

**Bethany
and her
Family** 



Bethany (aka Mom)- 48

Jonathan- 22

Ryland- 19

Xander- 19

Avalyn- 17

Izabella- 17

Cyrus- 5

Korben- 4

Vance- 4



Bethany aka "Mom"



I'm a 48 year old single mom of 8 amazing adopted children ages 4-22. We live in beautiful Southern California just one town over from where I was raised. I was a foster parent for special needs children for over 17 years. Five of my children were adopted from foster care and my three youngest children were adopted through private adoptions. I'm very privileged to be a stay-at-home mom and provide my children with all of my time and attention. We are very financially stable as I'm a paid caregiver for my disabled children through a wonderful state program. I love spending time with my family. We enjoy being outdoors especially at the beach and park. I also very much enjoy shopping, swimming and going to Disneyland.

Jonathan (22)



Jonathan has had a lot of medical challenges throughout his life including many surgeries on his GI system. He currently has a gtube which he uses to add extra calories to his diet as he has a very difficult time gaining weight. Jonathan has some developmental delays including high functioning autism but he's doing amazingly well! He just graduated a special school program and now he has been excepted into a two year film making program, he hopes to work in the film industry when he graduates. Jonathan loves everything Pirates of the Caribbean and Star Wars. He also loves building LEGOs. Jonathan is of Hispanic and Native American descent.

Xander (19)



Xander went through a difficult childhood in foster care but despite that he has grown into a polite friendly young man. He is currently working towards graduating high school and getting his drivers license. Xander has started helping out with his brother Ryland as a paid caregiver. Xander enjoys hanging out with his friends, playing video games and fishing. Xander is of Caucasian descent.

Ryland (19)



Ryland is a super happy young man with lots of challenges. He is unable to talk and he is not potty trained but he does walk on his own and he is also able to feed himself. Ryland was born with a condition called Schizencephaly which has caused him to suffer from epilepsy but thankfully his seizures are well controlled. He loves going to the park and playing on his iPad. Ryland also loves to play with trains, Thomas the Tank Engine is his favorite. Ryland is of Hispanic descent.



**Avalyn
and
Izabella
(17, twins)**

Avalyn loves dancing, swimming and social media. She was born with a condition called Achondroplasia, she's a little person. Avalyn had some health challenges when she was little, including hydrocephalus, but she is very healthy now and she doesn't let her small size stop her from doing anything she puts her mind to.

Izabella loves reading, music and fashion. She enjoys collecting books and clothes. Izabella's favorite place to hang out is the library or the local ice cream shop. She is currently learning French with hopes of traveling abroad when she finishes school.

They are both amazing big sisters who adore their little brothers. Both girls also love makeup, shopping and going to the movies.

The girls are of Hispanic and Italian descent.



Cyrus (5)



Korben (4)



Vance (4)

Then we come to the “Babes”, my three adorable little boys.

Cyrus is 5yo, Vance and Korben are 4yo (they’re 9 days apart!).

***Cyrus was born with Dandy Walker syndrome. He has hydrocephalus and cerebral palsy but neither of those diagnosis slow him down! He can crawl and climb and he’s working on walking independently (he’s so close!).**

Cyrus is the sweetest boy who adores his big sisters and loves giving the biggest hugs. Cyrus has a gtube and he relies on it for about half of his nutrition.

***Vance is my wild, typical little boy! He is constantly playing, eating and talking. Vance loves playing outside, watching trash trucks and basically anything that makes a mess.**

***Korben is the newest member of our family. He joined us just a couple weeks before his third birthday.**

Korben was born with a super rare genetic disorder called MEF2C. Unfortunately his condition causes significant developmental delays and epilepsy but that does not stop him from being the happiest, smiliest kiddo. Korben can sit on his own and he can roll everywhere he wants to go. He loves to laugh especially at Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, he loves to be held and tickled, he is also totally obsessed with his pacifier. Korben has a gtube which he uses for 100% of his nutrition.

Cyrus and Vance are Biracial (AA/Caucasian). Korben is of Eastern European descent.

...more about us

We're very fortunate to live in an area that offers endless resources for special needs children including specialized education and top notch therapy programs. We are also extremely fortunate to have access to amazing medical facilities such as Children's Hospital Los Angeles, UCLA Medical Center and Cedars-Sinai Hospital.

We have a large 6 bedroom home in a very safe, family friendly neighborhood. Our support system consists of family and friends who live in the same town as us, many of our family friends have also adopted special needs children. Even our pediatrician has an adopted son with Down syndrome.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family!

We would love to add another special baby to our unique family so please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have as you choose a forever family for your beautiful baby.

