



SAMI JO + EVAN

our journey to adoption



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about us

Hello! We are Evan and Samantha Jo (Sami Jo). We met in our late teens and married right away. We love living life together and are praying for a baby to raise and bless. Evan is a manager at a local hardware store. He's very happy to help everyone, and most everyone in the local community knows him by sight! Sami Jo is an RN and works at a local doctor's office. Her love of helping others extends to everything she does. She is the first to help others. We are a good mix of out-and-about as well as homebody. Spontaneity and adventures are found in weekend road trips to the Midwest and Northeast U.S., but routines hold us steady; we have dinner together at the table every night. Sami Jo plays soccer, and Evan has an RC boat hobby. We host parties in our backyard that include homemade grilled pizza, dance-a-thons, and yard games.



our home + pets

We live on just over four acres of partially wooded land less than a five-minute walk from the shores of Lake Michigan. We enjoy going to the beach, taking on DIY projects (recently started to renovate a library with a fireplace in our home), and enjoying our home and property. We have two dogs, Kodiak and Gazella, who love to snuggle while we read. We also have three cats—Viper, Otter, and Eagle—ranging in age from 9 to 18, each with their own unique personality. Winter months are made warm and cozy by the fireplace and the aroma of fresh baked goods as Sami Jo loves to bake cookies, breads, cupcakes, and more in the winter. In the summer months, Evan loves to cook anything and everything on the grill—homemade pizza, breakfast buffets, and all the meats.

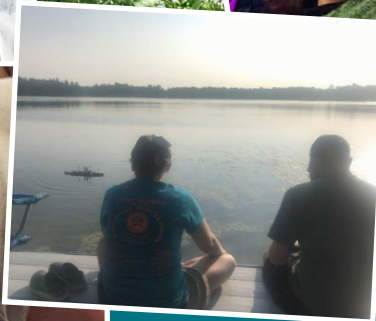
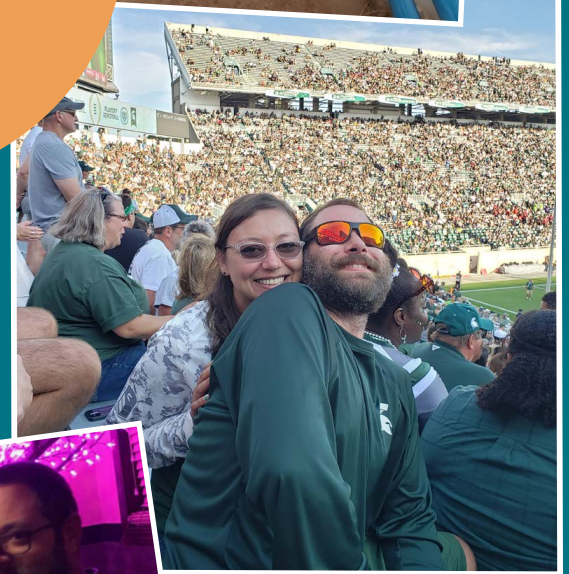
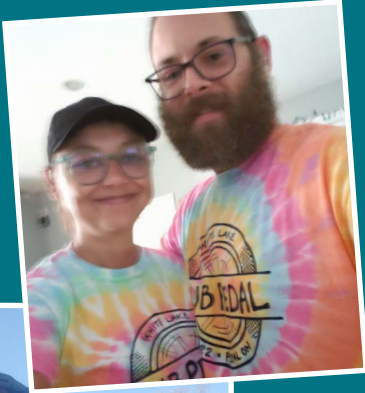


WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Our hearts are full with the thoughts and hope of a child to love and raise. We know this is not an easy decision for you but are honored you are considering us. We have always wanted to be parents; however, we are unable to have our own children as we were unsuccessful with fertility treatments. We are a great, supportive couple who are praying for a child to bless and raise. We eagerly await being able to raise a child to love everyone around him or her, to be a good steward to others, and to laugh often.

OUR LIFE

together



OCCUPATION: Registered nurse

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree

RACE: Hispanic

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Playing soccer, watching football

FOOD: Potato chips, wet burritos

HOBBY: Soccer, reading, crocheting

FAMILY TRADITION: Halloween costumes, Christmas Eve candlelight church service

MUSICAL GROUP: Classic rock, country

MOVIE: *Air Force One*, *Indiana Jones*

DREAM VACATION: Alaskan cruise

HOLIDAY: Halloween

TV SHOW: *NCIS*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Science

BOOK: *The Constant Princess*, *Outlander*



more about

SAMI JO



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EVAN

OCCUPATION: Hardware manager

EDUCATION: High school

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: College sports

FOOD: Chinese, pizza

HOBBY: RC boats, reading

FAMILY TRADITION: Decorating for Christmas right after Thanksgiving is cleaned up

MUSICAL GROUP: Linkin Park

MOVIE: *Anything Jet li*

DREAM VACATION: Road trips

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: Anime

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History

BOOK: Science fiction

OUR FAMILY & traditions



Evan is the oldest of three siblings. He is the only boy but grew up close to his male cousins, whom we still hang out with regularly. Sami Jo is the oldest as well. Her parents divorced early, and both remarried. Her family is large and blended, making adoption an easy addition. Coming from a large extended Hispanic family, Sami Jo's family has enveloped Evan as well. The majority of our blended family live within 15 miles, and oftentimes holidays and weekend get-togethers are large family affairs filled with food, games, and laughter.

Important family traditions include midnight service on Christmas Eve, returning home, and having a large Christmas breakfast with the family lit up by the Christmas tree at 2 a.m. before sleeping in on Christmas morning. Full hearts, full tummies, and surrounded by the joy of family are the best gifts we can give to each other on such a special holiday.

We believe "family" is who you choose, and we have chosen a large group of people who care about us and our adoption journey. Many people are praying for God's blessing in this adventure, and we look forward to potentially being able to envelope you into our family—if you so choose.





DEAR

*expectant
mother*

Dear Expectant Mother,

First, please know you are blessed beyond measure for the gift of a child and your willingness to consider the road of adoption. Second, please know that many are praying for you and your child even though we don't know anything specifically about you. May God bless you and bring you peace and comfort in this time and all your years to come.

We appreciate the difficult decisions you face and are humbled by your courage to consider embarking on the unknowns of adoption. Emotions can be difficult to put into words: excitement and sorrow, joy and heartache, all bundled into one small, growing baby. We are grateful for the opportunity to get to know you better through this journey, but we are also scared and nervous. The unknown can be frightening, but please know we intend to walk with you in this journey, as you see fit. As parents, we intend to raise this child with love and compassion as well as teach them the importance of hard work and the joys of relaxation and kinship with friends and family.

Thank you for your love for this baby. Thank you for your caring and compassionate decision to give birth to this baby. Thank you for your strength to enter into adoption. Thank you for choosing to learn more about us.

Looking forward to furthering this journey,

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