



COREY AND BRENT

ABOUT US

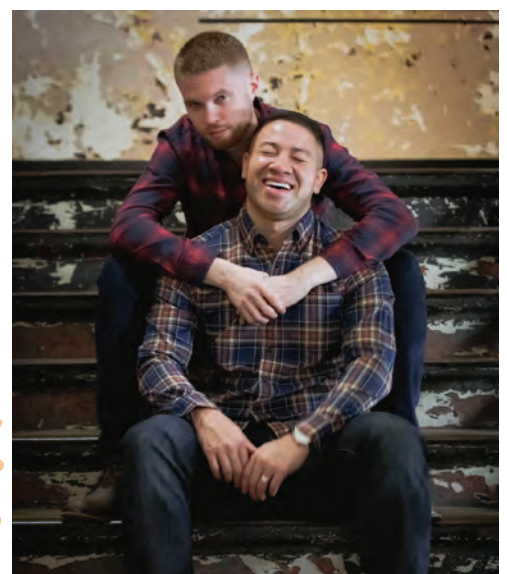
Our wedding song was “September” by Earth, Wind & Fire. This song’s upbeat and positive vibe is a great depiction of what our life looks like. Our relationship is built on laughter, adventure, and compassion. We are a strong, united team through and through. At work, we lead teams in the project management and software development industries. When it’s just us, you can find us at an MLS soccer game supporting our local team, experimenting in the kitchen, or getting sucked into a new TV series that we’ll binge together. Regardless of what we’re doing, you can bet we are most likely laughing hysterically together. We have a tribe of friends we value so much. Most weekends we are outside exploring, either our town or a new city we’ve never been to. Traveling and learning more about new towns or cultures is something we truly value.

OUR HOME

We built our townhome in 2020 within walking distance of our gym, a ton of locally owned businesses, and multiple parks. Our house has four bedrooms and plenty of space for our family when they come to visit. Throughout our home, you will find paintings and sculptures we either made ourselves or a family member created for us. Our community is known for its diversity, which is noticeable in our local restaurant scene. Our neighborhood consists mostly of young families. We all share a neighborhood swimming pool and the courtyard that is always filled with children and families. Our suburb has become a destination for families based on the great school systems and the fact that although we live in a large city, our community still has some small-town charm.

WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

As two men, adoption has always been our preferred path to parenthood. Being able to nurture a child and teaching them to be decent, accepting, and loving is the next step in our journey as a family. A mother making the most selfless decision to place her child with another family is something we take very seriously, and it drives us to want to be the absolute best parents we can be. We want to be parents a mother will have confidence in, knowing that although we may not be biologically related to the child, our love is undeniably strong and we will always be thoughtful role models and protectors. A child calling us “Dad” and “Pops” for the first time would be a dream come true. Adoption can make those dreams a reality.



OUR PHOTO ALBUM



MORE ABOUT COREY

Occupation: Software program manager

Education: BA, Business Management,
BA, Marketing

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Christian

Sport: College basketball, MLS soccer

Food: Pizza, M&M cookies

Hobby: Cycling, cooking

Tradition: Opening gifts on Christmas Eve

Musical Group: Queen

Movie: *Forrest Gump*

Dream Vacation: Sicily

Holiday: Christmas

TV Show: *Succession*, *Yellowstone*

Subject in School: Math

Book: *Mr. Popper's Penguins*



MORE ABOUT BRENT

Occupation: HR technology partner

Education: BS, Biology

Race: Asian

Religion: Catholic

Sport: MLS soccer, NFL football

Food: Steak, pasta

Hobby: Video games

Tradition: Family birthday parties

Musical Group: Imagine Dragons

Movie: *Air Force One*

Dream Vacation: Maldives

Holiday: Christmas

TV Show: *The Mandalorian*

Subject in School: Biology

Book: *The Great Gatsby*



OUR FAMILIES & TRADITIONS

Brent's family is Chinese-Jamaican, with his parents being first-generation American citizens after emigrating from Jamaica. They love to embrace their heritage, often having large family gatherings centered around delicious Chinese-Jamaican fusion food and upbeat music. Brent is the middle of three children, with an older sister and younger brother, both of whom are local. His parents and grandparents live an hour away. His father is enjoying his recently earned retired life, while his mother works in customer service. Celebrating Chinese New Year is an annual family activity that is always a blast!

Corey's parents live in Kentucky, where his mother is recently retired and his father is a bronze sculptor. Art definitely runs in his family since his only sibling, an older brother, is also an artist. His brother, sister-in-law, and two nieces, who have named Corey's parents Nana and Papaw, live in Wisconsin. Family get-togethers are usually filled with jokes and horsing around with the two young nieces. The family loves celebrating the Kentucky Derby and their local heritage.

We are both very lucky to come from very different yet similarly loving and accepting families that are more than excited for us.





DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

Writing to a mother of a child we may be lucky enough to adopt has brought up so many emotions. That said, they fade in comparison to the emotions we're sure you're feeling. Placing your child into the arms of a family you haven't met yet is so, so difficult—an emotion we will never understand. We hope writing this note to you will not only convey our endless appreciation but also admiration to you for your courage.

On our first date, we agreed marriage and children were life goals. We are committed to one another but also committed to raising a child and passing on the love and lessons we were lucky to receive. Our hope for our child is not to be a varsity athlete or the next President (unless they want to be). We will raise our child to be authentically themselves and, more importantly, kind. Growing up as two gay men in the South, we know what bullying looks like. We want our child to always rise above, stand up for what is right, and be a decent friend for others. Our commitment to you is that any child we are fortunate enough to raise will have a loving family, a comfortable home, and the space to be whatever they want to be.

We have chosen this moment to move forward with the adoption process because we are stable financially and emotionally. We are ready for the playdates with our friends' children and to have family dinners around the kitchen table. We are ready to love unconditionally. That is our promise to you.

Corey + Brent