



**Stephen**  
*and* **Josh**

*Building Our Family*



## About us

We met in Washington State, where Stephen grew up and Josh was finishing school after having moved from his lifelong home in Florida. It was love at first sight when we had our first date at Josh's favorite pizza place, and in 2019 Josh proposed to Stephen in the middle of an exotic plant-filled arboretum. We made it all official in July of 2021 and got married surrounded by our family and friends in the big wedding Stephen had always dreamed about. Stephen is an ecommerce manager working to improve online shopping through technology. He loves hosting dinners, crafting, and being creative. Josh is a director of sales for a technology startup and loves to swim, garden, and cook fresh food. We are an active family and enjoy working out, hiking, and nature. We also love an occasional dance party in our living room. Most of all, we love to travel and visit family and friends.



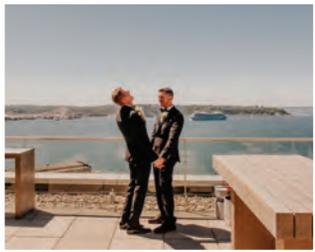
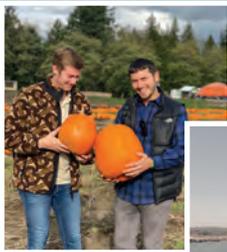
## Our home + pets

We live in a charming and cozy two-bedroom home right across the street from a park and a couple blocks down from the waterfront. Our neighborhood is young and diverse, full of great food, art, and lots of nature we can walk to from our house. We also have a large backyard where we spend a lot of our time. We have a big garden where we grow fresh fruits and veggies, and we love to host barbecues and play games in the yard. Our two small chihuahuas, Chulo and Lola, love running around the yard and lounging out in the sun. We also have two cats, Tito and Ozzy, who are twin brothers and spend their days being outrageously cute and cuddly.



## What led us to adoption

Having large, close-knit, and loving families, we have both always wanted to adopt and raise children in a supportive, fun-loving, and happy home. While this is our first time going through the adoption process, both Josh and his sister were actually adopted as babies. Having a father and aunt who were both adopted will give your child a unique opportunity to be surrounded by a family that shares a similar journey. Our life is centered around family and the importance of a strong support network as well as a happy, love-filled home, which inspires us to build a family of our own.



our photos





*more about*  
**Stephen**

**OCCUPATION** Ecommerce manager

**EDUCATION** Bachelor's degree

**RACE** Caucasian

**SPORT** Tennis, running

**FOOD** Tacos

**HOBBY** Art, crafting

**MUSICAL GROUP** Odesza

**MOVIE** 10 Things I Hate About You

**DREAM VACATION** Lake Como, Italy

**HOLIDAY** Halloween

**TV SHOW** Real Housewives franchise

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL** Math

**BOOK** My Friend Leonard

**OCCUPATION** Technology sales director

**EDUCATION** Bachelor's degree

**RACE** Caucasian

**SPORT** Dance, tennis

**FOOD** Pizza

**HOBBY** Gardening, cooking

**MUSICAL GROUP** Disclosure

**MOVIE** Marvel franchise

**DREAM VACATION** Skiing Swiss Alps

**HOLIDAY** Christmas

**TV SHOW** Charmed

**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL** History

**BOOK** All the Light We Cannot See



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**Josh**



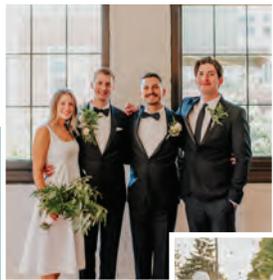


# our family *and* traditions



We both grew up with large and very loving families that fill our lives with happiness. Stephen has three siblings who are his best friends as well as his brother-in-law and two sisters-in-law. He has a niece (4) and nephew (2) who call us the fun uncles because our favorite activity is playing with them. There is not a single holiday or milestone where we do not gather. Some of his favorite memories are family camping trips, exploring trails or swimming in the creeks near his childhood home, and decorating the house for holidays, something Stephen continues in our house today.

Josh also has three close-knit siblings: a sister, also adopted, whom he grew up with, and a biological brother and sister he met when he was 18. Josh's folks live down in Florida, so we get a lot of beach time every year. His large Italian extended family lives in New York, where we spend a lot of time eating pizza and Nanny's delicious meatballs. Josh has a special relationship with Nanny and would often spend summers visiting. Some of his favorite memories are beach days with his cousins and seeing Broadway shows at Christmastime, a tradition we're excited to continue with a new little one!





# dear *expectant mother*

To us, you are a superhero! The courage and strength it takes to get to where you are right now is admirable, and we are so grateful to be considered. With Josh and his sister being adopted as newborns, we always dreamed of growing our family in the same way—something that could never happen without your selfless bravery. If you decide to choose us, your baby will grow up having a dad and an aunt who share in the experience of what it means to be adopted as well as a large extended family that overflows with unconditional love, laughter, and a lot of good food.

As you are making this difficult choice, our family's vow to you is to provide your baby with the most fulfilled and exciting life. You can be sure we will fiercely protect them and raise them to be strong, resilient, and kind-hearted. We promise to provide the best education, open any door for your baby to explore their interests throughout their life, and ensure they have every opportunity imaginable to be fulfilled creatively. We will teach them to love the earth and animals and how to help others and give back to the community.

Above all, we promise to be the best role models and to always hold you in high regard, as it is a mother's love and sacrifice like yours that gives us this opportunity. We would be forever grateful. No words can truly suffice, but we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering us.

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