

Dave and Kathy

Dear Birth Parents,

You are admired for many reasons. Adoption is a courageous choice, and we are so grateful for your strength and courage. The wisdom you now show will be shared forever in our family. Your choice will be celebrated daily, and the opportunity to raise a child will never be taken for granted with us.

You are making a difference in our lives. You are giving us a gift that we could not give ourselves. We have been happily married for 17 years, and to our delight, in 2009 birth parents like you chose us to be the parents of our daughter Adria. It is truly a dream come true!

Our infertility experience was full of disappointments and heartache. Our adoption journey filled our hearts with hope and healing. What a blessing Adria and her birth parents are to us! We have so much love to give! We would love to be chosen again in order to fulfill our dream of raising and caring for more children in our family. We are excited that Adria and a sibling will share their lives together.

One blessing that makes us unique is the closeness that we share with our extended families. Both of our parents and Dave's sister live within 20 minutes of our house. It is nice to share holidays, milestones, special occasions, and daily life with family so near.

We want the very best for the future of our child(ren). Our goal is to continue to use wisely the time, talents, and treasures God gives us to enrich the lives of our children and to provide for their wants and needs. We are excited about raising a family in a Christian home with so much love all around us. We enjoy creating opportunities for our child(ren). With our family Adria travels often, spends time around extended family, makes friends, learns so many new things, and continues to thrive. What a blessing she is! God is creating our family to be one who reaches out in love to serve others. It is wonderful to grow together in His grace!

May God bless you with confidence and lasting peace in the positive choice you are making and the tremendous gift you are giving- the gift of life and love!

Dave, Kathy, & Adria



Fun Family Facts

Views on Adoption

Adoption is the greatest gift! We valued getting to know Adria's birth parents and regularly send them pictures and letters of thanks. It has been a fulfilling journey for us. Honestly, the waiting is hard. We have wanted children ever since we were first married, and it has been tough being patient for those dreams to be fulfilled. But Adria was so worth the wait! We are so grateful for this process and eagerly await the time God will bless us with another child to love and nurture. For openness, we are very open and willing to adapt.



Views on Parenting, Education, & Discipline

Parenting has been a dream-come-true. Adria is a delight and our decisions revolve around what would benefit her most in life. It isn't always what she wants that is most important, but what is very best for her. Education is important to us both. We have earned our bachelor's and master's degrees, and we both played sports in college. Kathy teaches full time and enjoys her calling as a Lutheran elementary teacher. Even more we enjoy teaching Adria new things. She is a little sponge, soaking up and basking in the world God created. Discipline is part of the nurturing process. We aim to be mature and consistent in disciplining Adria and our future children. We want to understand our children by listening first and showing patience. We want to set them up for success in life and give them skills to be loving people who make a positive impact on others.





Adria loves playing with her friends!

Child Care Plans

We want to spend as much time with our children as possible. In our absence, Kathy's mom, a nurse, and dad, retired banker, will watch our children. Also, our good friends, Brent and Cindy, who live on a farm, share that time caring for Adria and any future children. Our parents and friends are excited about our dream to have more children. Adria will soon be starting preschool where Kathy teaches.



Adria decorating pumpkins!



Celebrating Kathy's dad's retirement!

Family Life

Our family life is full of love and creating opportunities for happy times together. We go to the zoo, parks, sporting events, amusement parks, vacations, and do many things together. We like spending time with family and friends. Many of our friends have young children also, so it is nice to all get together and have fun.



Ring in the New Year with our good friends!

Religious Life

We attend a local Lutheran church regularly. Adria also enjoys the Sunday school classes that we all attend together. It supports a Lutheran school where Kathy teaches, and Adria will begin pre-school there next year where she will continue to learn about Jesus each day.



Home

Our house is a spacious two-story brick house with a large yard.



Adria loves to play, sing, and dance and can't wait to be a big sister!