



Hello!

We are so grateful for the opportunity to share about our family. It is important to us that you get an accurate glimpse of our daily life as a couple, as individuals, and as parents. Friends and family are so important to us. No matter how far the distance is between us, it is always worth the trip to be able to spend time and make new memories with loved ones.

From the bottom of our hearts, we want you to know that you and your baby are in our prayers. Pregnancy can be such a celebratory time, but also an emotionally exhausting and isolating journey. Our hope is that you have loved ones to confide in and trust your heart with. If you don't have that support, or even if you do, know that you now have two more people in your corner cheering you on.

If you choose to allow us to be a part of your family, not only will we love and protect your child, we will also love and protect you. We are an open book and would love very much to keep in touch and build a beautiful, unique relationship that not everyone gets the chance to experience!

> Vincent and Danielle and Adelyn

Why Adoption

We are already blessed with one sweet and sassy four-year-old daughter, but we are unable to biologically have another child. Our hearts and hands are open to God growing our family through adoption, not just by one more child but by a whole family. Adoption to us means that we get to have many seats at our Thanksgiving table and lots of cheering together for our child's milestones. Our hope is to have the experience of an open adoption, so that your baby can be surrounded by as much love and family as possible throughout their life. We realize that you being a part of your child's life, if you desire, is irreplaceable! We will always welcome you with open arms and consider you part of the family, whether that looks like an open adoption or not.













"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

About Us

We met at an Irish festival on St Patrick's Day in 2016. We always tell people that it really was the "luck of the Irish." Before one of our first dates, I had to cancel because one of my foster dogs had to go to the emergency vet. While there, Vince drove by my house and left a new toy for the dog on my porch because he knew I was upset. We were inseparable for the next year, and Vince proposed in Charleston on St. Patrick's Day in 2017! He hid a ring in a seashell and told me we needed to collect some shells to decorate our new home. He handed me his pile and told me to look through it to see if I like what he had picked. Our best friends even filmed the whole thing!

We are complete opposites in a lot of ways which makes life fun and never boring, but we both agree on our faith, fundamental values, and morals. For example, the most important job we will ever have is keeping our daughter (and future children) safe and protected. Our children's well-being will always come before all else. From the day our daughter was born, we knew our priority would always be to make her feel loved and supported. This will also be the case with any child we are blessed enough to add to our family.





Vincent is the calm in the storm, the voice of reason, and the one you look for in an emergency. He grounds me when I get too excited or when I start to worry. He is the kind of man that takes my mother's garbage out, brings down her groceries, and remembers to save her a plate if he thinks she didn't have dinner. When one of his sisters needs help moving or one of his brothers' cars won't start, it is Vince that they call. When we first met and money was tight, I would still see Vince drop off hot meals for those around the community in need. He truly cares for others.

I think it's even more important to tell you about how Vince is as a father because there was nothing more beautiful than seeing him be a dad. No one is perfect, but from the minute our daughter was born Vince has tried every single day to be the absolute best man he can be for her. I know that he will be just as amazing with another child because he has such a nurturing personality. While he works in construction, he transforms into a tea party friend, a customer at the nail salon, and a personal arts and crafts assistant for Adelyn. One of the biggest things that surprises people about Vince is his artistic side. He and Adelyn will draw and paint for hours.



I have never met a person that can handle so many things at once and then on top of that help others in need. She has this unique ability to keep a composed face during sad or tough situations when others need her most. Time and time again, I see her put others' needs first before spending anything on herself. She also has a ton of patience. When we first met in 2016, I still had a lot of growing up to do but Danielle never gave up on me. She saw the best in me, and because of her I've grown into the man, husband, and father that I always wanted to be. I really did find a pot of gold on the St. Patrick's Day when we met.

If were to list Danielle's best qualities as a mother, I would say emotional intelligence, selflessness, patience, strength, and love. As a pediatric trauma nurse practitioner, she often sees the aftermath of terrible accidents but she is still able to come home to our daughter with nothing a huge smile and big hug regardless of what she's dealt with at work. Seeing the love and adoration Danielle has for our daughter warms my heart so much. She is constantly teaching her new things, making her laugh, and reminding her how much she is loved.

Meet

Our daughter Adelyn is sweet, funny, intelligent, kind, intuitive, empathetic, energetic, strong willed, artistic, and a social butterfly. She lights up the whole room with just her smile. If she thinks someone is sad or having a bad day, she immediately goes and gives them a big hug.

She loves feeding and changing all her baby dolls. She is always creative and could spend hours painting and drawing. She likes all things Disney, Peppa Pig, and Gabby's Playhouse. She is in gymnastics and tap dance classes which she very much enjoys! We also do swim lessons and she just learned to tread water.

One of our favorite traditions with Adelyn is a birthday breakfast at IHOP. Whether it's on a weekday or a weekend, we take her for a birthday chocolate chip pancake with a smile made of chocolate chips.





Our Home & Community

We live in a three-story brick home in Georgia. We have lived in this house for two years, but have lived in the area our whole lives. The two upper floors of our house include four bedrooms and a playroom. We have a large kitchen with breakfast nook where we eat breakfast together every morning. Our fenced in back yard is where we drink our coffee and watch Adelyn play on her swing set or trampoline. This is also where we host grill-outs or bonfires. The lower floor has an in-law suite where Danielle's mother resides. She has her own entrance and kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, playroom, and fenced in patio.

We are far enough from the city to avoid the busy traffic, but minutes away from everything we could ever need. We are very close to a hospital, our church, outdoor malls, grocery stores, movie theaters, schools, an aquatic center, and multiple parks. Our neighborhood is very family-friendly, and nearly three-fourths of the families in our community have young children. We have access to two pools, a splash pad, water slide, two playgrounds, and a volleyball court. We have spring and fall cookouts with bounce houses, food trucks, and a variety of kids activities. The neighborhood also hosts an annual Easter egg hunt, a July 4th party, and Breakfast with Santa at Christmas.



Mancy



We are so thankful that Danielle's mom, who Adelyn calls Nani, lives with us. She is a pediatric/neonatal nurse, but will retire this year. Nancy is a very involved and devoted grandmother, and we know she has more than enough love to share with another little one. Danielle considers her mom to be one of her role models and best friends. We are blessed that she will be able to stay home with our next baby, so they will be surrounded by family all day and night.

Our Moms

Vincent's mother, called Mimi by all of her grandchildren, is fun, genuine, selfless, and adventurous. Melissa has a presence that can calm you down and make a bad day better the moment she walks through the door. She is a retired teacher and was awarded Teacher of the Year twice. She absolutely loves children, and always puts her children and grandchildren before herself. We are so grateful to have her nearby!



Melissa

Our Families

Vincent's older sister Kayla is a teacher and has 2 kids that live less than ten minutes away. His three younger siblings also live in nearby towns and we try to get the whole family together at least twice a month for dinner and various activities for the cousins.

The rest of Danielle's family is located in Florida. Her father Danny is a retired airline mechanic and moved back to his home town 45 mins outside of Orlando. Her younger brother Christopher also enjoys the sunny weather and moved down to be closer to their father, aunts, and uncles. Danielle's maternal side of the family (aunts, uncles, and cousins) migrated from upstate New York to the Gulf Coast of Florida in recent years. Needless to say, we travel often to the sunshine state for visits and family get-togethers!









Our Pets



Panda

We have a dog named Panda that we rescued as a puppy, but we have been calling him "Pups" for the last 6 years and it just stuck. He's a big goofball that enjoys being lazy and having his ears rubbed. He loves to go outside and chase the tennis ball with our daughter. He is very big on treats..and naps! We love how gentle and loving he is with Adelyn!

Lucy

Danielle's mom has a senior chihuahua who enjoys sharing Adelyn's snacks when she drops crumbs on the floor. She is gentle like Panda, and loves to snuggle under the blanket during movie time.











We promise to...

...be open and honest with any questions you and your family may have.

...strive every day to make your child feel loved, safe, and supported. Your child's future and your wishes for their future will be the most precious and important parts of our lives.

...pass on the importance of kindness, forgiveness, courage, and honesty to all of our children.

...embrace and incorporate any family or cultural traditions you may have.

...remind your child every day how much you love them.

No family is perfect, and we can't promise we won't make mistakes along the way, but we promise to always be willing to learn, adapt, and listen!

