

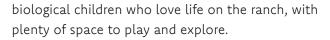
# Our Life Together

We were high school sweethearts and married young. Michelle was responsible and kind—a woman who would always care deeply—and Steven was joyful and dependable—a man who would keep life fun and steady! We lived in the city for a short time but soon realized that wasn't where we wanted to raise our family.

We craved wide-open spaces and a yard full of animals to love and care

for, so we purchased a humble ranch to call our home. Though we have experienced fertility struggles and painful losses, we have been blessed with five

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Steven works as a banker, and Michelle is a stay-at-home mother. We also own a couple of small businesses—one with Steven's sister and another with Michelle's brother. Our family is close-knit; we enjoy having our children by our sides during the day-to-day tasks that come with living on a ranch, owning a business, and caring for animals. We joyfully care for all that is entrusted to us, passing on to our children the desire to work diligently at the things we love.

Our family also prioritizes leisure time together. We love to travel in our large RV camper—whether it's a quick overnight at our extended family's house or a long cross-country road trip. We love exploring nature, visiting popular attractions, and simply experiencing new adventures as a family.









### joyful | fun | upbeat | hardworking

Steven is a joyful man who loves to keep life fun and upbeat for himself and others. He works hard, providing and offering endless opportunities for our family. He is also happy to volunteer in our community and help our neighbors and friends. Steven shines a light of joy wherever he goes, and he brings a loving peace into our home and family. He is an encouraging and supportive father who intentionally spends time with our children as well as with youth in our community and church.

#### Steven loves to:

- Drive a horse team and wagon
- · Coach his kids' sports teams
- Surprise his family with new farm animals
- Ride horses with his family
- · Make big breakfasts





# Meet Michelle

## compassionate loving intentional dedicated joyful

Michelle is a compassionate woman who loves to find ways to make the people around her feel important and loved. She intentionally pours into our children—physically, emotionally, academically, and spiritually. Michelle is a nurturing and devoted wife and mother, faithfully dedicating herself to raising joyful children and maintaining a peaceful home. She encourages our family in all aspects of life; whether we are spending a slow day on the ranch riding horses, creating new memories on a road trip, or pursuing our life's passions, she keeps us focused on doing it all as a well-balanced family.





#### Michelle loves to:

- Cook homemade meals
- Grow a vegetable and flower garden
- Ride horses with her family
- Sew, create, and plan projects
- Teach our children valuable life skills







Loved and
Supported
in Our Family

We value giving our children a wide variety of experiences and encourage them to learn new skills. We help them pursue music, sports, hobbies, talents, acting, and passions as they each desire. We love to encourage our children in whatever way God is leading them, and we will support them emotionally and financially as they grow and discover their own path—college, trade school, entrepreneurship, etc. We will continue to surround them with love and support all their lives. If we are chosen to raise your child, we would be honored to encourage, support, and cherish your child as our own, just as we do with our current children.





# Meet Our Children

Our children are excited and hopeful for our family to adopt a sibling to love and grow up with. Each child is unique and deeply loved in our home. If we are the family chosen to raise your child, please know that he or she will be surrounded with lots of care, love, and support from our entire family.



caring | active

#### James Alan

James is kind and helpful, and he loves to be active in sports or at home. He enjoys building things and caring for animals on the ranch. James is a thoughtful and encouraging brother.



sweet | loving

#### Katie Elizabeth

Katie is sweet and gentle, and she loves to create projects and paint beautiful pictures. She enjoys collecting and playing with antique items. Katie is a caring and loving sister.



kind | protective

#### Levi Michael

Levi is helpful and loving, and he enjoys riding his bike and playing outside. He loves to leave thoughtful notes and gifts for others just to spread joy. Levi is a kind and protective brother.



gentle | caring

#### Emma JoAnn

Emma is lovely and sweet, and she enjoys finding new friends wherever we go. She loves to play with baby dolls and wear antique dresses. Emma is a gentle and caring sister.



joyful | loving

#### Sarah Hazel

Sarah is loving and joyful, and she is learning new things every day. She loves to rock her baby dolls and enjoys feeding cows with Steven. Sarah is a sweet and gentle little sister.





Our Supportive Family

We are blessed to be surrounded by a supportive family and community. We both have large extended families, and we enjoy visiting and doing activities with them often. Our families are all very involved in our lives and the lives of our children, and they are hopeful to love and support your child as well.







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# Your Child Will Be Cherished in Our Home

Steven, being adopted himself, has always had a heart for adoption. Paired with Michelle—who has always had a caring heart for all children—we knew that when the time was right, we would desire to grow our family through the miracle of adoption. Led by our faith in God and our desire to help brave mothers seeking adoption, we prayerfully hope that our family is chosen to love and raise your child.







## Your Child Will Know You Love Them

If we are given the opportunity to raise your baby, we will make sure he or she knows that their mother is a selfless person who loves them deeply. We will tell your child how you carefully selected a loving home for them and how you chose a family with their best interest at heart. If you would like, we would be happy to share pictures, letters, and life updates as your child grows in our love and care.





# We Want to Support You

We also want to ensure that you are supported during this difficult time. If you are open to meeting us, we would be delighted to build a relationship with you and surround you with love and support. We also want to ensure that you receive the counseling support you need, as well as any assistance you may require with living expenses.

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We appreciate the thought and love you are putting into this decision, and we support you in choosing to let your child live and thrive in a loving home.

We are praying for you and hope to meet you soon!

With so much love,

Steven & Michelle