

# MIKE + CAROLINE

*and Judah, too!*





# HELLO

*We're Mike, Caroline,  
and Judah.*

Thanks for learning more about us! We can't possibly understand what you might be going through right now but please know we're thinking about you during this time and already have so much love and respect for you! Whatever you ultimately decide, we wish you nothing but the absolute best!

A little about us..We became parents through adoption in 2017 to the most amazing kid! Our family didn't just grow by one. Judah's birth family has also become part of our family.

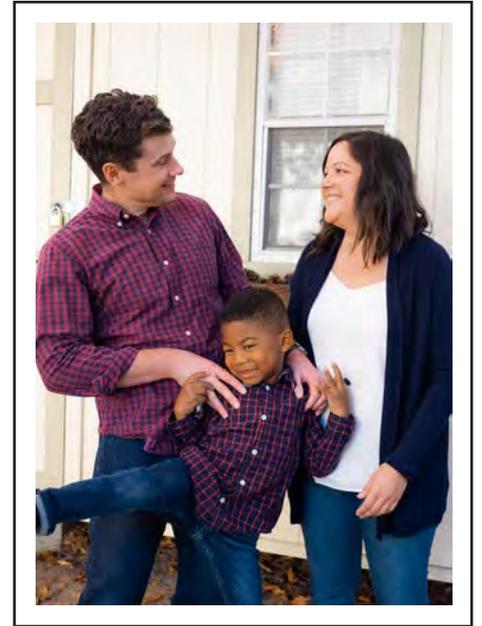
We're silly, with lots of love to share - lots of laughter and dance parties; love adventure - hiking, traveling and exploring around our city; huge sports fans; and we strive to always show love to each other and others! We are very intentional about fostering a positive racial identity through racial mirrors and mentors in Judah's everyday life experiences.

We hope this profile gives you a glimpse into our lives and if our profile speaks to you in some way, we'd love to connect with you!

We're praying for you and hope to meet you soon!

With love,

*Mike & Caroline*



## *why* **ADOPTION**

"I knew one day we'd grow our family through adoption; I worked in adoption for a number of years, nannied for two children who joined their family through adoption and have a birth mama in my family. Adoption was always a normal part of my life" - Caroline

We started the adoption process after trying unsuccessfully to get pregnant and experiencing multiple miscarriages. We

became parents to the most amazing kid! We have an open relationship with our son's birth family and would love to have the same again. They will know their adoption story from day one, including the immense love they have from so many (including you!)

We're so excited to grow our family through adoption again!

**WE'RE VERY INTENTIONAL ABOUT HONORING OUR SON'S ETHNICITY, RACE, AND CULTURE!**

It's important to us to make sure we do all we can to create an environment that encourages a positive racial identity and development.

- + Judah and his Barber: Golden (\*We also have a great salon that specializes in girl's ethnic hair.)
- + Mentors who are racial mirrors
- + Very diverse preschool - focuses on quality education & maintaining representation in staff & everything they do!





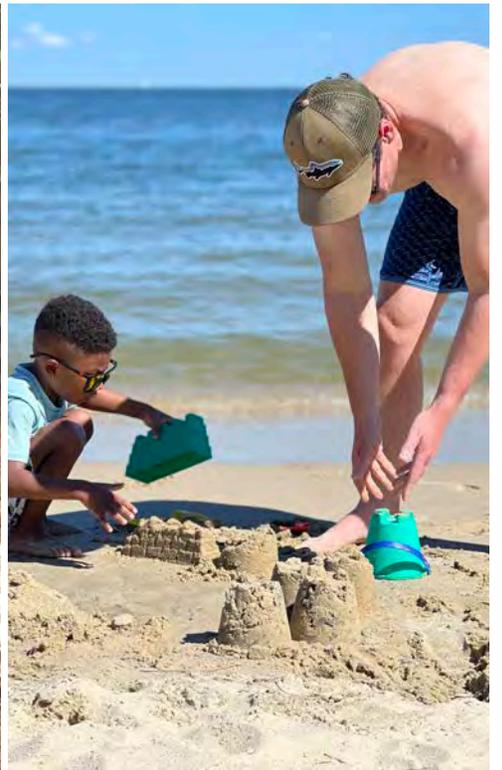
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# STORY

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We met 17 years ago during graduate school. We were working in the same hospital while studying to become counselors. After many late-night talks, we officially began dating. Our first date was a movie night watching March of the Penguins (we can't remember who picked that movie, but we didn't pay much attention; we were much more interested in chatting and getting to

know each other.) We knew pretty quickly that we were meant to be together. Mike proposed a year later. He transformed his living room into a dance floor surrounded by rose petals. It was pretty magical! We just celebrated our 15th anniversary in July! We continue to enjoy our late night talks, hanging around the fire on our deck, and checking out new restaurants and area parks.



FAMILY



*first*





## MEET *Caroline*

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**Age:** 41

**Education:** M.A. Counseling

**Career:** Licensed Professional  
Counselor (LPC)

**Religion:** Christian

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### IN MIKE'S WORDS

"Caroline is loving, loyal, spontaneous, kind, and a great mom! Watching her become a mama, reading to, playing with, and teaching our son has been pretty amazing! She loves kids and serving them in many different ways! She brings energy and enthusiasm to all that she does. Her gifts are many: interior design, crafts, art, and an ability to remember every 90's R&B song. I knew I wanted to marry this girl soon after we started dating and it has been the best decision I've ever made."



**FUN FACTS:**

- + From upstate NY - let's go Buffalo Bills!
- + Fun and silly

**LOVES:**

Family dance parties (from the alphabet song to some good pop/dance music - we dance to it all), making art; reading; being outdoors; exploring new places/traveling; being a mama - teaching, playing with and watching Judah grow; and eating good food.



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# MIKE

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## IN CAROLINE'S WORDS

"Mike is kind, wise, athletic, smart, and LOVES being a dad! He's king of tackling/ wrestling, racing, playing ball, and tickle monster. He's laid-back and brings a sense of peace and comfort to our family. He is perfectly content chillin' with our son in front of the fireplace or racing him down the street. He's a HUGE sports fan and loves to teach Judah all the sports! He's a hands-on, active daddy who cuddles just as much as he plays hard!"





### **FUN FACTS:**

- + From Virginia
- + Appreciates a balance of fun and some peace/calm
- + Easy-going and a great listener

### **LOVES:**

The change of seasons, comfy t-shirts, hanging out around a firepit, mountain hikes, biking, working out, reading, following sports (Go Blue!), playing ball and wrestling with Judah and spending time with family and friends!



**AGE:** 5

**FAVORITE COLORS:**

green, gray, and black

**FAVORITE SHOW:**

Spidey and Friends & Wild Kratz

**FAVORITE FOODS:**

pizza, grilled cheese, and CHOCOLATE!

**FAVORITE GAME:**

anything active (all sports) and Chutes  
and Ladders



*Judah*



## JUDAH IS KIND, SMART, STRONG, AND SILLY!

He lights up a room with his contagious smile and brings laughter and fun wherever he goes! He has a gift of making fun in every situation. A hike quickly turns into a nature scavenger hunt. When we run together, he imagines we are superheroes fighting villains along the way. He makes friends at every corner, always kind and welcoming! He is super excited to become a big brother! He has already placed some of his books and toys in his future baby sister or brother's bedroom. He asks about becoming a big brother almost daily!



**FROM JUDAH:**

"I love playing with my friends, riding my bike, taking hikes, playing superhero Legos, showing everyone my moves (aka - dance and tumbling, cartwheels, etc.), wrestling with daddy, watching football, and I love my brown eyes because they match my brown skin!"



# our life together ...



We really love spending family time together! We have fun & laugh a lot! We often dance & sing, play ball, and cuddle to a movie together. We love being outside; playing or hiking at the park, chilling on our back deck, taking scooter/ bike rides. chalking on the driveway, taking neighborhood walks, playing with our neighborhood friends, and playing at the pool or enjoying our family's lake house in the summer months.





In the colder months, we love playing games by the warmth of the fireplace (our favorite is tackle football). We also enjoy movie nights (Judah's current favorite is Lego batman) and reading our favorite books. Our favorite holiday is Christmas - we love the smell of a "real" Christmas tree, making cookies, decorating gingerbread houses, and touring all the Christmas lights in the neighborhood.



### INCLUDES:

- + 3 siblings
- + 6 cousins (7-21 yrs. old who all love having a younger cousin and can't wait to love on another)
- + Family cookouts
- + Pool parties
- + Silly/Goofy
- + Summer sibling boat rides
- + Winter sledding with cousins

## Caroline's Family

My family is super close, I talk to all three of my siblings often; they've always been some of my best friends! We're a loud bunch who like to have fun and create memories; apple picking in the fall, spending the 4th of July together - boating on the lake, cookouts by the pool and family soccer/yard games; & sledding and celebrating Christmas together

# Mike's Family

My family is more quiet and enjoys a balance of active and calm/peaceful. We like to be active - hiking, working out, or enjoying competitive games. Every year we take an annual beach trip with everyone - we have family meals, pool fun, jumping the ocean waves and game nights. My mom is really good at making fun crafts and games for the kids (Balloon turkey races for Thanksgiving, an outdoor obstacle course with pool noodles and all).

## INCLUDES:

- + 2 siblings
- + 2 cousins (5 & 8 yrs. old)
- + Annual beach trip
- + Game nights
- + Visits to my brother's lake house
- + Late night chats on the back porch





# OUR HOME

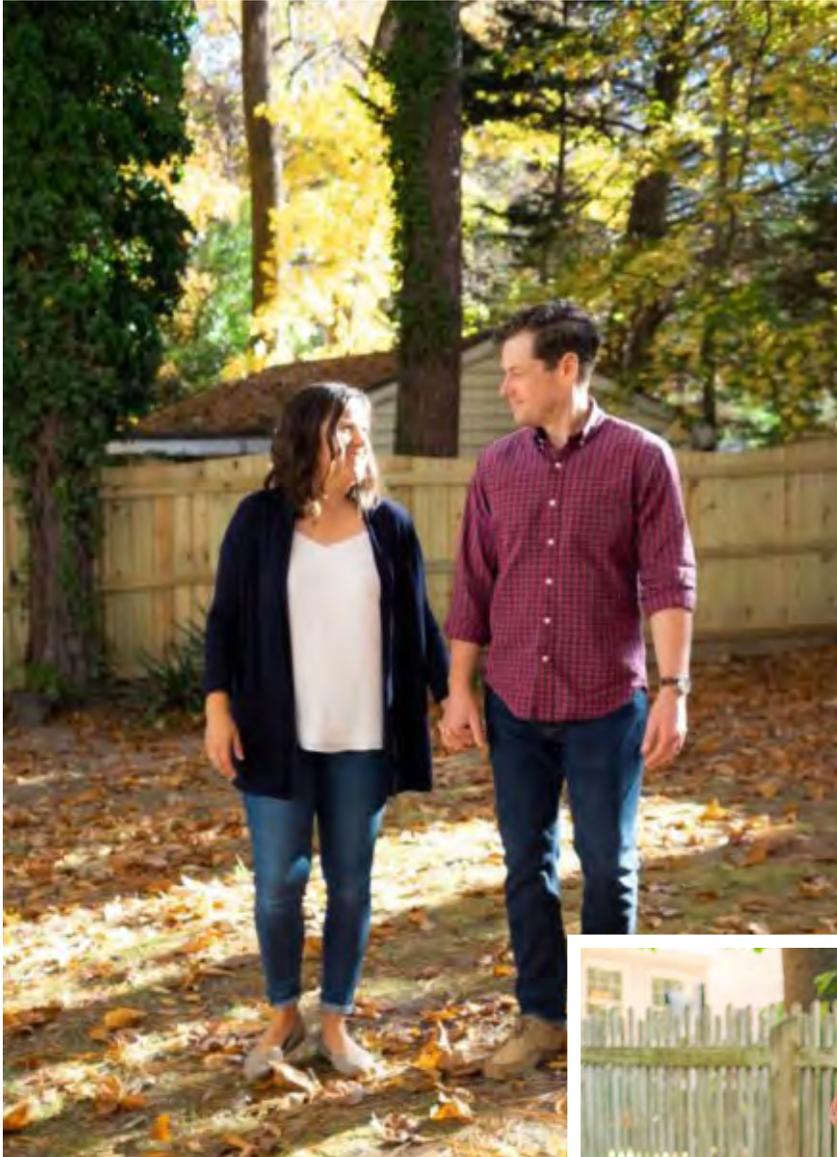
We live in a great diverse, family friendly neighborhood where they host Halloween parades, Santa visits, an annual "national night out" block party with food trucks & live music. We are biking distance to parks, playgrounds, hiking trails, and shopping.

Our neighbors have become like family! Most afternoons, you can find us in the cul-de-sac playin with our friends. We also love a good neighborhood bon-fire and outdoor movie night.

# OUR COMMUNITY



# *in our* **FAMILY...**



Our **FAITH** is an important part of our everyday life, it brings value, purpose and strength.

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We strive to show **LOVE** to each other & others. Love brings dedication, passion, and happiness to our home. We apologize and forgive, show kindness, and extend gratitude.

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We always strive to **LEARN & GROW** - strengthening our confidence in new things and valuing different perspectives and experiences.



**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US!**

We don't know your story, but just know that you're already loved by us! We promise to give your child unconditional love and support while investing in their passions and interests. We promise to honor their culture and heritage.

We hope this helps you get a better picture of who we are and our parenting style!

With love - Mike, Caroline, + Judah



**“LOVE RECOGNIZES NO BARRIERS. IT JUMPS HURDLES, LEAPS FENCES, PENETRATES WALLS TO ARRIVE AT ITS DESTINATION FULL OF HOPE.” ~ MAYA ANGELO**

