

Sam & Nic

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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11



Dear Friend

Thank you for choosing to look through our book. We can only imagine how many emotions you may be feeling as you consider an adoption plan, and we want to begin by acknowledging the incredible strength and love it takes to walk this path. We hold deep respect for you.

We're Sam and Nic, high school sweethearts that have always had adoption as part of our family plans. It's a bit odd to think two highschoolers were dreaming about a mixed family of adopted and biological children when, at the time, we did not know too many people who had been adopted. We truly believe that this desire from a young age was purposeful and placed on our hearts by God.

As you flip through these pages, we hope you'll get a true sense of who we are—our love for each other, our hopes for the future, and the kind of life we would be honored to give a child. We value kindness, curiosity, and integrity, and we want to nurture a deep sense of belonging and identity rooted in love—not just from us, but from a God who created them with intention. These photos show real moments from our lives: laughter with friends and family, cozy days at home, traditions we treasure, and a life we're excited to share.

We know that your decision is sacred and incredibly personal. If you feel a connection to us, we would be honored to walk this journey with you. No matter what you decide, we are praying that you feel surrounded by God's wisdom, love, and comfort. Thank you again for considering us and for the courage it takes to explore this path.

WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE,

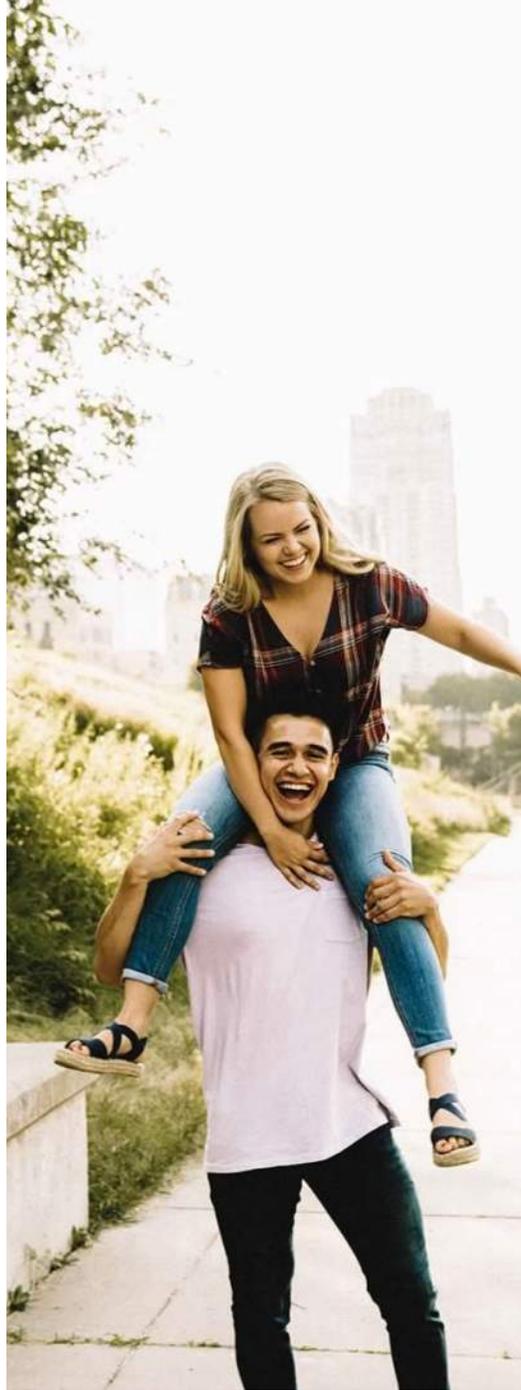
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Adoption & Parenting

As parents, our deepest desire is for our child to feel unconditionally loved, truly valued, and securely rooted in who they are as a child of God. We believe that every person is uniquely and purposefully created by God, and deeply loved by Him. It is our hope and prayer that our child will grow to know this truth for themselves—and that we can be a constant source of support, encouragement, and guidance as they walk their own journey with the Lord.

We are committed to creating a home filled with love, laughter, and discovery—a place where our child can explore the beauty of nature, ask big questions about how the world works, and feel safe to stumble, learn, and grow through life's everyday challenges. We want them to feel not only supported but celebrated and truly known.





Honoring this child also means honoring you. We believe that part of helping our child build a strong sense of identity includes having open, age-appropriate, and ongoing conversations about their adoption story. We want them to know where they come from and how deeply they are loved by everyone who has played a part in their life. This openness will help them carry their story with confidence and pride.



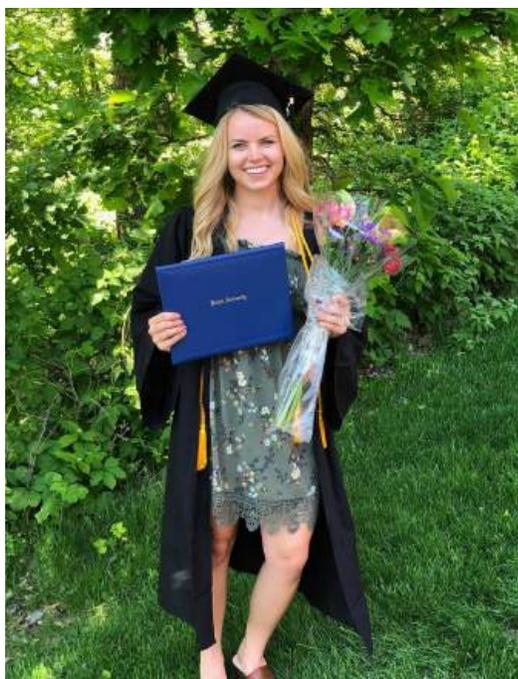


Meet Sam

Grants and Operations Manager

I grew up in a loving home in Minnesota, surrounded by an affectionate mom, a thoughtful dad, and a pesky-but-sweet little brother. Being from the “land of 10,000 lakes,” we naturally spent a lot of time outdoors—whether it was swimming, playing beach games, boating in the summer, or snowshoeing in the winter. We still live close to so many of these activities and I can’t wait to share them with our child one day. Sports were a big part of my childhood, and while I tried a little bit of everything, soccer quickly became my favorite to this day. Baking is another passion of mine—I like to experiment with ways to make treats a little more nutritious without losing any of the deliciousness. I also enjoy reading and stay connected with friends through a book club and Bible study group.

In my work at a foundation, I get to be a part of some really meaningful moments. I partner with nonprofit organizations that focus on everything from immediate needs—like providing beds to a new homeless shelter—to long-term support, like scholarships for students. While I mostly work from home, I always look forward to days where I can meet with our nonprofit partners in person and see the impact firsthand. From the beginning of our relationship, Nic and I have dreamed about building a family together. I truly can’t wait for the day we get to nurture a child into who God created them to be.



What Nic Loves

Sam is my favorite person on this Earth. What started as an intense high school crush has now grown into steadfast and unconditional love over all these years. The beauty of being married to Sam is that I have only grown more in love with her the longer we have been together. Sam is the most loyal and honest person I have ever met. She is also a deeply God-loving woman. Her relentless pursuit to grow closer to the lord is amazing, even in times of hardship. Her faith is so strong that it encourages me to grow in my own faith as well. Sam also has a sense of empathy and compassion for others, and has demonstrated this through mission trips around the world and volunteering at a local dog shelter. On top of all of this, Sam and I also find moments throughout daily life to enjoy each other's goofy and random sense of humor. Not a day goes by where Sam and I don't laugh with, and at times, at each other. I love our life together, and there is no doubt in my mind that Sam will be an incredible caring and loving Mother.



Meet Nic

Physical Therapist

I grew up in a small suburb just outside of Minneapolis, Minnesota, alongside my older brother and parents. From a young age, my brother and I shared a passion for soccer and athletics, and I've been active ever since. I love exercising and doing anything active, especially when I can share it with friends and family. I'm fortunate to still play soccer today, and I even get to enjoy playing in a co-ed league with my wife, Sam, once a week. Something unique about me is that I am bilingual. When I was 10 years old, my mom — who is from Colombia — moved my brother and me to Bogotá, Colombia, where we lived for two years. Spanish is a skill I continue to use every day, especially in my career as a physical therapist. It's incredibly rewarding to not only help people in pain but also to connect with Spanish-speaking patients and provide care in their native language. I deeply value my relationship with God, my friends and family, and my overall wellness. I enjoy learning new things and love taking on new hobbies, even if I'm not the best at them. I'm also a big foodie, I love cooking different meals and exploring new restaurants whenever I get the chance.





What Sam Loves

Since the day we met, Nic has made me laugh more than any person I know. He is kind, goofy and up for any adventure. He is both incredibly patient and loyal. He truly makes others feel heard, whether it's his friends, physical therapy patients or me. On the long list of things I love about him, one is that he is a life-long learner. He is always pursuing a deeper faith with the Lord, researching for new innovative ways to help his patients at work or discovering a new hobby in his free time. I know when our future children come to him with a problem, a dream or a hobby they want to explore, he will enthusiastically take the time to help them investigate. I am so thankful for his unwavering support and partnership throughout the ups and downs of life the last 11 years. There is no other person in this world that I would want to grow a family with, he will be an amazing dad.



Our Home

Our home is a warm and inviting space. We especially love the summer months when we spend most evenings enjoying dinner on our spacious deck. The fenced-in yard offers both privacy and safety, making it an ideal place to relax and unwind. One of our favorite traditions is starting our vegetable garden from seeds in the basement each spring. We carefully nurture the seedlings and then transplant them outside, where we harvest a variety of vegetables throughout the warm months.

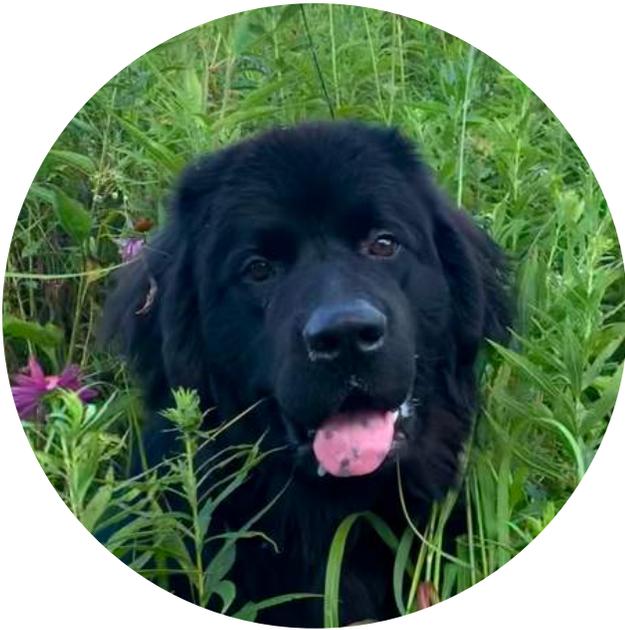
With 3,000 square feet, our home includes four bedrooms, two full bathrooms, and two half bathrooms, offering plenty of room to grow. The future nursery will be in a room close to the master bedroom, a perfect spot for staying connected. We love our home's location—just steps away from beautiful walking paths and bike trails that we enjoy year-round, whether it's a sunny summer stroll or a crisp autumn ride.





Our Community

We live in a suburb of Minneapolis, the same city where we grew up! From our first hand experience, our city has great schools, farmers markets, community events, sports clubs, and beautiful parks. We even live by an indoor soccer field where we can play during the cold winter months! While Sam's parents winter in Florida, they live about 10 minutes away from us in the summer and fall. Nic's mom and brother both live under 15 minutes away as well! There is an amazing zoo we love to explore nearby and a science museum that has fascinating rotating exhibits. We love living in our quiet suburb but also enjoy being close enough to the cities where lots of sporting events take place, like our MLS team! Go United!



Our dog Stella

Stella is our giant, teddy-bear of a dog! Ever since she was a young girl, Sam had dreamed of having this fluffy breed, imagining how perfect they'd be to cuddle up with during chilly Minnesota winters. Stella loves spending summer days at the lake by Sam's parents' home and taking outdoor naps in our snowy backyard during winter. She's incredibly gentle with neighbors, friends, and all the kids in our lives—patiently letting them crawl all over her without making a fuss. Stella has a calm presence that welcomes everyone into our home.



Family Traditions

We are grateful to live near Sam's parents when they are in Minnesota for the summers and Nic's mom and brother who both live year round about 10 minutes away. Nic's dad lives about two hours away on a farm. Sam's brother lives on a ranch in Wyoming and he comes home to visit most holidays.

While we frequently visit Sam's parents in Florida (we both can work remotely from another state), at least once a year Nic's mom joins us on our trip down south. You will see in various photos that Sam's family hosts most holidays where Nic's mom and brother also join in the festivities. Sam's parents' Minnesota home is on a lake where they host many outdoor gatherings where we can enjoy the view of the water.

Family means more than just biological ties. We have many close friends that will be "aunts" and "uncles" ready to love and support this child. Our friend group plans a few formal get-together's a year and each November we host the 'friends-giving' celebration at our home!





Winter cabin bonfires



Immediate Family



Annual Fourth of July



Nic's famous blueberry birthday pie!



Celebrating birthdays!



Both families Christmas breakfast



Family & Friends Meal



Nic & Sam's 'moms'



Annual Florida trip



Sam's family



Summer pontoon rides



Winter Utah trip



Hobbies

Travel buddies for life – we’ve explored 6 countries and 12 U.S. states hand in hand (and we’re just getting started!)

Always chasing the next adventure – from skiing down snowy slopes to kayaking serene rivers and snorkeling in turquoise waters

Halloween is one of our favorite excuses to get creative – from punny costumes to full-blown characters, we never miss our friend’s annual party

Tried hot air ballooning... because “up, up, and away” sounded like our kind of date

Weekends = pickleball matches and friendly rivalry (loser buys post-game smoothies!)

Proud foodies on a mission – always hunting down the best bites and saying “yes” to trying something new





Father's Name:
Nic (Nicolas)

Occupation:
Physical Therapist

Education:
Doctorate of Physical Therapy

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
10/28/1995

Hair Color/Eye Color:
Brown/Brown

Height:
5' 9"

Language:
Spanish & English



Mother's Name:
Sam (Samantha)

Occupation:
Grants and Operations Manager

Education:
Bachelor's of Business HR and Bachelor's of Psychology

Religion:
Christian

Date of birth:
03/09/1996

Hair Color/Eye Color:
Brown/Blue

Height:
5' 2"

Language:
English (Currently taking Spanish with Nic's mom)

Family Information

Date of marriage: 12/21/2018

Children: N/A

Interest and Hobbies:

Together we love to travel! We enjoy trying the local food, learning about the history and exploring the environment that is unique to the area. Soccer has been a constant passion in our lives from a young age. Both of us played college soccer and we continue to play in various recreational leagues. We also play a lot of pick-up pickleball in the summers.

Nic's love for movement extends beyond soccer. True to his nature as a physical therapist, he believes that 'motion is lotion' for your joints and finds many different ways to get his daily movement whether it's lifting, hiking, biking or swimming. Sam loves nature and tries to find a way to walk outside everyday, often with our dog Stella, to soak up God's creation.

Home:

Our home is nestled in a warm (well, sometimes cold like the nickname suggests - Minne-Snow-ta), welcoming neighborhood filled with families and surrounded by nature. We live in a cozy four-bedroom, four-bathroom house that we've loved for nearly four years—a space that feels just right and has plenty of room to grow our family. The neighborhood is always alive with kids playing and regular events that bring everyone together. Right outside our front door, there are walking paths, bike trails, and parks to explore. One of our favorite parts about living here is being just a short drive from family, which makes it easy to spend a lot of quality time together both during the week and weekends.

Pets: Our sweet Stella is a gentle giant. She loves new friends, both human and fellow dogs. However, she gets tuckered out quite quickly from any excitement and after about 20 minutes of tail-wags and nuzzling for pets she often retires to her fuzzy dog-bed to nap. She's great with our neighbors and family children, incredibly patient with them as they learn how to properly love our furry friend.

Why are you interested in building your family through adoption:

Adoption has always been a part of our family plan. We feel that God opened up our hearts at a young age for this to be a path we pursue. We truly believe that we can love and raise an adopted child just as well as a biological one. We know that each child that comes into our family will be unique in their needs and we have the mindset of working together to figure out how to best guide them accordingly. We do believe we will have a mixed family of biological and adoptive children at some point in the future. However, after a miscarriage in 2024 we took the time to prayerfully consider if our next step was to try for biological children again or pursue adoption. We both found that adoption was on our hearts and the path we felt honored to be called to at this time.

Openness to birthparent(s): As part of our education process of our adoption journey, we have heard many different definitions of openness from birth and adoptive parents. We recognize that each situation is unique and must be collectively decided upon to best support all parties. After prayerfully considering our own thoughts and feelings, we truly believe that openness is a beautiful way to build meaningful connections and give the child a deeper understanding of where they came from and how much they are loved. We hope to share regular updates through photos, emails, or phone calls. We also hope to meet once a year in person and are open to discussing additional frequencies.

Childcare plans: Sam will be the primary caregiver for the child. Her work hours are flexible and are mostly remote. She plans to reduce her hours to two days a week and the day's she does work, either Nic's or Sam's mom agreed to provide daycare.

A young couple with long blonde hair and a black dog are smiling in a Christmas tree lot. The woman is on the left, wearing a tan coat, and the man is on the right, wearing a denim jacket. The dog is in the center, looking towards the camera. The background is filled with rows of evergreen trees.

Our Promise to you

Thank you for your interest in our book and taking the time to read about our family. We are deeply honored and humbled that you would consider us as part of your journey. We promise to raise this child with unconditional love, support, and lots of laughter. We hope to continue this journey with you, and stay connected throughout this child's life. Please know that no matter what choice you make, we respect and admire you. Thank you again for considering us. We are praying for you to feel love and strength every step of the way.

With gratitude,
Sam and Nic