. We were in separate years, but had mutual friends. One evening our friends decided we should officially meet, so they secretly arranged a group night out. Vanessa was a dancer growing up, so when she saw Eli's dance moves it immediately caught her attention. One dance together led to many that evening. We've been inseparable ever since. Now music fills our home either from Google in the kitchen to songs on the piano beautifully played by Eli. Random dance parties can turn any normal day into a GREAT one!

We are ready for this new adventure and blessed to travel it with you. We promise a home full of love, support, and safety with every opportunity to thrive.



## Meet Vanessa

#### **BY ELI**

Vanessa is an incredibly committed and kindhearted person that puts her family above all else.

he has made sacrifices for the family, including stepping away from her dream job in order to put the family in a better position for the future. She is a life-long learner that enjoys mentoring and developing others, whether that be young children or PhD students working towards their degree. As a mom, she uses this skill set to help our children understand sound decision making, which will serve them throughout life.

Vanessa is highly detail oriented and has a keen ability for improving the way things work. She applies this professionally as well as at home in managing the schedules of our family, which in itself should be a full-time job. Yet, she finds a way to keep order with grace and a loving touch.



Vanessa has a light-hearted personality and is gentle natured. She likes to engage in conversations about science and enjoys a variety of entertainment which includes Broadway musicals, Netflix movies, comedy shows, and college sporting events. She loves dressing in her favorite team's jersey or colors to cheer them on. To relax, she reads one of her favorite books by the fire in the family room. Above all, she enjoys activities with our family and creating memories that will last a lifetime!







### Vanessa's Fun Facts

**Favorite Author** Colleen Hoover

> Favorite Animal

l wish l could adopt all of the rescue dogs

**Favorite Ice Cream Flavor** Cherry Garcia (Ben & Jerry's)

**Favorite Sports Team** Philadelphia Eagles Favorite Vacation Spot Any place with a tropical beach

**Source of Inspiration** My children because they are

than I was as a child.

**Dream Job** Owning a farm for different types of rescue animals

Must-Have Accessory Lip gloss



#### **BY VANESSA**



Wrestling coach and dad!

Eli is a firm believer in supporting our children's goals and dreams.



he day I knew I was in love with Eli was the day my cat died. He happened to call me just mere hours after we said goodbye to Jellybeans. The tough guy he appeared to be, turned in to one of the most compassionate and understanding people I've ever known. Eli grew up with dogs so he could sympathize with the loss of a pet. That day I knew our souls were connected.

As our love grew I had the honor of watching Eli grow as a person. He is a forever learner that enjoys exploring new things. Most recenty he studied for and earned his pilot's license. He loves playing the piano and learning new songs to play for us. In his spare time he coaches our son's flag football team and wrestling team, and is also an avid bee keeper. He finds it exciting to watch our daughter's gymnastics practices.

## Eli's Fun Facts

Musical Instrument I Play Piano

**Favorite Sports Team** Philadelphia Eagles

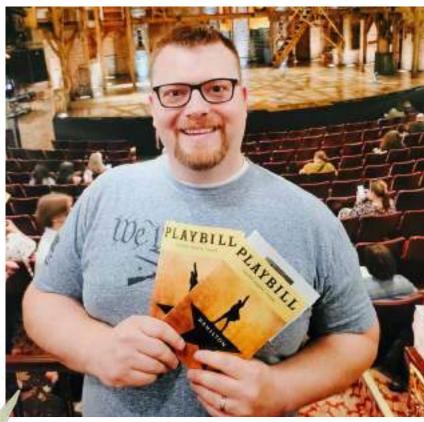
> Favorite Hobby Flying

**Favorite Ice Cream Flavor** Cookies 'n Cream **Favorite Musician** Coldplay

**Favorite Dessert** Banana Cream Pie and Birthday Cake

Dream Job Pastry Chef

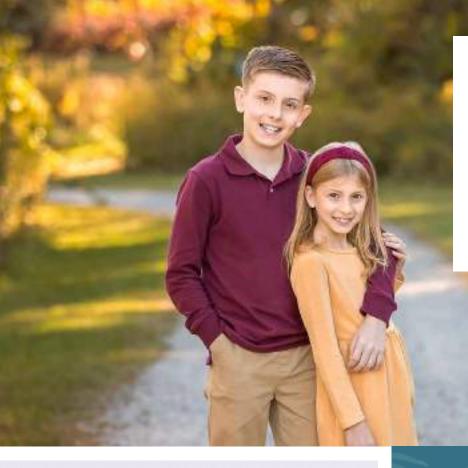
**Favorite** Vacation Spot: Universal Studios, Orlando Eli has taught me that life doesn't need to be so complicated and serious. He brought humor and laughter into my daily life. If life throws challenges our way we tackle it together as a team. I couldn't imagine going on this adventure with anyone else but him.



**Seeing Hamilton on Broadway** 



 Elîs firse visit to Disney





#### Eli is 10 years old and our biological son.

He enjoys wrestling, football, video games, computer coding, and playing games with his sister.

He is thrilled about the idea of having a baby brother or sister. He wants to teach him or her many new things such as throwing and catching a ball. Alyssa is 8 years old and our biological daughter.

Gymnastics is her love. She is part of a competitive girls team and acrobatic team.

Alyssa adores animals of all kinds. She is very motherly and compassionate. She enjoys helping our neighbors care for their foster puppies.

She can't wait to finally be a big sister!

#### Wicked on Broadway



Come along with us!





**Celebrating Nana's birthday** 



My father-in-law visits us multiple times a year. He enjoys coming for the children's gymnastic meets and wrestling tournaments. My father and step mother try to visit at least once or twice a year. Holidays are always a good time for us to get together. When family visits for Christmas it's a tradition that everyone wear matching holidays pajamas.

Even though a lot of our family lives in PA they do their best to stay in touch and visit for important family events. Just this year we celebrated Alyssa's First Holy Communion with our family in Ohio.



#### **BY VANESSA**

#### Eli and I grew up in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Most of our family still lives there so we visit there often. My mother, Debbie, moved to Ohio in 2020 to live with us. She is a huge help and support system for us. When we visit Pennsylvania we always stay at my father-in-law's lake house. The house is right on a small lake with a private dock. Eli and Alyssa enjoy fishing and riding on the paddle boat. The lake house is a joy to visit at any time of year.

**Celebrating major milestones together** 



**Eli with cousins** 

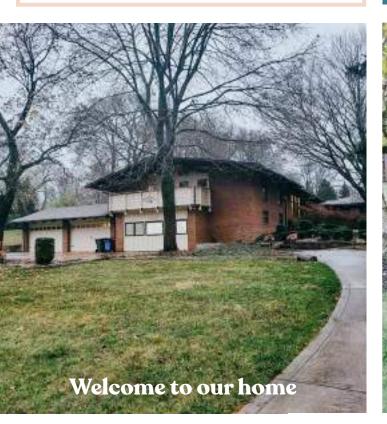


Vanessa with her mom, Debbie



## Our Home & Community

Our family moved to central Ohio in 2014. We live in the suburbs of a large city.







Our large backyard with playset

ur home is on a quiet road with a cul de sac. We have plenty of room to grow our family with enough bedrooms for every child. Our backyard is fenced in with a wooden playset for the kids. Our 5 chickens live in their own coop in the backyard. We know all of our neighbors and celebrate Halloween and birthdays together. There are many children that live on our road. The elementary school is less than a mile from our home.

There is always something to do in our area. We enjoy going to the zoo, pool, trampoline park, movies, restaurants, and parks. We are a short drive away from beautiful lakes with beaches. In the fall we enjoy local farms and orchards. Ohio is a beautiful state that we like to explore.

Handsome Jax





# M Our Pets

#### We have 3 adorable dogs: Jax, Lucy, and Maisel.

Jax is a 4 year old fox red labrador that loves to cuddle. Lucy is a 5 year old terrier mix that enjoys snuggles under the covers. Maisel is a 3 year old australian cattle mix that adores the outdoors. All 3 love playing with the kids especially when a squeaky ball is involved.





#### We also have chickens!

We are enjoying nature



## **Our Faith**

Our faith and relationship with Christ has been instrumental in leading us to this journey. Our family was formed in the tradition of Judeo-Christian values but with a strong appreciation of the development of the individual. While we were raised Catholic and have carried on that tradition with our children, we believe that individuals are called to serve on their spiritual journey in an endless number of ways.

# In Closing

e certainly would love to learn more about you. Should you select us as adoptive parents to your baby, we will provide a home full of love, laughter, faith, education, and doggy snuggles. We raise our children to be respectful, honest, kind, courageous, and generous. We would be honored to do the same for your child. We would also ensure your child knows where they come from, and how deeply you love them. **To** whatever degree you are comfortable, we look forward to sharing in this adventure with you.



Thank you for taking time to get to know us better. With Love, Eli and Vanessa