



SHEILA & CLAY

Hello and thank you

WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING ADOPTION. If you've never been here before, we can only imagine how overwhelming it must be. This is our first adoption, too.

Our names are Clay and Sheila. We have two young boys - Ronan (4 yrs) and Vaughn (2 yrs), and are really excited about adding a little girl (or two) to our family. Come on in and let us share a little bit more about ourselves with you and your child.

Sheila and Clay

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about US

Looking for love took us to the internet in 2009. We met on Match.com and our story started from there, just like on the commercials.

Our first years together were really busy. We long distance-d, graduated, engage-d, moved, married, and welcomed our sons. We eventually set our roots in Kansas City and have since slowed down to savor the good stuff... family!

Our "family glue" is that we believe kindness matters. By building a family that is kind and mindful, we hope to make the world a better place. Adding some humor along the way wont hurt, either.

our HUSTLE

Sheila works 4 days a week as a family doctor. She cares for young and old alike, but especially enjoys young families. It is rewarding to help other families stay healthy and overcome challenges that pop up along the path of family-hood.

Meanwhile, Clay is building his career in title insurance. He likes the hide and seek work of finding details to complete a deed for home sales. The work is flexible and allows him to have weekends off and pick kids up from school in time to play before dinner.



EXPLORING A VINEYARD FOR OUR 8TH ANNIVERSARY AS A COUPLE



LEARNING TO SKI IN THE "MOUNTAINS" OF KANSAS



RIDING AROUND AT THE TRAIN PARK

WHAT WE LOVE TO DO for fun!

We enjoy traveling and trying new things. Whether we are exploring trails with Aunt Nancy in Utah, or trying a new ice cream shop around the corner, we love an adventure.

Some of our travels have been such a hit, that we return every year. The kids look forward to visiting Sheila's parents in Alabama each summer as well as seeing their cousins at Clay's family gathering at the quiet Lake Wabaunsee.



6 YEARS MARRIED AND IT KEEPS GETTING BETTER



THE SNUGGLE IS REAL



CLAY DRUMMING AWAY AT A LOCAL CONCERT



HALLOWEEN 2018 -- THE 3 LITTLE PIGS



GETTING READY TO SWIM ON VACATION

the BOYS

Ronan is our four year old who loves trains and moving. He is a good big brother and leader of the neighborhood ruffigans. He also enjoys art. We tend to find scattered pieces of paper with "R"s and stick people throughout the house (and car and laundry).

Vaughn is our growingly independent 2 year old. If dinosaurs were still alive, he would probably have 3 as pets. Aside from dinos, he loves board books, wagon rides, and playing "Three Little Pigs". For his age, he throws a ball like a demon.

They can't wait to meet their new sibling. Vaughn is practicing giving bottles to his stuffed bear and Ronan wants to help hold them.



ON OUR WAY TO GET ICE CREAM!

SHEILA (MOVER-MIXER)

Sheila is often on the move. Starting the day off with a run and coffee is her jam. Whether planning trips to the library or vacations to swim in the ocean, she likes finding new experiences for the family to share.

This Momma also loves reading and cooking. By reading books with the kids each night, she has gotten pretty close to winning some Emmy's. In the kitchen, she gets the kids involved whenever possible. She never has a shortage of helpers to mix and taste her recipes. She's not the energizer bunny though, she looooooves slowing things down for snuggles throughout the day.

CLAY KEEPING IT CALM

Clay is his name. Teaching is his game. When not showing the boys how to drum or share, Clay likes to answer the 100 "why?" questions they often have. He is patient and loves explaining how the world works at the kids' level.

Don't let his calm, quiet exterior fool you though, because this Dad is a musician. Clay loves leading the boys in banging on instruments and dancing after dinner. He is also quick to jump in to take care of any work around the home. He is our go-to fixer, cleaner, and prodder (because toddlers will toddle...).

FRIENDS AND FAMILY *family* NEAR AND FAR

Our kids love seeing their cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents on the 'reg. Our visits vary from having everyone to our home to shlepping to various parts of Missouri and Kansas for a stay. *Some of our favorite memories come from camping, fishing, swimming, and exploring with both sides of the family.*

At home, we check out fairs, festivals, and music events with long time friends that also have young kiddos. We also hang with our neighborhood friends regularly. There is always a gathering somewhere!

building PLANS

Adoption has been in our plans from the start. While growing up with adopted cousins and caring for adopted families in clinic, Sheila knew early on that this was a beautiful way to build a family. Having a father who worked in the foster care system created a similar desire in Clay. We are eager to give our home and love to an adopted infant.

As parents, we try to create a positive and supportive environment, with a little fun sprinkled in. We work hard to lead our children in becoming kind, well-rounded people who are capable of achieving whatever dreams they have.



RONAN PRACTICING HIS DOCTOR SKILLS



SOAKING UP TIME WITH UNCLE BRAD, AUNT RACHAEL, AND BABY COUSIN WHITMAN



APPLE PICKING WITH NEIGHBORS



PLAYING WITH "MEMAW" & COUSIN WYATT

our HOME & COMMUNITY

In a quiet part of Kansas City, you will find our kid friendly neighborhood. Most warm nights of the week, you will find kids outside playing while parents (try to) relax together in lawn chairs. S'mores are often involved, too.

Within our home, life is usually a bit busy and runs on the noisy side. *After dinner together, there is a combination of tag, wrestling, and usually some banging on drums.* Dance parties happen. Our home is built for scooters, forts, and small hands. It's not indestructible, but it is very kid friendly.



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We thank you for choosing adoption and are honored that you would consider our family. Our adopted child will be loved and supported forever. We can't wait to open our hearts and home to your child. *We can promise a wonderful, wonderful childhood that is filled to the brim with love and support.*

We would love to answer any questions you may have. Again, thank you so much.



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