



*Tarah + Garrett*





## WE MET AND STARTED DATING

while at Ohio University in 2006. We were both trumpet players in the marching band and studying to become teachers. After dating for about four years, Garrett proposed to Tarah on a NYC trip, and we were married a year later in 2011. After getting married, we enjoyed going on vacations and spending quality time with each other.

We first considered adoption as a way to grow our family in 2013 after struggling with infertility. After seeking fertility treatment, we were able to conceive our three children. After a difficult third pregnancy, we were no longer able to become pregnant. Adoption has always been on our hearts, and we feel that this is God's plan for our family. As the kids so lovingly say, we have room in our house for more brothers and sisters, and we know we have more love to give too.







## • TARAH •

Tarah was born and raised in a small town in Northwest Ohio, where her parents still reside. Tarah's younger sister passed away in 2016, and this loss changed the direction of Tarah and Garrett's life. Tarah had been a middle school and kindergarten teacher for eight years and took a leap of faith to become a stay-at-home mom after realizing two things: life can change in an instant and our kids would be young only for a short time. She dedicates each day to raising, loving, caring for, and teaching the kids. She loves Jesus, date nights with Garrett, playing and exploring with the kids, baking, crafting, meeting up with other mom friends on play dates, and spending as much time as possible with extended family.

## • GARRETT •

Garrett was raised in Northeast Ohio. After attending Ohio University, he returned to the area to be a middle school band director and has been in his current position for a number of years. His job allows him to be home early in the day and during the summer, which is great for family time. He enjoys spending as much time as possible with Tarah and the kids by going on family bike rides and hikes, playing board games, camping in the backyard during the summer, and cooking dinner each night.

## *Our Home*

We live in a family friendly neighborhood within walking distance to playgrounds, the bike and hike trail, and a family favorite - ice cream places for dessert! If you were to peek into our home, you would see artwork from the kids hanging on the walls, barbies, legos, puzzles, and board games



recently played with, and family cuddles on the couch during our weekly pizza and movie night. Our home is spacious, with plenty of room for more children. The first floor is an open concept, used for entertaining friends and hosting family gatherings. We recently finished a portion of our basement for the kids to have an additional space to play. During most days, when the weather is nice, you can find us in our backyard playing on the playset, swimming, enjoying campfires, and having picnics with family and friends.



## Thank You

We appreciate the time you have taken to read about our family. We respect your decisions and believe that your child is loved beyond understanding. If you choose us as adoptive parents, we will honor your child's story and love them unconditionally. As we get to know each other, we look forward to open communication and building a relationship with you, as you feel comfortable, based on trust and mutual respect.

### • AIDEN •

We welcomed Aiden into our family in 2015. Aiden is a very active boy with a kind and gentle heart. He plays baseball, basketball, and golf. He also enjoys playing the piano, riding bikes, running, and swimming. Aiden is very outgoing and able to make friends with anyone. He has a fun sense of humor. When we asked Aiden why he felt someone should choose our family for their child, he said, "we will love and care for them just like I love and care for my brother and sister."

### • EMMA •

We welcomed Emma into our family in 2017. Emma is a very sweet girl who is kind and has a great imagination. Her laugh is infectious. She loves playing dress up, having tea parties, and playing with her dolls. Emma enjoys ballet, baking with Tarah, riding her bike, swimming, interacting with her siblings, and completing puzzles. When we asked Emma why she felt someone should choose our family for their child she said, "our family is loving, kind, and helpful."

### • NOLAN •

We welcomed Nolan into our family in 2019. Nolan is a spunky little boy who has a big personality and is almost always in good spirits. He loves riding his bike, playing baseball, coloring, and cuddling up for a good book. He is very giving and always thinking of others. He is excited to graduate from little brother to big brother. When we asked Nolan why he felt someone should choose our family for their child he said, "because we will love them."



## WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONNECTING WITH YOU

If you have any questions for us or would like to speak with us about adopting your child, please contact your case worker at Open Arms Adoptions by calling 330-697-4751 or 614-349-1510.