



*Drew & Kauri*



Hello! Our names are Kauri and Drew Rucker. Our story begins in July 2019, when Kauri (who was working as a youth pastor at the time) attended a church conference and was introduced to Drew's mom and siblings attending the same conference. By the end of the first day, Drew's mom and sister decided to play 'match maker' and set us up. It worked out great because a year and three months later, in October 2020, we got married! We are so excited to be parents and welcome a child/children into our family and home! We live in Westerville, Ohio with our energetic, four-year-old Springeroodle, Theo. We are passionate about traveling, music, coffee, spending time with our friends and family, and being involved with our church community. Our faith is the most important thing to us and we believe God has a plan for our lives and we are so thankful that adoption is part of that plan!



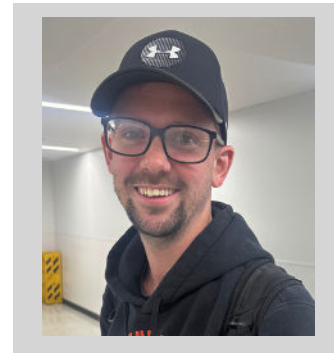


# Kauri



Kauri grew up as the oldest of four children, and loved being a big sister to her three younger brothers. She was raised in Westerville, Ohio by two parents who loved God most and their family second. Her mom spent her career as a music teacher and is now enjoying retirement, and her dad has been a pastor for almost forty years. Kauri believes her love for the Church, music, and people was heavily shaped by her parents. She serves with her dad at the Westerville Church of the Nazarene as an Associate Pastor and the Director of Disability Ministries. Her favorite thing is spending time with people, usually over a cup of coffee, and she also enjoys playing piano, reading, writing and working on the latest house project.

# Drew



Drew grew up as the oldest of four children, with two younger brothers and a younger sister as well. He was raised by two parents with a strong faith that helped him develop his relationship with God as he grew up. Drew grew up in the small town of Caldwell, Ohio until he met Kauri and decided to move to Westerville. He is glad the rest of his family eventually decided to move to Westerville as well. Drew has worked as a Warehouse Manager at Yoder Co and Floors since February 2022. He loves his job because of the people he works with, and he loves that each day looks a little different and he has the opportunity to learn something new each day! Drew is passionate about sports, cooking, music, being outside, and caring for the people around him.

# Home

In May 2023 we were able to purchase Kauri's grandparents' Westerville home and we have absolutely loved making it our own! We are in a neighborhood filled with young families and lots of friendly dogs, and the best part is that we are within ten minutes of our church, and both of our parents' homes as well. We love going to Uptown Westerville for festivals, shopping and the best coffee! We are also close to some of our best friends and their kids, as well as Kauri's three siblings and two of our nieces. We couldn't ask for a better community of people to surround us as we raise our family! Our child/children will have grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends living all around which will bring so much joy and fun as they grow up. Our friends and family are excited to be a positive part of our children's lives. It takes a village, and we couldn't ask for a better one!



# Thanks

We are so thankful and humbled that you are considering us to help love, support and raise your child. We know this cannot be easy, and we want you to know that we are praying for you and your child, and we admire the strength and courage you have in your consideration of adoption. We promise to raise this precious one with all the unconditional love that we have, and can also promise the love of our friends, family and faith community.



## 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.