



*Blake & Alicia*

## *Dear Birth Parent,*

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to introduce ourselves and share a glimpse into our lives. We know this is a deeply personal journey, and we appreciate that you are considering families like ours as you make this important decision.

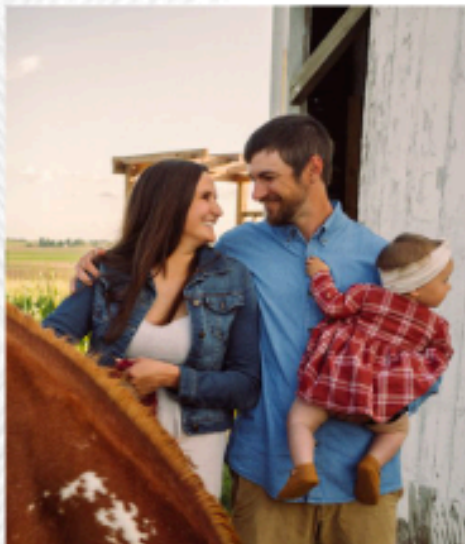
We are excited to grow our family through adoption. Our home is filled with love, laughter, hard work, and time spent together. Family is at the center of everything we do. Whether we're caring for animals, working outdoors, sharing meals around the table, fishing, celebrating holidays, or simply enjoying a quiet evening together, we cherish the moments that bring us closer.

We are blessed with strong support from our extended family, friends, and community. We believe children thrive when they are surrounded by people who love them, encourage them, and help them discover their unique gifts. If chosen, your child would be welcomed into a family that will love them unconditionally, celebrate who they are, and support them throughout every stage of life.

Our faith guides the way we live, teaching us to love generously, serve others, and be grateful for the blessings we have been given. It is our hope to raise children who know they are deeply loved, valued, and never alone.

Most importantly, we want you to know that we hold great respect for you. We recognize the care, thought, and love that goes into making decisions for your child. Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and our family.

We hope this book gives you a genuine picture of who we are and the life we share. We wish you and your child all the very best, and we look forward to the possibility of meeting you!



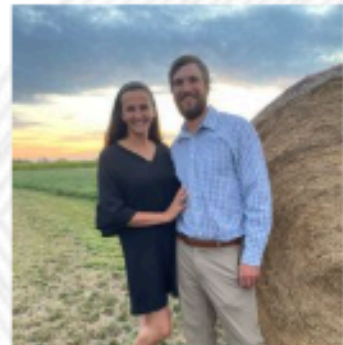
With love and gratitude,

Alicia and Blake

# About Us

We grew up in the same small town in Iowa and first met in high school. Although we knew each other for years, we didn't begin dating until after college. We spent the first few years of our relationship long-distance while Blake finished school, which helped us build a strong foundation of trust, communication, and friendship.

Today, we have been together for 15 years and married for 10. Both of our parents still live in our hometown which helps us split time with both families during holidays, birthdays, and special occasions, creating lasting memories and strong family connections for our children.

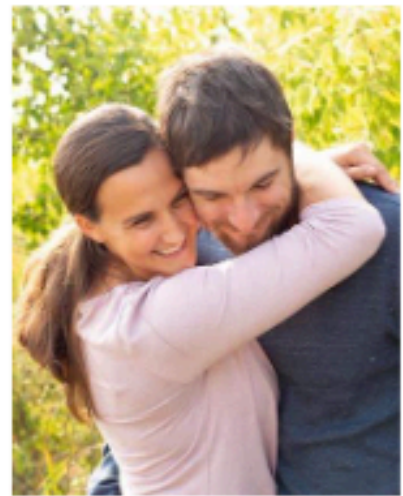


# Why Adoption



Long before we began this adoption journey, we made a promise to ourselves and to God: if we were blessed with a loving home and enough love to share, we would open our hearts to a child through adoption. Over the years, that conviction has only grown stronger. As our family has grown, so has our desire to welcome another child into our lives.

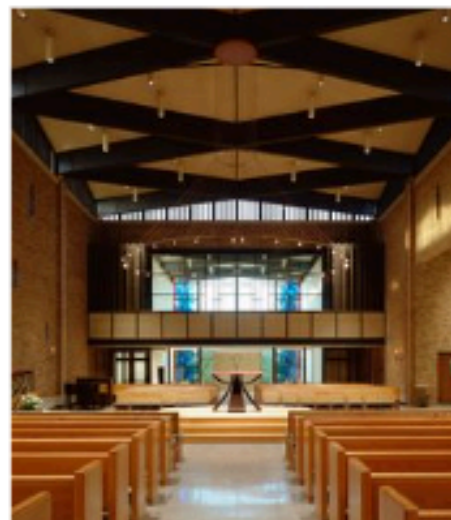
We believe that families are built in many different ways, and we feel incredibly grateful for the opportunity to grow ours through adoption. We have been blessed with a home filled with love, laughter, faith, and support from family and friends. We are excited to share those blessings with another child and provide them with a stable, nurturing environment where they can grow, thrive, and always know they are deeply loved.



## Our Faith

Our faith is more than a set of beliefs. It is a guiding force that shapes our worldview and informs our actions. We attend church weekly and on holy days of obligation, and we pray together before every meal and at bedtime, with each child taking a turn to say what they are thankful and sorry for.

Our children attend faith formation during the school year, and God is always present in our daily conversations. These shared experiences deepen our understanding of our faith and strengthen our bond as a family.



## About Blake

Blake grew up in a small Iowa town as the oldest of four children, where he learned the value of hard work while helping on the family farm and in his dad's electrical contracting business. Today, he owns a landscape consulting business and enjoys helping clients create beautiful outdoor spaces. Whether he's working, caring for the family farm, or spending time outside with our children, Blake brings dedication, patience, and purpose to everything he does.

Those who know Blake describe him as dependable, hardworking, and always willing to lend a hand. He loves fishing, being outdoors, and teaching the kids new things. More than anything, Blake is the steady foundation of our family, someone who creates a home filled with love, stability, laughter, and support.



## Blake Loves:

- Spending time outdoors with family, like fishing and camping
- Helping friends, family, and neighbors
- Building and creating things with his hands
- Teaching the kids new skills and life lessons
- Gardening and farm life



## About Alicia

Alicia grew up in Iowa and Illinois as the oldest of six children, where she developed a deep love for family and caring for others. Much of her childhood was spent helping at her family's restaurant, where she learned the value of hard work, kindness, and making people feel welcome. Today, she works from home as a Director of Revenue Operations for an educational technology company, allowing her to pursue a meaningful career while being actively involved in family life.

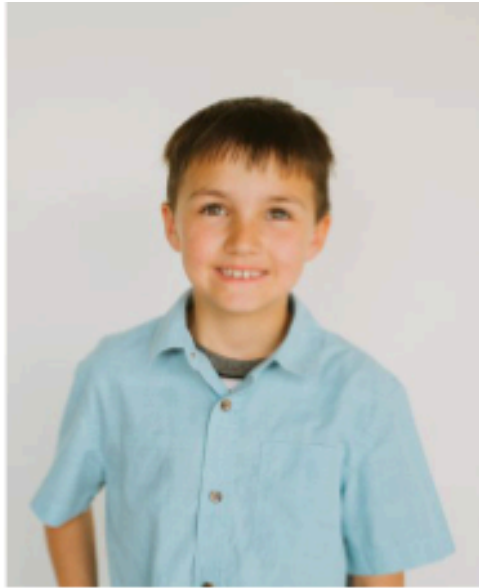


Alicia is known for her warm heart, organization, and ability to make others feel loved and supported. Whether she's helping with homework, planning family adventures, or simply offering encouragement, She strives to create a home filled with laughter, love, and lasting memories.

## Alicia Loves:

- Baking treats for family and friends
- Horseback riding and teaching kids how to ride
- Playing recreational volleyball
- Shopping for bargains
- Creating special traditions and memories with the kids





## *Rhett*

Fun, caring, and loving boy with the biggest heart. He loves sports, Legos, & caring for his farm animals. His love for others shines through in his character.

## *Ada*

Spirited, smart, and witty. She loves all kinds of crafts and riding horses. Her vibrant personality, creativity, and sense of humor bring joy and laughter to our home.



## *Savannah*

Goofy, silly, and a total sweetheart. She loves dancing, playing dress-up, and spending time with her horses and Barbies. Her affectionate nature and playful spirit fill our home with warmth, laughter, and lots of smiles.

## Reagan

Happy, determined, & a firecracker. She loves going to the park and going fishing with dad. Her cheerful & adventurous spirit brings us plenty of smiles.



## Bernadette

Smiley, quick-learner, and easygoing baby. She brings joy to everyone around her and loves keeping up with her older siblings as our youngest little explorer.

## How We Parent

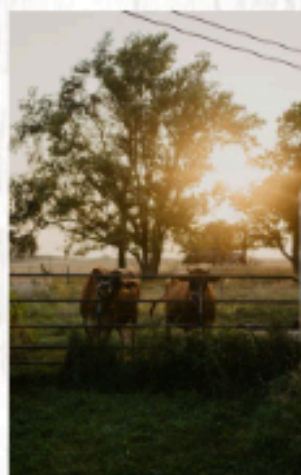
We parent with lots of love, patience, and encouragement. We believe childhood should be filled with laughter, adventure, and opportunities to learn. We teach our children the importance of kindness, responsibility, gratitude, and hard work, while making sure they always know they are loved unconditionally.

Whether we're caring for animals, working in the garden, fishing, sharing family meals, or simply spending time together, we try to create an environment where our children feel secure, supported, and free to grow into the unique people God created them to be.



# Our Home

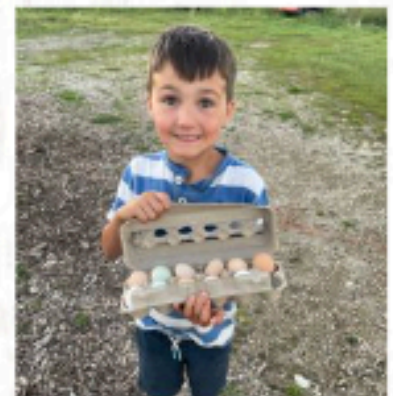
Our home is a five-bedroom, three-bath farmhouse nestled on 12 acres. We love the space and freedom that farm life provides. With room to explore, play, care for animals, and enjoy the outdoors, our children are able to create memories and adventures that we hope they'll cherish for a lifetime.

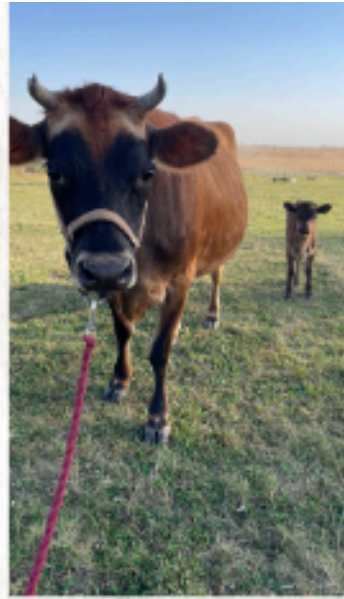




*Our  
Garden*

Gardening is one of our favorite family hobbies. Each year, we grow a variety of fruits and vegetables, including tomatoes, sweet corn, green beans, cucumbers, watermelon, peppers, potatoes, and strawberries. It's a hobby that brings us outdoors, creates lasting memories, and helps us appreciate the rewards of hard work.

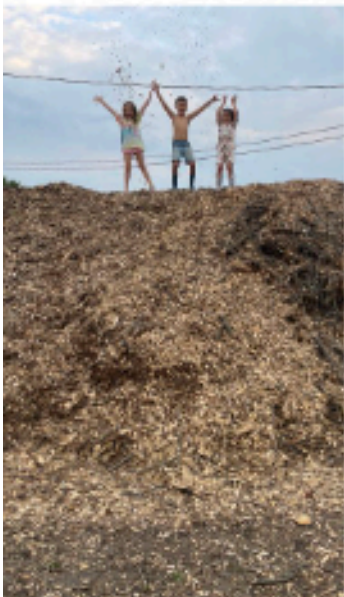


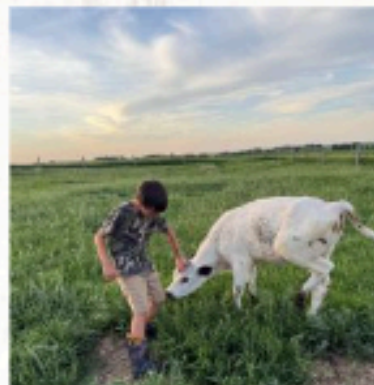
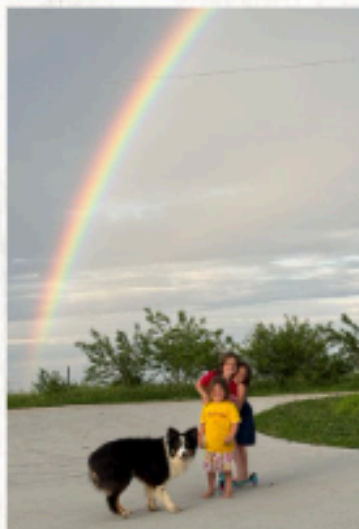


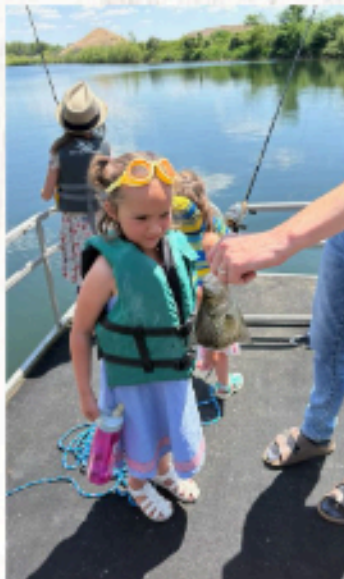
## *Around the Farm*

Life on our farm gives our children the opportunity to learn through everyday experiences. Whether they're helping in the garden, caring for animals, or working alongside us on small projects, they develop responsibility, confidence, and practical life skills. We love watching them grow through these experiences while learning the importance of hard work, determination, and helping others.

On the farm we have sheep, cows, chickens, and barnyard cats, and two Australian Shepherds (Scarlett & Waffles).







## *Our Adventures*

We love exploring new places, meeting new people, and trying new foods, especially ice cream! Some of our favorite family memories have been made on trips to the beach, where the kids enjoy building giant sandcastles with Blake and Grandpa.

Closer to home, we love spending time at local pools, parks, and lakes.

With our large passenger van, we're always ready for the next adventure, whether it's a family road trip or bringing along grandparents, cousins, or friends to share the fun.





## *Our Extended Families*

We are blessed to have a large, close-knit extended family. Alicia has five siblings and one is married with three children. Blake has three siblings, and they are all married with children and live throughout Iowa.

Our children love having nine cousins (and counting!) to spend time with, and we enjoy gathering for holidays, birthdays, camping trips, school events, and family celebrations. Blake's parents still live on a farm, which the kids love to visit with their cousins.

Surrounded by loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and family friends, our children are never short on love, encouragement, and support. Both of our families are excited for us to grow our family through adoption and would welcome a child into our family with open arms.







## *Our Community of Friends*

Community plays an important role in our family life.

We are grateful to be surrounded by supportive friends, neighbors, and family members who share in life's joys and challenges. Through these relationships, our children learn the value of kindness, teamwork, responsibility, and helping others.

We believe that children thrive when they are part of a caring community, surrounded by positive role models and people who genuinely care about their growth and well-being.





# *Our Promise to You*

We promise to love your child unconditionally from the moment they join our family. They will be welcomed with open arms and surrounded by the same love we have for Rhett, Adeline, Savannah, Reagan, and Bernadette.

We will raise them in a home grounded in faith, love, and stability, and guide them through both the joyful and challenging moments of life. On our farm, they will have space to grow, explore, and learn, supported by their siblings, extended family, and a close-knit community of friends.

As we begin this new chapter through adoption, we are grateful for the life and family we have built together. We are committed to facing life's challenges side by side and continuing to build a home filled with love, security, and purpose.

We hope this book has given you a genuine glimpse into our lives. Thank you for taking the time to read our story. We would be honored to meet you.

With love,  
Blake & Alicia