

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY!



Hello mom! We admire the strength and selflessness you are showing in considering adoption. We are honored to be part of your journey. We are Jonathan, Angela, Eleanor, Leo and Lyle. We knew long before we were married that our story would never be predictable, making the potential of adding a child to our family through adoption even more exciting! We have always been guided by the idea that we are right where we need to be. We are glad you are here too.



Our Story

Jonathan was born and raised in Mississippi but visited his grandma every summer in Northwest Iowa where Angela was born and raised. Their paths crossed easily in a small town when they were teens (1998) - but it wasn't until 2015 they were reconnected while Angela was living in NYC and Jonathan in Ohio. A simple message that Angela sent online surely prompted some interest as Jonathan flew to see her that weekend, and convinced her to move to Ohio shortly after.



A life of adventures was an instant common thread. We are both energized with travel and experiencing something new. It definitely helped to have already known one another's values, families and faith foundation. Our marriage was an enormous celebration of two families uniting despite the geographical distance.

We settled in Ohio however spent an equal amount of time flying to new places, even after we welcomed our first two children (Eleanor and Leo). We moved to South Dakota to be closer to family and welcomed our third child, Lyle!





I was raised on a farm in Iowa with four sisters. Growing up loading hogs, working cattle, butchering chickens, walking beans, baling hay, canning sweetcorn and every other farm task has made me appreciate ordinary tasks that make life extraordinary! I graduated from college with a doctorate in Occupational Therapy. I was a traveling OT for 10 years, living all over the country and even abroad (Spain and Egypt). My full time job is now at home - I am very particular about a clean and organized house as well as coordinating outfits, celebrating birthdays/holidays, getting to the gym and trying new recipes. But ultimately my time is spent going to the park or reading bedtime stories :)

Angela



I grew up in Mississippi with two older brothers.

My childhood was filled with sports! Being outside year round makes me now appreciate the summers in SD. I graduated from Mississippi State with an engineering degree- my career has allowed me to travel extensively including living in Brazil. I switched up the corporate life for entrepreneurship and now own and run our family business (the same industry as my dad: laundromats!). I'm the family finance manager but my skills are best used for planning beach trips and building pillow forts at home.

Jonathan





Eleanor Leo & Lyle

Eleanor (Nori) is in Kindergarten at the nearby Catholic school. She lives for art projects, makeup and jewelry, princesses, reading and swimming. She is a second mother in the house! Leo is in preschool at the same school, and prefers dirt, trucks, tractors, Legos and riding bikes. He likes to test new limits every day! Lyle is at home- every toy mentioned above is his domain when his brother and sister are at school. He is the rule follower, and makes sure everyone else is too!





Our Home and Community

Our home is a 4 bed, 2 bath, historically registered and well loved place of residence. We just finished a garage project with an upstairs addition for storage however its currently filled with tractors, farm animals and Barbies as a second toy room! Angela loves to wallpaper and redecorate- the house has so much character. We live one block from the park and pool and have the best neighborhood- there is always a friend walking across the street to play sidewalk chalk or race scooters.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We can't wait to learn about YOU!
Jonathan, Angela, Nori, Leo and Lyle