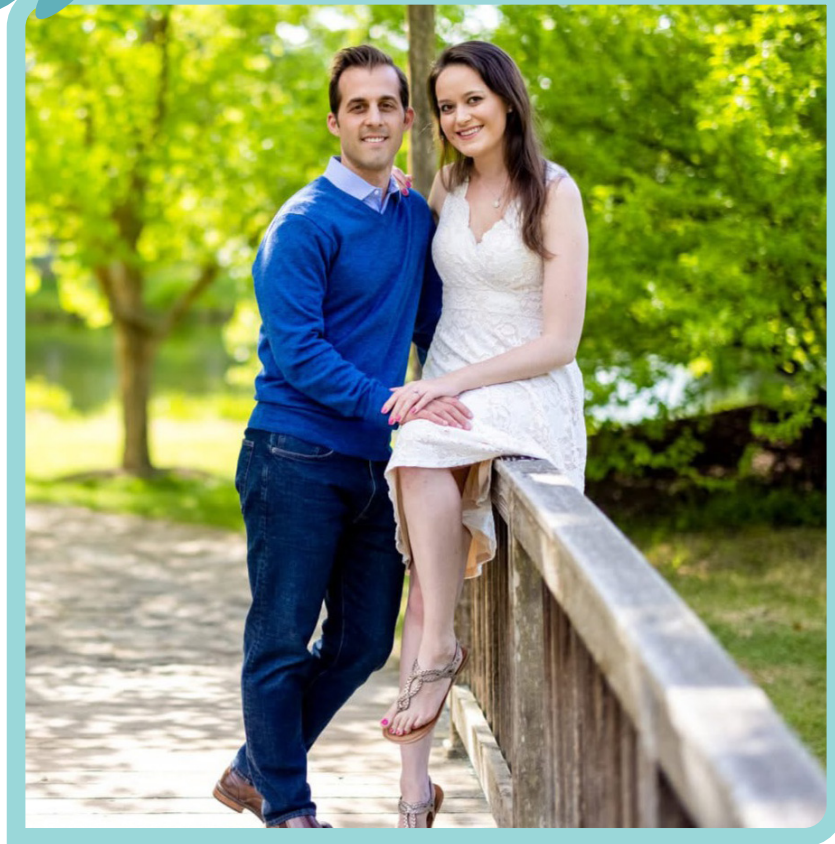




Hello We Are...



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Our Hopes & Dreams

Our greatest hope is to build a family filled with laughter, kindness, curiosity, and unconditional love. We dream of a life where milestones are celebrated, challenges are faced together, dreams are encouraged, and even the simplest moments become treasured memories. We look forward to bedtime stories, birthday celebrations, holiday traditions, cheering from the sidelines at games or performances, helping with homework around the kitchen table, exploring new places, and ending each day knowing we spent it together.

From early in our relationship, we knew we wanted to become parents and often talked about adoption as one of the ways we might build our family. After learning we were unable to carry a pregnancy, our path became clearer. We realized that family is not defined by biology, but by love, commitment, and the decision to show up for one another every single day. We cannot wait to welcome a child into a family where they will always know they are deeply loved, fully accepted, and forever cherished.

Our dream is to give our child every opportunity to discover who they are and who they want to become. We will provide a stable, secure, and loving home where they feel safe to be themselves. Whether they develop a love for sports, music, art, science, books, animals, or something entirely unique, we will encourage their interests, celebrate their accomplishments, and support them through life's challenges. More than anything, we hope they grow into a confident, compassionate, and resilient person who knows they are valued exactly as they are.

We recognize that every child's story begins long before they become part of an adoptive family, and we believe that should always be honored. If we are ever blessed to welcome a child through adoption, we are committed to speaking openly and positively about their adoption story and helping them understand every part of who they are. We believe children flourish when they know they are loved by many people, and that family grows through love, it is never divided by it.

Our hope for every expectant parent considering adoption is that they experience compassion, support, and peace as they make the decision that is right for them and their child. We hope they are surrounded by people who encourage them, that they are able to pursue the dreams they have for their future, and that they always know the love they have for their child will forever be an important part of their child's story.

Warmly,

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Our Values & Beliefs as Parents

OPEN COMMUNICATION - We believe open communication is one of the greatest gifts we can give our family. When people feel heard, understood, and respected, trust grows naturally, creating a home where everyone feels safe being themselves. During dinner, we often use conversation cards that spark meaningful discussions. We make time to celebrate the good moments, and talk through the difficult ones. Even when we don't have all the answers, we try to listen first, show grace, and understand each other's perspective before responding. We want our child to know they can come to us with anything, their excitement, worries, mistakes, or big dreams, without judgment. Whether we're talking over breakfast, during a walk, or while reading together before bed, we hope they will always feel heard, supported, and unconditionally loved.



LOVE & ACCEPTANCE - Our lives have been enriched by friendships and relationships with people from many different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. Those relationships have taught us to appreciate the unique qualities every person brings and reminds us how important it is to make people feel seen, valued, and accepted. We want our lives to reflect those same values - where love is expressed freely, everyone feels they belong, and each person knows they are valued for exactly who they are. We never leave the house without saying, "Bye babe, love you!" It's a simple way we remind each other how deeply we're loved. As parents, we will help our child discover and celebrate their own individuality while teaching them to treat others with kindness, compassion, and respect. We hope they will grow into someone who welcomes others, values different perspectives, and helps people feel accepted wherever they go.



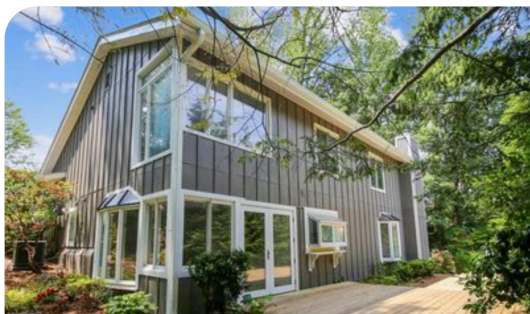
CURIOSITY - We believe curiosity helps us continue growing throughout life. Whether it's learning a new skill, asking thoughtful questions, or exploring a new place, we hope to foster a lifelong love of learning in our family. We believe there's joy in taking on challenges, even when we don't know exactly how they'll turn out. We've built closet shelves, installed a patio and firepit, and even painted a tree mural in the nursery. Not every project has gone perfectly the first time, but each one has taught us something new. As parents, we look forward to exploring the world alongside our child, encouraging their questions, celebrating their interests, and reminding them that it's okay to make mistakes because that's often how we learn the most.



HUMOR - We believe laughter is an important part of a happy, healthy family. It brings us together, lightens difficult moments, and reminds us not to take ourselves too seriously. Some of our favorite memories are the simple, everyday moments when we're laughing together over something unexpected or completely silly. One of our favorite examples is our dog, Brady, who has collected more nicknames than we can count—including Bradovski, Bearys McBearsington, and Snoozy McBagel Bear. We've even rewritten the lyrics to "Total Eclipse of the Heart" to include his name throughout the song. These moments of silliness may seem small, but they bring joy to our everyday lives. As parents, we hope to create a home where laughter is part of daily life. We look forward to making up silly songs, sharing inside jokes, laughing through our own mistakes, and finding joy in ordinary moments together. We want our child to know it's okay to be goofy and to find happiness in life's little moments. We hope they'll learn that a smile, a laugh, or a lighthearted perspective can brighten someone's day.

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HOBBIES:

Adoptive Mother: Crafting, crocheting, reading, cooking and baking, traveling, hiking, designing props for community theater

Adoptive Father: Playing softball, hiking, woodworking, running, reading, traveling to National parks, Europe, South America, the Caribbean, spending time with family, cooking, swimming, watching football

PROFESSIONS:

Adoptive Mother: Chief Marketing Officer

Adoptive Father: Project Manager

EDUCATION LEVEL:

Adoptive Mother: Masters Degree

Adoptive Father: Masters Degree

PLUS:

- Family dog
- Both non-smokers

Our Home

When we purchased our home, we did so with the dream of raising a family there. Every room is filled with love and anticipation as we imagine the laughter, bedtime stories, tiny footsteps racing down the hallway, and all the everyday moments that make a house feel like home. We are so excited to one day watch a child fill our home with curiosity, joy, and endless adventure.

Our neighborhood is one of the things we love most. It is wonderfully diverse, welcoming, and full of young families from many different backgrounds. On any given afternoon you'll find children riding bikes, playing basketball, tossing a ball in the yard, or running from one friend's house to the next. Just one block away is a large neighborhood park with playground equipment, open fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, and plenty of space to explore. During the summer, we enjoy spending time at the community pool, where neighbors gather, children make new friends, and everyone cools off together.

We also love spending time outdoors. Hiking trails weave through our neighborhood, winding past peaceful woods and streams, and weekends often include local festivals, farmers' markets, or simply enjoying the beautiful parks nearby. Our own backyard has become one of our favorite places to relax, with a large deck for outdoor dinners, a fire pit for roasting marshmallows, and a spacious yard where our dog loves to play. We can already picture playing catch, blowing bubbles, drawing with sidewalk chalk, and watching a child discover the simple joys of being outside.

Inside, our home is bright, warm, and designed for spending time together. The walls are filled with photographs of family, friends, and favorite adventures, while the kitchen naturally becomes the heart of our home. Whether we're cooking a favorite meal, trying a new recipe, working on a craft project, playing board games, or gathering around the dining table to talk about our day, our home is a place where everyone is welcome, comfortable, and encouraged to simply be themselves.

Evenings are our favorite time together. Some nights we invite friends over for dinner, while others are spent taking family walks with our dog, watching a movie curled up on the couch, reading books, or simply talking and laughing together. We look forward to sharing those same traditions with a child such as reading bedtime stories, baking cookies, creating arts and crafts, learning to swim at the neighborhood pool, exploring nature, and making memories in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments of everyday life.

The nursery is already waiting with love. It includes a cozy crib, changing table, bookshelf filled with children's books, and a comfortable rocking chair for countless bedtime stories and quiet cuddles. Woodland animals decorate the room, while a hand-painted tree stretches across one wall with family photographs displayed among its branches—a reminder that every family grows through love, and that each new branch makes the tree even stronger and more beautiful.

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Our Family

Our story began in 2018 when we matched on a dating app and met for dinner at a local restaurant. We talked for so long that the restaurant closed around us, and by the end of the evening, we both knew there was something special between us. We were drawn to each other's sense of humor, love of travel and adventure, appreciation for different cultures, and shared dreams for the future. Three years later—to the very day—we were married.

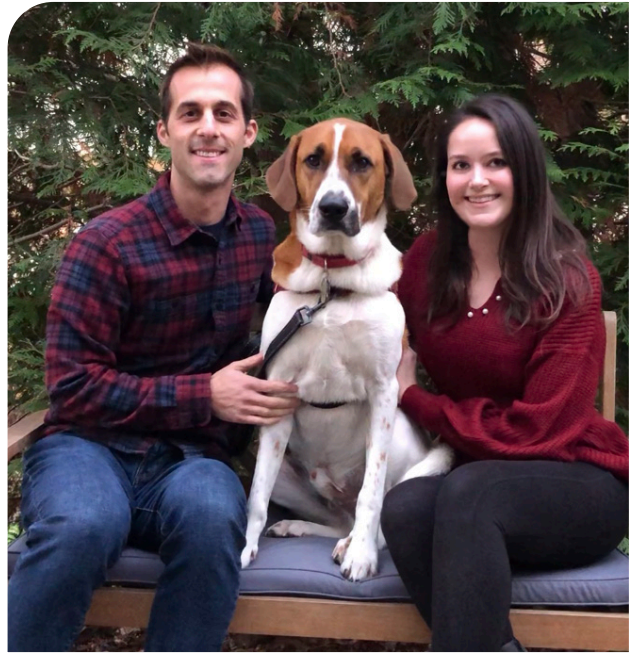
One of the greatest strengths in our relationship is the friendship we have built. We genuinely enjoy spending time together, whether we're trying a new hobby, hiking with our dog, attending a concert or comedy show, or simply cooking dinner and talking about our day. We make it a priority to communicate openly, listen carefully, and approach every decision as a team. We want our family to be a place where everyone feels safe, heard, respected, and unconditionally loved.

We also love exploring the world together. Traveling has given us unforgettable memories and a deeper appreciation for different people, cultures, and traditions. One of our favorite ways to relive those experiences is by recreating meals inspired by the places we've visited. We also enjoy exploring our country's beautiful national parks and look forward to continuing those adventures as a family, introducing a child to new places while teaching them to appreciate both nature and the diversity of the world around them.

Family has always been at the center of our lives. Although our families are different in size, they share the same loving spirit. We spend holidays, birthdays, vacations, and ordinary weekends together, creating memories that have become treasured traditions. Every Easter brings a scavenger hunt filled with riddles and puzzles from the Easter Bunny. Thanksgiving often includes decorating gingerbread houses and a little friendly competition to crown the year's winner. During the Christmas season, we bake dozens of homemade cookies to share with family and friends, and every Fourth of July we gather by the lake to enjoy fireworks together. These are the traditions we cannot wait to continue while creating many new ones of our own.

Our family has embraced our adoption journey from the very beginning. They have taken the time to learn about adoption, understand the experiences of everyone involved, and find meaningful ways to support us. Whether it's helping prepare the nursery, caring for our dog while we travel, babysitting, celebrating milestones, or simply being there with open arms, they are excited to welcome a child into the family.

More than anything, we hope our child grows up surrounded by people who celebrate them exactly as they are. They will be welcomed into a family that laughs often, supports one another through every season of life, and believes that family is built through love, commitment, and showing up for each other every single day.



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