



CJ + CASEY

our story



ABOUT US

Hello! We're Casey and CJ, and we're so glad you're taking the time to get to know us. We both grew up in rural Nebraska and later moved to the city—Casey for school and CJ for work. We met online during the COVID pandemic. Our first date was spent walking, sipping coffee, and talking for hours about our passions, dreams, and values. In September 2024, we married at a local vineyard, fulfilling Casey's long-time dream. CJ works in art collection care, and Casey oversees customer experiences at a local bank. We share a love of travel, adventure, and trying new things but also enjoy cooking, exercising, exploring nature, and spending time with loved ones—or simply relaxing at home with our furbabies. Together, we're passionate about building a life full of joy, connection, and discovery, and while we are both fun-loving in our own ways, the title of socialite belongs to Casey.

OUR HOME + PETS

We live in a fairly new area of our typical Midwest city, just outside of downtown and a short walk to a local playground and school. If you are up for a short commute in any direction, you will find numerous parks, trails, restaurants, museums, and shops to explore. If you want to stay close, our neighborhood is filled with young and diverse families, with kids always outside playing. Our home is a spacious three-bedroom/two-bathroom home with a fenced back yard. It is the home we have built for ourselves and our future family; our two animated black cats (or voids as we call them), Sterling and Gracie; and our goldendoodle, Max (a trained therapy dog), whom we were fortunate to adopt from a local non-profit.



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Growing up in larger families, we both knew going into our relationship that we wanted to someday start a family of our own. Through many conversations and researching our options, we knew adoption was the route we wanted to pursue. Casey's parents were presented with the gift to adopt his younger brother and sister, so we have seen firsthand the impacts that adoption can have. We both have a desire to provide a positive, loving, inclusive, and nurturing environment in which we can set children up for success. But more than anything, we want to provide a loving and caring forever home for a little human, or humans, whose mom is looking for the same.



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CASEY

OCCUPATION: Customer Experience Program Manager

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Spiritual

SPORT: Volleyball

FOOD: Tacos

HOBBY: Traveling

TRADITION: Holiday family meals

MUSICAL GROUP: Lady Gaga

MOVIE: Lord of the Rings

DREAM VACATION: Travel Europe

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: Anything history

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History

BOOK: Red, White & Royal Blue



CJ



OCCUPATION: Museums Collection Manager

EDUCATION: Master's degree

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Volleyball

FOOD: Pizza

HOBBY: Traveling

TRADITION: Baking treats

MUSICAL GROUP: Reba McEntire

MOVIE: Harry Potter

DREAM VACATION: Nile River cruise

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: The Golden Girls

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History

BOOK: Anna Karenina

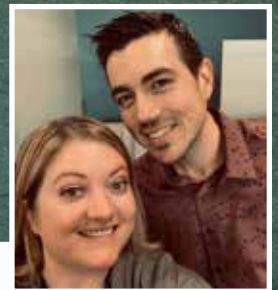


OUR FAMILY AND *traditions*

Family, both natural and chosen, means everything to us. Growing up in large families and building a chosen family filled our lives with love and support. CJ grew up baking holiday treats with his mom, a tradition he still carries on today. For Casey, holidays meant everyone coming home, no matter what, and eating together as a family. As we built our home, we ensured the dinner table remained a focal point to continue these cherished moments.

Daily traditions, like family breakfasts, were also important. CJ's dad always said, "You can't focus on an empty stomach," a sentiment we hold dear. These traditions have shaped who we are, and we plan to share them, while creating new ones, with your child.

We love Christmas and want it to be a magical time filled with warmth and togetherness. Our traditions include decorating, holiday music, looking at lights, and enjoying hot chocolate. Christmas Eve will be spent in pajamas, watching holiday movies, and opening one special gift. We believe traditions like these will fill your child with love, joy, and lasting memories they can carry with them for a lifetime.



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EXPECTANT MOTHER

Thank you for considering us as potential parents for your child. We cannot imagine how difficult this decision is, but please know you are a miracle to our family. Building a family together has always been our dream, and through adoption and your courage, we are excited to make this a reality.

We promise to love your child unconditionally and provide them with security, stability, acceptance, experiences, adventures, and endless laughter and joy. CJ looks forward to sharing the wonders of the world through family travels, encouraging them to try new activities, and teaching them to appreciate life's simple joys. He hopes to instill a love for community, nurture their friendships, and even join in on the occasional snack raid. Casey is excited to share his love of history, teach them the joy of cooking, pass down family recipes, support their interests, and bring plenty of laughter with his collection of dad jokes.

We are committed to respecting and supporting you throughout this journey and are open to fostering a relationship between you and your child in a way that enriches their life. Your selflessness and courage inspire us, and we cannot thank you enough for the gift you are considering. Adoption is opening a door to an incredible opportunity, and we are deeply grateful for the chance to grow our family through your kindness.

With love,

CASEY + CJ



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