

Nate & Mariana



#DestinationUnlocked



Dear
Expectant Parent,

Our names are Nate and Marlana and we are excited about this adoption journey! Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family.

We first want to recognize what a loving and courageous step you are taking by being open to adoption. We want you to know that whatever you decide, we truly wish you the best.

We hope that, through these pages, you can see how much love we have for each other, our family, and how excited we are about the possibility of growing our family.

Thank you, and God Bless!

Nate & Marlana

OUR

Story

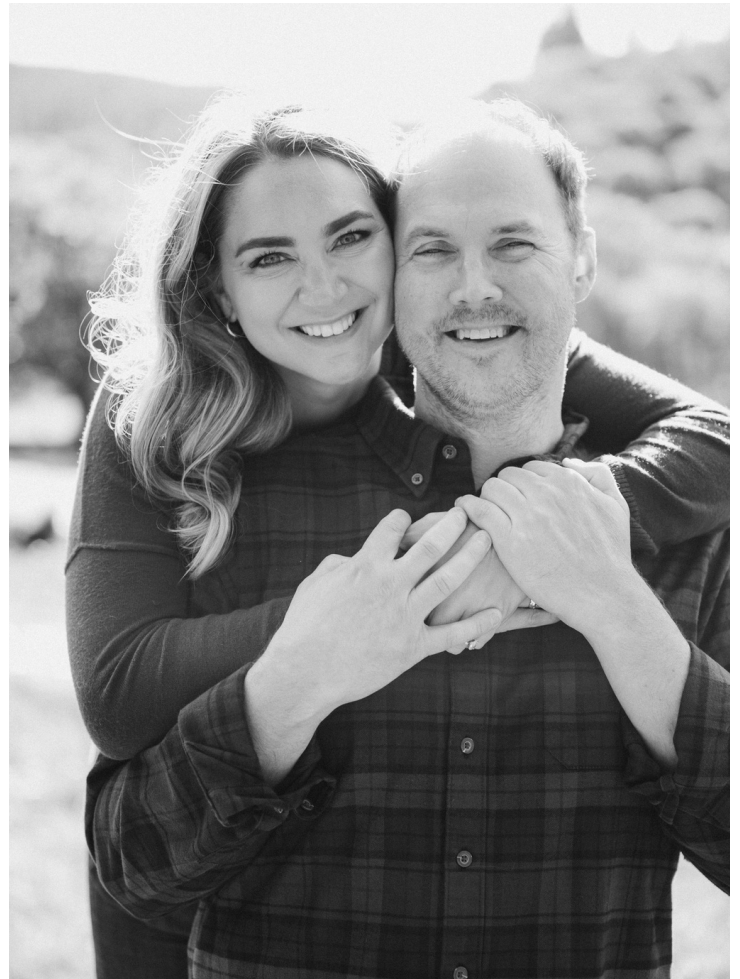


We first met through mutual friends at a rooftop restaurant in Milwaukee, WI. The first thing Marlana noticed about Nate was his height; standing at 6'5", she, being 5'10", was quite impressed.

Nate showed up at Marlana's house for her annual Friendsgiving dinner. Nate claims he was smitten with her beauty and personality, Marlana jokingly insists it was just because of her cooking. After that, Nate asked Marlana out on their first official date.

Over the next four years, we merged friend groups, tried new hobbies, and traveled the world together. After three years, Nate finally proposed to Marlana in Savannah, GA. We then moved to Ireland for work for a year, before finally tying the knot in Indianapolis, IN, with an intimate gathering of close family and friends.

Now residing in TN, we still love to travel, take care of our adorable little corgi, Duke, gather with friends and family, cook together, and cheer on our favorite football teams .



We love traveling and want to raise a child that is exposed to different cultures and experiences.



Traveling is something we love to do together. We enjoy seeing and experiencing new places, meeting new people, and trying different foods! Recently, we had the opportunity to visit Thailand and the Cayman Islands! We look forward to someday sharing our love of travel and adventure with our own child.



There is so much beauty in the world around us, we can't wait to experience it through the eyes of a child.

Meet Nate



AS TOLD BY MARLANA

Nate's parents instilled in him the importance of family and Christian love from a young age.



Nate has a passion for fishing and anything involving water and nature. Football has always been a significant part of his life; Nate played through college and even went to Finland to play football.



After earning his MBA, he pursued a career as a Regional Sales Manager for a manufacturing company.



His favorite foods include burgers, steak, BBQ, and anything sweet, with Reese's Cups being his absolute favorite.



NATE'S
favorites

Favorite TV Show:

Friday Night Lights

Favorite Music:

BlackHawk

Favorite Movie:

Rudy

Favorite Book:

Where The Red Fern Grows

Random Fact:

Nate has visited 48 of the 50 states, his goal is to visit all 50!



Meet Marlana



AS TOLD BY NATE

Family and friends have always been very important to Marlana, and regardless of where she's been in life, she keeps them as a top priority.



Marlana is a huge animal lover, having always been surrounded by pets. Right now, her focus is on her corgi named Duke.



When she isn't with friends or family, you'll find her nose deep in a book, cuddled under a blanket.



She graduated with a degree in Marketing followed by a Masters in Human Resources and currently works in Global Marketing in the animal health industry.



Her favorite foods include hibachi, pizza, and anything her mom cooks.



MARLANA'S
favorites

Favorite TV Show:

Nash Bridges

Favorite Music:

Shinedown

Favorite Movie:

*Gone with the Wind or
The Proposal*

Favorite Book:

"Tell No One" by Harlan Coben

Random Fact:

*Marlana's elbows don't
fully straighten.*

Why adoption?



Given Marlana's own adoption story, and with Nate's encouragement and support, we always knew adoption was our path. We want to give our unconditional love to a child and are excited to expand our family through adoption.



FROM MARLANA...

I was adopted on February 14th at the age of 5. While the transition was difficult at the beginning, I had wonderful parents who supported me and helped me navigate my emotions around the adoption process. When I was 21, I reconnected with both my biological mother and sister. Since we first met, we've remained in contact via texts and visits. Our relationship has answered a lot of questions I had growing up. Having a strong relationship with my biological mother and sister has provided us the understanding to just how selfless and courageous my biological mother was all those years ago.

Our home

Sweet home



WHEN WE DECIDED TO SETTLE DOWN IN TENNESSEE, WE DID SO WITH OUR FUTURE CHILD IN MIND.

We live in a family-oriented neighborhood, with many kids in the neighborhood. We have several parks and social activities within driving distance. Our home is a two-story brick house that came with a children's playhouse. It has 3 big bedrooms and a large family room ready for lots of toys. We spend a lot of our time on the patio or walking Duke around the neighborhood.



Meet
Nate's Family 

Nate grew up in a close-knit community near Milwaukee, WI. His dad was a Pastor and taught at the Lutheran school, while his mother was a stay-at-home mom to seven children until she passed away. He has five brothers and one sister, and he is now an uncle to four nephews and five nieces.

Coming from a large family spread across different states, full family gatherings are a cherished event. Nate's siblings make an effort to come together for an annual fishing trip and family reunion at Christmas. Outside of these events, Nate makes special trips to visit his family, attend his nephew's football games, and join golf tournaments.



Meet Marlana's family

Marlana grew up in a small town in Illinois and was adopted at the age of 5 by the most amazing parents. She has one biological sister, whom she met when she was 21. Her parents have been happily married for 41 years.

Marlana's family is incredibly close-knit and have many cherished traditions. Every Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and 4th of July, all of the uncles, aunts, and cousins come together to celebrate. Marlana even hosts the annual 4th of July gathering! Beyond holidays, they organize cousin trips, attend concerts together, and stay in constant communication. Marlana, growing up an only child, considers her cousins and two best friends as her "siblings." She is even an honorary aunt to her best friends little ones!







MEET

Duke!

Duke, named after John Wayne "The Duke", is an adorable 4yr old corgi. He has a large personality in a small body. His favorite activities are chasing squirrels, morning cuddles with Mom, family walks around the neighborhood. and using his large antennas (corgi ears) to alert mom & dad of any movement around the house. He is looking forward to having a friend his size (even if it's for a short time) to play with and share his love with. His best feature is his cute corgi butt, he claims that Mom takes too many pictures of it!





In our free time, we love...

COOKING TOGETHER,
SPORTING EVENTS,
BEING OUTDOORS,

and

GOING TO
CONCERTS.



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NATHAN IS A

Ruler

The Ruler is born to lead. These people have a significant respect for hard-work, authority and often patriotism. Responsible and organized – they can create order from chaos. Absolutely comfortable with volunteering to take charge. (It's important to note that it's not the desire to lead, but the actual quality of leadership that distinguish these people.)

MARLANA IS A

Caregiver



The Caregiver oozes compassion, generosity, a desire to help others. These people exhibit exponential concern and attention. Protects and cares for others – with unparalleled selflessness. They're always willing to help the people around them, be it friends, family, strangers, or sometimes even foes. Their generosity inspires everyone around them and fills receivers with an immense amount of gratitude.



Before you go
*We want you
to know...*



We promise to love and support your child unconditionally, providing them with the resources to be successful.



We will always offer a safe home, full family support, and constant encouragement so that they can live a full and happy life.



We promise to make sure they know what a courageous person you are and how much you love them.

This is Who we are





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