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Jill AND Dana

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## about us

When we met in 2010, our lives changed in ways we would have never imagined. We hit it off right away. We shared the same sense of humor, similar values, and a lot of the same interests. We met at a nonprofit we still both work for and are proud to say we work toward the same goals and have for over 13 years. Dana loves to try new things and go on fun adventures and pushes Jill's comfort levels with new experiences. Jill is the planner. She takes the time to investigate all possible outcomes with each decision made. This mix of our personalities has benefited us in many ways and makes our lives very enjoyable and rewarding. We also have a two-and-a-half-year-old son who is learning new things daily. We are loving every minute of him keeping us on our toes.

## OUR HOME & PETS

We live in a small community 30 minutes outside of a metropolitan area with our son, Reid, and two dogs, Woodford and Hazel. We've been lucky to have lived here since 2016 as this was our dream location. We live two miles from a beautiful state park that has one of the largest lakes in Wisconsin and offers miles of hiking trails as well as camping. Our subdivision consists of newer homes with young families. We love being surrounded by families that are close to the same stage of life as we are. Our backyard is our oasis, the dogs and Reid love to explore, and we enjoy our garden that we work hard to perfect each year.

## OUR ADOPTION STORY

The path that led us to adoption was one of introspection, compassion, and a desire to make a positive difference in a child's life. It started with us being foster parents in 2014 with the realization that family goes beyond blood and that love knows no bounds. During the time we cared for four children and helped three families, we realized we longed for a family that would be with us forever. We were so surprised and extremely grateful to have been able to adopt our son in 2020 through foster care. When we look at our future, we would love to be able to grow our family one more time and to have children who share a sibling bond.





*our photos*



## about Dana

**Occupation:** Blood donor health and product suitability coordinator

**Education:** Some college

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Nature

**Sport:** Running, biking, soccer

**Food:** Breakfast burritos

**Hobby:** Hiking, live banjo music

**Family Tradition:** Celebrating Winter Solstice

**Musical Group:** Billy Strings, Brandi Carlile

**Movie:** *Almost Famous*

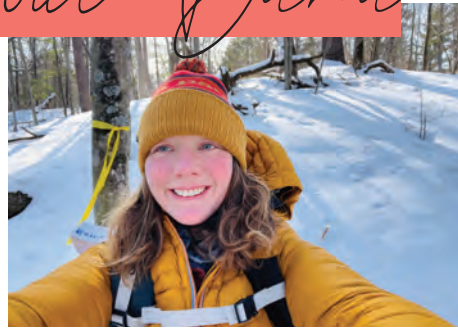
**Dream Vacation:** Hiking in Arizona

**Holiday:** Fourth of July

**TV Show:** *The Golden Girls*

**Subject in School:** History

**Book:** Biographies and anything by Mary Oliver



## about Jill



**Occupation:** Quality assurance specialist

**Education:** Bachelor of Science

**Race:** Caucasian

**Religion:** Catholic

**Sport:** Baseball, softball, volleyball

**Food:** Seafood, Mexican, soup

**Hobby:** Art/crafts, gardening

**Family 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:** *Chopped*

**Subject in School:** Biology

**Book:** Harry Potter series

## OUR FAMILY

# and traditions



Both of us come from a smaller family with one sibling, and we're both the oldest. While we came from small families, we have extended family with many close cousins and a niece and nephew. Jill's parents live about an hour away, so we are able to visit easily. Dana's dads live in California, so this makes for a fun and affordable family vacation destination. They also have a condo close to our house that they spend the summers at so we get as much time as we can with them.

Last December Dana's mother passed away, and this was a difficult time for our family. Every year in October, both of our families and friends that are like family make it a priority to meet for the local annual Down Syndrome Walk. This is something we all really enjoy and look forward to.



*dear*

## EXPECTANT MOTHER

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 & Dana***