

*building our family*

# Topher + Rose



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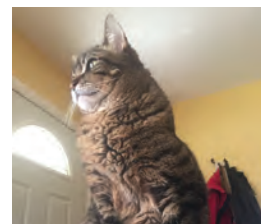


# about us

We are Colorado kids who moved back home to be closer to family. We met while partner dancing, fell in love, and married six months later. After nine years, we are even more in love and ready to grow our family. Rose is an early childhood teacher and loves helping her kiddos develop. She enjoys gardening, sewing baby quilts, and snuggling our three kitties. She is funny and kind and the sweetest person Topher has ever known. Topher works for a local coffee company and manages one of their retail locations. He loves trail running, bad jokes, and reading science fiction and poetry. He is full of boundless enthusiasm and kindness. Both of us are passionate about our work and the impact it has on the communities we serve. We still love dancing together. We spend much of our time with both sides of our families, cooking, eating, and celebrating life.

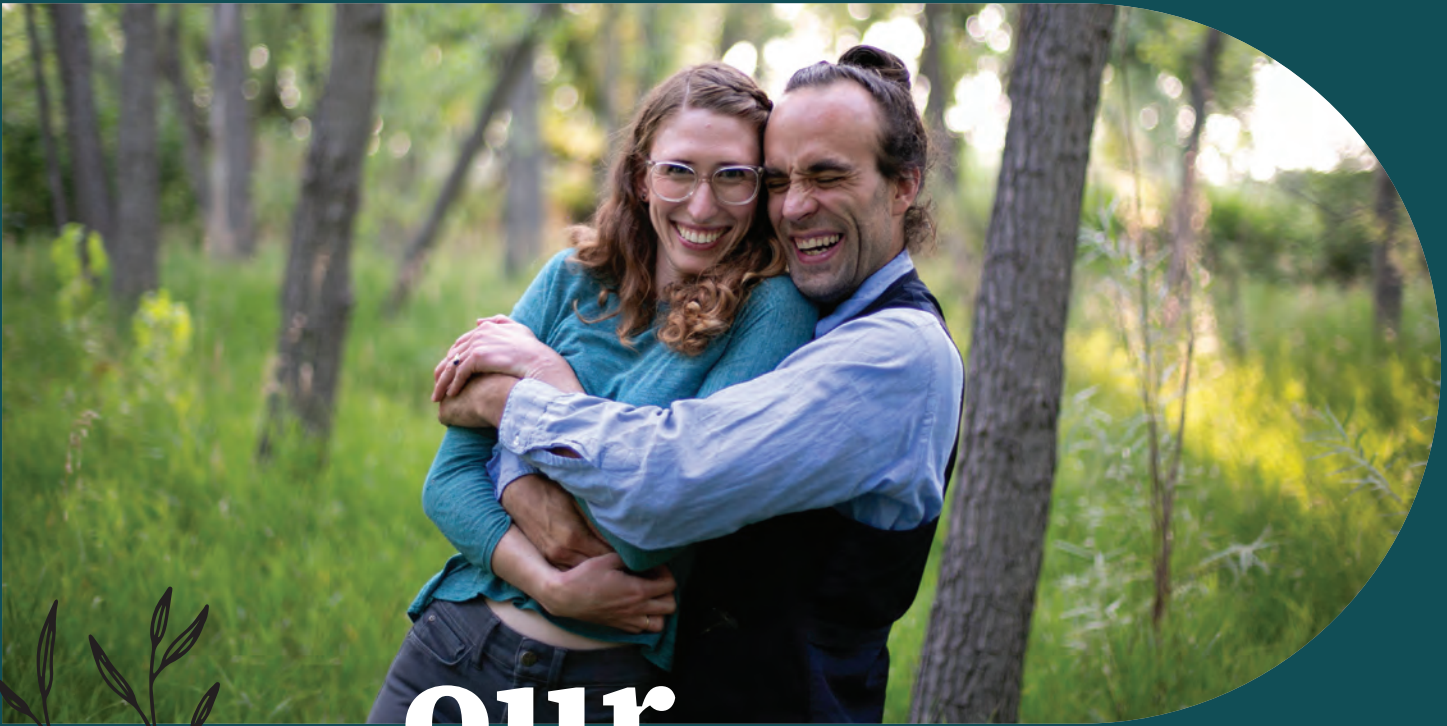
## *our home + pets*

We live in a beautiful neighborhood in Colorado with lots of old trees and friendly neighbors. Our house has four bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a big backyard. We have an apple tree, two pear trees, a grape arbor, a blooming crabapple tree, lilacs, irises, and some chickens that lay tasty eggs. We have three loving lap cats: sisters Stella and Bunny and our big guy, Magellan. We are walking distance from an elementary school, a park, a swimming pool, a library, and lots of open space. We are also a short drive to a metropolitan city with major league sports teams, museums, live music, art festivals, and educational opportunities. We are close to beautiful mountain hikes and a ski area!

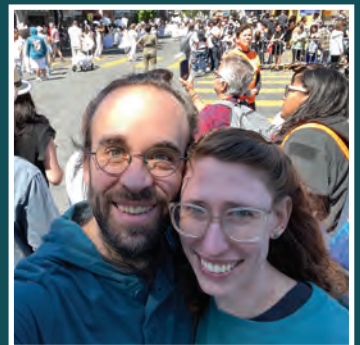
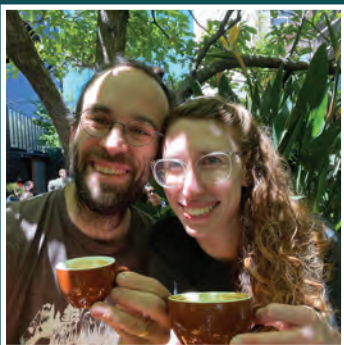
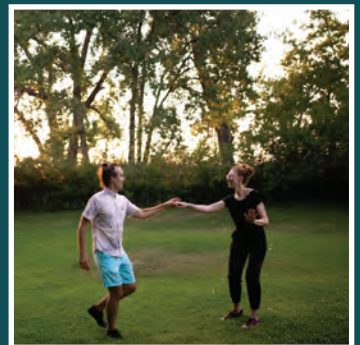


## *what led us to adoption*

We are so excited to have the opportunity to adopt! Adoption has always been a part of Rose's family; she has two younger sisters who are adopted and has always felt so lucky to have them as sisters. Topher has also been touched by adoption as he was adopted by his grandfather, which brought a lot of stability and joy to them both. We decided that when we were ready to become parents, it just made sense for us to look into adoption. We don't have any preferences about race or gender; we're just so excited about those tiny toes!



**our  
photo  
album**



**Occupation:** Coffee shop retail manager  
**Education:** Master of Fine Arts, Creative Writing  
**Race:** Caucasian  
**Religion:** Catholic/Spiritual  
**Sport:** Football  
**Food:** Quesadillas  
**Hobby:** Writing poetry, blues dancing, trail running  
**Tradition:** Gathering with family  
**Musical Group:** The Internet, La Doña, John Lee Hooker  
**Movie:** *Ponyo*  
**Dream Vacation:** Anywhere with my wife  
**Holiday:** New Year's Day gumbo  
**TV Show:** *Stargate SG-1, Steven Universe*  
**Subject in School:** Poetry  
**Book:** *The Four Quartets, Crazy Horse in Stillness, The Fifth Season*



**Occupation:** Early childhood teacher  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts  
**Race:** Caucasian  
**Religion:** Spiritual  
**Sport:** Football  
**Food:** Italian, Chinese  
**Hobby:** Quilting, gardening, reading, partner dance  
**Tradition:** Traveling  
**Musical Group:** Lizzo, Rosalia, Saint Motel  
**Movie:** *Lilo and Stitch, Moana*  
**Dream Vacation:** Somewhere beachy!  
**Holiday:** Christmas  
**TV Show:** *Kipo and the Age of Wonderbeasts, Elementary*  
**Subject in School:** Art  
**Book:** *Ancillary Justice, The Animal Family, Dinosaurumpus*



# our families + traditions

We both come from very tight-knit families, and family is still very important to us. Our parents and all but one of our sisters (Topher has two sisters, and Rose has three) live nearby, and we get together all the time. We often celebrate together, from birthday dinners and Christmas mornings to Chinese New Year and New Year's Day gumbo. We go on family camping trips and every few years a big family trip, most recently to Hawaii. We have weekly movie nights and help with each other's gardens or big projects. We often get together just for a meal at each other's homes, to make a batch of cookies, or to watch a football game with homemade popcorn.

We both grew up with lots of family nearby and have great memories of overnights with grandparents, sitting with an aunt or uncle at dinner, and playing games with cousins. We look forward to being able to offer that same sense of love and family to a child. A child in our home will know they have so many people who love them.





# dear expectant mother



We hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. While we cannot begin to imagine what you are going through or how difficult this decision is, we are profoundly grateful that you are considering our family as a home for your child.

If you choose us, your child will be surrounded by love, not only from us but also from our extended family. We value the person your child will be, and we are so excited to help them discover who they are, what they are good at, and what they love. We want your child to have the best chance to succeed and to know they have the support to define success for themselves. We value education and will do our best to give your child the broadest and strongest foundation for their journey into adulthood.

We want your child to enjoy the experiences we enjoyed growing up, from camping to spending time with grandparents, playing in the ocean, or getting messy in the kitchen. And we want to discover new things to enjoy together as a family. We will value the culture your child comes from and will do our best to include that culture in our life as a family. We know we can't promise that your child's whole life will be joy, but we do promise to be there through the hard times as well as the good and to love them with everything we are.

***Rose + Topher***



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