



Hello We Are...



Sam & Joe

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## Our Hopes & Dreams

We can only begin to imagine the courage it takes to consider adoption, and while we may never fully understand your journey, we want you to know how deeply we respect and admire you. We hope you feel supported, cared for, and never alone in this process.

Family is the center of our lives. We both grew up surrounded by close, supportive families and siblings who today remain some of our greatest sources of laughter, encouragement, and comfort. We believe having people who celebrate your victories and stand beside you through challenging times is one of the greatest gifts a person can have in their lifetime.

Adoption has always been something we view as incredibly beautiful. We have family members and close friends whose families were built through adoption. Because of those experiences and our own struggles with pregnancy and life-threatening birth complications, adoption has always felt like a natural and hopeful way for us to grow our family.

We know that considering placing your child in a home with an existing child can feel like another layer to consider, but for us, it is truly a blessing! One of the things we value most in life is the special bond that siblings share - friendship, experiences, and lifelong support.

We look forward to the everyday moments the most. We are excited to discover what makes them unique - getting to know their personality, hearing their thoughts and questions, and watching their confidence grow as they do. We look forward to seeing their interests take shape and learning what they love and what they don't.

As you read through our profile, we hope you will see how much we value relationships, and the loving, connected family environment we hope to continue building. If you select us to parent your child, he/she will be surrounded by people who are excited to know them, encourage them, and walk beside them through every stage of life. Most importantly, they would grow up knowing their story began with a birth parent who made a deeply loving and courageous decision.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family. We have so much admiration for your decision and hope that after learning more about us, you have confidence that your child will feel loved, secure, and belonging with our family.

Warmly,  
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# Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

**STRONG RELATIONSHIPS** - We believe that strong relationships are at the heart of a meaningful life - teaching children the value of connection, belonging, and showing up for others. We maintain close relationships and regularly spend time with our family and friends. These connections have shaped who we are, and we are committed to surrounding our children with a supportive, inclusive community where they feel known, valued, and loved. Relationships with siblings, grandparents, cousins, and close friends will be an important part of our children's lives, offering a sense of stability, encouragement, and joy. We are fortunate to be surrounded by unconditional support, and it is something we will continue to nurture so our children grow up experiencing that same love and connection.



**PARENT-CHILD BONDING** - Every child deserves to feel known, valued, and connected. While we celebrate family time, we also deeply value one-on-one moments. I (Sam) remember how my mom would take me to IHOP once a month on Friday mornings before school for strawberry waffles with extra whipped cream! As the youngest child of five, it was our special time to connect, and it remains one of my most cherished memories. Today, I continue that same intentional connection with our son. Every Sunday afternoon we go grocery shopping together, where Hudson picks out his favorite racecar shopping cart and proudly helps choose meals. What may seem like a simple routine has become a meaningful tradition. As our family grows, we look forward to creating these kinds of intentional, joy-filled moments with each of our children.



**TEACHING THROUGH UNDERSTANDING** - We believe discipline is an opportunity to teach. Understanding "why" helps children develop empathy and accountability. When our child makes a mistake or reacts out of frustration, we take time to get down to their level, talk through what happened, and ask thoughtful questions to help them understand their actions and impact.

We discuss how they felt, how others may have felt, and what they (and we) can do differently next time. We recognize that children are learning how the world works, and moments like these are important opportunities for growth. We will guide our children with patience and consistency, helping them learn responsibility, empathy, and how to make thoughtful, positive decisions.

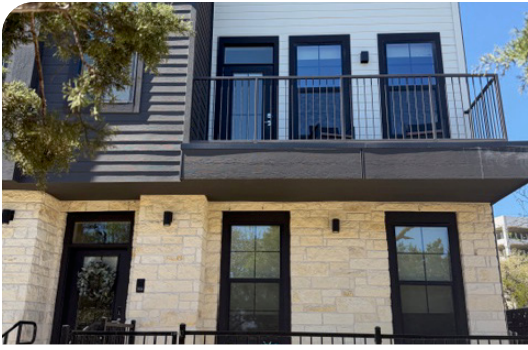


**EMOTIONAL SAFETY** - Children thrive when they feel safe expressing their thoughts, emotions, and questions. We gently encourage our child to "use their words" to share how they are feeling and how we can support them. Responding with patience, empathy, and understanding, especially during challenging moments, is important to us to build their sense of security. We will provide a life filled with love, belonging, and unwavering support. Our children will grow up knowing they are safe to be themselves, that their voice matters, and that they will be heard. We want to be a steady, comforting presence in their lives; a family who stands beside them through every season, offering reassurance, encouragement, and unconditional love.

**RESILIENCE AND GRATITUDE** - We believe life is both beautiful and challenging, and we want our children to navigate it with resilience while maintaining gratitude for the people and moments that matter most. Whether it's losing a sports game, learning how to draw, or missing out on an opportunity, we focus on growth, perspective, and small wins. We want our children to know it's okay to face challenges and difficult emotions, while still recognizing the good in their lives.

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# Our Home

Our home is where our life together unfolds in the most meaningful ways. It's where we slow down at the end of the day, gather around the table, laugh through bedtime routines, and enjoy simply being together. Much of our time is spent in the little moments, such as playing on the living room floor, reading books side by side, or cooking dinner with our son "helping" in his own special way. These everyday experiences are what shape our family, and they are the moments we treasure most. We want our children to feel safe, comfortable, and completely themselves at home, always knowing they belong and are deeply loved.

Our neighborhood adds to that sense of warmth and connection. We are surrounded by other families, and it's common to see children riding bikes, playing outside, and gathering in the evenings while neighbors stop to chat. There is a genuine sense of community here, where relationships are built naturally and children can simply enjoy being kids.

We feel incredibly grateful to be raising children in a place where they can experience both the comfort of home and the simple joys of childhood, playing in the sandbox, exploring nearby parks, and spending long summer days by the pool. One of our favorite memories was a recent pool day that lasted nearly ten hours! It started in the afternoon with grilling, yard games, and swimming, and ended around the firepit making s'mores. Those are the kinds of days we hope to fill their childhood with.

There is a natural rhythm to our home, a balance between fun and rest. Some days are full of energy, building race car tracks, coming inside with sandy feet, or playing baseball. Other days are slower and quieter, spent reading, working on puzzles, or watching a movie together. We believe both are important in creating a sense of balance, comfort, and joy.

We do our best to keep our home organized, but we also embrace the beautiful, joyful mess that comes with childhood. We want our children to feel free to explore, create, and play, while gently learning to care for the world around them.

If you choose our family, your child will be welcomed into this life from the very beginning, into our routines, our traditions, and our hearts. They will grow up alongside us, included in everything from morning routines and family meals to weekend adventures and time with friends and extended family. We are deeply committed to making each child feel individually seen, understood, and supported, taking time to learn who they are and what makes them feel most loved.

As we prepare a bedroom for your child, we imagine it as a space that feels warm, safe, and truly their own. It will be filled with cozy touches, books within reach, and meaningful details that reflect who they are. Whether they love animals, nature, art, or something entirely their own, we look forward to creating a room that grows with them. If it feels meaningful to you, we would be honored to include pieces of their story, creating a space that not only feels like home, but also honors where they come from and the love that surrounds them.

## HOBBIES:

**Adoptive Mother:** Family hikes, coffee dates with friends, reading, game nights, shows – comedy, plays, and cirque du soleil, and traveling

**Adoptive Father:** Weightlifting, playing baseball and coaching son's baseball team, camping, fishing, traveling, and spending time with friends

## PROFESSIONS:

**Adoptive Mother:** HR Director

**Adoptive Father:** Investigator

## EDUCATION LEVEL:

**Adoptive Mother:** Masters Degree

**Adoptive Father:** Bachelors Degree

## PLUS:

- Both non-smokers

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# Our Family

We met on Bumble, the dating app, and have been together more than eight (8) years. Joe was the only person I (Sam) spoke to on the app and the only date I went on. I remember he seemed genuinely down-to-earth. From the moment we met, we connected so easily, and from that day on, we were inseparable.

Joe is incredibly kind, quick-witted, and supportive. He cares deeply for his family and is especially close to his mother. Sam is ambitious, driven, intelligent, goofy, and just fun to be around. As a couple, we make it a priority to have date nights. We love going to comedy shows, trying new restaurants, or getting together with other couples for adult connections. We believe nurturing our relationship is an important part of building a strong and stable family.

We have learned where our personalities complement one another and where our differences require more understanding and grace. We believe no person is perfect, and that every relationship requires patience and effort. For us, it is how we support one another that defines our relationship and the kind of home we create together. We laugh often, tease one another in a lighthearted way, and genuinely enjoy being together. Most importantly, we share the same values, beliefs, and goals when it comes to family, friends, parenting, faith, and finances. This shared foundation allows us to approach life as a true team and create a stable, loving home for our family.

We have one son, Hudson, who is three years old. Hudson is a sweet, loving little boy with a natural curiosity about the world around him. He has a gentle and caring heart, and loves spending time with his friends, being part of his baseball team, and eagerly jumping into any adventure we have planned. We look forward to the relationship between siblings. We know our son will bring so much love, excitement, and joy into his new role as a big brother. We can already picture them learning from one another, playing together, and building a bond unlike any other.

Spending time with extended family is also a very meaningful part of our lives, and we are grateful for the traditions and connections we share. We love celebrating holidays together, including making Christmas soup as a family and cutting down a Christmas tree after Thanksgiving – a tradition that includes searching for the perfect tree and warming up afterward with hot cocoa. Each year, we travel to New York for the Fourth of July to spend time with Joe’s family and attend the local parade. We also cherish our annual “Cousins Week” at Chautauqua Lake, filled with boating, swimming, campfires, and time together. Sam’s family is just as close-knit, with frequent visits to Florida and Minnesota, hosting her sister’s family including their seven children during their annual RV trip, and gathering with extended family for holidays like Easter. We also host an annual Friendsgiving with eight families and sixteen children, a tradition we’ve kept for eight years.

No matter where we are, time with family, whether siblings, grandparents, cousins, or close friends, remains one of the most important and joy-filled parts of our lives, and something we are excited to share with our children.



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