



Valerie & Nathan



family

WE FIRST MET IN 2010 at Kent State University through the Architecture Program. After four years of dating, we got engaged at our favorite Wednesday date night location. During the years before marriage, we found love for an active lifestyle and our commitment to God and family drew us closer. After getting married in 2014, the last nine years have been filled with traveling,

home renovation projects, fun memories with family and great joy. With both of us growing up with siblings and a strong family presence throughout our childhood, we had a desire to have a family. After trying to have kids naturally, we felt a calling from God when we were informed it would be near impossible for us to have children naturally. In 2021, our family grew as we were blessed with the gift to adopt our son Jeremiah. The journey to growing our family has brought newfound joy into our hearts. It has strengthened our relationship beyond imagination, and we are forever grateful that we were able to adopt Jeremiah. Since growing our family, our days have been filled with a lot of family bonding time. Valerie quickly made the decision to be a stay-at-home mom and has been very blessed to watch Jeremiah grow. Evenings and weekends are filled with family adventures outside, enjoyable time with extended family, and lots of laughter.

WE CANNOT EXPRESS HOW MUCH GRATITUDE WE HAVE FOR YOU IN DECIDING TO DEVELOP AN ADOPTION PLAN. WE KNOW YOU ARE A COMPASSIONATE YET STRONG WOMAN, AND WE PROMISE TO HONOR YOUR SELFLESS ACT OF LOVE BY PROVIDING A LOVING, SUPPORTIVE HOME FILLED WITH LAUGHTER AND ENDLESS JOY. WE PROMISE TO ALWAYS LET YOUR CHILD KNOW THEY WERE ADOPTED AND THAT THEIR BIRTH MOTHER IS SELFLESS AND HAS A LOVING SOUL. WE APPRECIATE AND UNDERSTAND THIS IS A VERY CHALLENGING TIME FOR YOU AND WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW WE ARE OPEN TO VARYING LEVELS OF OPENNESS TO HELP YOU FIND PEACE AND COMFORT IN YOUR JOURNEY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR BRAVERY AND CONSIDERING US AS PARENTS IN THIS VERY VULNERABLE TIME YOU ARE EXPERIENCING.

Nathan

Nathan is currently working as a Registered Architect and Project Manager focused in healthcare design. His love of creativity and passion for helping others makes him a great Project Manager and has helped him create instant connections with everyone he meets. In Nathan's free time, he can be found outside being active, sprucing up the yard, or working on home projects. He grew up in a wonderful family that has been the foundation for building his own family. Nathan is always quick to lend a helping hand, and he enjoys helping people whether it be achieving goals, having a simple chat, or navigating the challenges of life. Nathan has a contagious love for life filled with positivity in all situations and always finds a way to be the light-hearted personality that fills a room with laughter. His greatest joy in life has been becoming a dad, and he is even more excited to watch our family grow and create lasting memories.

Valerie

Valerie traded in her Registered Architect license to become a stay-at-home mom. Valerie has always put family first and choosing to raise children at home was an easy decision. In her free time, she loves spending time outside gardening, being active, and cooking. Valerie's Italian heritage has fueled her passion for cooking and that passion has worn off on Jeremiah. When not making all of the fun and tasty kitchen creations, Valerie can be found spending her time outdoors with Jeremiah in his backyard play area, at parks, and helping him make messes with dirt, rocks, and paint. When Valerie has some free time, she loves being creative and enjoys restoring furniture to its original beauty or just relaxing outside with a good book to read. Spending time with family has always been important to Valerie whether it be a simple get together or an adventure to a park, apple picking, playing sports, board games, and more!





FAITH HAS ALWAYS BEEN A DRIVING FORCE IN BOTH OF OUR LIVES, BRINGING PEACE AND JOY INTO OUR HEARTS. WE WERE BOTH RAISED CATHOLIC AND HAVE STRIVED TO LIVE EACH DAY WITH CHRISTIAN VALUES. FROM AN EARLY AGE, WE LEARNED FAITH IN GOD IS ROOTED IN OUR FAMILY VALUES AND LIFE. WHETHER CHALLENGING OR UPLIFTING EXPERIENCES, WE ALWAYS RELY ON GOD, SEEKING GUIDANCE EVERYDAY. THIS FAITH IN GOD HAS STRENGTHENED OUR FAMILY AND CREATED A FOUNDATION OF LOVE, HUMILITY, PATIENCE, GENTLENESS, AND JOY FOR WHICH OUR FAMILY GROWS UPON.

JEREMIAH HAS BEEN SUCH A BLESSING to our family. His smile lights up the room and his giggles are contagious, bringing joy to everyone that is with him. He is a HIGH energy kiddo that loves every minute of life. He is always up for a challenge and learning new skills like climbing at the park, cooking, bike riding, and much more! Although he is a bundle of energy, he is very compassionate towards other individuals. He enjoys playing with friends in the neighborhood and his cousins. Jeremiah loves giving surprise hugs when you least expect it and making people laugh by running around the house screaming gibberish at the top of his lungs and laughing at his own jokes. When Jeremiah is not outside playing, he can be found helping around the house, whether it be "pretend" fixing things or creating lots of messes that he sometimes helps clean up!!! Jeremiah's passion for being with people makes us excited for him to have a little brother or sister. We are sure he will love to help him or her explore everything life has to offer and to have a buddy for future adventures!

Our neighborhood is bustling with excitement! No matter what time of year, it is likely you will see kids biking on the sidewalks, running in the yard, and playing games with friends. As you enter our neighborhood, it is like taking a step back in time to tree-lined streets, a close-knit/supportive community, and where every new face is greeted with a wave and a smile! Throughout the year our neighborhood hosts many events including summer movie nights, pumpkin carving, play dates at the neighborhood park, Trick or Treat, Easter egg hunts, and a summer block party.



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**.