

Sarah  
&  
David





Hello! We are David and Sarah. Thank you for taking the time to get to know our family and consider us as parents for your child.

We have been on a long journey to get to where we are today. We are praying that you may choose us as adoptive parents for your baby. Raising your child would mean the world to us. If given the opportunity, your child will be loved with all of our hearts.



We are a fun, energetic, and silly family with a lot of love to give! We are excited to have another child as a part of our family.

# HELLO



# A little about us



Our family currently resides in Iowa, and we were born and raised here. We met in high school and immediately became friends. We started dating in college and have now been together for over 20 years.

We have two boys, Bradyn (12) and Carson (10). When our youngest was born, Sarah suffered complications and is no longer able to have children. We feel like our family isn't complete, and we realized we both had a deep desire to add a daughter into our family. This led us to start our adoption journey to expand our family.



We love spending time outdoors hiking, biking, gardening, or just relaxing on our patio and playing yard games or sitting by the fire. We are a very active family and live very close to a great trail system where we frequently walk and ride our bikes when the weather is nice.



Growing up on our family farms, we both were raised to appreciate the value of hard work. We were taught that by putting in effort, you can do great things. We learned that you can't do everything alone and some tasks take teamwork. We both had various roles around our family farms, helping out with cattle or hog chores, helping plant and take care of our family gardens, and even helping with field work.



Living on farms taught us to appreciate where our food comes from and that it is not just as easy as buying it from the grocery store. It takes a lot of time and effort! These are values we are passing down to our children, teaching them that hard work will help them achieve their dreams, and preparing them for curveballs that life may throw at them. You always had to expect the unexpected on the farm, so we really learned to be flexible and adaptable.



# David

David is a goofy, dad-joke-loving, talented, hardworking man. He loves goofing around with our boys and all our nieces and nephews. He loves to find new games for the kids to play or find places for them all to explore. He is also great at making amazing snow sledding hills. The kids love it!



**PLAY,  
LAUGH,  
SMILE!**



David is also a man of many other talents. He loves woodworking and has created several pieces of furniture for us and other family members. He also completed the majority of our own home renovation projects in the inside and the outside of our house. He has been teaching the kids (and even mom!) how to safely use tools and complete projects themselves, trying to pass his knowledge on. David can fix just about anything, and if he is not sure how, he is great at watching a quick video on YouTube to find the solution.



Girl dad in training !

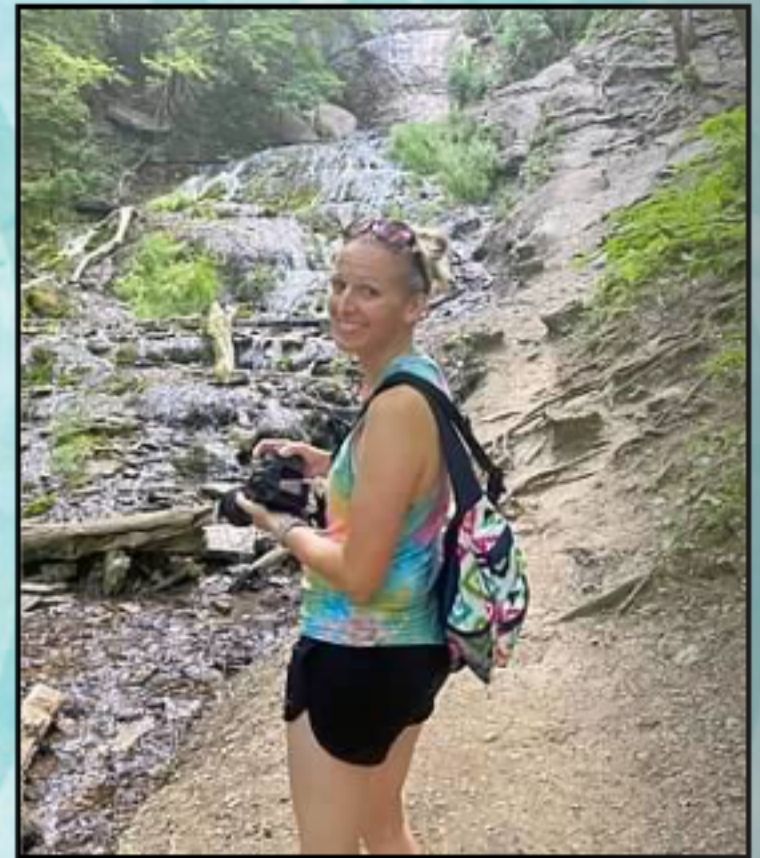
David would love the opportunity to have a daughter. He wants his own little princess that he can attend daddy/daughter dances with, let her paint his nails, and play with all the glitter! And if she turns out to be a tomboy, that's okay, too! He enjoys spending time with all his nieces and would love the chance to raise a daughter. He would love to be able to share with her his love for the outdoors through hiking adventures, or play basketball with her in the driveway, or teach her how to complete her own carpentry projects, or show her all the tricks he has for growing the perfect crops in our garden. He is a big softie, and a daughter will hold a very special place in his heart.



# Sarah

Sarah enjoys watching the Iowa State Cyclones, whether it is attending home football games with her dad and sisters or watching the team on TV. She also loves cheering on the Minnesota Vikings and is hoping one day she will get to see them finally earn a Super Bowl win!

She loves photography and enjoys taking our family pictures every year as well as photographing gatherings with our extended families. Since the boys started in sports, she has been working on improving her sports photography skills, always trying to get that perfect shot.



Sarah loves to be outdoors, whether it's going for a bike ride, hiking on the trails, or simply going for a nice walk around the neighborhood. The best evenings are in the summer, sitting on the patio around the fire pit, making smores and listening to music, and maybe even playing a yard game or two.

Sarah is the glue that holds the family together, keeping the family's schedule and all three of us boys on task. She is the boys' biggest cheerleader and is the loudest mom in the stands when they are competing.



Sarah would love a daughter to do all the girl things with. She looks forward to doing her hair, getting pedicures and manicures, and getting all dressed up to have a girls' day. She also can't wait to show her that it's ok for girls to get dirty, too!

Being able to share her love for the outdoors with a daughter would mean the world to Sarah. She spends a lot of time outside in the summer taking care of the flowers around the yard as well as the ones we grow in the garden. She would love to have a daughter to help her create the perfect bouquets to cut and bring in the house to display.



Say CHEESE





# Bradyn



Bradyn is very social, and he can strike up a conversation with anyone about anything. He loves to be part of a group. He participates in competitive swimming and loves being part of the team. Not only is he a great teammate, but he is also a great coach, always helping his teammates work on their techniques. He can't wait to be a swim instructor one day. Bradyn loves all living things including bugs, animals, fish, birds, you name it! He loves to go to zoos and aquariums and going out and enjoying the wilderness.





Bradyn is very into figuring out how things work. He likes to take things apart and see how they function, as well as come up with new inventions and bring his creations to life. He loves science and engineering, but he is also quite an artist. That is one of his favorite subjects at school, and we love seeing all his creations that he brings home, as well as just the random sketches he completes when he is at home and working in his sketchbook.

Along with the arts, he really enjoys music. He is in his school band and plays percussion. He also joined his middle school jazz band this year and loves being able to play on a full drum set. Bradyn has loved music since he was very little, always dancing and singing along with whatever tune is playing. We always have music playing in our house.



Bradyn would love to have a little sister! He really enjoys helping his younger cousins and playing with them. He is one of the oldest of all the cousins, but he doesn't mind. He would love to have his own sister that he can give piggyback rides to, push on the swings, share his love of creating new art masterpieces, and teach to swim.



# Carson

Carson is always full of surprises! He is very quick-witted and listens to everything going on around him. We often find ourselves doubled over with laughter with some of the quick one-liners and comebacks he delivers. He is a bit shy around new people and is our big softie. He will be the first to cry at a movie or even a sad commercial on TV.





Carson is always full of energy and loves to be active. He loves to come up with new games to play and is very competitive, so watch out if you take on one of his challenges! He loves playing any sport, as long as it keeps him moving. Carson also joined the swim team with his brother and loves being a part of the team.



Carson would love to have a baby sister he can play with. He is very patient when it comes to playing with younger kids and loves to be a helper. He attends a before- and after-school program where he loves to help all the younger kids with their projects and play games with them. The teachers love having Carson as a helper because he is so great with all the kids! When we pick him up, he has to say goodbye to everyone, giving high-fives and hugs all around. He is also very protective and would make sure his little sister was always safe.







# FAMILY

We have a very large extended family. David is one of five siblings, and all of them live in Iowa which means we get together as much as we can. Between the five of them, there are 11 children; the oldest is 14 and the youngest is three.

We try to take a big family vacation every other year. We don't go too far, but just take the time to get all the kids together and really let them have fun. It may just be a long weekend at a zoo and some pool time in a hotel, but the kids love it! It's an extra chance for them to be together and have fun outside of the regular holidays and birthday celebrations we spend together.



TOGETHER IS A  
*Wonderful*  
PLACE TO BE

← Making homemade apple cider!



Sarah has two sisters, five stepsisters, and one stepbrother, so also a large extended family. Both of Sarah's sisters live close by, so we get together with them on a regular basis. Sarah's youngest sister has a son who is almost two, and the boys love playing with him.

Sarah's stepsiblings all have children as well, so when they get together, the kids have a blast! They love to go on adventures together, usually running through the woods at Grandma's and Grandpa's house. We are also fortunate to have Sarah's aunt and uncle living only a few blocks from us with kids not much older than ours. They have always jumped in and helped us when needed, watching the kids last-minute on school cancellation days, or just providing another level of support when needed.



Our boys love visiting their grandparents! The Grands also come and visit us and have enjoyed traveling with us to watch the kids activities, whether it is swimming, music or another activity. All the grandparents are within a couple of hours, making it easy to visit.





# home sweet home

We have lived in our house for 15 years, and it doesn't even look like the same place now as when we moved in! We have done a lot of remodeling projects to make it our own, and we have created an amazing outdoor space for our kids to really move about and live out a more rural lifestyle while still living in town.



We live in a nice, quiet neighborhood, close to the elementary school, parks and trails. We may live in a bigger city, but it doesn't feel like it, and it is often said it is the best place to raise a family in the state of Iowa. We are in an amazing school district that has a lot of opportunities for kids.



There are a lot of clubs and sports that kids can participate in, as well as different events such as a culture fair where the kids get a chance to showcase what is important to them in their culture. This is a great way for kids to learn about other cultures outside of their own. We really love being part of such a diverse community.







There are always things to do, and we are fortunate to live in a great area where we can enjoy many different semi-professional sports like baseball, hockey, soccer, and even indoor arena football. We have several gymnastics and trampoline parks, and plenty of other things to do in our community. There are always festivals and large farmers markets to attend as well during the summer and fall.



We are in a great location in our state where we are not too far from anything and can make a lot of fun day trips to some of the bigger state parks for hiking or other festivities going on in other towns. Our family loves to attend parades during the summer and are always looking for the best ice cream shops to visit.



# Winter Magic

Different seasons bring their own set of things to do for our family! In the winter after a good snow, we like to go sledding, build snowmen or just have a good snowball fight.

If it is too cold to go outside, we can always venture to one of the trampoline parks in the area or attend a hockey game. The kids love cheering for the hometown hockey team! We also enjoy cozying up by the fire inside and having a family game of Mario Kart.



There is a big kite festival we enjoy attending where giant kites are flown over a lake. You actually walk out onto the frozen lake to check out all the kites, some as big as a school bus.





# hello SPRING



Spring is when we start to get our outdoor space ready, cleaning up the yard, planting the garden and setting up all the patio furniture to be ready for the warmer weather. It's also fun to start getting back onto the trails for either a long walk or a bike ride.

There are always community egg hunts when it gets close to Easter that are always fun to attend! Another community event that is a favorite for us in the spring is "Touch a Truck" where various businesses display their equipment and kids of all ages are able to climb inside, ask questions and see how they work.





# summer FUN

Summer has so many options! David created a nice space for a garden, and we spend a lot of time growing vegetables and flowers. Sarah always says, if it is nice out, then we play outside.

We love to hang out in the backyard, cooking out on the grill, playing games, sitting around a fire, and sometimes even just grabbing a good book and laying on the patio couch for some quiet time.



Summer also brings time spent on the trails or visits to National Parks and beaches. Summertime is also farmers' market season! Our community has a large farmers' market twice a month that we love to attend. Not only are there many great options of things to purchase, but there is also live entertainment. Summer also brings baseball, and we try to catch a game or two. We enjoy venturing to the lake for boat rides with family, making smores around the fire in the backyard and outdoor movie nights. And let's not forget our annual trip to our State Fair!





# Fall Fun



Grandpa teaching Bradyn how to drive the tractor.



Fall is a beautiful time here, especially when the leaves all start changing colors before they drop. It gets very colorful!

We love to go to harvest festivals and our local pumpkin patches and apple orchards. There are always great kids' activities happening, and it's great to get outside a few more times before the cold of winter hits.

This is also when football starts, and we start attending Iowa State football games on Saturdays. Grilling outside and tailgating before the games is a favorite pastime and, of course, attending the games!







## Notes from Carson & Bradyn

I would like a baby sister because it would be nice to have someone to share the cool thing I can do with them. I would also like to show them where I have been and make more memories. - Carson

I want a baby sister because I want to show her the world and go to new places with her but I also want her to follow my lead and help change the world.  
- Bradyn



THANK  
*you*

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and consider us as adoptive parents for your child. Raising a daughter would truly be a blessing for us, and we would be forever grateful if chosen to be your baby girl's adoptive family.

We have a lot of love to give and want you to know that we will raise your daughter to be a strong and independent woman with a strong set of values. We want your child to grow up being the best version of herself that she can be.



We embrace all levels of diversity. Being different is what makes us each unique, and that is something to celebrate! We raise our kids to love and respect those around them. Our boys have learned that we don't exclude others, we include everyone, we befriend those around us and help those who need it most. These are the values we hold as most important.

We have so much love to give and would love for you to pick us as the adoptive family for your child.

Thank you!





One of the favorite pictures Sarah has ever taken of this goofy bunch. When you find a giant skateboard, of course you have to jump on!