



OUR STORY

FRED + WILL



OUR LIFESTYLE

Fred grew up in a large family on a dairy in Missouri and is now an architect in the city. He loves riding bikes, baking treats and playing with our daughter. Will grew up in suburban Pennsylvania and is now a priest after a career as a professional singer. We met at a Christmas costume party in 2004. Will arrived dressed as a wiseman, and Fred hosted the party dressed as Jesus's daddy! It was love at first sight as we danced that night away in our costumes. We adopted Reese from birth during the pandemic (2020) and she magically turned a difficult time into joy! We are grateful for her birth mom who we love and remains an important part of our lives. Last summer we visited her again by train, as Will is an Amtrak fan. We recently completed the renovation of an historic house and are thrilled to call it home. Fred and Reese both love gardening in the yard as well, and we now have an plenty of room for a brother or sister!.

OUR FAVORITE ADVENTURES

When Reese was only 2-years old she made her first international trip. Will was asked to be the god-father for his French cousin's child. Knowing that we needed help to travel with a toddler, Fred invited his sisters to join us for a week in France. We visited Paris first, walking along the river Seine with Reese, sailing toy boats with her at the Luxembourg Gardens, and tasting croissants (still her favorite) and even mussels (not a favorite). Then we all boarded a train to visit Will's family. We watched as Reese grew into the richness and diversity of the world as she absorbed a new language and still managed to make friends as usual. She played games with people on the bus and even got a passing truck driver to honk his horn for her. It made us so happy to see her thrive in a new place and become part of Will's big family filled with kids her age. Now she's connected to them and we're excited for those relationships to keep growing.

OUR HOME + NEIGHBORHOOD

We currently live in an historic home in the suburbs of a major city. It is located within a few blocks of several playgrounds and parks, as well as the pedestrian downtown of the village. The village has terrific schools, parks, and libraries that are nearby. We renovated the home over the past year to add several bathrooms and an additional bedroom for more family to visit. The best part is having a beautiful yard and plenty of play space throughout the house for Reese and potentially more to come!





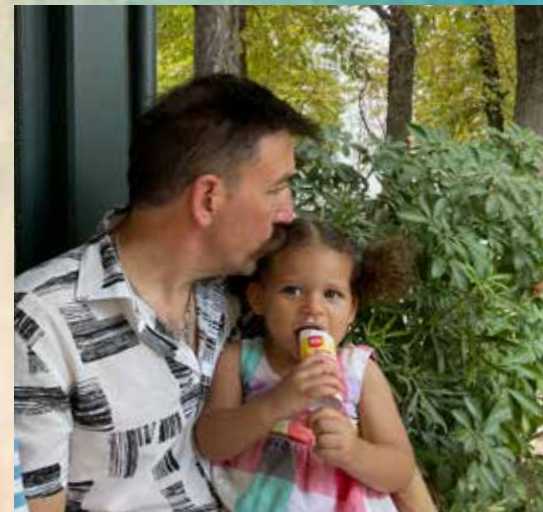
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ALBUM



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OCCUPATION: Episcopal Priest
EDUCATION: Master of Divinity and Music
RACE: Caucasian
RELIGION: Christian
SPORT: Squash, Swimming, Biking
FOOD: Sushi
HOBBY: Travel, Singing
TRADITION: Christmas Party
MUSICAL GROUP: Mumford and Sons
MOVIE: *Willy Wonka*
DREAM VACATION: Japan, Egypt
HOLIDAY: *Christmas, Easter*
TV SHOW: *Star Trek, Seinfeld*
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History
BOOK: Church Hymnal



FRED



OCCUPATION: Architect
EDUCATION: Master of Architecture
RACE: Caucasian
RELIGION: Christian
SPORT: Swimming, Running, Baseball
FOOD: Mexican
HOBBY: Baking, Triathlons
TRADITION: Summer Family Trip
MUSICAL GROUP: Sam Smith
MOVIE: *Pretty Woman*
DREAM VACATION: Istanbul
HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving
TV SHOW: *The Office*
SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Art
BOOK: *The Night Circus*



OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

We both come from supportive and loving families. Fred was surrounded by family growing up on a dairy farm. His grandmother, two uncles, aunt, and cousins lived across the road. Now his three older sisters have vibrant careers, with six children between them. His parents are retired and love hosting the grandkids for creative activities like plays, pirate parties, science camps, and art activities.

Will grew up in the Philadelphia suburbs as one of ten cousins on his mom's side. The family is very close and has a long tradition of holidays together, eating special foods (crab dip, Grandma's vegetable soup, lobster bisque), and singing Christmas carols around the piano. Will's dad is French and immigrated to the U.S. after he met Will's mother in the 1970s in Bermuda. She is now an independent psychotherapist and loves being a grandma. His older brother is married with two kids and is part of the family business as an investment advisor.





DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

We are excited that you might choose us as a family for your child, and yet our hearts go out to you having to make this difficult decision. We imagine there will be strong emotions for you around this choice, but we also know there will be deep joy for you in the gift you will offer, as your family joins ours.

Our devotion to each other over the last 20 years has helped us through challenges, face our fears, and find our unique path in the world, including adoption. We dream that we will be able to share this love with your child, as we are with Reese, and to offer them the same dedication and support we share as a family.

Fred can't wait to encourage the curiosity and wonder he learned as a child. Will is looking forward to continuing to build our home with your child through good meals, art, imagination, silly voices, and lots of dad jokes. Reese is an incredibly social and joyful girl who loves to give hugs and kisses and will shower her new brother or sister with tender affection, and we can't wait to see. She is practically begging us for a sibling.

Thank you for considering our family as a potential recipient of your gift. We hope to meet you in person and share our love with you as well.

With love and admiration,

Fred & Will



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