

Dana + Gaelan



Hello!



WE ARE DANA & GAELAN.

We live in Columbus with our two cats, Ragnar and Boudica. Adoption is something that is near and dear to both of our hearts, and we are so grateful that God has led us here. We are surrounded by many loving families at our church and cannot wait to start a loving family of our own. God has grown and blessed us so much as a couple. While we absolutely love being together and having adventures just the two of us, we have so much love to give and know that our lives would be so much more fulfilled with children in it.

We are both deeply involved in a small group in our church where we regularly teach and study the Bible with others, as well as help organize events. We have started a support group in our church for families that have adopted or are fostering, so that we can share the love and knowledge that God has given us, we can receive support from other families, and so our children can grow up around other children who are adopted. Our relationship with God is the most important thing in our lives.

We know that this is an incredibly difficult time for you, and we want you to know that we are praying for you. You are making the hardest decision that a mother can make for her child. We want you to know that whatever decision you make, we will continue to pray for you, and we are honored that you are taking the time to get to know us.

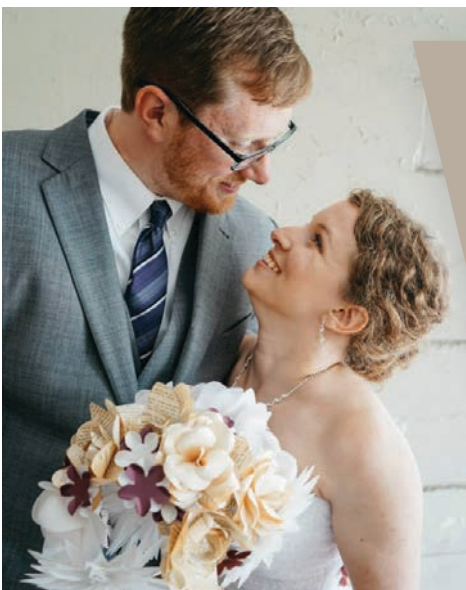


A LITTLE ABOUT DANA / *by Gaelan*

Dana is a warm, compassionate, and easy-going friend. She was adopted at 10 days old and has a younger sister who was also adopted. She grew up heavily involved in music, theater and art, and while she no longer performs, she still loves being creative. She works as a manager in the real estate department of a health manufacturing company, and her job allows her to work from home with flexible hours. She volunteers every weekend with our church, helping to run a Sunday School program of over 150 students. She also helps out at a local nursing home by coming up with fun crafts to make with the residents. She loves going out with friends and cooking meals for people. She has made our home warm and hospitable, always open to friends, and full of art that she has created. She regularly mentors younger women in our Bible Study.

A LITTLE ABOUT GAELAN / *by Dana*

Gaelan is creative, intelligent, and the funniest person Dana has ever met. He loves learning about new things and is constantly listening to podcasts or audiobooks about history and his hobbies. He loves strategy games, and can often be found at his desk building and painting miniatures for an upcoming game night. He works at a dental office as a Sleep Treatment Coordinator, where he helps people improve their lives by getting help for sleep disorders. Gaelan is a loyal and dedicated friend, is the first person to offer to help out others when they are in need, and often is the first person others turn to for advice. He is also passionate about pet rescue and has helped to spay/neuter and find homes for several stray cats in our neighborhood.



About Us

We met in June of 2013 while leading a Middle School Bible Study together and were married almost exactly two years later. We have had almost nine years together as a married couple, in which time God has grown and blessed us in incredible ways. We love going for hikes together, and go for walks around our neighborhood almost every day. We also enjoy going to Blue Jackets hockey games together. We enjoy travel and have been on many vacations together, including going to Canada, Hawaii, and historical sites around the country.



Our Families

We have always talked about adoption being part of our journey to build a family, and we are so excited to welcome our first child into our home! We both love spending time with our nieces and nephews, as well as our friend's kids, and seeing all of the joy that they bring. Dana's parents and sister live very close by, and we spend a lot of time with them. We often help out with our two nieces, and enjoy going to their plays and sporting events. Dana's aunts often come into town, and we spend time with them playing card games. Gaelan's parents and two sisters live out of town, so we enjoy seeing them on holidays, where we get to play with our three nephews. We also love driving out to Yellow Springs to spend time with Gaelan's grandma.

We live in a 4-bedroom house in a safe, quiet neighborhood in Columbus. We are within walking distance of several parks, live less than 10 minutes from Dana's family, and have several friends with young children who live very close to us.



from Dana + Gaelan / THANK YOU

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. Please know that we love you, and we are praying for you, no matter what family you choose. If you choose us to be parents for your child, we want you to know that they will grow up with unconditional love, not only from us but from our families and community. They will grow up knowing that God loves them perfectly, and that your incredible love for them brought them to us. We will raise them in a way that honors God, their individual culture and background, and you as their birth mother. We would love to have you be a part of your child's life as they grow up if that is something you want.



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.

