

building our family

Taylor + Dan



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about us

Hi! We both grew up in small towns in tight-knit families. As soon as we met, we felt as though we had been with each other for years. Taylor started as a paramedic working 911 and eventually moved into research. Dan works as a finance manager. With Dan's pragmatic approach and Taylor's adaptability, we find our personalities complement each other well. Our interests often overlap but differ, allowing each of us to be exposed to new experiences. Taylor loves to read and be in nature, and Dan enjoys playing organized sports. Together we love walking our dogs, taking hikes, and finding time to snuggle to watch a movie. We stay connected with both of our extended families, so much so our mothers have even vacationed together. We hope to continue this tradition of love by expanding our family.

our home + pets

In early 2024 we moved into a charming four-bedroom house in a city nestled along the scenic St. Croix River. We were thrilled to find a smaller town that has a supportive community to raise a family in which still being close to the urban area with great access to amenities. We want our kids to be able to bike to school, walk to see friends in summer, but still be close enough to nature that they can appreciate the beauty of a forest and a river. Being able to spend time with our sweet dogs, Lizzy and Coco, is always the highlight of our days. Lizzy loves to roll on her back and get belly rubs more than anything, and Coco loves to give kisses and chase around toys.

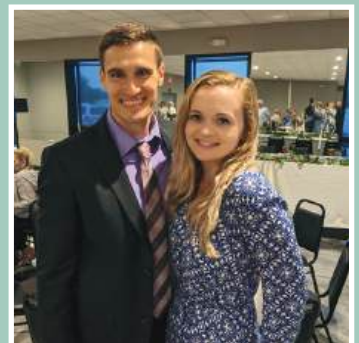


what led us to adoption

From the start, we both knew we wanted to have a family, no matter what obstacles we might face in that journey. So shortly after we were married, we tried to conceive a child. Given our family history, we understood there was a chance that conceiving our own child might not be in the cards. While doctors didn't find anything specifically wrong with either of us, we have tried and have not been able to conceive even with medical assistance. However, we always knew that it wasn't about where the child came from; what mattered is that we got to be a family together. Therefore, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to be a part of a child's life.



our photo album



more about Taylor

Occupation: Paramedic
Education: Bachelor's degree
Race: Caucasian
Religion: Spiritual
Sport: Football
Food: Ice cream
Hobby: Reading
Family Tradition: Fishing
Musical Group: Taylor Swift
Movie: *Legally Blonde*
Dream Vacation: Greece
Holiday: Halloween
TV Show: *Schitt's Creek*
Subject in School: Biology
Book: *Pride and Prejudice*



more about Dan



Occupation: Finance manager
Education: Master's degree
Race: Caucasian
Religion: Spiritual
Sport: Football
Food: Lasagna
Hobby: Rec sports
Family Tradition: Thanksgiving dinner
Musical Group: The Beatles
Movie: *The Shawshank Redemption*
Dream Vacation: Iceland
Holiday: Thanksgiving
TV Show: *Seinfeld*
Subject in School: Physics
Book: *Ender's Game*



our families + traditions

Dan's extended family includes his two brothers and sisters-in-law and five nieces and nephews. Dan's mom is a big part of our life, and she is always making an effort to spend time with her grandchildren, whom she adores so much. Dan's family keeps the tradition of always getting together on Thanksgiving, eating dinner, and then immediately turning on the movie *Elf* to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season.

Taylor's extended family includes her parents, who still live in her hometown, and her older sister and brother-in-law. Taylor was also a middle child; her younger sister passed away from cancer when she was a teenager, and her family works hard to keep her memory alive. During Christmas, Taylor's family gets together in her hometown to celebrate. After gifts on Christmas morning, it is time to hit the ice for a little bit of ice fishing and snowmobiling. Taylor's family loves to bond outdoors and has a deep respect for nature.

We also have to mention our chosen family. Because many of us are transplants in the area, we have forged deep friendships. These strong connections with our family and friends give us a great perspective that family is everywhere.



dear expectant mother



Thank you for considering giving this gift and making this sacrifice. We are so excited to start a family, but we know our family cannot start without your fearless and courageous decision to consider the adoption process. This is an extremely hard thing to do, but no matter what you choose to do, you are showing so much bravery and strength. People like you allow love and hope to blossom throughout the world.

If we were given the opportunity to raise your child, we would consider ourselves supremely lucky, and we wouldn't take your trust in us lightly. We cannot promise to be perfect parents, but we can promise to be devoted parents who will learn, grow, and laugh with your baby. Dan already has his gym shorts ready to run around with your child, and Taylor has a stack of children's books to read to the baby during bedtime. We want to share all the world has to offer with your child, both big and small things. We are both so excited to share our passions, our energy, and our love with your child. Thank you for taking us and this option into consideration. We are unendingly grateful!

With gratitude and love,

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