

# Daniel & Ashley



## Hobbies & Interests

Exploring national parks, being active, farmers markets, hiking, biking, and taste testing coffee and ice cream!

## Occupation

Daniel: Engineer/Portfolio Manager  
Ashley: Special Education Teacher

## Education

Daniel has a Master's in Business from MSU and a Biomedical Engineering Degree from MTU + Ashley has a Master's in Special Education from MSU

## Religion or Belief System

Catholic

## Pets

One dog named Wilbur

## Children in Home

None

## Our Story

We have known each other our whole lives. Ashley is the sister of Daniel's best friend. In college, we started dating with the encouragement of Ashley's brother. Once we did, everything fell into place. The majority of our relationship was built on open conversation as we were dating from afar. Once closer together, our relationship was inevitable. Daniel proposed in front of our favorite stand at the local farmer's market, in the same town we now live. We were married in the church we both grew up in on June 8th, 2013. 5 years later and our love for each other has only gotten stronger!

## What Brought Us to Adoption

When we married, we knew and hoped that one of our greatest blessings as a couple would be a family we would raise together. We knew that biological children might not be an option in our family planning. We discussed that what was most important was our opportunity to have a family, not the means that the children came into our lives. After growing in love with each other for three years, we decided it was time to expand our family. We discovered that it was unsafe for Ashley to have children. We knew then, this was only the beginning of our beautiful journey in adoption.

## Our Hopes, Open Adoption & Relationship with Birth Family

We feel incredibly grateful towards perspective birth families. The ability to make a plan for open adoption for a child is one of the single greatest acts of love. We believe that the nature of the relationship between birth parents and adoptive parents depends greatly on the wishes of all of the participants in the relationship. We are open to, and believe, that we can have a shared love for a child. We hope that the child will know love from both their birth family as well as their adoptive family. We are excited for the opportunity to grow our family in the uniting with a birth family.

These individuals have met all requirements of the State of Michigan and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County to become adoptive parents, may fit your situation and are waiting to welcome a child into their home. If you would like more information about this family, please contact:

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