

We would like to express our profound respect for your compassionate and courageous decision in choosing adoption. Thank you for taking the time to look at our profile and for considering that we may be the family you are looking for. We are open to various levels of adoption from open where we regularly exchange calls, emails and photos to semi-open if you would prefer updates several times a year. We would also consider an adoption where we meet with you or closed if you would prefer it that way. Our main goal is to raise a child in an environment where he or she will know that you loved them so much you wanted more for them then you felt you could provide.



About us:

Our names are Dan and Mandie. We met through a mutual friend nearly 15 years ago and have been married for nearly 14 years and are looking to expand our family through adoption. You may find that our story is a little different then some that you have read. We have not spent years struggling with infertility treatments. Eleven years ago, I (Mandie) became ill with a very aggressive disease that did not respond to medical treatment. After 8 months of trying to manage this illness with various medications and treatments, the best decision, as recommended by my doctor was a surgery that left me unable to have children. At the time, we actively decided that we would not try to save eggs for future fertility treatments, that when the time came to start a family we would complete our family through adoption. My health has been perfect since this operation and we are very grateful that this life changing experience has brought us closer together and truly strengthened our marriage and commitment to each other.



More about Dan:

I grew up in a suburban neighborhood located in Northeast Ohio. My parents had been married for over 30 years until my Dad passed away in 2006 and my mom remarried in 2008 to a very caring husband. I grew up in a loving household and my late father remains my inspiration for which I will carry with me into fatherhood. I am the youngest of 3 boys, David, the oldest, Mark and me. Both of my brothers have grown into successful men and role models for me as well. I spent my childhood playing with neighborhood friends, riding my bike and playing baseball. In high school I ran track and cross-country and enjoyed participating in my church youth group. I was raised Catholic until I was 12 years old at which time my family re-joined the church my father was raised in, the United Methodist Church. My favorite childhood memory would definitely be the weekend getaway trips my family would take. We didn't have a lot of money so we took these trips together when we could and made the most out of them. All of these experiences instilled a strong sense of 'family', 'commitment' and 'love' in me and I look forward to passing on these values in my own children.



More about Mandie:

I grew up in a small town in lower northern Michigan and my family ran a small business. My parents were married for nearly 40 years until my dad passed away in 2009 and I have one older brother, Bud who now manages the shop since my dad passed on. I spent my childhood on my family's lakefront property boating, swimming, horseback riding and playing with my cousins and pets. My family has had this property for over 100 years and often served as gathering place for our entire family and helped keep all of us close to this day. Now as my husband and I look to adoption, I can't wait to pass on this gift to my

child and his or her future family. Following my parents' example of community involvement with various local charities, I began volunteering for the local animal shelter in 6th grade and expanded my volunteer work to include other non-profit community organizations throughout high school. During my high school years I also participated in cheerleading, acting in school plays and was editor of the school newspaper. I was raised with a strong belief in God but without an affiliation to a specific church. My favorite childhood memory consists of spending countless summer days and nights at the lake with family and friends and has shown me how important it is to remain close with family. Through these life experiences and how I was raised, I have learned about unconditional love, giving back and living every day to its fullest!



Our life together today!

Dan is 33 years old and has been an active duty member of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) for 15 years. We have lived in several parts of Michigan and spent nearly 6 years living on an island in Alaska for his job. One of the reasons we waited to start a family is so that our child wouldn't have to spend his or her school-age years moving with his job. Dan will be retiring from the Coast Guard in 5 years, just in time for our child to start elementary school. Mandie is 34 years old and is in the final months of completing veterinary medical school. She plans to work part-time as a veterinarian once she becomes a mother. We plan to settle in lower northern Michigan so that our child can be close to grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. We will be building a house on some of the property that has been in Mandie's family for generations.

We enjoy spending time hiking with our 2 dogs and taking them to local dog parks, Zoie is a golden retriever and Missie a beagle mix. We also have 4 super cuddly cats - but the pets aren't really a big surprise in the home of a veterinarian. We love the beach and spend at least one week a year at our oceanfront condo in Florida. We also enjoy taking weekend trips that include camping, hiking and kayaking. We live near several recreational areas that allow us to enjoy these hobbies on a regular basis. We also go horseback riding whenever we can and plan to add a horse and a pony to our family soon. We have a strong belief in giving back to our community and often spend free time volunteering for non-profit organizations such as local animal shelters and the Big Brother/Big Sister program.

Our promise to you:

We would like to close with saying again; we have a great respect for what must be a very difficult and emotional decision. If you choose adoption and us, we pledge to give this wonderful child all the love and guidance you hope for.