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### about us

After growing up on opposite sides of the country—Ben in Pennsylvania and Jeff in Idaho—our shared sense of adventure brought us to Washington, DC. Jeff was working in education after completing his doctorate, and Ben was working as a consultant while pursuing his MBA. We met in 2018, took our first trip together to Acadia National Park, and realized we had found our forever travel partner! Following our Key West wedding and Alaska honeymoon in 2022, we moved to Idaho to be closer to Jeff's family. Ben now works as a program manager for a national grocery brand, and Jeff continues his education career with an international ed-tech company, connecting schools to classroom technology. When not traveling, Ben serves on an LGBTQ+ soccer nonprofit board and participates in community theater. Jeff, an avid runner and musician, has completed 20+ marathons and is active with the local and national government. We love spending time outside with our dogs, Jack and Ernie.



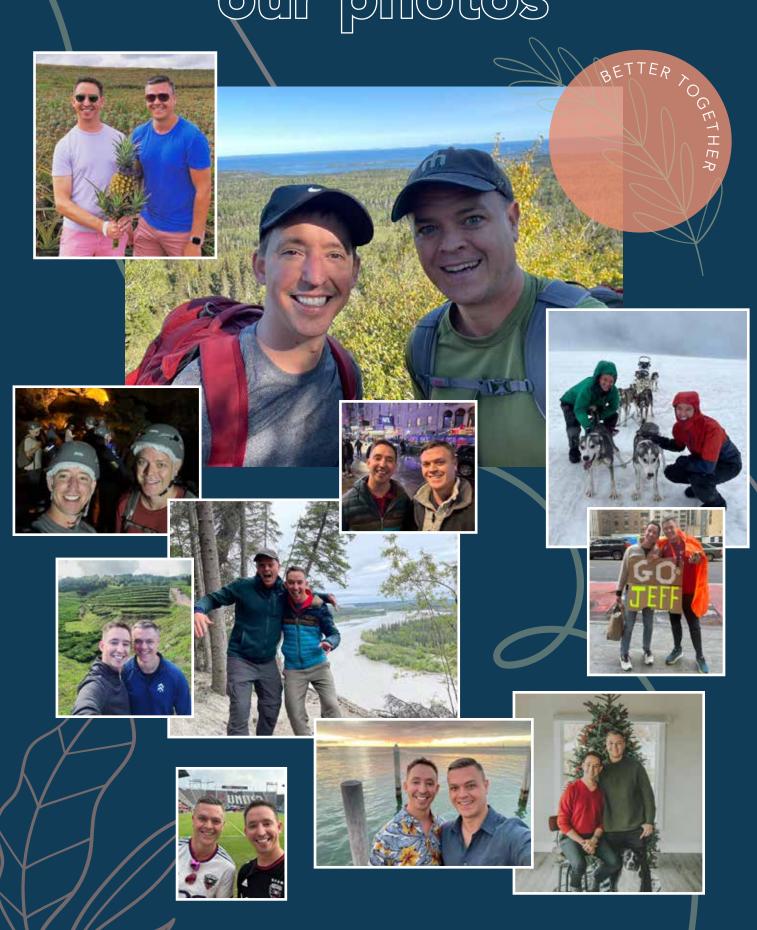
### OUR HOME + PETS

We wanted to embrace the natural beauty of Idaho and found a home in the southeast foothills, located in one of the state's best school districts. Our two-story house has five bedrooms and three bathrooms, ideal for a growing family and hosting guests! Jeff works from a home office, while Ben spends two days at his corporate headquarters ten minutes away and works remotely the rest of the week. Despite Jack and Ernie's efforts to scatter dog toys, we keep our home tidy and enjoy our morning walk routine. Our fenced backyard is perfect for the dogs, and a park and playground are two blocks away. Five minutes from downtown, our safe, friendly community offers 30+ miles of hiking trails, ideal for an active lifestyle.

#### WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Adoption means a lot to both of us. Jeff's aunt and one of Ben's best friends were adopted and have shown us how families come together in beautiful ways. We've both worked in schools and love helping young people grow. Over time, we realized we shared the same dream: building a family. Adoption provides a path to grow a family and provide a child with a nurturing home where they can thrive. We are excited for this new chapter. We bring to this journey love, care, and the belief that family is built through bonds, not just biology. Adoption feels like the perfect way to share our lives with a child while honoring every family's unique and beautiful story.

# our photos



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OCCUPATION	Education technology	
EDUCATION	Education Leadership Doctorate, Master of Special Education	
RACE	Caucasian	-
RELIGION	Christian	in.
SPORT	Running, NFL football	1
FOOD	Italian, Mexican	
НОВВҮ	Coin collecting	
FAMILY TRADITION	Christmas all together	
MUSICAL GROUP	Pentatonix	
MOVIE	Finding Forrester	
DREAM VACATION	Maldives	
HOLIDAY	Christmas	
TV SHOW	Yellowstone	
JBJECT IN SCHOOL	Government & politics	
ВООК	Harry Potter series	

## Jeff



Ben



OCCUPATION	Program manager
EDUCATION	Master of Business Administration
RACE	Caucasian
RELIGION	Catholic
SPORT	Soccer
FOOD	Thai
HOBBY	Cooking, theater, soccer
AMILY TRADITION	Hosting big holiday meals together
MUSICAL GROUP	Jimmy Buffet, Adele
MOVIE	Hocus Pocus
OREAM VACATION	Norway
HOLIDAY	Christmas
TV SHOW	Schitt's Creek
BJECT IN SCHOOL	Science
ВООК	West With Giraffes

## OUF family & traditions





Family comes first for us, and we are fortunate to have relationships with relatives across the country. Jeff's parents, sister, and brother-in-law all recently moved closer to us. Ben's mom lives in his childhood home in Pennsylvania. His brother's family lives in Maryland. After Ben's father passed away, we committed to creating holiday family memories, no matter the distance. We also stay connected via a weekly Sunday evening call, a beautiful way to share stories and keep in touch. We enjoy summer vacations and casual weekend barbecues filled with laughter, good food, and plenty of love.

We also have a large network of chosen family lifelong friends from every phase of both our lives. Jeff's college friends still have a Christmas party where they exchange wacky gifts that cost \$25 or less. One year featured a hamster!

We enjoy connecting around food, and we love hosting large family meals. Ben is head chef, carefully crafting unique and creative menus by pulling from his childhood memories of cooking with his Polish grandmother. Jeff spends days ensuring our home is in top shape, runs to the store for ingredients at the drop of a hat, and keeps everyone entertained while the meal is served.





### dear expectant mother

Dear Expectant Mother,

We're writing this letter with hearts full of emotion, knowing that you are facing one of life's most profound decisions. As we think of you and your precious baby, we are moved by your courage in considering adoption and exploring what's best for your child's future.

We want you to know we see you—not just as a potential birthmother but as a woman making a decision born of deep love and incredible strength. The fact that you're reading this letter shows how thoughtfully you're approaching this choice. Your baby is so fortunate to have a mother who is willing to explore every option to give them the best possible life. Whether or not you choose us, we admire your bravery in considering adoption. We can only imagine the complex emotions you're experiencing, and we want you to know we honor and respect every feeling you have during this journey.

If you were to choose us as adoptive parents, we would ensure your baby grows up knowing the profound love that led to your decision. Your child would be treasured, cherished, and surrounded by joy, laughter, and endless opportunities. We would be forever grateful for the trust you placed in us.

Please know that whatever path you choose, you have our deepest respect and admiration. You and your baby's well-being matter deeply to us.

With sincere appreciation,

#### BEN + JEFF



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