



*Katie* AND *Ryan*

Hello, we are  
**RYAN, KATIE,  
DANIEL & HANNAH**

≡ FROM RHODE ISLAND ≡

**DEAR BIRTH PARENTS,**

**We are so grateful to introduce you to our family!** First, please let us share our gratitude to you for making hard and sacrificial choices to care best for the little one growing inside you. We cannot pretend to understand your journey, but please know that we honor and value your commitment to the wellbeing and best interest of your child.

We are blessed that you are considering our family. We believe children are a unique gift. Whether brought to our family biologically or by adoption, our commitment to our children is to provide a loving, safe and secure home that nurtures them to develop into the boundless potential God has for them.

We have prayed for you and the little one you are carrying and will continue to pray for your peace as you find a family for your child. **THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING OUR FAMILY.**

May God bless you,

*Ryan + Katie  
Daniel Hannah!*



# About Us

**EACH DAY IS A GIFT - WE NEVER LET A DAY GO BY WITHOUT MAKING SURE WE KNOW HOW MUCH WE LOVE EACH OTHER.**



We began with a whirlwind romance - we met on a blind date in Houston, Texas. 18 days later, we were engaged and married nine months later. Now 20 years later, we are still madly in love.

*Ten years ago, we were blessed by birth of our son Daniel and five years ago our daughter Hannah.* We are an open and welcoming home - we love having friends and family visit. We love sharing big meals with the many special people who we are blessed to have in our life. At the same time, we also love our quiet time together.



Daniel and Hannah at the beach

## OUR CHILDREN

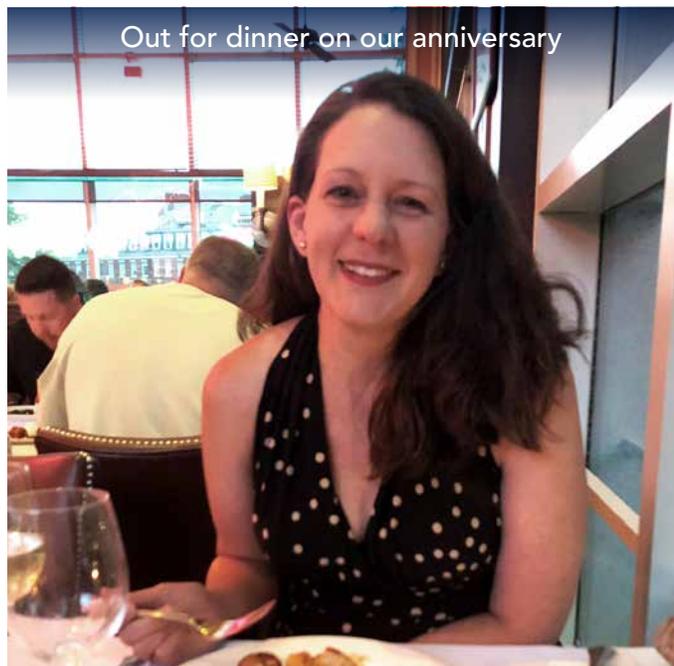
**WE LOVE HOMESCHOOLING DANIEL AND HANNAH.** In addition to math, reading, writing, and science they are learning Spanish, taking piano lessons, and farming. Daniel is also part of an organization where he makes speeches and plans events. Hannah has also made some speeches of her own. Daniel is also part of a monthly book club. His favorite book is the Three Musketeers.



Katie loves to cook

## DO WHAT YOU LOVE, LOVE WHAT YOU DO!

*Before our son Daniel was born, I was an English teacher. I absolutely loved teaching school and hope to return to it someday. We homeschool and I am blessed every day to encourage Daniel and Hannah through the struggles and triumphs that growing up and learning bring each day.*



Out for dinner on our anniversary

## INTRODUCING *Katie*

*Katie is the most nurturing, gentle, and compassionate person I have ever known. She always puts the needs of others above her own.* She is a true friend and her thoughtfulness is boundless and rarely does she ever do anything for herself. Katie is shy by nature; however, she will not shy away from standing up for what she knows is right, especially when it pertains to protecting the best interests of our family. Katie is an avid reader both for enjoyment and research. She loves to cook and especially loves preparing and delivering meals for people in our lives who are sick, hurt, or just struggling. She loves to laugh and will not hide her emotions when she is moved to tears. A true lover of animals, I knew she was going to be a great mom the first time I saw her take care of an injured animal.



A day at the yoga studio

## DO WHAT YOU LOVE, LOVE WHAT YOU DO!

*Ryan runs a small business in the construction industry.* It's a very family friendly office - Daniel regularly mows the lawn and then stocks the shelves, carries customer's orders to their car, and mails invoices. It's a unique opportunity to learn how the real world works.

*Ryan is also the director for a children's ministry here in Rhode Island.* This volunteer work is such a blessing because our whole family is involved as we worship and serve in the diverse church community across our state.



Ryan in the pulpit



Ryan doesn't mind getting his hands dirty working at the farm



Ryan enjoying a good book

## INTRODUCING *Ryan*

*Ryan is the most genuine person I've ever known.* What you see is what you get. No one ever wonders what he is thinking. He is passionate and loving with our children and loves to snuggle and read books, or play a never-ending game of Chutes and Ladders, have a dance party, or just be plain goofy with the kids. He's the kind of dad who is up in the middle of the night to help with a sick child or one who's had a bad dream. Ryan's also the one to go over schoolwork after dinner and help correct math problems or listen to a child sound out words in their first reader. Ryan grew up in a large Italian family and still makes his grandmother's recipe for meatballs and sauce. She made it every Sunday, but we only make it for birthdays and special celebrations. Daniel and Hannah love to help mix, and roll, and fry the meatballs.

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# HOME *sweet* HOME

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*Being in New England allows us to enjoy all four seasons.* Living in the "Ocean State," we are never far from the beautiful beaches to enjoy in the summer. Winters give us cold and snow so we can enjoy playing outdoors and then getting warm by the fireplace. We live 15 minutes from the city but have woods behind our house and a Christmas tree farm a few doors down. **WE LOVE OUR HOME AS THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERFUL PLACES TO GO AND EXPERIENCES TO ENJOY!**



## OUR FURRY FRIENDS

*Throughout the years our family has been blessed with many animals including dogs, cats, a rabbit, and chickens.* We currently have three cats – Petey, Jackie, and Patty love to snuggle and curl up on our laps while we watch TV, read, or take naps.





Cozy by the fireplace



Winter adventures

## A FEW OF OUR *favorite things*

### FAVORITE COLOR

- RYAN:** Red
- KATIE:** Turquoise
- DANIEL:** Blue
- HANNAH:** Pink and purple

### FAVORITE SPORT TO PLAY

- RYAN:** Basketball
- KATIE:** Wiffle ball
- DANIEL:** Baseball
- HANNAH:** Playing on the swings

### FAVORITE BEDTIME BOOK

- RYAN:** Goodnight Moon
- KATIE:** Time for Bed
- DANIEL:** The Three Musketeers
- HANNAH:** Curious George

### FAVORITE FOOD

- RYAN:** Pasta and meatballs
- KATIE:** Mexican food
- DANIEL:** Hamburgers
- HANNAH:** Hamburgers

### FAVORITE SEASON

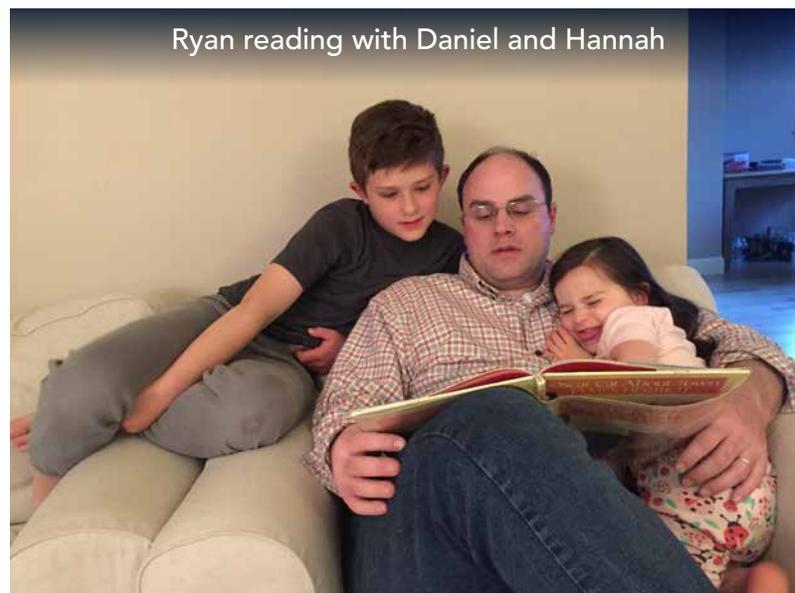
- RYAN:** Winter
- KATIE:** Fall
- DANIEL:** Summer
- HANNAH:** Winter

### FAVORITE MOVIE

- RYAN:** Cinderella Man
- KATIE:** The Sound of Music
- DANIEL:** Rocky
- HANNAH:** Winnie the Pooh



First day of a new school year!



Ryan reading with Daniel and Hannah



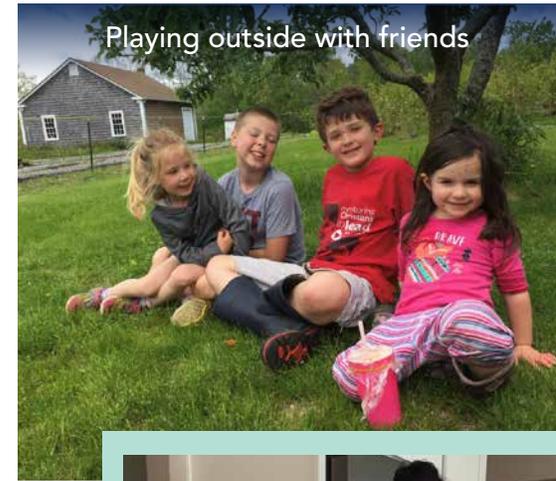
Picking potatoes at the farm



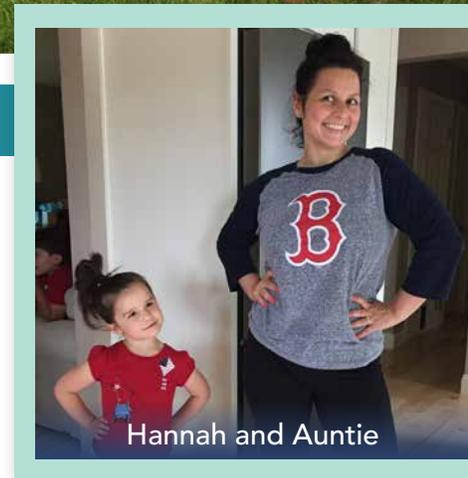
Daniel with Pop in Texas



Christmas dinner with family



Playing outside with friends



Hannah and Auntie

## THESE ARE OUR People

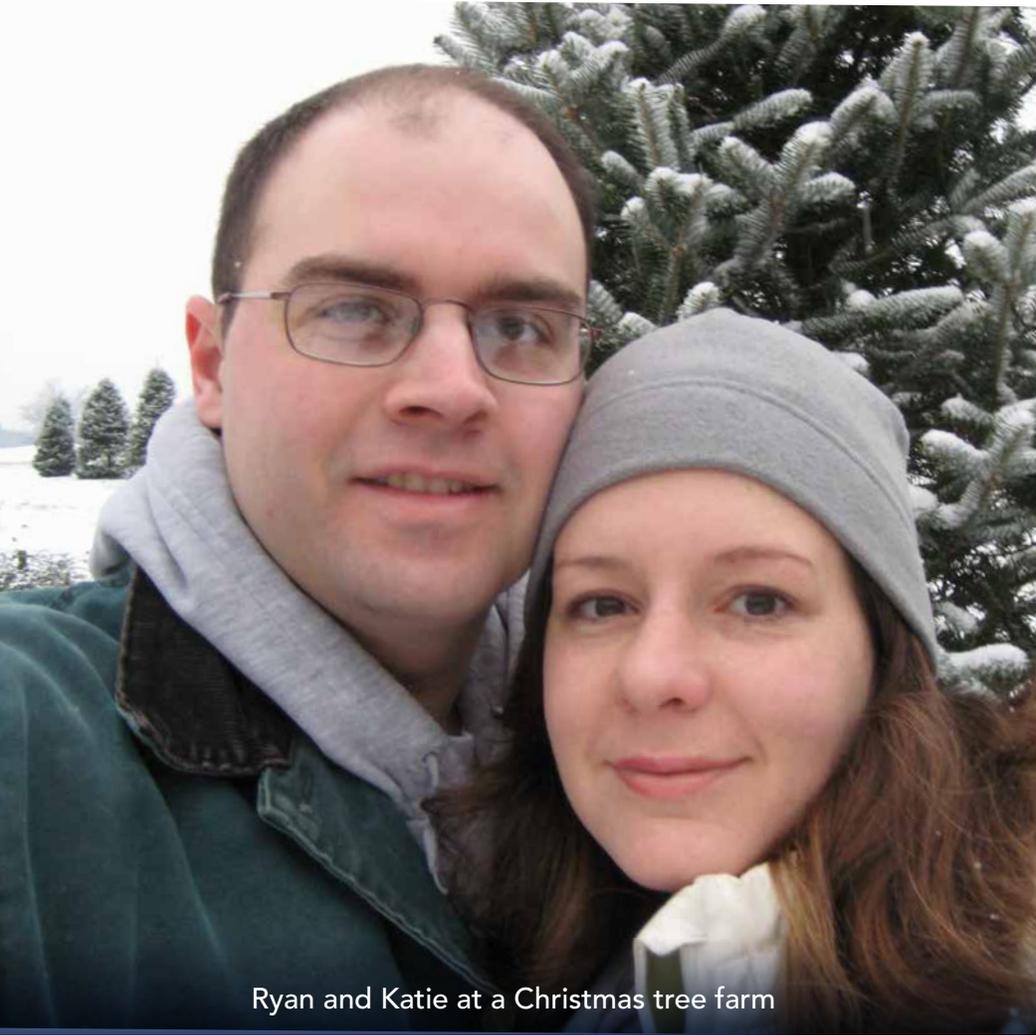
Ryan grew up in Massachusetts and Katie grew up in Texas. Our home is a blend of our families as we love big meals, interesting conversations, loud music (sometimes!), while cherishing quiet time when we can enjoy one another and work around the house. We are blessed to have Nonni 10 minutes away and Ryan's big family an hour away in Massachusetts. Holidays are hosted at our house or Ryan's sister's home. We also travel to visit Katie's grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins in Texas, Louisiana, and California.

*In addition to our biological family we have been blessed by so many wonderful close friends who leave their special imprint on our home.*

On Fridays, Katie and the children head to our dear friend's farm to work for the day.

In addition to eating the beautiful organic produce, "Papa, Oma, and Uncle Matt" teach us all about farming from planting seeds, cultivating, and harvesting.

Uncle Gregg has spent countless hours helping us upgrade our chicken coop and teaching us basic carpentry skills. Our family has been influenced by so many precious relationships with family and friends who have touched our life in special and unique ways.



Ryan and Katie at a Christmas tree farm

## OUR Faith

We are a Christian family who believes that God has created each of us special and with unique talents and gifts designed to be used to serve and benefit others. We believe the highest of all virtues is love. The Bible tells us to love one another as He loves us.

## OUR Hobbies

*We love playing board games, going for long walks in the woods, reading, playing baseball*

*in the backyard, and dancing to our favorite music.* Friday night is homemade pizza night and we make pancakes together on Saturday. We spend a lot of time just talking and sharing what is on our hearts. Daniel and Hannah love to hear dad talk about the old days and look at pictures from when he was a kid.



Saturday morning pancakes!

Friday night is pizza night



Hanging out in the backyard fort



# ONE LAST *Thank You*



Thank you for reviewing our profile. As the birth parent, we honor you for the beautiful gift of life you have given to your child. We understand that you are trying to make the best choice for your child and are happy to answer your questions and help you get to know us better. *We look forward to staying in touch so you can be reassured your child is healthy, happy and thriving in our home.*

Your first act of love will always be cherished and valued and spoken of in our family. We will answer their questions about you and their adoption openly as they grow older. *We will nurture them to know deeply that they are loved unconditionally and always for who they are – special, unique and precious.*

**WE WOULD LOVE TO  
HEAR FROM YOU!**

If you have additional questions for us or would like to speak to us, please contact **The Adoption Alliance** by calling **1-800-626-4324**.