



BRYAN *and* ELLEN



ABOUT US

Hello! We are Bryan and Ellen. We have been together for 14 years and just celebrated our ninth wedding anniversary. We love going on road trips, visiting national parks, trying new foods, and reading. Ellen is caring, funny, creative, and tells a great story. Bryan is quiet, goofy, and intelligent; he doesn't like to admit it, but he's a good dancer. Ellen has been working as a special education teacher for 14 years. She works with students with significant disabilities on developing life skills. Bryan is a nurse practitioner and focuses on adult care. He really enjoys working with the older population, listening to their stories, and helping them with their health. Lucas (2) loves singing, dancing, and spending time outside. We became a family of three through the blessing of adoption and are looking forward to watching Lucas grow up with a sibling to bond with and create lots of memories.

OUR HOME & PETS

We live in a four-bedroom home we built in a wonderful neighborhood. Our big yard is wide open and is located next to a bike path we use to walk the dogs, visit the neighbors, and watch many bikes go by. Our two goofy dogs, Marley Mae (10) and Henry (7), enjoy spending time outside watching the world go by. This is especially easy with beautiful prairie common areas and a neighboring farm. Our neighborhood is the perfect mix between the hustle and bustle of the city and the serenity of the quiet country. The dogs love to snuggle and are big couch potatoes! Bryan loves to cook, especially on the grill or smoker, and together as a family, we love to spend time outside.



WHAT LED US (BACK) TO ADOPTION

We have been hoping to see our family grow for a few years. We have had the chance to see our three nieces and five nephews grow up and love spending time with them. In 2023, our son, Lucas, was born. After adopting Lucas and watching him flourish and grow, we would love to expand our family even more. We are so blessed to continue a positive and open relationship with Lucas' birth parents and now get to see him run around with his cousins at family events. We feel this is our journey in life, and we have so much love to share!





OUR LIFE
together



GET TO KNOW *Elley*

Occupation: Special Education Teacher

Education: Master's in Curriculum and Instruction

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Non-Denominational

Food: Salad, sushi, Asian infusion

Hobby: Crafting, photography

Tradition: Friends Trip

Music: Anything; ranging from country to rock and anything in between!

Movie: *Princess Bride*, *Shawshank Redemption*

Dream Vacation: Bora Bora

TV Show: *Project Runway*, *West Wing*

Subject in School: Language Arts, Art



GET TO KNOW *Bryan*

Occupation: Nurse Practitioner

Education: Master's of Science in Nursing

Race: Hispanic

Religion: Non-Denominational

Food: Burgers, BBQ, comfort food

Hobby: Reading, golf, fishing, video games

Tradition: Fantasy Football League

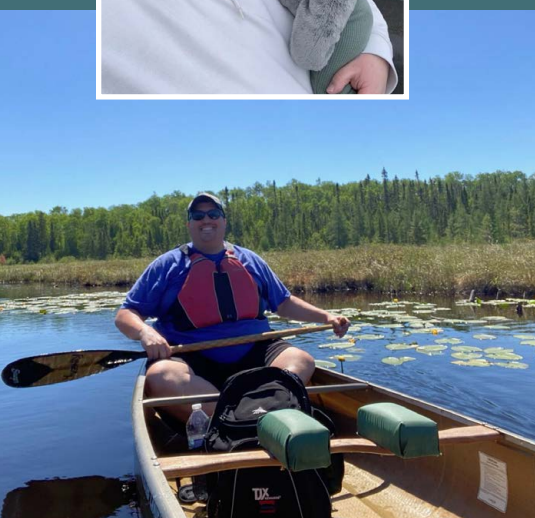
Music: Alternative Rock

Movie: *Indiana Jones*, *Forrest Gump*

Dream Vacation: Europe

TV Show: *Ted Lasso*, *The Big Bang Theory*, *West Wing*

Subject in School: Social Studies, History





OUR FAMILY *and traditions*

We spend a lot of time with our extended family and are blessed they live nearby. Ellen's family lives in the neighboring town. Her parents are retired, and her brother and his wife have two young boys. Ellen's parents host a large event on Labor Day weekend to get family and friends together and make homemade sauerkraut. This tradition has been going on for over 50 years! Bryan's parents and his middle sister with her husband and four children live in the same town we do! This allows us to attend soccer games and choir concerts to support our nieces and nephews. His youngest sister, her husband, and children live a little farther away but come to town often! We all celebrate holidays together, and Bryan's family has even joined in on the sauerkraut tradition! We love that our families are close and are by our sides through everything!

Our friends, or what we like to call our chosen family, also live nearby! We often plan trips and activities together. Football games, cooking competitions, and holidays are just a few. During the summer, we attend our annual "friends trip" and enjoy time together. The summer of 2025 was our ninth year celebrating.



dear
**EXPECTANT
MOTHER**



To A Loving Mother,

To start off, we simply want to say thank you. Thank you for considering us as the adoptive parents of your child. Thank you for being brave enough to face what we can only imagine is an impossible decision. Thank you for being so selfless and courageous. Thank you for trusting us with a piece of your heart. We cannot wait to raise another child and expand our family. Without your selflessness, this wouldn't be possible.

Together, as a family, we are excited to see what the future has in store for us. We dream of what might be, what bonds will be built, and what adventures will be had. We know the emotional toll a decision like this can have, and we want you to know that we are here for every step through life.

As nurturers by career, it comes naturally for us to care for and give to others. This is one of the most important things we want to teach a child, and you are giving them the first lesson. You are considering giving us the best gift we could ever ask for, and we cannot say thank you enough.

Warmest Regards,

Ellen and Bryan



www.angeladoption.com