



Cassandra & Dan



hello

We are Dan and Cassandra. We live in sunny Orange County, California with our fun-loving 2 year old son Miller and a caring support system of family and friends.

We've always envisioned expanding our family through adoption and providing a safe, supportive and loving family for a child. We can't begin to understand the magnitude of your grief or pain, or begin to understand how difficult this decision must be. We hope you feel empowered and realize how capable and caring you truly are. **We want you to know that we see you and the love for your precious baby is inspiring.** We hope to meet you and offer you all of our encouragement and support during this difficult process.

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us. You're in our hearts and prayers as you walk this journey.

LOVE, *Dan + Cassandra*



our choice to adopt

We are excited to provide a supportive home for a child and hope they grow to know how deeply loved they are by their birth mom and us. Our greatest dream is for them to feel safe, secure, and confident in who they are. Part of that is allowing them to know their story and the people who helped bring them into the world. If you are comfortable with it, we would love to give our child the gift of knowing you. No matter what, we will always be grateful to you because you brought this child into our lives.

This is our story

We met at a science camp where Dan worked and Cassandra was attending to teach students. After our time at camp and connecting on social media, we spontaneously met at the beach three weeks later to camp with friends, and that's when we truly connected. Dan proposed at that same beach years later. **We've been married for five years, have a wonderful son, and love our life together.** What we love most about our relationship is that we complement each other well.



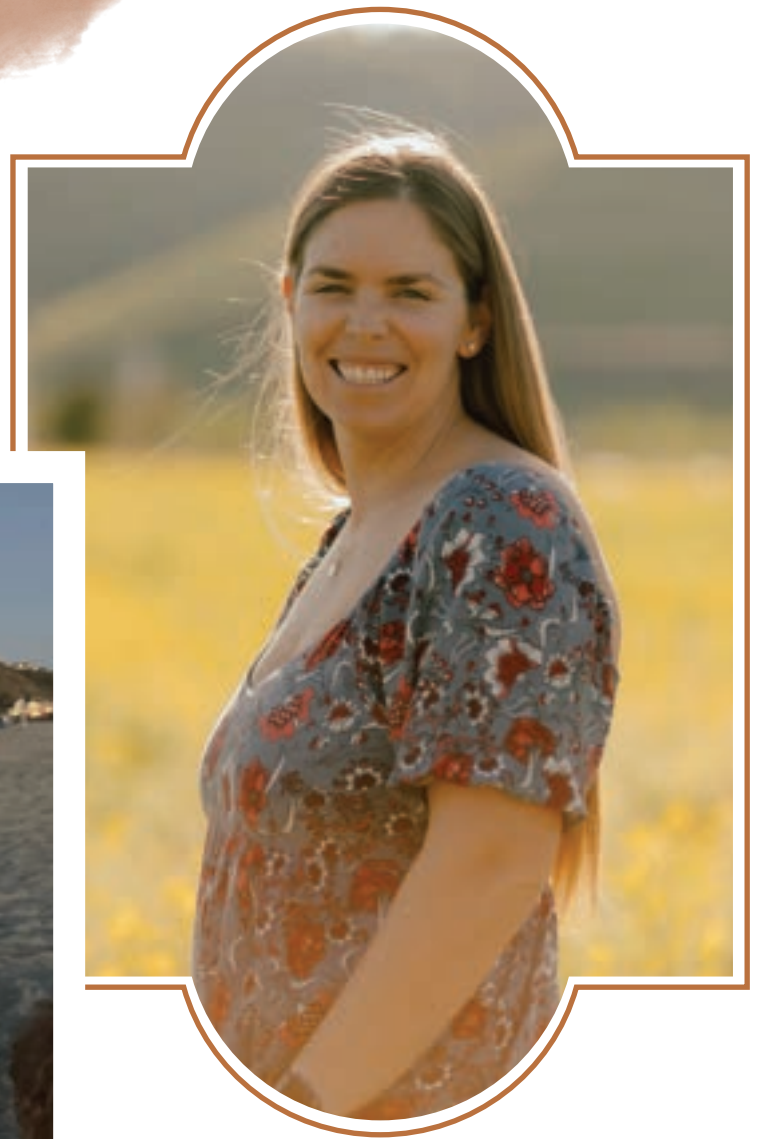
Hiking in our neighborhood



Apple picking with Miller

"We pull out the best in each other, are always learning and feel proud to have built a relationship founded on communication, compassion and understanding."

meet Cassandra



Camping at our favorite beach, Doheny

I was born and raised in Orange County, California, and it has always been my happy place - I love the beach and warm sunshine! I am a kindergarten teacher at a local public school. Knowing I can impact the kids' lives is what I love most about my job.

Happiest when:

- Watching the stars
- Riding waves on my surfboard
- Standing beneath the Redwood trees in California



I love everything about being a mom and consider it my greatest privilege! Waking up knowing I get to be a mom is the best feeling, and I love doing life with my son by my side. I feel very fortunate because I have wanted a child for as long as I can remember. I love the bond and relationship I have with Miller; he lights up our whole world. I can't wait to form a special bond with our newest addition. I look forward to them joining us on our great adventures, playing outside together, going on spontaneous trips to the beach, running around, and filling the house with belly laughs from games of chase.



Playing at our local beach



My Top Interests:

TAKING MILLER TO THE BEACH

PHOTOGRAPHY

HIKING

CAMPING

READING



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IN DAN'S WORDS

"I love Cassandra's caring nature and how she adds fun and adventure to our life. She is always looking for new experiences for our son and finding ways to help him (and me) grow and learn. She gives every ounce of herself to others with a smile and a laugh, and I don't think she realizes it. Whether it's for Miller, me, her 27 kindergarteners in class, or our dog, she gives everything and more."



meet Dan



Paddleboarding in the harbor



Getting ready to play hockey

I am lucky to have grown up among the beautiful pine barrens of southern New Jersey. My passions align with my role as the General Manager of a hospitality-based ranch property in the Santa Ana Mountains. I am very proud of the opportunity to start a business from the ground up with the property owners. **My job is meaningful because I can spend my days outdoors, share my passions with the guests, and each day is different.**

Happiest when:

- Surrounded by the nature
- Weekend adventures with my family
- Cooking food for my friends and family
- Sleeping under the stars

My free time has changed over the years; it went from finding the next adventure with my wife and friends to finding opportunities to teach my son and help him learn from our experiences. I love spending all my time with him and enjoy sharing my passions with him as he grows and learns. **As we prepare to grow our family through adoption, I cannot wait to share our lives with our new addition and help them form their experiences.**



Our annual Christmas train ride to visit Santa!

My Top Interests:

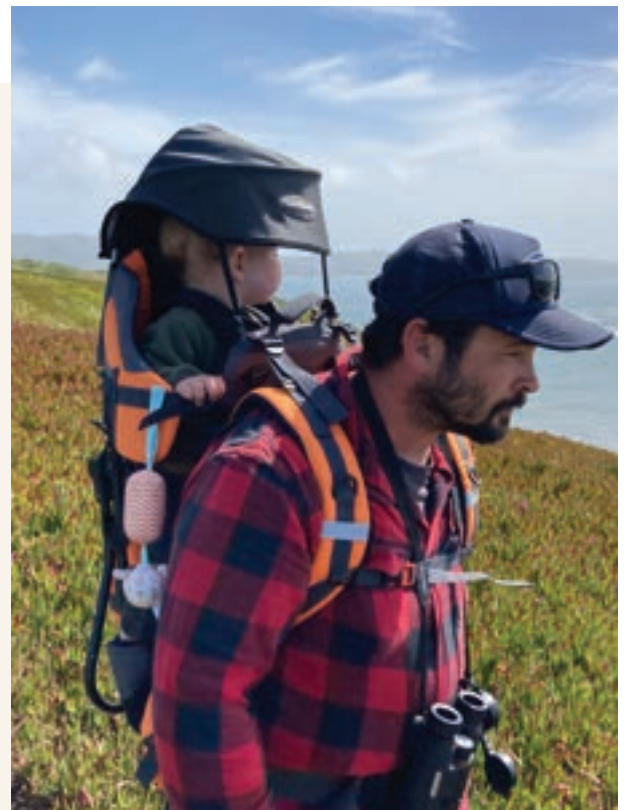
COOKING

PLAYING HOCKEY

HIKING

CAMPING

BIRDING





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IN CASSAUNDRA'S WORDS

"Dan is the most loyal, kind-hearted, hardest-working person I know. He's always the first to help someone in need and always does the right thing. Dan is the type who will pick up trash along our hikes and carry it in his back pocket so the trail can stay clean. He always looks out for everyone around him, even strangers. Miller's face lights up when Dan or 'Dada' comes home. Dan changed his work schedule to have "dude dates" with Miller once a week, where he watches Miller and takes him on adventures. He loves Miller deeply and always tells him how proud he is and how much he loves him. It's been so fun watching Dan become a dad."

meet
Miller

ADVENTUROUS & LOVING

Miller is an adventurous, free-spirited, and kind boy. He loves everyone around him to the fullest and gives the biggest hugs and kisses! **He wants to be involved in every part of our day, and we gladly welcome him. He will make a great sibling because of his kind, compassionate personality.**



Miller running around in the sand



Hiking in Yosemite National Park

What Miller loves:

- Sitting on our laps to read stories
- Helping cook in the kitchen
- Riding his scooter around our town
- Playing hockey with his daddy





Reading Miller his favorite book in our living room

our beautiful life

OUR LIFESTYLE:

- Weekend road trips
- Experiencing new places around our home
- Being surrounded by nature

PARENTING:

- Communicate with patience
- Focus on what matters
- We don't take one second of our time for granted

It's important to us to show our children the world because we want them to learn through diverse experiences and explore different cultures.



Welcome to our home

We live in a 2-bedroom house in a beautiful Spanish coastal town in Southern California. **Our favorite thing about our home is the community around it.** We love driving up to our house and seeing the children playing outside. We also love that our front door opens to a beautiful pond with lots of wildlife, such as turtles, koi fish, and birds. When we are home, we love having family and friends and having BBQs. Dan always cooks up something elaborate, and we love to share our home and food with the people we love.





We are grateful to have a backyard where the kids can play and several playgrounds in the neighborhood with community pools. There are walking and bike paths spread throughout the neighborhood, with trails that take you straight to the beach. Our neighbors are friendly and diverse, which we appreciate because we get to participate in different cultures.



our pup

KIKI

We have a Cavapoo (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel + Poodle) named Kiki. She loves nothing more than playing with a tennis ball at the beach and enjoys a nice swim in the ocean or floating on the paddle board. **At home, her favorite thing is playing chase and tug of war with Miller.**

Our family pillars

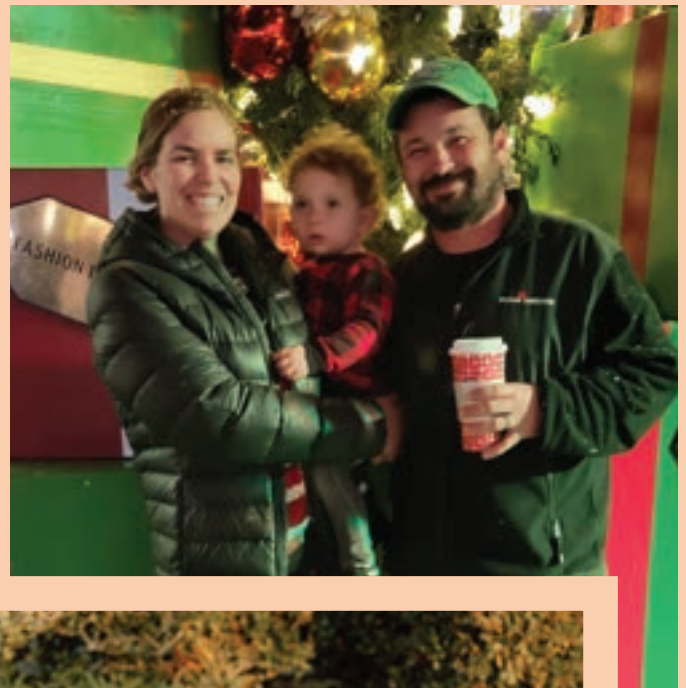
We don't take anything for granted

We spread joy and value community

We explore new places together

We love deeply, laugh hard, and kiss goodnight

We spend as much time outdoors as possible



Meet our

families


DAN'S FAMILY:

My family lives in New Jersey, but we spend every holiday together. We talk on the phone weekly, and Miller loves FaceTiming his grandma (Lolly) and grandpa (Pop) every week. **They adore Miller and try to spend every second they can with him.** My brother often travels for work since he's a tour manager, so anytime his band plays in California, he will stop at our house to hang out.



CASSAUNDRAS FAMILY:

We are fortunate to see my dad (Papa), brother, and sister-in-law weekly since they live a few minutes away. My mother passed away from cancer ten years ago, which was one of the hardest experiences of my life. Miller has four cousins who enjoy chasing each other around and laughing. **We go to Papa's house every Tuesday to play at the beach and have dinner.** Miller loves playing with the wooden trains and pretending to BBQ with him.



should you
choose us:

- We promise to make sure your baby **knows their adoption story** and how loved they are by you and their birth family.
- We promise to **connect with your baby's birth family**, if you desire, and share stories and memories about you and your loved ones.
- We promise to **respect you** and whatever openness and contact that you wish to have with your baby.
- We promise to provide a home for your child that allows them to truly be who they are and **pursue their goals and passions freely**.
- We promise to **love your baby deeply** and give them more snuggles and kisses than they can handle.
- We promise to **show your little one the world** through weekend adventures and summer vacations.
- We promise to cherish your precious baby and **love them with all of our heart and souls**.

Thank you, again! We hope you were able to get a glimpse into our lives and give you a better picture of who we are.

Thank you for considering our family!



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