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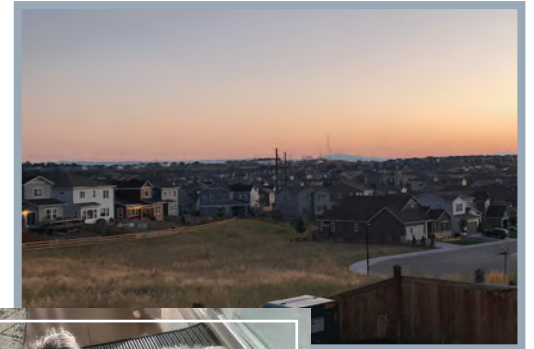


ABOUT US

What started fourteen years ago as a failed recruitment attempt by Drew to have Alex work at McDonald's has turned into a life neither of us could have imagined. Eight years ago, we tied the knot in front of our family and friends in our home state of Washington. Since then, we have moved halfway around the country, toured baseball stadiums from coast to coast, tried foods from cultures domestically and internationally, and found time to watch and debate which is better, *Star Wars* or *Star Trek*, on multiple occasions. (No matter what Alex says, the answer is *Star Trek*). Our careers afford us both the flexibility to work from home doing what we love: Alex coding into the Matrix and Drew training how to sell jewelry that will last a lifetime. We hope to continue that life and make it even better by adding another to our collective.

OUR HOME & PETS

Since moving to Colorado over four years ago, we've learned that living in the perpetual overcast skies of the Pacific Northwest is not as normal as we thought. With over 300 days of sun a year, we get to enjoy our walks drenched with sun instead of rain, something our two shorkies love! Located in a quiet town just south of Denver, our home is a place our nieces and nephews love to visit and take advantage of our neighborhood pools and parks. The local farmers market, which we visit regularly, is a five-minute drive down the hill, and there are trails galore in every direction. With the Rockies visible from our backyard, whether we are out and about or home, the view is always spectacular.



WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Adoption has been part of our lives the entire time we've been together. Early in our relationship, Drew's mother adopted his youngest sister after stepping in to give support to a family friend in need. Helping those in need is not new for us as a couple either. Throughout our time together, we have welcomed in and supported countless friends and family members who needed a safe place to land and get their feet underneath them. Since moving to Colorado, we are ready to welcome our own permanent addition to our little nucleus. We have waited for the perfect time, and that time is now.



OUR PHOTOS



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DREW

OCCUPATION: Training and development

EDUCATION: Some college

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

SPORT: Baseball - Seattle Mariners

FOOD: Phad Thai

HOBBY: Visiting baseball parks

TRADITION: Covering floor with Christmas gifts

MUSICAL GROUP: Allen Stone

MOVIE: *Back to the Future*

DREAM VACATION: Machu Picchu

HOLIDAY: Christmas

TV SHOW: *Star Trek*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Anthropology

BOOK: *Irresistible Revolution*



ALEX

OCCUPATION: Data Engineer

EDUCATION: Bachelor's

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Secular Humanist

SPORT: Whatever Drew does

FOOD: Mom's Spaghetti

HOBBY: Coding

TRADITION: Making spaetzle at Oktoberfest

MUSICAL GROUP: VNV Nation

MOVIE: *Big Trouble*

DREAM VACATION: Venice

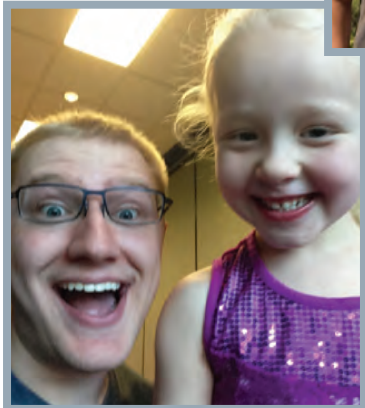
HOLIDAY: Oktoberfest

TV SHOW: *30 Rock*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: Physics

BOOK: *Harry Potter*

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY



Drew is the oldest of a fun-filled, close family with two biological siblings (brother and sister), a half-sister, and an adopted sister who is still in high school. The niece and nephew count continues to grow, with the most recent addition coming just within the last year. Get-togethers include laughter, attending sporting events as they cheer louder than any other family, and conversation that can go on into the wee hours of the night.

On Alex's side, his parents, a brother, sister, niece, and nephew make up his closer family, and every holiday brings traditions of being together with dozens of extended family members, from cousins, aunts, and uncles to grandparents. From Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and more, his family finds many opportunities to be together and celebrate. His family has a proud Scottish heritage that can be traced back over ten generations. The generational love, like the force, is strong with both sides of his family, and when they get together, the stories of the past are told ceaselessly.

With our new addition, we are excited for the opportunity to create our own family memories and have our own stories added to the mix.

DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER

To A Loving Mother,

We can only imagine the way you feel as you read these profiles—probably a mix of emotions and questions, not the least of which is: “What family will provide the safest, most comfortable, and most fulfilling life for my baby?” This is how we expect to raise our child:

We foresee a life aimed at exposing them to cultures through books and experience, learning how different people live, and always starting from a place of curiosity.

We will go to sporting events, concerts, and anything else that helps them to explore who they are and what they’re passionate about. Whether they choose to cheer from the sidelines or put on a uniform themselves, they will be celebrated.

We’ll also enjoy our lazy days. Waking up early on the weekend to watch cartoons and play video games, we’ll have our fun. During trips to the parks or pools and family get-togethers, they will learn how to make time for joy before adult life takes over and responsibility dominates. We hope this will teach the need for balance, no matter how crazy life gets.

As uncertain as you may be, we can promise you’d be making the right decision with us. We promise every day will be spent making sure this child will get every opportunity to be happy, healthy, and successful. We can promise our days will be full of smiles and laughter. You can trust that we will love and care for this child as if they were our own, because they will be.

Warmly,

DREW & ALEX

