



Mike & Mark



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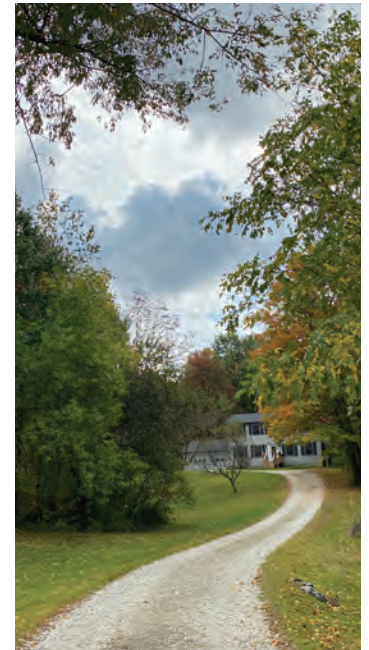
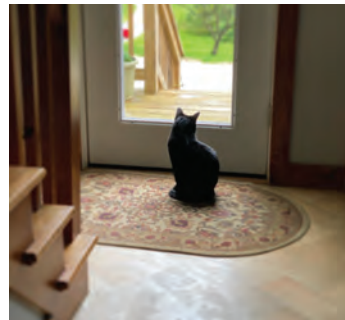
We met through an online dating app back at the very end of 2011, where Mike said hello to Mark. After some introductions, we agreed to a date, and the rest, as they say, is history. We got married in 2014 at Kingsland Bay State Park, in part because of the beautiful setting showcasing Vermont in the fall and in part because Mark had worked for the state park system in his youth. Mark works from home now as an information security professional, and Mike is a homemaker. Mikey likes to collect comics, particularly Marvel, and Mark is an avid reader. Mark does the outside chores, and Mikey does the inside ones. We love to take care of our home and enjoy our time there. We love to travel, and we love to visit with friends and family.

OUR HOME & PETS

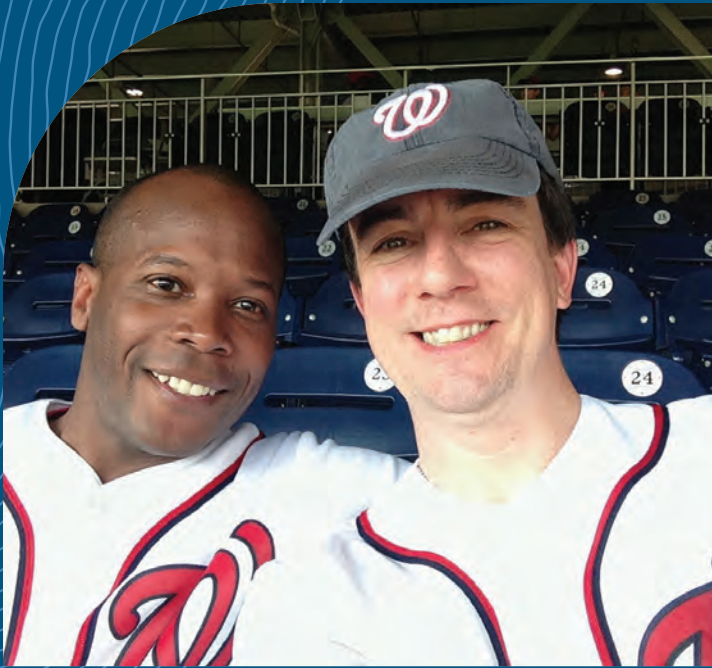
Our home is a four-bedroom colonial house on a larger plot of land in a rural setting. We have lots of wooded land, a great hill for sledding in the winter, and a large apple tree with a swing on it. Berries grow all around the property. We live in a small town that has a popular park, several conservation areas where we also like to hike (when we're not hiking on our own property), and a close-knit community. A neighboring town adds the high school, a skate park, and other sports and community activities. Marie is our "black panther," a 10-year-old black cat that loves lap time and occasionally running around the house during playtime.

WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

We have always spoken about having a family since we have been together. We decided we had to achieve other goals to get to this one however. First we wanted to get married, and then we moved to Vermont, where we had always wanted to settle down and plant roots. Once we were finally able to purchase a house together, we knew our next big step would be finally making adoption the next part of our life.



OUR LIFE
together



Mark



Occupation: IT consultant

Education: BA

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Atheist

Sport: Skiing

Food: Italian

Hobby: Reading

Tradition: Christmas tree

Musical Group: Erasure

Movie: *Better Off Dead*

Dream Vacation: Time in the Alps

Holiday: Halloween

TV Show: *Star Trek*

School Subject: Chemistry

Book: *The Talisman*



Mike

Occupation: Homemaker

Education: Some college

Race: Black

Religion: Spiritual

Sport: Football, tennis

Food: Lasagna

Hobby: Comics

Tradition: Holiday family visits

Musical Group: Prince

Movie: *Avengers: End Game*

Dream Vacation: Mountains

Holiday: Christmas

TV Show: *Game of Thrones*

School Subject: Social studies/geography

Book: *Marvel Encyclopedia*

OUR FAMILY & TRADITIONS



We have a lot of traditions we do with each other's families as well as just the two of us. At the start of the year, we usually entertain Mike's mother for a winter visit. At times this can include skiing and sometimes various nieces and nephews in tow. We often travel in June to Montreal for St. Jean Baptiste Day. It's a good excuse to visit the closest big city for a summer weekend as well as get in a little practice of the French language. Mark was a former exchange student to Germany and still stays in close contact with his host family. We generally visit them for two weeks in early fall. It is always a warm visit with the families. As a couple we also take side trips to various different places in and outside of Germany.

Last but not least are the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Each year we alternate homes for these particular holidays. Mark has an older brother and a twin sister, and Mikey has his half-brother and half-sister; his other two sisters have passed away. Various cousins play roles in our lives as well as aunts and uncles.





DEAR
**expectant
mother**

We feel so incredibly blessed and fortunate for the gift you are considering bestowing upon us. We know it isn't an easy choice to make and that you may be going through a lot right now. We would be honored to walk with you and support you at any level you're comfortable with should you choose us. We hope that in time you come to realize you have given the greatest gift to two dads who will welcome and cherish your sacrifice for years to come. We respect and admire your courage and strength and promise we will do everything to love, protect, and nurture your child in a home full of love, laughter, warmth, and joy.

We have a modest home in a beautiful area and are excited for the opportunity to make it more complete. We are excited to watch a child learn to walk, talk, grow, and thrive with all the sports, activities, school plays and musicals, and family trips that are all yet to come. Thank you for considering making our dream come true.

**WITH LOVE,
MIKE & MARK**



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