



NATE *and* LOUIS

Our Story

Hello! We are Nate and Louis. Thank you for reading about us! We met in 2012 while working at a youth music camp together and realized how much we had in common. After getting to know each other for several years, we started dating in 2017. We quickly realized that we were meant to be together and we got married in 2022. We have always been passionate about wanting to raise children together. We both have close family members who are adopted, and we know that adoption is the right path for us.

Both of us have a lot of experience with children of all ages, as we are both teachers in Northeast Ohio. Louis teaches middle school band, works with the high school marching band, and runs after school music clubs. Nate teaches middle school band and orchestra, high school band and marching band, and coaches the high school robotics team. We also teach a summer music camp together for middle school students that performs annually at a county fair. We are passionate about working with children and enjoy the unique and diverse personalities that our students have.

We enjoy spending time at home together while watching tv, playing games, and cuddling with our pets! We love going to musicals, concerts at Blossom, museums, and playing our instruments in community music groups. We are also huge Disney and Harry Potter fans! As teachers, we use our summers off to spend extra time with family and make memories while traveling. Our favorite time of the year is Christmas! We love decorating our house for the holidays and hosting our families and friends. We are so excited to share these traditions and create new ones with our children!





Our Families

Nate has a younger brother and sister who are both adopted from South Korea. He also has a nephew that we are very close to. Nate spends a lot of time with his sister as she raises her son, and he cherishes these memories together. Nate always had a close relationship with his mom, and though she passed away in 2020, she continues to have a tremendously positive impact on her family. Nate's siblings have a unique understanding from their own adoption experience and they are excited to have a niece or nephew!



Louis comes from a large family with four older siblings. His mom runs an in-home daycare and Louis spent his early teenage and adult years helping her take care of the children. He also has nine nieces and nephews aged 5-20, two of whom were adopted by his brother from Guatemala. He loves spending time with his nieces and nephews and they are so excited to have another cousin! Louis is extremely close with his parents, and they, along with his siblings, are very supportive of our adoption journey.



Our Home

We live in a suburb that is south of Cleveland, at the end of a cul-de-sac. We purchased our home in 2021 with the intention of filling it with children! Our city has an excellent school district and our house is directly across the street from a neighborhood playground and walking trail. The playground is active with neighborhood kids of all ages, and the older ones have organized their own wiffle ball league. We also have several pets! We have a cairn terrier named Pepper that looks just like Toto from The Wizard of Oz, a tabby cat named Minnie (but we just call her Kitty), and a very colorful Green Cheek Conure named Melvin.



What I love about Nate

FROM LOUIS

Nate is an extremely compassionate person and has interesting, quirky hobbies. He loves technology, especially putting things together. He brings this skill to his school's robotics team and leads them to high rankings at competitions. He also loves doing home improvement projects. What I admire most about Nate is his perseverance when things get tough. Not only does he never give up, he is always able to find humor in every situation. No matter what is going on, he always makes me laugh. I have loved seeing him interact with his nephew I am so excited to watch him become a dad to our children!



What I love about Louis

FROM NATE

Louis is an incredibly loving and supportive husband that is always there for me to lean on. He takes great pride in caring for our family pets and is kind and helpful towards our neighbors and community members. Louis loves to read in his free time, enjoys a good afternoon walk throughout town, and is enthusiastic about expanding our collection of house plants. He also takes great interest in cooking and is never afraid to try something new in the kitchen! Louis is patient, focused, and calm under pressure. I've seen him be incredibly supportive and nurturing towards his nieces and nephews and I can't wait to watch him be a father to our future children!

Our Message to You

Thank you for taking the time to read about us, and we are honored that you might consider us to be your child's adoptive parents. Although we cannot fully understand the magnitude of the decision you are making, we admire your strength, kindness, and love. Your child's home will be full of compassionate, nurturing love, and we will encourage them to be proud of who they are and where they came from. We promise to honor you as your child grows and to maintain openness with you throughout their life. The opportunity to raise your child is an incredible gift that we will cherish forever.



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.