

RACHEL &
STEVEN





WE ARE

RACHEL
AND STEVEN

PLUS

OUR SON,
LINCOLN

WE LIVE IN

DEERFIELD, WISCONSIN



THANK YOU FOR TAKING
THE TIME TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT OUR FAMILY.



THIS IS OUR FAMILY (SO FAR!)



DEAR
EXPECTANT
PARENTS,

Thank you for considering your choices.

We are so excited to be adopting again. We adopted our son Lincoln in 2020 and we can't wait to add to our family. We hope our story will help you in making your choice. Please know that no matter what you choose, we wish you and your child all the best. We hope this book gives you a glimpse about our family. We look forward to meeting you.

WE ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE A FAMILY OF 4.



After years of heartbreak with infertility we decided to pursue our dreams through adoption.

We adopted our son Lincoln at birth in August 2020 and we are extremely excited to begin the process again to fulfill our dream family. We are very excited to give Lincoln a sibling and we know he is going to be an amazing big brother.



OUR STORY

We have been together since April 2009. We met while we were juniors in college. After a few months of getting to know each other we started dating. We dated for three and half years and Steven proposed in August 2012. Steven knew he wanted to marry Rachel when he received a job upon graduation that was 4 hours away and Rachel didn't hesitate to go with him. We planned a winter wedding in December 2013. We enjoy having family barbeque's, taking our 2 golden retrievers on walks, and visiting the multiple parks in the area with our son. We love to get out and go swimming, bowling, or attend the many different festivals the area has to offer.



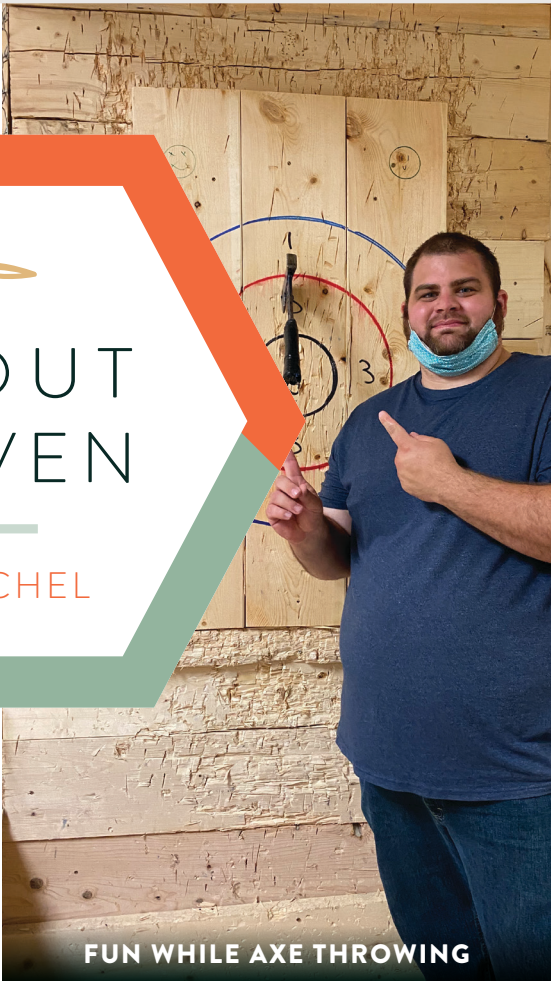
IN OUR FREE TIME WE ENJOY | THE BEACH • THE ZOO • THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM • LOCAL PLAY FARMS AND PETTING ZOOS • THE TRAMPOLINE PARK • FISHING • BIKE RIDES

We also take an annual family vacation. Past vacations include renting a lake house, renting a cabin at a campground, going to water parks, and visiting family out of state. We are excited to visit multiple places in the future including Niagara Falls, Disney World, going on a Disney Cruise, and hopefully Australia. **We can't wait to do all these things as a family and make awesome memories.**



ABOUT
STEVEN

BY RACHEL



FUN WHILE AXE THROWING

“STEVEN IS A
WONDERFUL
HUSBAND AND
FATHER.”

Steven is very understanding, patient, calm, and truly my best friend.

He is always there for me and a great listener. He’s compassionate yet strong. He is loyal and honest. He is excellent with Lincoln and he has created a bond with him that I know will last forever. I love watching them laugh and play together. We make a great team and I love that I can rely on him to be there for us and support our family.

STEVEN BY STEVEN



DRESSED UP AT A WEDDING

Hello, my name is Steven and I am a project manager for the Department of Transportation.

I have one son named Lincoln and I spend every moment that I can with him. We like to play outside, kick the ball around, yard work, and Lincoln loves to help with projects around the house. We play with our dinosaurs and cars almost daily. He is my partner in everything. In my free time I like to hunt, golf, and go bowling. I enjoy watching the Green Bay Packers and eating my favorite foods including pizza, wings, and tacos.

I love being a father and I am really looking forward to all of the extracurriculars and sports when Lincoln gets older. I want Lincoln to know that I will always be proud of him and support him in anything that he does. I am considered a quiet person and very easy to talk to. I have a great relationship with my niece and several nephews. I hang out with them any chance I get.

FAVORITES

FOOD Pizza

SPORTS TEAM Green Bay Packers

SEASON Fall

COLOR Blue

HOBBY Bowling

DESSERT Cherry Pie

SPORT TO PLAY Golf

DREAM VACATION Italy



REMODELING THE PLAYROOM



GRILLING IN OUR BACKYARD



ABOUT RACHEL

BY STEVEN



RACHEL GOING FOR A BIKE RIDE

**“RACHEL IS ONE
OF THE MOST
GENEROUS,
CARING, LOVING
AND THOUGHTFUL
PEOPLE I KNOW.”**

Rachel is my partner in life. She makes me a better person and continually motivates me through our life together.

Rachel is always willing to lend a helping hand. She is always volunteering to baby sit our nieces and nephews to help out family members in a pinch whether it be a short notice daycare closure or a planned vacation. More than my wife, Rachel is my best friend. Seeing her be the stay at home parent with our son there is no doubt she will be a great mother to your child as well. Rachel makes sure to balance teaching Lincoln and having plenty of fun play time throughout the day. She also incorporates learning into some of the games she plays with Lincoln such as hide and seek.

RACHEL BY RACHEL



FACE PAINT IS FUN!

Hello, my name is Rachel and I am a stay at home mom to an amazing little boy named Lincoln.

I have always imagined myself as a stay at home mom and I love every second of it. We love to go out and explore our neighborhood and go on bike rides. I enjoy going to different festivals and activities in our area. This includes the beach, the pool, the children's museum, and trying different restaurants. I can't wait for all the milestones, big or small. Everything from first steps, to the first day of school, to high school graduation are all super exciting to me. I love to spend time with friends and family. I am a person that likes to plan family outings and parties. We host most of the holidays and family barbeques. I enjoy surrounding myself with people that bring positivity and joy to my life. I will do anything I can to help someone out.

I believe that becoming a parent is a privilege and a very important job and I do not take it lightly.

FAVORITES

DESSERT Anything
Chocolate

**PLACE TO TAKE A
CHILD** Disney World

ICE CREAM FLAVOR
Strawberry

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT
Dr. Pepper

VACATION SPOT Any
campground

SEASON Winter

HOLIDAY Christmas

SEASONAL ACTIVITY
Decorating the Christmas tree



OUR DOG REGGIE'S FIRST BATH



PARK FUN!



DYING EASTER EGGS

MEET OUR SON, LINCOLN



Lincoln is our 3 year old son. He was adopted at birth in 2020.

When we talk to Lincoln about getting a sibling he gets super excited and talks about how he wants to share his dinosaur toys and ride bikes with his brother or sister. He is very kind hearted and sensitive to people's feelings. He loves to help with anything that mom or dad are doing and likes being involved. His favorite things are horses, bugs, dinosaurs, and playing with his 2 dogs.



FUN AT CHILIFEST



EXPLORING A FARM



PLAYING AT GIGI'S



SNUGGLES WITH RACHEL

One main value we want to share with our children is the importance of kindness and to help others if you are able.

For example, we have helped families in need over the last few holiday seasons. It is important to have an open mind and not judge other people's situations. Do what is in your power to help people and stand up for those that need it.

OUR FIRST FAMILY PHOTO!



OUR HOME



HAVING FUN AT A LOCAL PARK

We like to host get togethers and neighborhood bonfires. We are really close with our neighbors and there are lots of families with young children in our neighborhood. We live in a small community with several parks, a dog park, and a splash pad. There are a few small businesses we like to frequent including the local ice cream shop. We enjoy attending the community events including AppleFest, ChiliFest, and visiting a local farm in the fall. There are a lot of younger families and the Village of Deerfield is starting to develop and grow into a desirable community. Both of us grew up in small communities and we love the idea of raising children in the same environment.



WE LOVE SPENDING TIME AS A FAMILY IN OUR HOME AND ESPECIALLY IN OUR BACKYARD.



WE LOVE OUR BACKYARD!



COOKING DINNER



PLAYING BEAN BAGS

We host a lot of the family holidays at our house.

We love to partake in many family traditions. These include Easter Egg hunts, hosting Thanksgiving dinner, decorating the Christmas Tree, attending holiday parades, and baking Christmas cookies. We try to keep the holidays small and spend them with the people that really care about us.

OUR FAMILY



WITH RACHEL'S BROTHERS, MOTHER, SISTER IN LAW AND NEPHEW



AT LAMBEAU FIELD
WITH STEVEN'S
BROTHER & FAMILY



MATCHING PJS WITH
RACHEL'S SISTER IN
LAW'S AND COUSIN



TUBING WITH STEVEN'S FAMILY

Rachel has a very small but close knit family circle. We see her brother, his wife, and kids often. We have play dates and attend many of the local events/outings together. Rachel's mother is an excellent grandmother and is very involved in Lincoln's life. He calls her Gigi. He loves having sleepovers and going on adventures with her. **Most of Steven's family lives a few hours away but we still plan visits about once a month.** Lincoln FaceTimes with Steven's parents, Grandma and

Papa, often and we keep in touch with lots of pictures. Steven's sister, husband, and kids live close and we see them often. His brother, his wife, and kids live a few hours away but we plan weekend trips and mini vacations with them a lot. We host most of the holidays and like to include both families in each gathering. We don't see our families divided as Rachel's family and Steven's family. We see them as our family and the people we like to spend our time with.



WE PROMISE

TO TEACH your child to be kind and caring

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TO PROVIDE them with all the tools we can to help them become successful and happy in life

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TO LOVE them unconditionally no matter what

TO TEACH them to stand up for themselves and others

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TO SHOW them a healthy and loving relationship

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TO TEACH them to be a strong, confident, and independent individual

HIKING AT GLACIER NATIONAL PARK





THANK
YOU

We have always dreamed about being parents and having a child to raise in a loving home. We are very excited to be adopting and have so much love to share with this child as we expand our family. Please always know we will unconditionally love and cherish your child and we will make sure that he/she will be proud to be adopted. 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.**



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