

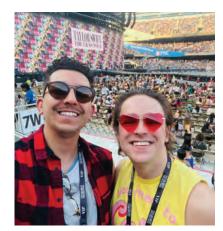


OUR HOME & DOG

We live in a charming small town outside a growing, progressive Midwestern city known for its university, parks, lakes, and restaurants. Our house is on a quiet, dead-end street in an established neighborhood. It's a four-bedroom ranch, and we fell in love with this house because we knew it would be perfect for kids. A future swimming pool and swing set will fit perfectly in our ¾-acre yard full of mature trees. We have a five-year-old cockapoo, River. We might be biased, but River really is the perfect dog (and as a veterinarian, Mitch would know!). He loves people and is most happy snuggling with a blanket on the couch next to us. River will be such a loving companion to your child. They'll have a living teddy bear to snuggle with.

WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Soon after we met, we knew we wanted to be dads. Biology has informed us we can't have a child on our own, and adoption always seemed like the right way to build our family. Jesus was formally adopted by his great-uncle, a role model in his life, and Mitch has extended family who have adopted; we have both seen how adoption creates a loving family. We know we can provide a loving and healthy childhood full of opportunity for a child. We hope we can convey why we are excited and ready to be dads by providing a glimpse into our lives. We are also excited to get to know you, and we are grateful for you considering us as parents.



















about Mitch

Occupation: Veterinarian

Education: Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Raised Lutheran

Sport: Summer Olympics

F**ood:** Italian, Mexican

Movie: Avatar

Tradition: Annual family camping trip

Dream Vacation: Mediterranean cruise

Holiday: Christmas

TV Show: Schitt's Creek, White Lotus

Subject in School: Biology, history





about Jesus





Occupation: University Instructor

Education: Master of Arts, Communication

Race: Latino

Religion: Raised Catholic

Sport: Tennis

Food: Pizza

Movie: Harry Potter

Tradition: Annual family camping trip

Dream Vacation: Italy

Holiday: Fourth of July

TV Show: The X Files

Subject in School: English

























Family is very important to us. Mitch has a younger sister and brother, and we are all close. His parents have been married for nearly 30 years. They live in the house Mitch grew up in, less than an hour from our current home. We get together frequently for cookouts, game nights, and holidays. We love spending time with our nephew. Mitch is close to his cousins, aunts, and uncles. His family has generations of memories at a family lake home where we enjoy boating and swimming, which we can't wait to share with your child.

Jesus grew up with his grandma, and they talk almost every day. He has a younger brother who will be a great uncle. His extended family is large and known for rambunctious get-togethers and passion for conversation. His great-uncle officiated our wedding last year. His grandpa loves camping and the outdoors, and he helped pass this down to Jesus.

Your child will grow up surrounded by supportive extended families who will love them unconditionally. They will be spoiled by their grandparents (and great-grandparents), who cannot wait for another grandchild. New cousins join the family every year, and your child will have best friends for life. While our children will have two dads, they will grow up with aunts, grandmas, and cousins as strong female role models.



EXPECTANT MOTHER

To a loving mother,

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little about our life together. While we are filled with excitement and anticipation, we know this is an incredibly difficult and complicated decision for you. We respect you and the decision you are considering for your child.

We hope to convey how excited we are to be dads! We can't wait to watch our future children experience the world for the first time, form their own personalities, and develop their own passions. Mitch is especially excited for bedtime stories and sharing his love for nature. Jesus looks forward to movie nights and our first camping trip together. We're ready to navigate all the ups and downs that come with fatherhood.

As parents, we promise to provide a home and childhood full of support, fun, and opportunity. We want to instill in your child a sense of curiosity, confidence, and empathy. Your child will experience summer camping trips, family vacations, game nights, weekends up north at the lake, and a family full of cousins, grandparents, aunts, and uncles all thrilled to welcome another child into the family.

We would be forever grateful for the gift you would give us by making us dads. Your child will always know you as loving and brave. We will respect whatever level of openness makes you comfortable. Our love for your child will be boundless. We hope you consider us as parents for your child, but no matter who or what you choose, we wish the best for you and your baby.

With love,

Mitch & Jesus