Dear Expectant Parent,

We are Daniel, Cara, Lucas (5 years old), and Alex (2 years old). We appreciate your time to learn about our family. We understand how difficult this decision can be, and we thank you for considering adoption.

We are excited to expand our family with another child through adoption. We have a lot to offer another child which is why we chose to adopt. Both of us know the strong bonds we have created with our siblings, and we hope that for all our children. In addition, the child we bring into our family will be loved and welcomed unconditionally.

We encourage our children to try new things and be considerate of others. We emphasize the importance of a career, whether it is attending college or a trade school. We want them to go into the world being independent, feeling confident, and that they can tackle what life brings as well as giving back with opportunities through volunteering.

We hope our book gives you an idea about our family. We look forward to meeting you and wish you all the best.
Daniel proposed in Chicago at Lake Michigan.

On our honeymoon in Maui

Visiting Temecula, California
about us

HOW WE MET

We met through online dating. Daniel jokes that he picked Cara out of a catalog. The first time we met in person was at a coffee shop at an outdoor mall. The one thing we didn’t know was that there were two locations. Daniel was at one; Cara was at the other; this helped to break the ice.

We started dating and saw each other once a week and would have conversations on the phone. This escalated quickly and before we knew it we were spending every day together.

After nine months of dating, we were engaged. It just felt right and we both knew this was the person we were going to spend the rest of our life with. The following year we were married. We built a house and our family was started.
a little about DANIEL

I grew up with my mother in Arizona. I have one older sister, Rosalinda. I was very close to my maternal grandparents. I grew up without a father and never knew much about him which is why I prioritize family and make sure I am active in my children’s lives.

I graduated from Arizona State University in 2007 with a bachelor of science. In 2017, I graduated from Grand Canyon University with a MBA. Currently, I work remotely as an Indirect Tax Manager. This allows me flexibility in my schedule and the availability to help during the day.

I enjoy running, weight lifting, Taekwondo, cooking, baking, and automotive restoration.
a little about

CARA

I grew up in Illinois. I have two brothers and two sisters. My parents have been married for 51 years. I am an aunt to nine nieces and nephews.

I graduated from Loras College in 2006 with a Bachelors of Arts in Sports Science and earned my Masters of Arts in Elementary Education as well as an endorsement in English as a Second Language from St. Xavier University in 2013. I moved to Arizona in July 2014 to start my career as a teacher. After Lucas was born, I became a stay home mom.

My favorite things to do are making tumblers, signs, and cards. I also like to stay active by riding my bike (indoor and outdoor), and golfing. Recently, I started to make pasta and gnocchi (Italian dumpling) and learning how to sew.
My brothers, sisters, and I as well as spouses

My parents

Making gnocchi

My niece Victoria and me

Tumblers I've made

Sign I made Daniel
HOW DANIEL THINKS OF CARA

Cara is my wife and best friend. I love her very much. I feel that she is one of the most caring, loving, and thoughtful people I know. She makes me a better person and continually motivates me. She has stood by me during the tough times and we have faced challenges together. I feel very fortunate to have found her and have her as my wife. My wish for her is to have the opportunity to be a mother to another child. There is no question that she will love and be a great mother to that child. We are a team, and we will be the best parents we can be to her.
HOW CARA THINKS OF DANIEL

Daniel is my better half. He is honest, strong, and compassionate. He has a way of making me laugh even though he doesn’t mean to be funny. His devotion and loyalty to our family never cease to amaze me. If there is ever a time I become discouraged, he is there picking me up and cheering me on. There is never a doubt in my mind that he is there for our children and me. We truly are best friends. I am blessed with the bond and love we share with each other.
Lucas was born September 2018. He enjoys playing with dinosaurs, Taekwondo, fishing, camping, reading books, and going to school as well as playing with his friends. He is caring, very creative, imaginative, and enjoys helping when he can. He wants to be like his Dad!
a little about **ALEX**

Alex was born May 2021. He enjoys playing with cars, trains, animals, reading books, swimming, writing with sidewalk chalk, and coloring. He is energetic, silly, and affectionate. Most recently he has discovered Godzilla and likes to roar like a dinosaur.
Lucas enjoys going to Taekwondo.

Lucas participates in monthly workshops at The Home Depot. He has made a birdfeeder and pinball toy.
Lucas and Alex go to swim and music once a week.
OUR HOME AND NEIGHBORHOOD
Multiple walking distance playgrounds

Various hosted community events, such as fishing contests and Easter egg hunts.

Community pool

We live in a family-oriented neighborhood, surrounded by miles of walking trails, multiple playgrounds, and a clubhouse. The clubhouse features a gym and swimming pool. We are also very close to nature preserves and larger parks as well. Our house is a single story with four bedrooms and a den. The kids have places for toys in their rooms as well as the family room.
Fun with Family and Friends

Alex and Uncle Rey

Baking with Grandma

On a camel with Aunt Katie at the zoo

Lucas and Nonno (Grandpa in Italian) playing baseball.

Lucas eating frozen yogurt with Aunt Linda and cousin Brody.

Painting pottery with Aunt Jackie.
Lucas with his cousins, Victoria and Gianna.

Lucas playing baseball with cousin David.

Lucas and Alex at Crayola Experience with friends, Gabe and Luke.

Lucas with his friends at a birthday party.

Lucas and his friend, Gabe, playing.
Adventures

We enjoy exploring new places as well as places we visited. We are members of the zoo and like to visit other zoos in Arizona. In addition, we visit Cara’s family in Illinois twice a year.
Trip to Illinois in the summer

Fun at the zoo

Train ride during the holiday season

Camping in northern Arizona

Visiting a Peppa Pig themed playground.

A day at the aquarium.
Every year we make tamales, have an Easter egg hunt, and Cara's parents will have a special guest visit the kids on Christmas Eve.
Spiderman was the special guest this past Christmas Eve.

Easter egg hunt
Our Promise to you...

We have always dreamed about being parents and creating a family. Even before we had children we said no matter what, we would like to adopt as well.

We look forward to adopting. Please know that even though we have two boys we will unconditionally love and cherish your child. Lucas and Alex share our excitement as well. We hope this book gave you a look at our lives and we look forward to meeting you. Thank you for taking the time to read this and considering us.

Sincerely,
Cara & Daniel