

NATHEN AND JULIANA

Dear Expectant Mother,

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. We admire your strength and the selflessness and love in your decision to make an adoption plan for your child. While we know that adoption involves many types of emotions, we believe it is an



opportunity for two families to join, both loving and providing the best life they can for the child that unites them. We hope you can see the abundant love we have for the children that are already a part of our family, and can feel confident in our desire to give that same love to you and your child. We look forward to meeting you and walking this road together.

Sincerely,

Nathen and Juliana

OUR STORY



Friends, Best friends, Family...

Our story goes all the way back to second grade. This is when we met, and we have been inseparable ever since. We went to the same elementary and middle schools, attended each other's childhood birthday parties, and eventually started dating in high school. We were fortunate to get to attend the same college, and got married after our junior year. We also pursued professional degrees together after college. We have been blessed with three biological children: Reiland (9), Adeline (7), and Ivaleigh (2). We were foster parents before we decided upon adoption. We had the opportunity to love and care for many other children. We have experienced pregnancy loss and now have not been able to get pregnant for a couple of years. We have always felt that adoption would be part of our family, and know that this is how we are supposed to complete our family. We believe families are built in many ways, and are excited to get to know and welcome you and your child into our family. We are thankful to have the support of our extended family and friends as we are now expanding our family through adoption.

OUR FAITH

Faith is the foundation of our family. Our hope is to raise our children to know and follow Jesus. We believe this means teaching them to seek personal relationship with God, not just to follow a set of religious rules. We cannot make a faith decision for them, but we believe it is our job as their parents to provide the resources they need to make a decision of faith that is all their own. We believe the Bible teaches us to love other people above ourselves. We are very intentional about helping our children see the opportunities we have everyday to love others, seeing and appreciating differences and fully acknowledging that we are all created equally.

MEET THE KIDS



VALUES WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN

Kindness ♡ Honesty ♡ Others First

Reiland ♡

Reiland is our little athlete! He has a very outgoing personality and loves to be outside playing. His favorite sport is football. He has played flag-football for a couple of years now, and it is his goal to one day play college football. Skateboarding is another one of his hobbies. He is a very determined kid, and we love supporting him in his goals. He loves his sisters and works hard to be a great big brother.



♡ Adeline

Adeline is full of spunk! She appreciates all of the little details in life, and has been a blessing to us in that she reminds us to slow down and enjoy these things with her. She loves art and fashion. She also loves to dance and has taken ballet and hip-hop lessons. This little girl also loves animals. Her newest animal friends are two guinea pigs she named Bumble and Cheese.



Ivaleigh ♡

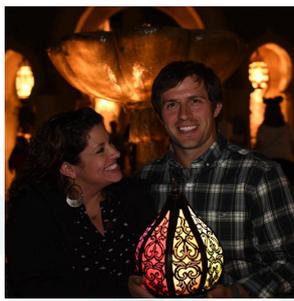
Ivaleigh is a little more shy than her older siblings, but no less full of energy and spirit! She LOVES music and constantly surprises us with new songs she has learned. She also loves art like her big sister. Baby Shark, Mickey Mouse, and Cheetos are a few of her favorite things!



Let me tell you about Nathen...

Written by Juliana

I am unbelievably lucky to call Nathen mine. If I had to describe him in just a few words, I would choose: hard-working, generous, funny, and kind. He loves, serves, and leads our family well. I do not take for granted the blessing it is to be married to my best friend. He supports me in all of my endeavors and is always there to make me laugh and remind me to step back and enjoy life. He is truly the best daddy ever. From skateboarding with Reiland (even after a long day at the office), to tea parties with the girls, he is always there for his kids. He regularly takes time to remind them how much he loves them and how proud he is of them. Discipline and love go hand-in-hand for him. Our marriage is something we work constantly to improve and protect. I am very thankful to have a husband who is willing to work through conflict and who is committed to making our marriage a priority. He is great with DIY projects and also enjoys woodworking projects. Whenever there is open time in our schedule, you will find him outside playing with the kids and dogs or building something new. It is a joy to be led by him. And I think he's pretty handsome too...



Let me tell you about Juliana...

Written by Nathen

I am extremely fortunate and spoiled to have Juliana as my beautiful wife! She is the glue that holds our daily family life together. She is also extremely committed to making our lives and the lives of our children as full as possible. She is very driven but is also ready to relax with the family in an instant. She constantly keeps the goals and priorities we have for our family in mind and is able to practically apply them to our everyday lives. Since we have known each other nearly our whole lives, most of my favorite adventures and memories have been had with Juliana. As a mother, her instincts are always spot on. Every time she has a "gut feeling" about something involving our family, she is always right. Every time. I know that I can trust her decisions 100% of the time. She is forever selfless and serving our family. I attribute the fullness and richness of our marriage and our children's childhoods to her. Juliana enjoys many activities that contribute to the vibrancy of our lives. She is an excellent hostess and always makes sure everyone feels thought of and welcome in our home. Hosting friends and family for get-togethers, parties, and celebrations is something we have always enjoyed. Juliana is an incredible baker and crafter, which complements her hostessing talents perfectly. But Juliana's gifts are not limited to the home. Juliana is able to play a very active role in our kids' school and is even responsible for hosting our school's largest fundraiser: a father daughter dance for about 1500 people in our community. Whether she's caring for others on a small or tremendous scale, details, planning, and making others feel welcomed are all natural gifts that Juliana possesses. She is an incredible mother and wife and I try to make sure every day to not take her for granted. She is by far the biggest blessing in my life and the lives of our children.

Our Extended Family

We are very fortunate to have family right here in our hometown, including Juliana's parents, her great-uncle, and her sister's family. Juliana's sister and brother-in-law, Gracie and Layton, have 5 children (ages 1-10 years). Their family has been built biologically and through foster care. Cousin get-togethers are always a loud, crazy, and super fun time! Juliana's parents are Gigi and Poppy to the grandkids, and they are such an important part of our lives. Our Uncle Joe also lives in town and always adds fun to our family get-togethers!



Gigi is an artist! All of the grandkids love art time with her.

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When we have each other; we have everything

Nathen's Dad and Stepmom (Pappy and Mimi) are just one state over and his Mom and Stepdad (Nonna and Michael) live in both Ohio and Florida, depending on the season. While they are not super close in location, we are close with them and look forward to seeing them a couple times a year. Nathen's brother, Stevhan, is in our same state and only a couple hours away. He is getting married this year and we can't wait to welcome his fiancé, Karen, officially to the family!



Cousin Time!



Shopping with Gigi



Uncle Joe



Poppy



Pappy and Mimi



Nonna and Michael



Aunt Karen and Uncle Stevhan



Our Day-to-Day

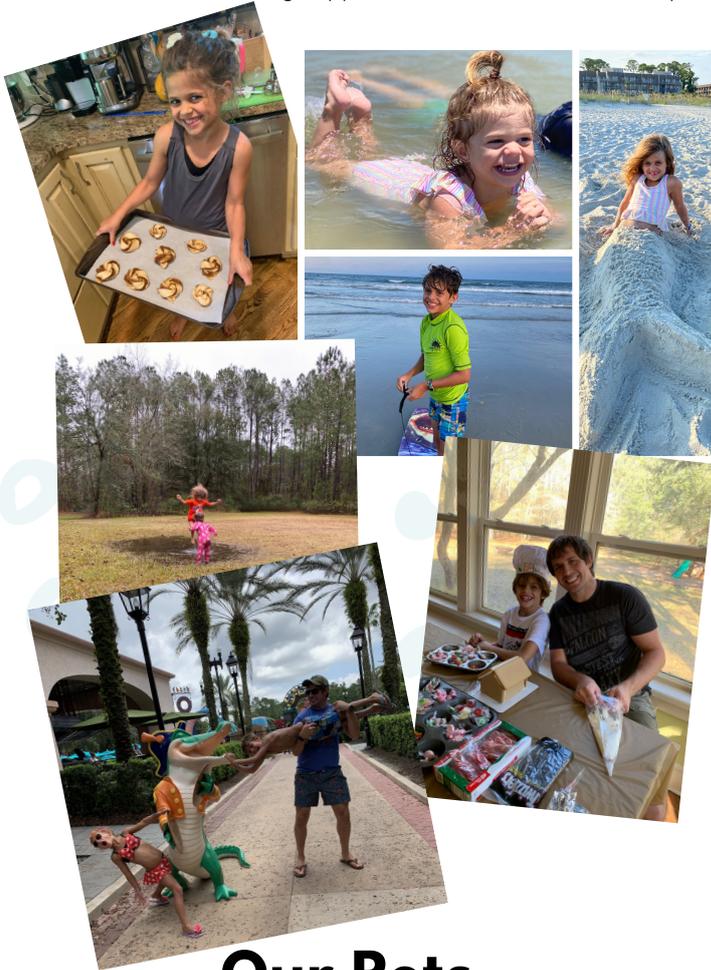
We are very fortunate to get to work together in the same dental practice. Nathen works 4 days each week and Juliana works 1-2 days each week. Our older children attend a small, private school where they are at school 3 days each week and then homeschool 2 days. We love the flexibility this provides for family time and travel. Our youngest attends a wonderful preschool 3 days each week, providing her time with her peers and the opportunity to learn skills to help her prepare for Kindergarten. Our work and school schedules provide a great deal of flexibility for when the new little one comes. Juliana will be able to stay home during this time for as long as needed. When we are both working, we have a private nanny that helps with the kids. She is very supportive of our decision to adopt.



WHAT WE DO FOR FUN!

IF WE COULDN'T LAUGH WE WOULD ALL GO INSANE -JIMMY BUFFETT

Being together as a family and laughing are what we like best. We decided to move to the country several years ago to help us disconnect from the busyness of life and spend more time together. We love everything about it! Being outside is something our whole family loves. Playing backyard sports, exploring nature, and just relaxing by our fire pit make up some of our favorite memories. We are learning to garden, but we definitely need some more work in this area, ha! We also LOVE the beach. During the summer, we are usually at the beach weekly. There are multiple beaches in our area, and we love exploring them all. We are members of a community pool, and enjoy the summer swim team. Traveling is also something that is very important to us. We want our kids to be exposed to different parts of our country and world. Disney World is one of our favorite places. We have annual passes and go as often as we can!



Our Pets

We love animals! Our pets are like members of our family. We have an 11 year old Jack Russell Terrier, Cyrus, who has been with us since he was a puppy. We also have 2 guinea pigs, Cheese and Bumble. They are super cute and love cuddles. Outside, we have a backyard flock of chickens and 2 Great Pyrenees puppies, Padme and Poe. The puppies are learning to protect the chickens. They are big babies and have no clue that they aren't quite lap dogs! One of the things we love about living in the country is that it allows us to observe wildlife up close daily. Getting to see things like deer, bunnies, foxes (as long as they are not close to the chickens!), frogs, birds, and even armadillos adds so much to our lives here.



Our Community

One of the things that we are most thankful for in our life is the amazing community of friends we are surrounded by. We have known many of our friends for over 10 years and have also made wonderful friends through our kids' school. We have seen this community get us through the best and worst times. Our kids love one another and are more like cousins than just friends. Traveling together, celebrating any chance we get, and knowing someone always has our back no matter what are just a few of the things we are thankful for with this group of friends. We are not the first friends in our community to adopt, and know that we have their support 110% as we are building our family through adoption.



Disney World vacations with friends are the best!



We love to celebrate each other!



Camping time!



Annual mountain trip with the crew!



Beach days are our favorite days!



Drama Camp buddies!

Thank you for reading through our profile. We would love to talk with you more and answer any questions you may have. Please know that we are ready and excited to come along side you and love your baby with our whole hearts.