



**The Wagners**

## Our Family

Hi – we are the Wagners! Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! We couldn't imagine the difficult decisions you are making and we are excited to be a part of the adoption journey and for you to learn more about us.

We currently have a family of 5. We have 3 children, Lucas (age 7), Nora (age 5) and Wally (age 3) – we had always planned on having more children, however, due to some complications with pregnancy and delivery our doctors recommended pursuing a different path to growing our family. Over the last year, God has placed adoption on our hearts, and after prayerfully considering adoption for some time, we have decided to pursue this path and grow our family.

We have tried hard to tell our story in just a few pages – we hope that if nothing else, you will see that we are a loving family who will do our very best to make your child feel unconditionally loved, accepted, safe, and confident. We understand this is a difficult decision and you must do what you believe is best for your baby.

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn about our family and considering us!

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## Meet Mark

I was raised in a suburb of Kansas City with my parents and 3 brothers. I love being a dad and finding fun adventures to do with my kids, whether it's doing a special "daddy-daughter" date or cheering on the Chiefs – being able to act as a role model for my children is a priority. My hobbies include DIY projects, competitive BBQ, and running/hiking. I graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Economics and then pursued a master's degree in economics from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. I currently work in the financial analytics space helping to optimize and identify cost savings opportunities.





## Meet Kaley

Like Mark, I was raised in a suburb of Kansas City with my parents and 2 sisters. Following high school, I also attended Kansas State University and graduated with a degree in business. I now work from home as the director of operations at an advertising agency- which allows me a lot of flexibility, so I am able to be with my kids after school and in the summers. I have been blessed to have been given three amazing kids and cannot express how much happiness being a mom has given me. Supporting and watching my kids do the things that they love fills me with so much joy. Days spent watching them playing sports or playing baseball or soccer in the yard with them, working on an art project or baking together, dancing in the kitchen, or playing at the park are the best days.





## Meet Our Kids



We have been blessed with 3 wonderful children!

Lucas is 7 years old and has started 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. He loves playing sports in the yard. He is a passionate kid who loves playing outside, reading, and playing with his brother and sister.

Nora is 5 and is all unicorns and rainbows. She loves playing with her brothers and is not afraid to tell them (or anyone else) what she thinks. She is bold – she loves to dance, sing, and learn. She started kindergarten this year and has loved making new friends (specifically ones that aren't boys!)



Wally is our youngest and recently celebrated his third birthday. He wakes up everyday excited, energized to play, and curious to see what his older brother and sister are doing. When he's not playing with cars, he likes to 'mow' the lawn with dad and cuddle with his mom.

All three are **overjoyed** at the idea of another sibling joining them.









## Our Home



We live in a quiet neighborhood in the midwest. We love our house! There are many young families and young kids in the neighborhood and we love spending time at the neighborhood pool with friends in the summers, or playing basketball or at the park in our neighborhood in the spring/fall. The area has some of the best sledding hills during winter! Our home backs to a small lake, so we like to fish and paddle board with our neighbors as well. Being located in a suburb of Kansas allows us to enjoy the peace and quiet of our neighborhood but at the same time, can make it downtown in 15 minutes to enjoy the offerings of a big city.





## Our Extended Family



We are fortunate to have our extended Family nearby on both sides of our family. Both Kaley's and Mark's parents live within 15 minutes of our home which enables them to be regularly involved in the kids lives, whether that's attending the kids sports/school events, stopping by for dinner, or spending an evening with the kids. We are blessed to have cousins, on both sides of the family, that live nearby as well. Though it makes family dinners a little louder and more chaotic, it's been fun to watch our kids grow up with their cousins and we would have it no other way.





## Our Favorite Things

There are many things that our family is passionate about. First, and foremost, we love God and love others and we are passionate about raising kind, caring children who do as well. We have a great community, and feel fortunate to have supportive, fun, loving friends and family all around us. As a family, we love following all Kansas City and K-State sport teams. Whether in person or on TV, we love cheering on our teams. The boys also enjoy attending Monster Jam together each year while the girls have a mother-daughter date. We also like to switch that up and do Daddy-daughter dates and Mommy-son dates. Another passion of ours is spending time together at the Lake of the Ozarks. We have a home at the lake at which we spend our time relaxing, boating, fishing, swimming, and just being together. We always love to find fun new activities all around us (whether it's a local carnival, a new trail for hiking, or a new ice cream shop to try). We wind down most weeks with a family movie night—nothing beats it. Overall, we truly enjoy the time we spend as a family.

