



**STEVE, LIAM & DIANA**

*Our Story*

# hello!



*Alice the Chimp, helping us prepare for parenthood.*

## We are so Excited to Meet You

We are humbled and thrilled that you are considering us as a home for your child. We understand the gravity of this decision and are extremely grateful for your trust in us. We cherish the idea of loving your child and helping them grow into the best person they can be.

We are looking forward to providing all our children with as many learning opportunities, memories, and experiences as possible through travel and learning about the world. And we would love to keep you in our circle as they grow and learn.

# About Us

We met in 2004 when Diana was a senior in college, and Steve was completing a masters in teaching. Our first conversation was on the merits of Jurassic Park.

in 2005, Diana moved to Kenya as a research assistant while Steve moved to Arlington, VA to teach middle school social studies. Later, Diana moved to England for a Masters in Primate Conservation.

Once Diana returned to the US, we got engaged on our 3rd anniversary and were married 10 months later in August 2008 on family land in Indiana, only a few miles from where we went to college and fell in love.

After our wedding, we moved back to the Midwest and settled in Madison, WI.

Liam finally joined us in 2016. He did manage to surprise us by arriving 7 weeks early and has been keeping us on our toes ever since! He is excited to get a younger brother or sister and we are thrilled that he will have the chance to grow up with a sibling and create that special sibling bond.



*Steve showing his best dance moves at our wedding*



*Family Selfie! Liam's 1st Balloon Fiesta!*



*Christmas Morning in Connecticut*

# Meet Steve

I spent my childhood in Richmond, Indiana hanging out with my friends and older brother playing any sport that we could.

After the first year of high school, I attended a Quaker boarding school in Pennsylvania that multiple generations of my family had also attended. There I met a whole new group of friends that I remain close to, meeting up at least once a year. I consider friendship to be very important and work hard to maintain the lifelong friendships I have made along the way.

While I majored in Business and Non-Profit Management, I later decided I wanted to teach and returned to pursue a Masters in teaching.

I currently work at a local High School in their transitional program as a special education teacher.

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

Gardening

Traveling

Hiking

Running

Family Activities



*Steve's sweaty self Post Marathon*



*Chatting with the locals in Mölle, Sweden*



*Welcoming Sirius the Cat to the Family!*

# Meet Diana



*Everybody loves Ice Cream in the Summer*



*March at the (Cold!) Beach in Ystad, Sweden*



*Perfect sweatshirt. Liam does Axolotl Questions!*

I grew up in Beloit, Wisconsin. Through my dad's work as a college professor my family was able to live abroad several times and I credit my parents with inspiring a love of travel and strong desire to immerse myself in the culture around me. I have lived in Glasgow, Scotland; Lund, Sweden; Kakamega, Kenya; Oxford, England; Chimfunshi, Zambia and have traveled to over fifteen countries.

My background is in biology and conservation, but my career has evolved into business and management, and I have been working for a foster care agency for the past 6 years. I was lucky to find my work family where I can make a positive difference in the lives of my coworkers and the children and families that they help.

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

Cooking/Baking,

Running

Reading

Family Dance

Traveling

Knitting

# Meet Liam



*Watching the world go by from the Train*

My name is Liam, and I am 6 years old. I am entering first grade. My favorite part of school is recess. I like to learn about math. When I grow up, I want to be an art teacher or a scientist.



*Hockey Practice!*

My favorite thing to do with my dad is play video games. Outside I love to climb trees and swing in the hammock. My favorite thing to do with mom is to snuggle. My favorite thing about our family is that we like to go on trips. My favorite trip was a road trip to Maine where we stopped at Niagara Falls in Canada.

I like to stay active with hockey, soccer, and basketball practices.

I want a little brother or sister so that I have someone to play with. We would play outside, play video games together and do art. I want to teach my little brother or sister math and how to fish.

The best thing about my dad is that he loves to play with me. The best thing about my mom is that she loves to cook with me.



*Pancakes in Malmö, Sweden*

# Our Home



*Making Pizza for the first time in our new kitchen!*



*One of many Backyard Barbecues*

We spend our family time doing work around the house, gardening, going for walks, reading together, completing art projects at the direction of Liam, and family movie nights.

We have lived in our home at the edge of the isthmus in Madison, for 14 years. Our home was built in 1928 and we have slowly made improvements and renovations over the years, most recently completing a major kitchen renovation. We have plans for the first-floor bathroom next.

We live in a very family friendly neighborhood, and we often joke about the “roving gang of kids” that is constantly running around. The kids move from house to house and yard to yard and it is not difficult to find a playmate should you choose.

We love to hang out with friends and family, and we often host a Sunday brunch or a backyard barbecue.

We currently have 2 pets, a 13-year-old pug named Mosi that we have had since a puppy, and 2-year-old Sirius the cat, who joined our family on New Year’s Day 2023. We love our pets and envision always having an animal companion or two.



*Our home after it's new paint makeover*

# Our Family

*Diana*

I am close to my parents and two sisters. My older sister and her two children live in Portland, Oregon but we manage to get together for Christmas every other year and make it a point to visit on the off years. My younger sister and her fiancé recently moved to Madison, and we get together a few times a month.

My parents are retired close by, and we often visit for a weekend, or they come up for the day to help us with house projects. Liam loves spending time with his Mormor and Morfar. He knows that Mormor is always down for a puzzle and Morfar is the best person to ask science and math questions, of which he has many. We also have several friends from growing up and college that are both near and far that we consider family, and see frequently.



*Sword Fighting with Morfar*



*Car Selfie with Diana's sister and niece!*



*Wagon Ride with Liam's Aunt & Uncle*



*Are you really even cousins without matching science shirts?*





*Christmas morning hollers with the cousins*



*Family Reunion: 39 people, Aged 1 month to 82 years! Plys, Tie Dye!*



*Hiking with Grandma & Grandpa up north*



*Liam loves holding babies!*

*Steve*

My brother, his wife, and two boys live in Connecticut and my parents are still in Indiana. They are not geographically close, but we still see each other a couple of times a year and have lots of video chats where Liam and his cousins enjoy talking.

Liam loves to see Grandma and Grandpa when they come up to visit or when we see them in Indiana. Liam enjoys playing catch outside with Grandpa and cuddling with Grandma while she reads to him.

While my extended family has a close relationship, they are spread between Indiana and the East Coast. My cousins and I grew up with a strong bond and keep regular contact. We have whole family gatherings as often as possible. It is always a fun adventure as we enjoy many of the same things and love getting together. My love of traveling comes, in part, from traveling around the country to meet up with various family members or family friends I have met throughout my lifetime.



*Nothing beats a Family Selfie...in Sweden!*



*Coralling all the kids for a Framily Photo with Diana's college roommates.*



*Playing King of the Stumps with Friends!*



*Liam sharing one of the many fish he caught last summer.*



*Niagara Falls!  
It was wet. And Big. Did I mention wet?*



*Power Rangers and Astronauts in Albuquerque*



*Liam's first Apple Cannon!*



*Megalodon Shark in North Carolina!*



*Focused artists before bedtime*



*Liam and Mosi the puggle listening to an audiobook*



*We're Going on An Adventure!  
(Road Trip!)*



*Liam's favorite pose at the waterfalls in  
Ithaca, NY*



*It's not a real hike unless someone goes up a tree!*

# Thank You

THANK YOU for taking the time to learn more about us  
and for considering us as adoptive parents of your child.

We welcome you to contact us directly or through Adoptions of Wisconsin.