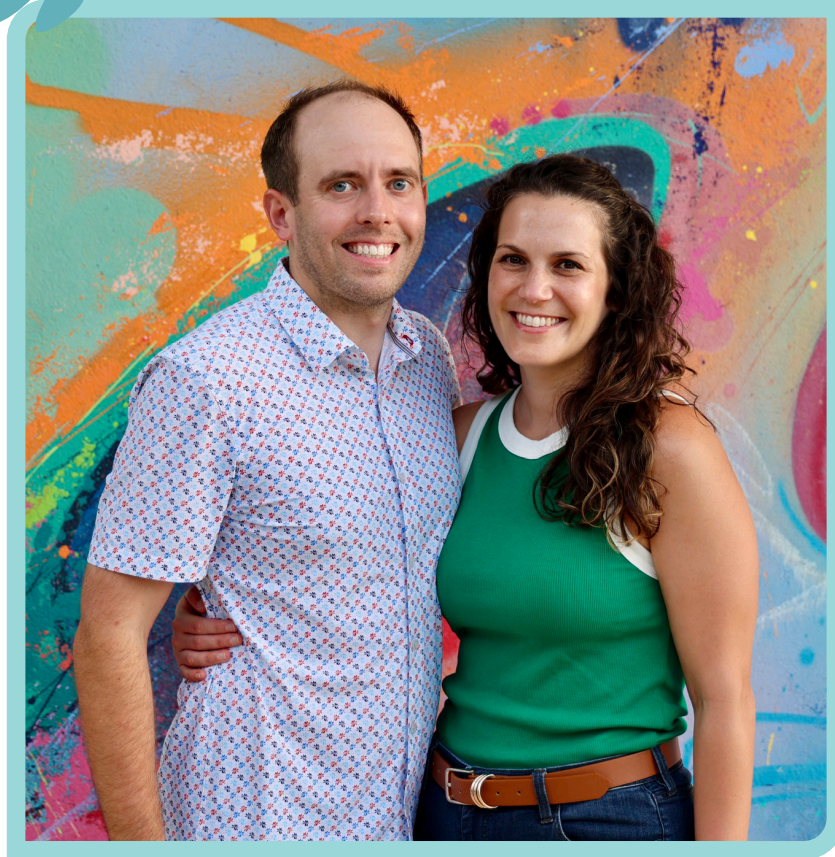




Hello We Are...



Rob & Annie

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Our Hopes & Dreams

Our greatest hope isn't simply to become parents; it is to share the life we've built with a child. We dream of a home filled with love, laughter, curiosity, and belonging, where a child feels safe, known, and encouraged to become exactly who they are. We often say it feels like someone is missing from our family, and we're ready to share our traditions, family dinners, evening walks with our dog, and everyday adventures with a child.

Adoption has always felt like a natural part of our story. Long before we met, each of us had considered adoption as a way to grow our family. It is particularly meaningful to us because Rob's mother was adopted from Finland as a toddler. Recently, we traveled to Finland and met Rob's biological relatives, an experience that deepened our appreciation for the love, hope, and complexity that can exist within adoption. It reinforced our commitment to raising a child who always knows their story and understands that it is an important and cherished part of who they are.

One of the greatest gifts we can offer is the loving family that surrounds us. Annie's family brings joy, laughter, and celebration to every gathering, while Rob's family shows love through quiet support, practical help, and unwavering dependability. Together, they've taught us that love can be expressed in many different ways. Our child will grow up surrounded by grandparents, cousins, friends, neighbors, and mentors who will cheer them on, celebrate their accomplishments, and be there through every stage of life.

As you consider your decision, we hope you know that we care about you as well. We hope you feel supported, respected, and surrounded by people who genuinely care for you. We understand that adoption is a lifelong journey, and we are committed to honoring your child's story with openness, honesty, and love. Your place in their story will always matter, and if you choose us, we will spend a lifetime making sure your child knows how deeply they are loved by all who care for them.

Sincerely,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

KINDNESS & EMPATHY - We believe kindness is the foundation for meaningful relationships and a strong community. We want our home to be a place where emotions are welcomed, communication is encouraged, and our child feels safe being exactly who they are. We will teach empathy by showing up for friends and family, listening with compassion, and treating others with respect and care. We will demonstrate this by warmly welcoming friends into our home, celebrating the accomplishments and milestones of family members, encouraging conversations about how others may be feeling, and helping our child recognize opportunities to include, encourage, and support those around them. We also hope to involve them in acts of kindness, such as helping neighbors, making thoughtful gifts or cards, volunteering together, and finding simple ways to brighten someone's day.



COMMUNITY - We believe children thrive when they are surrounded by people who know them, support them, and celebrate them. We live in a vibrant and multicultural neighborhood where we know our neighbors, spend time with friends regularly, and stay closely connected with our families. Some of our favorite memories have been made celebrating holidays at the beach or the lake with extended family, attending neighborhood gatherings, sharing dinners with friends, and enjoying game nights that bring everyone together. We hope to teach the importance of community by surrounding our child with grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, close family friends, neighbors, and mentors, while encouraging them to build meaningful friendships, welcome others, and discover the joy of belonging to something bigger than themselves.



EDUCATION & LEARNING - We believe learning should be exciting, creative, and a lifelong adventure. We hope to raise a child who feels encouraged to ask questions, explore their interests, and discover what makes them unique. Growing up, our families fostered curiosity through reading, trying new activities, and learning about the world around us, and those experiences continue to shape who we are today. We want our child to see that learning happens everywhere, not just in a classroom. We will make learning a natural part of everyday life by reading together, cooking together, gardening, visiting museums, and having conversations around the dinner table about the things we're learning. Our hope is that they will grow up with a genuine love of learning and the confidence to explore the world around them.



INTEGRITY - Integrity guides the way we make decisions, treat others, and live our daily lives. We want our child to understand the importance of honesty, responsibility, and following through on their commitments, while having the confidence to stay true to who they are. We believe actions speak louder than words, and we hope to lead by example. We will teach integrity by keeping our promises, taking responsibility for our mistakes, treating others with kindness and respect, and handling difficult conversations with honesty and compassion. Our hope is that our child will grow into someone others can trust—someone who chooses to do what is right, even when no one is watching.

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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Watching and playing soccer, running, group fitness, cycling, reading, crochet, cooking, gardening, playing board games, pickleball

Adoptive Father: Running, cooking, photography, group fitness classes including rowing, strength training, and biking, playing board games, pickleball, gardening, watching sports, listening to podcasts

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Social Media Program Manager

Adoptive Father: General Dentist

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Masters Degree

Adoptive Father: Doctoral Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

Our Home

Our home is one of our favorite places to be. It feels bright, welcoming, and is comfortably lived in. A place where people can truly relax. We often joke that it's "a house where you can spill." We hope everyone who visits feels at home the moment they walk through the door.

Natural light fills our home through large windows, including one we lovingly call our "sunset window," where we enjoy watching the sun set over the trees and the city skyline. The rooms are filled with colorful touches that make us smile, from handmade quilts and afghans created by family members to vibrant pillows, artwork, and little treasures collected over the years. We look forward to filling our walls with family photos and our child's artwork and favorite memories.

The heart of our home is the kitchen and dining room. We both love to cook, and it's where we naturally gather with family and friends. Our large dining table expands to seat twelve people, making it the perfect place for holidays, celebrations, and long conversations over homemade meals. Whether we're baking sourdough bread, making fresh pesto from herbs in our garden, or trying a new recipe inspired by one of our favorite farmers markets, food has a way of bringing people together in our home.

Outside, we enjoy spending as much time as possible. Our backyard has cozy seating beneath string lights, a colorful mural we painted ourselves, a small garden, and beautiful sunset views. We often grill dinner, relax outside, or chat with neighbors as they walk by with their children and dogs.

One of the things we love most about where we live is the incredible sense of community. We know our neighbors by name, spend time together regularly, and love that children naturally gather to play in the shared driveway with sidewalk chalk, toys, and friendly neighborhood dogs. Within walking distance are several parks, playgrounds, splash pads, schools, walking trails, and events that bring families together throughout the year. During the summer there are farmers markets, outdoor concerts, and neighborhood festivals, while winter brings ice skating and seasonal celebrations.

We also love that our neighborhood is diverse and vibrant. Nearby museums, the zoo, sporting events, parks, and cultural festivals give us endless opportunities to explore together, and the many cultures represented in our neighborhood help create an environment where children can grow up appreciating and celebrating differences.

The room we've chosen for our future child sits just across the hall from our bedroom and has its own bathroom and beautiful views of a large tree just outside the window, making it feel like a cozy treehouse. We've intentionally left the room a blank canvas until we know our child and we intend to decorate the space in a way that they will treasure as their own.

More than anything, we hope our home is a place where a child feels safe, loved, and free to be themselves — a place filled with laughter, warm meals, everyday adventures, and people who are always happy to welcome them home.

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Our Family

Our story began fourteen years ago at a race in Cleveland, Ohio. We had each signed up with mutual friends, met just before the race began, and spent the rest of the day talking. Rob asked Annie for her phone number, and we've been together ever since. Nearly ten years of marriage later, we still enjoy building our life together, trying new things, and spending time together each day.

One of the things that makes us such a good team is how different we are, but how well we complement one another. Rob is thoughtful, patient, and incredibly dependable. He enjoys learning, solving problems, and can fix just about anything, whether it's a car, an appliance, or a project around the house. Annie is joyful, optimistic, and outgoing. She loves bringing people together, finding reasons to celebrate, and making everyday moments feel special. Together, we've learned to balance careful planning with spontaneous adventure, creating a life that is both steady and fun.

Much of our happiest time is spent with family. We are blessed with eight wonderful nieces and nephews, and there is nothing we enjoy more than watching them grow into their own unique personalities. Family gatherings are filled with laughter, storytelling, games, delicious food, and children proudly showing off a new song, artwork, or skill they've learned. We love cheering them on at recitals, graduations, sporting events, and every milestone in between.

Our traditions are some of our favorite memories. Throughout the year we enjoy family vacations, days on the water, holiday baking, Thanksgiving morning Turkey Trots, and evenings spent walking through beautiful Christmas light displays together. We also have a few traditions that are uniquely ours, like making homemade Pad Thai every December 23rd to celebrate the anniversary of our engagement, planting our annual garden each spring, and making homemade dumplings every Chinese New Year with close friends who have become family.

When we're not spending time with loved ones, you'll usually find us staying active together. We enjoy biking, hiking, running, exploring new places, traveling, and spending relaxing days at the beach. We also love cooking together, often turning an ordinary evening into an opportunity to try a new recipe, or create a meal inspired by another culture. Some of our favorite conversations happen while we're cooking side by side in the kitchen.

Our family also includes our dog, Clyde, a friendly Cairn Terrier mix who loves children, playing with the neighborhood kids, and curling up for a good cuddle. He's already convinced every child nearby is his best friend, and we know he'll be thrilled to welcome another little person into our home.

Our families have been incredibly excited about our adoption journey from the very beginning. Annie's mom is already making a handmade quilt for our future child, our siblings have offered clothes and toys to share, and our nieces and nephews regularly ask when they'll get to meet their new cousin. We know that when the day finally comes, our child will be welcomed with open arms by a family that is overflowing with love, encouragement, and excitement to help them create a lifetime of wonderful memories together.



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