



OUR JOURNEY TO ADOPTION

**brandon  
& andrew**

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# our love story

**Our first date was on February 13th, the day before Valentine's Day. Though we didn't talk about it until much later, we both thought it went so well that we lied and pretended to have plans on Valentine's Day, afraid to jinx things by moving too fast. But our second date on the 15th was followed by a third on the 16th, and pretty soon we were seeing each other every day.**

**A month into dating, an ice storm hit Philly and we got snowed into Brandon's apartment for three days. We survived on Hot Pockets, frozen pizzas, and whatever we could scrounge up—but after those three days, we both knew: If we could survive that much time together (in those conditions!) this early in our relationship, we could make it through anything.**

**We found love in the quiet moments spent together: grocery shopping, cooking, running errands, or just sitting around watching TV or an old movie. These little moments together were as full of joy as our bigger adventures, and realizing that is part of how we knew we were meant to be.**



## OUR HOME + NEIGHBORHOOD

We live in a beautiful, quiet suburb of Philadelphia. There's a world-class school district, parks, and picture-perfect small towns with family-owned shops and restaurants just a short drive away.

Our house is on a peaceful, tree-lined road. We have a big front yard and a fenced-in backyard with a covered patio that is often filled with family and friends. We have a fenced-in pool, perfect for summertime adventures for a child as they grow. Our house itself is spacious but cozy, with family photos and Andrew's dad's art covering the walls.

We have two EXTREMELY friendly and affectionate golden retrievers who are obsessed with our nieces and love everyone they meet. Your child will have two immediate best friends in Oliver and Toby!

## OUR FAVORITE ADVENTURES

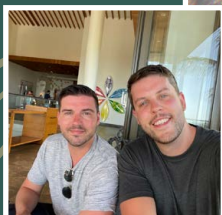
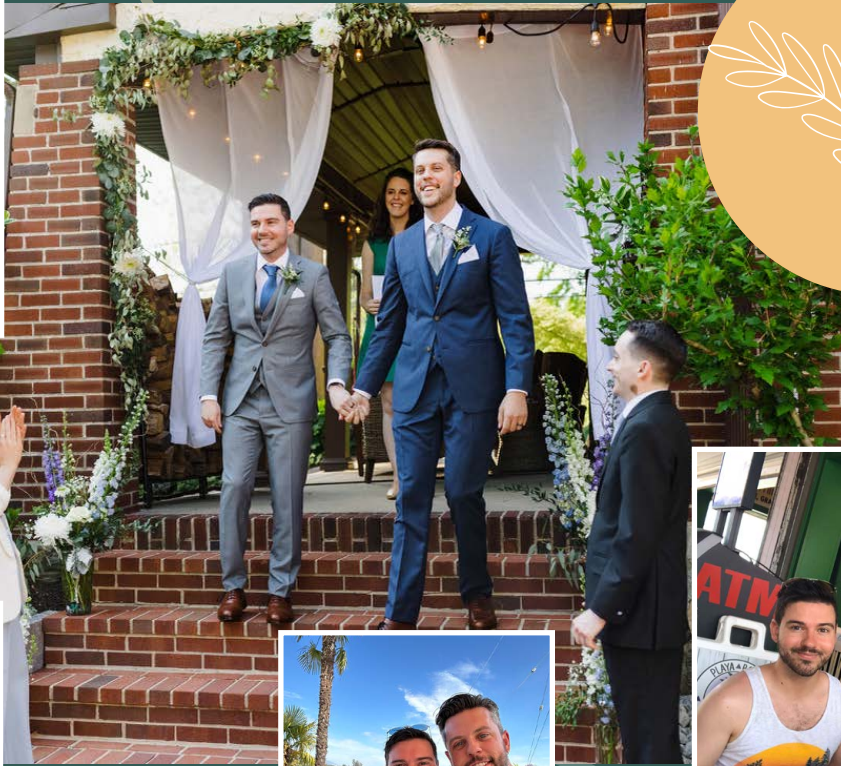
We love to travel, so when Brandon's sister moved to London for work, we jumped at the chance for an adventure. We visited in November, when the city was already sparkling with Christmas lights and decorations. It felt like walking through a holiday movie!

We watched a soccer match at a cozy pub where a dog sat on a bar stool to watch with us, got swept up in an impromptu parade with fans celebrating a big win, and explored hidden gems around the city with Brandon's sister, visiting places only locals usually know about.

As food lovers, we couldn't wait to check out the famous Borough Market and the over-the-top food hall at Harrods, where entire rooms were devoted to chocolate and pastries. We still dream about how amazing it all smelled—and tasted!



# our photos





# andrew



**OCCUPATION** Vice President of Sales  
**EDUCATION** MA (English)  
**RACE** White  
**SPORT** Baseball  
**FOOD** Ice cream  
**HOBBY** Reading  
**FAMILY TRADITION** Minigolf on the Ocean City boardwalk with my sister and parents  
**MUSICAL GROUP** Frightened Rabbit  
**MOVIE** Any Marvel movie, but especially the new Spider-Man movies  
**DREAM VACATION** Safari in Africa  
**HOLIDAY** Thanksgiving  
**TV SHOW** *Top Chef*  
**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL** English  
**BOOK** Former English professor—too hard to pick just one!

# brandon



**OCCUPATION** Emergency Room Doctor  
**EDUCATION** MD (Emergency Medicine)  
**RACE** White  
**SPORT** Hockey  
**FOOD** Dim sum  
**HOBBY** Listening to Audiobooks  
**FAMILY TRADITION** Getting the whole family together on Christmas Eve for food and games  
**MUSICAL GROUP** Matchbox Twenty  
**DREAM VACATION** The Maldives  
**HOLIDAY** Christmas  
**TV SHOW** *Will & Grace*  
**SUBJECT IN SCHOOL** Science  
**BOOK** *The Magicians*



# our family & friends



We feel incredibly lucky to be very close with our extended families. Andrew's parents and sister (along with her husband and two kids) live just 25 minutes from our home, and while Brandon's parents and sisters live out of state, we make it a priority to travel to each other often.

We have a number of friends within a short drive, including another couple who have adopted multiple children and who have been a great resource for us as we've gone through this process. We're lucky to still have strong friendships going on twenty years with best friends who are more like family.

Whether it's tailgating at baseball games, meeting up for board game nights or dinner, or having friends over for a barbecue or pool party, we're blessed to have friends who play a big role in our lives and a support system we rely on completely.





# our letter to you



Whether the decision that led you to sit here today, reading this, came easily or with difficulty, we're deeply grateful you've made it. Please know how honored we are to be considered as parents for the baby you're carrying. Even if you decide we aren't the right fit, we appreciate you and the strength it took to get here.

Should you choose us, your child will be joining a family that prioritizes love and finding joy together, even in the small moments. We'll share Andrew's love of music and Brandon's love of games. We love to travel and can't wait to show your child the world. We're passionate about books and excited to share the joy of reading. And every night, we gather around home-cooked meals—something we're eager to pass on, with a little helper by our side as they grow!

Our home is warm and full of both laughter and energy and quiet moments of comfort and stillness. It's full of friends and family, and most importantly, it's full of love. We're nervous and also so, so excited, because we know that our home won't feel truly full until there's a child here with us to enjoy it, to learn from us that life should be about finding joy and creating it for others, that a good person is one who builds others up, and that life is too short not to enjoy it.

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