

Jill and Dana

growing our family

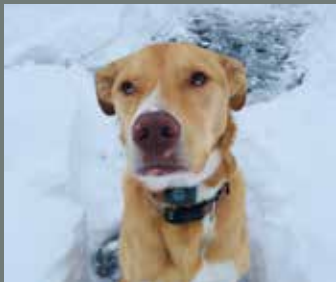


our lifestyle

When we met in 2010, our lives changed in ways we could never have imagined. We instantly clicked, bonding over our shared sense of humor, similar values, and many common interests. We actually met at a nonprofit where we both still work today, and we're proud to have spent over 15 years working toward the same goals. Dana is the adventurous one—always eager to try new things and push Jill out of her comfort zone to experience something exciting. Jill is the planner, carefully weighing all options before making decisions and ensuring things go smoothly. This blend of personalities has created a perfect balance in our lives, and we wouldn't have it any other way. Our four-year-old son is constantly learning new things, and we are soaking up every moment of joy as he keeps us on our toes. It's a beautiful, fulfilling life that we're so grateful for.

our home & neighborhood

We live in a cozy little community, just 30 minutes outside of a vibrant metropolitan area, with our son, Reid, and our two dogs, Woodford and Hazel. We've been fortunate to call this place home since 2016, and it truly feels like our dream location. We're just two miles away from a stunning state park that boasts one of Wisconsin's largest lakes, offering endless hiking trails and opportunities for camping. Our neighborhood is filled with newer homes and young families, and we love being surrounded by people who are in a similar stage of life. Our backyard is our sanctuary. Reid and the dogs love to explore every corner, and we take great pride in our garden, which we work hard to perfect year after year. It's a peaceful, welcoming place where we all feel at home.



adoption in our life

Our adoption journey began with fostering, a path we walked for seven years. During that time, we were fortunate to welcome four children from three different families into our home. Many of these children stayed with us for multiple years, and while it was always bittersweet, we were proud to see them reunite with their birthparents. These experiences deeply shaped us and helped us realize just how important it was to build a family of our own. In 2021 we were beyond grateful to adopt our son through the foster care system, and he has brought so much joy and love into our lives. Now we are excited to continue our journey and complete our family by adding a sibling for him. It's a journey filled with love, growth, and the deep desire to give our children the stability and love they deserve.





photos of our
life together



more about Dana

- Occupation:** Blood Donor Health & Product Suitability Coordinator
- Education:** Some College
- Race:** Caucasian
- Religion:** Nature
- Sport:** Running, Biking, Soccer
- Food:** Fish Tacos
- Hobby:** Hiking, Live Banjo Music
- Tradition:** Celebrating Winter Solstice
- Musical Group:** Billy Strings, Brandi Carlile
- Movie:** *Almost Famous*
- Dream Vacation:** Hiking in Arizona
- Holiday:** Fourth of July
- TV Show:** *Grey's Anatomy*
- School Subject:** History
- Book:** Biographies & anything by Mary Oliver



more about Jill

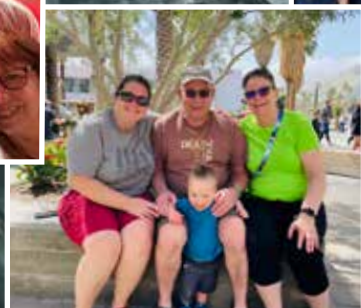
- Occupation:** Quality Assurance Specialist
- Education:** Bachelor of Science
- Race:** Caucasian
- Religion:** Spiritual
- Sport:** Baseball, Softball, Volleyball
- Food:** Apple with Peanut Butter
- Hobby:** Arts/Crafts, Gardening
- Tradition:** Decorating Christmas Cookies
- Musical Group:** Varies by my Mood
- Movie:** *The Wizard of Oz*
- Dream Vacation:** Any Vacation to a Beach
- Holiday:** Halloween, Thanksgiving
- TV Show:** *Emily in Paris*
- School Subject:** Biology
- Book:** Harry Potter series





our family *and friends*

Both of us come from small families—each having just one sibling—and we’re both the oldest. While our immediate families are small, we’re lucky to have a large extended family filled with close cousins as well as a niece and nephew who bring so much joy into our lives. Jill’s parents live about an hour away, which makes it easy for us to visit them often. Dana’s dads live in California, and it’s always a fun and affordable getaway for the whole family. They also have a condo near our home where they spend their summers, so we cherish the extra time we get to spend with them. Though it’s been two years since Dana’s mother passed away, we still think about her often and carry her memory with us. One of the things that brings us all together every year is the local Down Syndrome Walk in October. It’s an event that both of our families, along with friends who feel like family, look forward to and make a priority. It’s a day of support, love, and community that means a lot to us all.





our letter to you...

We want to begin by expressing our deepest admiration and respect for your brave consideration of adoption. Your selflessness and courage in considering adoption for your baby are truly remarkable.

As we embark on this incredible journey, we find ourselves filled with gratitude for the possibility of welcoming another child into our lives. We understand this decision may be incredibly difficult for you, and we want you to know we are here to support you every way we can. Our home is a place filled with warmth, laughter, and unconditional love. We believe in fostering an environment that encourages growth and curiosity and supports each child's unique interests and talents. We are committed to providing a solid education, a safe and secure upbringing, and a lifetime of support, guidance, and love.

Please know our hearts are full of respect, admiration, and gratitude for this extraordinary gift you may offer. We would be honored to be chosen as adoptive parents and to share this incredible journey with you.

With much gratitude,

Jill and Dana