



STEVEN AND KIMBERLY

*Hello,*

In March 2017, we heard a woman speak about how she grew her family through adoption. Later that day, we sat down at dinner and immediately started talking about how inspired we were by the story and how adoption would be part of our plan. We are excited to be on this journey and hope this book helps give you an inside look into who we are as a couple and a family.

We are Kim and Steve from New York. A little bit of magic brought us together in July 2015 and today we share a happy, loving marriage. We are hoping for another bit of magic in adopting your child and becoming parents. We have been ready for quite some time to bring a child into our home and provide a loving, supportive life for them. Our road to parenthood has not been easy and while we have navigated through the struggles of infertility for several years we are grateful for the opportunity to grow our family through adoption. We have a beautiful life together with wonderful family and friends surrounding us and we cannot wait to share all of this with your child. They are the missing piece to our puzzle.

We recognize the challenging decision you are making and greatly respect your choice. We are grateful you are considering us and hope that throughout these pages you will see who we are as both individuals and as a couple. More importantly we hope you can see that we will be loving, caring and supportive parents to your child.

*With love and gratitude,*

*Kim & Steve*



OUR ENGAGEMENT DAY



OUR WEDDING DAY



OUR HOME



OUR FIRST DAY WITH DJ

## OUR STORY SO FAR...

# Kimberly & Steven

**2010**

### **KIM AND STEVE ARE SET UP**

We were set up by a mutual friend, we spoke on the phone but never met (and never even saw a picture of one another)

**OCTOBER 29, 2016**

### **PROPOSAL IN GRAND CENTRAL STATION**

Steve planned a perfect proposal in Manhattan. He had a photographer capture the moment and Kim was beyond surprise. Of course, she said yes!

**DECEMBER 2017**

### **WE BOUGHT OUR HOME**

We looked at many houses to find the one that we would call home. It was important that we had space to grow as a family.

**JULY 2015**

### **BUMBLE**

Kim's friend convinces her to try a dating app and she connects with Steve. Steve realizes that he has spoken to Kim before and they make an immediate connection

**JULY 22, 2017**

### **OUR WEDDING DAY**

Two years to the day of our first date, we got married surrounded by our family and friends.

**APRIL 2020**

### **DJ JOINS OUR FAMILY**

During the pandemic, we rescued a pup who we named DJ. He is a playful, fun-loving mutt who has added so much joy to our home.

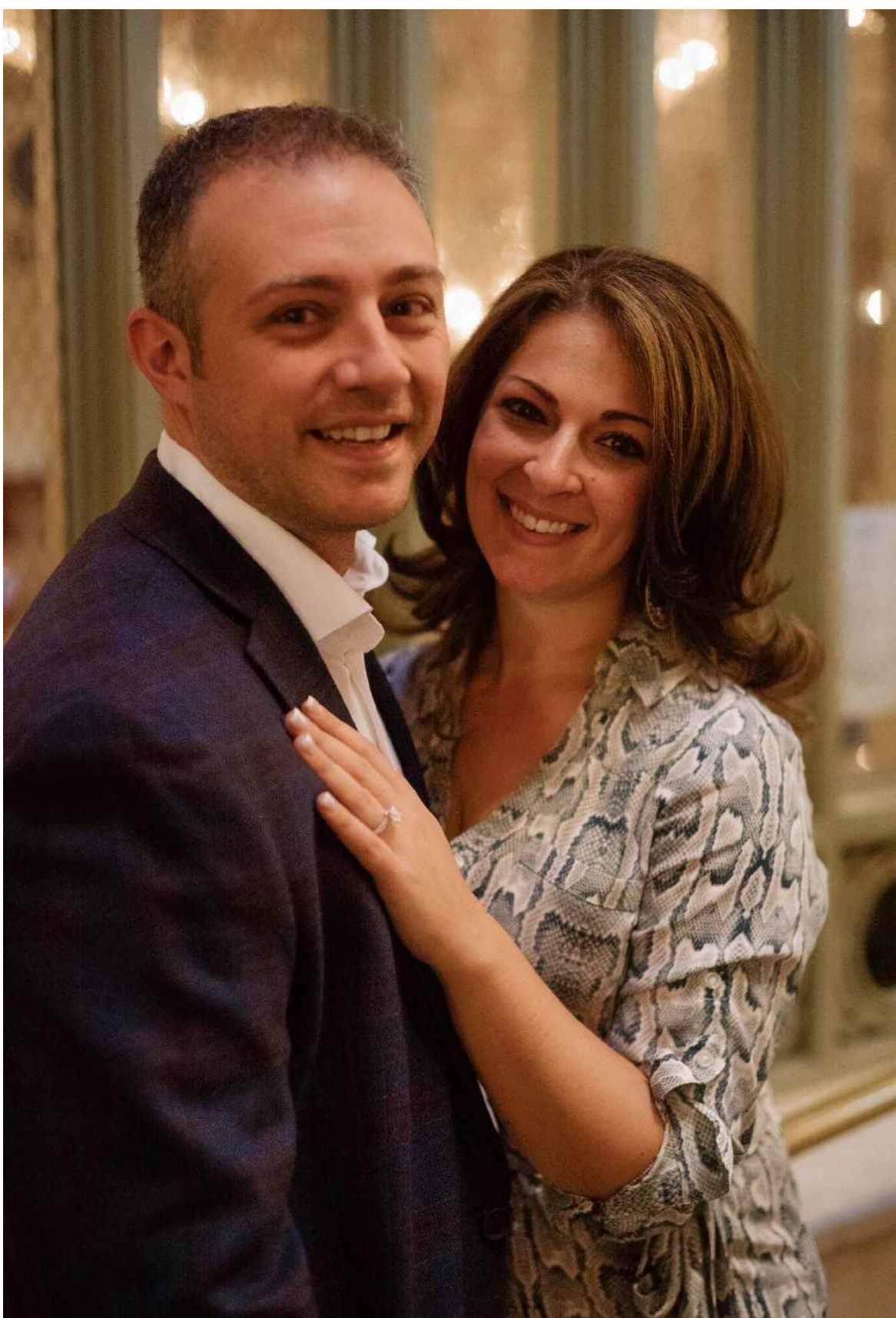
# *about us*

## HOW WE MET

We were set up by a mutual friend but we didn't actually meet until we matched on a dating app years later.

At the time, Kim was teaching middle school math and working on her Doctorate in Instructional Leadership while Steve was working in medical device sales. After a short time, we realized this was it, we had found what we were looking for.

Fifteen months and going to fifteen weddings of both close friends and family later, we got engaged and committed to continuing our lives together. We married in 2017 and moved into our forever home. We are ready now more than ever to give our unconditional love to your child and expand our family through the miracle of adoption!





*a little about*

## STEVE

Steve was born in New York City and raised in the suburbs of the city.

Steve has two younger siblings, Kristine 3 years younger and Matthew 12 years younger.

He played soccer (goal scorer) and baseball (pitcher!) growing up.

Steve went to Boston College, and graduated with a BS in Biology.

Steve works in medical device sales where he spends time assisting in operating rooms.

### *Interests:*

**Hobbies:** Games/Cards, Trivia, Djing Music, Exercise, Traveling

**Movies:** Anything Marvel and Star Wars

**Books:** Non-Fiction, usually related to World War 2 history

**Sports:** Anything Boston College (Go Eagles! ) & the NY Mets, Glants and Rangers

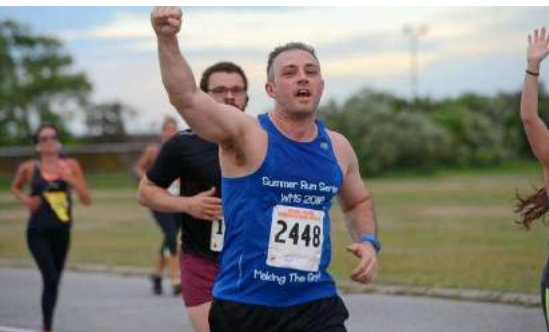
ANNUAL POCONO  
OUTDOOR MOVIE  
WEEKEND



WINNER OF A WIFFLE BALL  
TOURNAMENT



STATE PARK RUN



WATERFALL IN ICELAND



GROOMS CAKE



FAMILY DAY AT CITI FIELD  
CHEERING ON THE METS

BALDWIN, THE BOSTON  
COLLEGE MASCOT!



DJING HIS OWN BIRTHDAY  
PARTY



READY TO SEE  
AVENGERS: ENDGAME





DANCING AT A FRIEND'S WEDDING  
IN KEY WEST, FL



OUR 1ST HALLOWEEN IN  
OUR HOME



MEETING  
ANTONIO FOR THE  
FIRST TIME



ADDIE'S 1ST  
BIRTHDAY PARTY



ARCHER, KIM'S COUSIN'S  
SON WHO LIVES 10  
MINUTES AWAY



RED AND GOLD AT AVA'S  
SCHOOL. KIM PARTICIPATED  
IN THE SAME EVENT WHEN  
SHE WENT TO THE SCHOOL



AT STEVE'S NEPHEW'S  
BIRTHDAY PARTY



WITH PORTER,  
STEVE'S FRIEND'S  
SON, AT OUR  
BEACH CLUB

## KIM'S THOUGHTS ABOUT STEVEN

Steve is a wonderful husband and I am lucky to have him by my side everyday. We view marriage as a partnership and include each other in every important decision we make for our family. Steve is intelligent, driven, loving and lots of fun. Through all the ups and downs life has thrown our way he always manages to help me stay strong. Knowing he is by my side makes everything a little easier. He is supportive of my career and my interests, never holding me back. He encourages me every step of the way.

We try not to take life too seriously and can often be found dancing around to one of Steve's Spotify playlists. He loves music! Long car rides result in epic sing alongs to a wide variety of music. Steve is the life of any party and can always be found on the dance floor at weddings. Since I love to dance, this is an added bonus to all the other wonderful qualities he possess.

Steve is amazing with our four nieces and our newest nephew. He is known as the baby whisperer, babies are always so calm and comfortable with him. When he is with older kids, he is one of them, kicking the ball, shooting hoops and swinging bats. I know he will make an incredible dad to your child and I can't wait to see him take on the role.



KIM AND HER BROTHERS  
MATTHEW AND RUSSELL



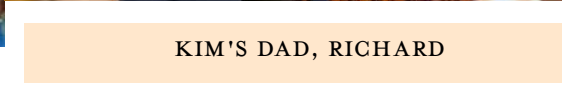
STATE PARK RUN



DOCTORATE GRADUATION



KIM'S DAD, RICHARD



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIES  
BAKING WITH MOM, BARBARA



FAMILY BOOK  
CLUB  
GATHERING



*a little about*  
**KIMBERLY**

Kim was born and raised in the suburbs of New York City.

Kim's parents, while they are divorced, are both happily remarried, meaning that your child will have not two but three sets of grandparents!

Kim grew up the oldest of three children with two younger brothers.

Kim is and was always very active, involved in dance, choir and community service growing up, including volunteering at her local church and participating in Breast Cancer awareness events.

For 16 years, Kim taught middle school math. She is now a school district administrator who is in charge of all the math curriculum from Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Kim went to the University of Delaware majoring in Education and has continued her studies by earning an Educational Doctorate in Instructional Leadership.

*Interests:*

**Hobbies:** Baking & Cooking, Exercising, Traveling

**Books:** Fiction - Mystery & Thrillers

**TV Shows:** Friends & How I Met Your Mother

**Sports:** NY Yankees, NY Giants & NY Rangers



# STEVE'S THOUGHTS ABOUT KIM

When I made the decision to propose to Kim, my immediate thoughts were "Yes! This is who I want to be around and spend the rest of my life with!" Everyone feels this way about her - she walks into a room of people she knows (or doesn't) and the room immediately relaxes and becomes calmer. Everyone wants to be her friend. She makes our lives and the world a better place with her presence.

Kim is the secret ingredient of my happiness. She knows exactly if I need comfort or care, and I know this would be the same for your child. Her thoughtfulness is off the charts; for example each year my birthday presents are a collection of our memories from the past year. She knows how critical love and affection are in a marriage, and how important it is to show and display it. Good Bye and Good Night kisses and "I Love You's" help us achieve this everyday.

Watching Kim interact with my nieces is incredibly special. They look to her as their loving and fun Aunt, and Kim always has a special story to share with them. I can see in their eyes how much of a role model she is for them.

I've joked that Kim and her family have a "Climb Every Mountain" attitude - they are motivated, energetic and always up for a challenge. I know that she will instill these qualities in your child.

Kim's "get moving - eat healthy" lifestyle is infectious. 5am cycling workouts with friends, runs through the mountains of Switzerland and weekly trips to her brother's gym keeps her and the others in her life motivated and fit. She prepares nutritious meals throughout the week, and nothing is better than a handwritten note packed away in my lunch bag.



WORKING OUT AT HOME  
VIRTUALLY WITH FRIENDS



TRIP TO ICELAND



ADALENA- EASTER



ANTONIO NEWEST NEPHEW



ON A HIKE UPSTATE NY  
DURING OUR ANNUAL TRIP



ELLA - FAMILY VACATION



GIULIANA AND ELLA  
FAMILY VACATION (LEFT)  
COUSIN'S ENGAGEMENT  
PARTY (RIGHT)



WORKING OUT AT KIM'S  
BROTHER'S GYM

home is WHERE THE dog is



OUR DOG DJ

AGE: 3

MIXED BREED

RESCUED AS A PUPPY FROM A LOCAL SHELTER IN APRIL 2020







KIM'S  
*family*



Kim's immediate family consists of her Mom, Barbara, her husband Bob, who is adopted from an orphanage in Ireland, brother, Matthew, his wife Antonia, their two children Adalena and Antonio, Kim's Dad Richard and wife Lorraine. She also has two stepsisters, Meghan and Samantha (not pictured) and a stepbrother Nick. Unfortunately, Kim's brother Russell passed away in 2019 due to a congenital heart defect which is not hereditary. We are grateful for all the years we had him in our lives. Kim's beautifully blended family is ready to share their love with your child.



STEVE'S  
*family*



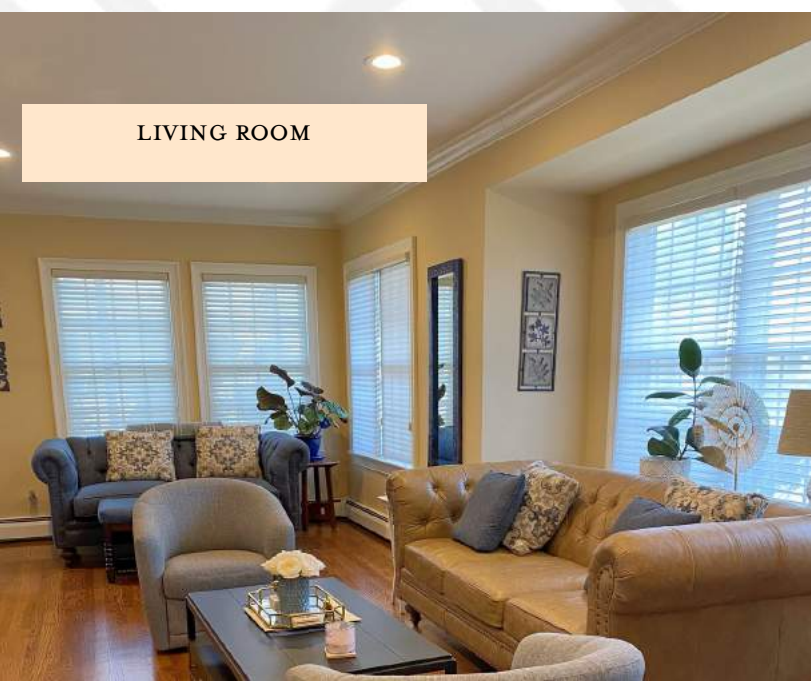
Steve's immediate family consists of his parents Celeste and Steve, his sister Kristine, her husband Anthony and their three girls, Ava, Giuliana, Ella and Steve's brother Matthew. Steve's family often goes on weekend getaways together and they are looking forward to future trips with your child creating loving and lasting memories.

# OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD



Our village has a great sense of community where every March there is a renowned St. Patrick's Day parade and every summer there is a beautiful fireworks display. The train from here is a quick 40 minute hop into NYC, and our beach club is just 20 minutes by car. We are surrounded by State Parks, a Children's Museum, ballparks and fields. We often take road trips with family and friends to fun places including the family beach house, the Poconos and the Catskills. We can't wait for your child to join in on all the fun.

LIVING ROOM



FULLY FENCED IN BACKYARD  
WITH BASKETBALL HOOP



COOKING IN OUR EAT IN  
KITCHEN



DINING ROOM  
CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH  
FAMILY



GUEST BEDROOM WHICH WILL BECOME THE NURSERY



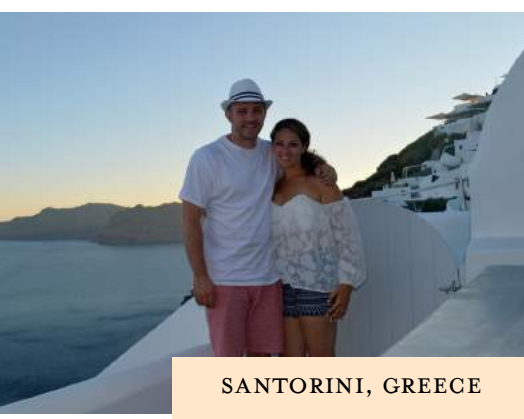
FAMILY ROOM WHERE WE  
SPEND MOST OF OUR TIME





# Adventures

Together we have been fortunate to travel and explore new places around the World. We spent our honeymoon in Greece and France, we ventured to Iceland to see all the beauty it has to offer and we recently went on a two week road trip with our good friends who live in Brussels, Belgium. That trip took us to Italy, Switzerland, where we stayed in a yurt which is a cross between a cabin and a tent (see picture), and Belgium, stopping in other countries along the way. We hope to share our future adventures with your child.



SANTORINI, GREECE



RHEINFALL, SWITZERLAND



EIFFEL TOWER,  
PARIS, FRANCE



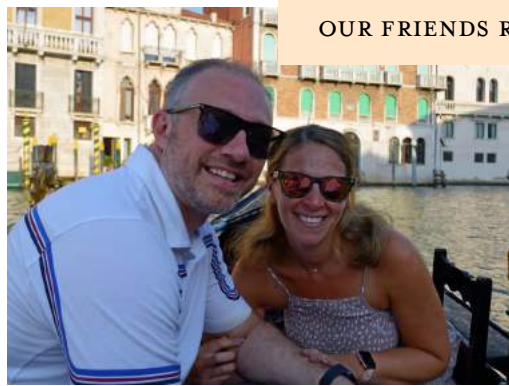
YURT IN SWITZERLAND



THE ATOMIUM IN  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM



MILAN, ITALY



VENICE, ITALY  
OUR FRIENDS ROGER, LINDSAY & THEIR SON PORTER



ICELAND



CHRISTMAS GATHERING WITH  
KIM'S MOM'S FAMILY



FIRST COUSINS ON HER MOM'S  
SIDE AT A FAMILY WEDDING



KIM'S MOM AND HER  
THREE BROTHERS



SUMMER BBQ - KIM'S COUSIN'S  
SONS, ARCHER & JOSEPH



ANNUAL FAMILY BOWLING PARTY -  
KIM'S COUSIN'S DAUGHTER, OLIVIA



# KIM'S EXTENDED *family*

COUSINS ON HER DAD'S SIDE  
BRENDAN PICTURED BELOW WITH STEVE



KIM'S DAD AND HIS THREE  
SIBLINGS



COUSINS ON HER DAD'S SIDE  
AT A FAMILY WEDDING



Kim has a large extended family with 13 first cousins and many of them are married with kids. We are fortunate to live close by and see each other often. One of Kim's cousins, Brendan, is adopted. His adoption was domestic and he has recently reconnected with his half brothers. Kim's family is looking forward to having your child in their lives.

COUSINS AT A FAMILY PARTY



ANNUAL MOVIE WEEKEND IN THE POCONOS - STEVES FAMILY  
AND CLOSE FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY



STEVE'S COUSIN AMANDA, COUSIN'S  
WIFE STEPHANIE, SISTER KRISTINE AND  
KIM



STEVE'S COUSIN'S SON, FRANKIE



# STEVE'S EXTENDED *family*



ANNUAL EASTER PICTURE WITH  
COUSINS AND KIDS

A FAMILY WEDDING  
AUNTS, UNCLES AND COUSINS



Steve's family is smaller with his mom and two brothers and they are incredibly close knit. He has five cousins, some of which are married with children. His family has a home in the Poconos which they have been going to for many years. The people there have become part of our extended family too. All these cousins are waiting to play with your child.





## FAMILY TRADITIONS

We have many traditions in our family. Kim and her mom have been baking Christmas cookies together since she was a little girl. Easter time brings on egg decorating which can get pretty competitive. Before the eggs, Kim and her mom make Easter bread using a recipe that dates back to when her grandmother was a child. Steve grew up spending time each summer in the Poconos. He now organizes a Movie Night Under the Stars there each year where his extended family comes for the weekend to view a summer blockbuster. This has been tradition for almost 10 years. We spend our summers at a local beach club. We are very much looking forward to sharing these traditions with your child.



MAKING EASTER BREAD



SUMMER AT THE BEACH



SUMMER AT THE BEACH



SUMMER AT THE SHORE



POCONOS

GETTING READY FOR THE MOVIE(LEFT)

KIDS HITTING THE PINATA (RIGHT)

THE TOP OF MOUNT MARCY, NY  
STEVE'S BOSTON COLLEGE FRIENDS



LOCAL GOLF OUTING



JOANN, SHE IS ADOPTED AND HAS  
BEEN SUCH A BIG SUPPORTER OF  
OUR JOURNEY



ANNUAL FALL TRIP TO THE CATSKILLS

# FRIENDS

STEVE'S HIGH SCHOOL FRIEND, KIM,  
WHO IS ADOPTED FROM COLUMBIA



DANCE FLOOR AT OUR WEDDING  
WITH ALL OF OUR FRIENDS



FRIENDS FROM WORK



FRIENDS FROM HIGH SCHOOL





THERE ARE MANY CHILDREN IN OUR LIVES FROM OUR NIECES AND NEPHEWS TO OUR FRIENDS CHILDREN. WE SEE THEM OFTEN. WE ARE EXCITED TO ONE DAY BE ABLE TO INCLUDE YOUR CHILD IN ON THE FUN



oh  
what  
fun

## *Our promise to you...*

We know how important it is for you to make a confident decision for both you and your child. We want you to share in their life as much as you like. We believe that it's important for your child to understand and appreciate their unique story and the love that you have for them. As we hope you have seen in this book, they will be surrounded by a loving family, great friends, and of course our dog, DJ. It takes a village to raise a child and we are fortunate enough to have one to lean on.

We want you to know that we are committed to providing your child with a loving and nurturing home. We have been preparing for this for a long time and have carefully thought through every aspect of what it means to be parents. Our child care plans include each of us taking parental leave and our parents. We will provide your child with a safe and stable environment, full of love, support, and opportunities to grow and learn. We are happy to answer any questions about us that you may have. We are open to contact at any point now or later to help you feel comfortable and confident with your decision. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,  
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