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# Tanner & Abby

(and Millie)

Hello!

We'd like to begin by acknowledging how difficult this decision is that you're making. It takes courage, selflessness, and a great amount of love to choose to place your child for adoption. We could never understand the emotions you must be feeling, but we want you to know we have the utmost respect for you and the journey you're on right now. Even though your baby will be going home with new parents, you are the person who grew, carried, and brought them into the world. Because of that, you will forever be connected to your child. That is why we are committed to fostering an open adoption filled with support, communication, honesty, and consideration for you.

We've been hoping and praying to bring a second child into our family for several years. Adoption has always been an interest for us as a couple. Even before we were married we were having conversations about someday adopting a child! We are both firm believers in signs from God, and through our journey with infertility over the past several years we have felt God nudging us toward adoption. Here we are now, following that pull in our hearts to welcome a beautiful new child into our family through adoption. We have so much room in our hearts, and so much love to give your child. It would be an absolute dream come true to watch our family grow.

 Abigail  Millie

# Meet Millie

This is our beautiful daughter, Millie! God blessed us with her life in 2021, and we've been thanking Him for her every day since. She is sensitive, curious, funny, and loves being silly and pulling pranks on people (she gets this from her daddy)! Some of her favorite things are searching for bugs, painting, baking, reading, and playing outside! Family time is a top priority for us. A few of our favorites things we do together include going to parks, visiting the zoo, going on bike rides, and gardening! We also enjoy relaxing at home and finding joy in simple moments like cooking as a family and playing board games or doing puzzles.



Our parenting style has evolved based on the needs of our daughter. While it's important for parents to be fun, silly, and flexible, it's also crucial to set boundaries and create routines that make children feel safe, confident, and cared for. We believe the most effective form of discipline is connection. Children need to feel understood and supported, especially during their most difficult moments. As parents, it's our job to make sure our children know right from wrong and how to grow from mistakes all while feeling unconditionally loved. Raising kind, hardworking, and courageous children is our best chance at making the world a better place.

# Meet Tanner

I grew up in a rural Nebraska town with my parents and two older siblings. I was raised to work hard, be selfless, and put my trust in God. Growing up, I loved sports, dirt biking and four-wheeling, and learning work ethic through working on the farm. Though I enjoyed playing several sports, wrestling became a passion for me and ultimately earned me a full-ride scholarship to The University of Nebraska Kearney. After graduating with an Industrial Distribution Degree, I moved to Minnesota for a career opportunity. Abby and I spent several years there enjoying being newlyweds and experiencing big city life! As we were feeling ready to start having children, a management opportunity popped up in South Dakota which felt like the perfect next step for our family. I pride myself in providing for my family by working hard and showing up for them. Creating a healthy balance between work and family is a top priority for me, and family always comes first! In my free time I enjoy going to the gym, smoking meat, and studying the Bible. I also volunteer coach high school wrestling as a way to give back to the sport. Abby and I also enjoy board games (especially Settlers of Catan), puzzles, and traveling! My greatest accomplishment to date is being a father. It gives me purpose and motivation for self improvement. Being a dad has brought joy to my life I never knew existed, and I pray that we get the chance to extend our love to a new baby soon!



"Tanner is hardworking, thoughtful, and fun-loving. Some of his greatest strengths are his leadership, work ethic, and ability to make people laugh. Life is never boring with Tanner by my side as we are always planning our next adventure! His love as a husband and father is palpable. I love watching him play with our daughter and show her love the way every child deserves to receive it. He's the daddy who stops what he's doing to teach, explain, and connect. He's the husband who always puts my needs first. He is our family's solid rock, and I am so thankful for him."

-Abby



# Meet Abby

I grew up in a small town in Nebraska. It was a peaceful childhood full of friends, family, and community. I grew up playing sports of all kinds, but particularly enjoyed volleyball and track. I attended college at the University of Nebraska at Kearney where I received my degree in English Education. Tanner and I met and began dating during college. After graduation, job opportunities took us to Minnesota, which is where we spent the next several years. We got married in 2018 and spent the first years of our marriage exploring the twin cities, making new friends, and attending pro sports events. During our time in MN, I was the Director at a Montessori school while also teaching a preschool class. In 2020 we moved to South Dakota to be closer to our family in Nebraska! Although my degree has an English emphasis, early childhood education has always felt like my calling. I continued teaching preschool until 2021 when we brought our daughter into the world. Since then, I've been a stay-at-home-mom and feel beyond blessed to do so! Beyond being a mom, I enjoy gardening, baking, traveling, and spending time outdoors. I'm also known to get a bit competitive during game nights. 😊 Being a stay-at-home-mom is truly a dream come true for me, and I would love to bring another beautiful baby into our loving family and promote Millie to "Big Sister"!



“Abigail is the smart, selfless, patient, loving person whom Millie and I are so thankful have in our lives forever. She is fun and ready for adventure (as long as she isn't hungry). Her skills, intelligence, optimism and patience have helped so many children as an educator, and Millie is blessed to have her focus on her now.

Watching our daughter grow into such an amazing person who lives as Jesus wants her to is because of Abigail knowing how to raise a child who makes this crazy world a better place to be in. Exploring the world with someone who sees things as she does makes anyone around her happy to be in it. Abigail is the best mother I have ever seen parent. She is ready to cuddle, play, craft, educate, and anything else that a child could need. With another child under her tutelage and loving care this world will become that much better.”

-Tanner



We love traveling and experiencing different landscapes and cultures. Some of our favorite trips have been Iceland, Duluth, and Sedona! We believe traveling with children helps them become well-rounded and understanding of cultures different from their own.



Sedona, AZ with good friends



Iceland for our first anniversary



Guys' trip to Philadelphia with Grand Doug, Uncle Tyler, and cousin Henry



Clearwater Beach, FL family vacation



Mothership Comedy House in Austin, TX



We enjoy watching and attending sporting events, specifically the Huskers, Vikings, and Minnesota Wild!



What we enjoy most is creating core memories as a family. We find so much joy and fulfillment in starting our own family traditions, going on adventures outdoors, and simply spending family time at home. Some of our favorite weekend activities include trying new restaurants, family bike rides to the park, playing in the backyard, and movie nights!



Our cat, Phoebe!

