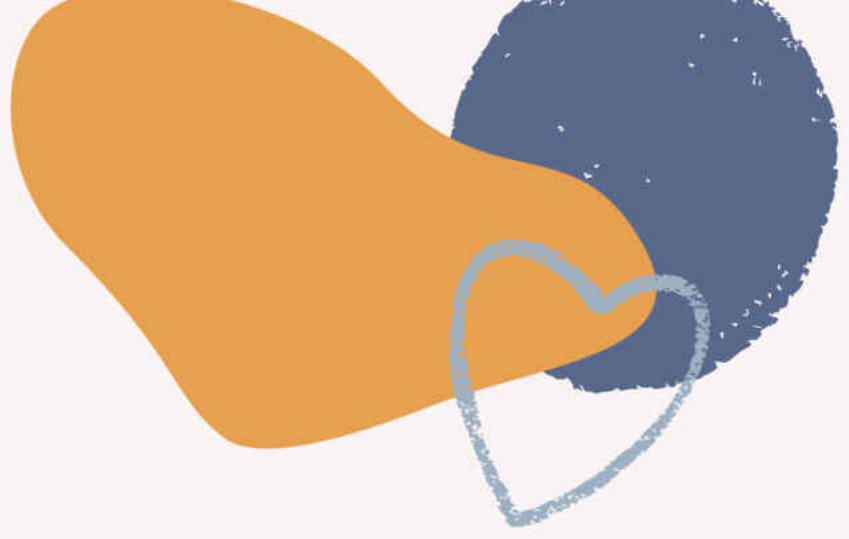




DAVID &  
NICOLE



# HELLO -

We're so thankful for the chance to tell you a bit about our family. We hope this gives you a glimpse into our lives together and love for one another.

Above all else, we want you to know we are praying for you and your baby. Whether you choose us or not, we pray that you are safe, that you find comfort during this time, and that you also experience joy along the way. We can't pretend to know what you are going through, but we know how much you love your child.

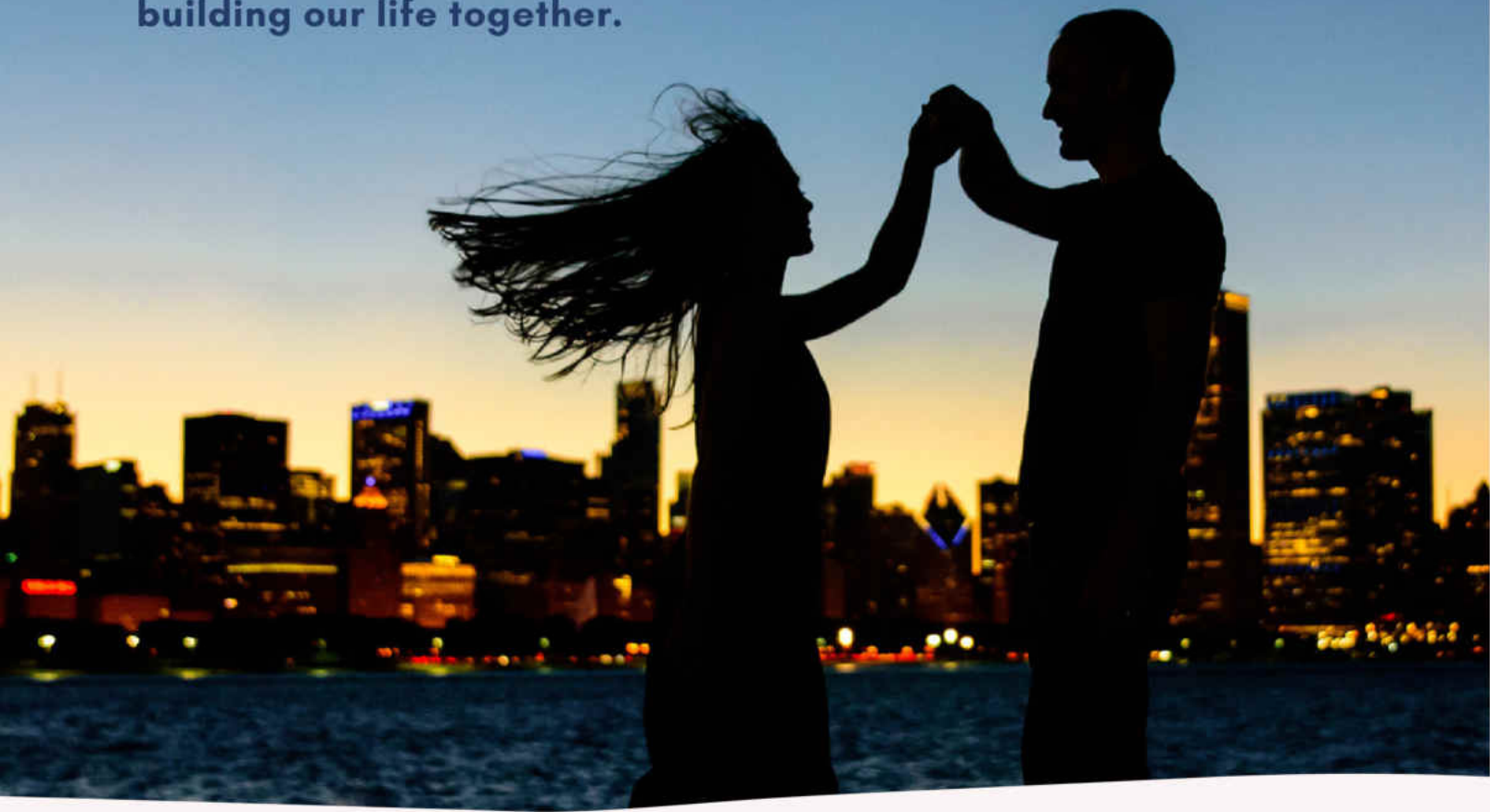
We hope to have the chance to open our hearts and our family to you. If we do, we promise to welcome you with open arms, and without judgement.

With gratitude,

*David & Nicole*



Ten years in, we continue to be each other's best friend and biggest supporter. We love sharing dreams for the future and building our life together.



## OUR story

Our story began in Chicago in 2013. We met through Nicole's childhood friend and immediately bonded over our love of animals. We would both say it was love at first sight!

Our first date was cupcakes for dessert, followed by dinner, and we still like to have dessert before dinner on occasion, just for fun 🥰

We were married three years later on a beautiful October day surrounded by our friends and loved ones. And though life has its ups and downs, our marriage has only grown stronger over the years.



# WHAT LED US TO *adoption*

We are the proud parents to our biological son, James, who has special needs. Even though having a child with special needs wasn't always in our plans, adoption was. We see adoption as an incredible blessing and are so excited for this to be part of our family story.

**Why being parents to a child with special needs is our greatest strength** 🧡

We will stop at nothing to make sure each child in our home is able to reach their full potential. Rather than seeing challenges as roadblocks, we get creative and find ways to break through them. Most of all, we know how important it is to advocate for a child, and will always be their biggest cheerleaders – this is something our children will never outgrow!





## 5 Things about Nicole...

**Favorite food:** pasta

**Sports I did growing up:** gymnastics

**Dream vacation:** Italy and Greece

**I can't live without:** my family (and a good cup of coffee)

**Most people don't know:** I have built and raced 3 life-sized canoes... made out of cardboard!



## 5 Things about David...

**Favorite food:** pizza, especially Chicago deep dish

**Sports I did growing up:** basketball, football, & running

**Dream vacation:** The Grand Canyon

**I can't live without:** my family (and my computer)

**Most people don't know:** I was a professional mountain runner for a year after college



A LITTLE BIT  
*about us*



# Nicole

by David



***She is playful, nurturing, and balances everything on her plate with grace.***

Growing up, Nicole was known by her friends as the "mom" of the group because she always anticipated the needs of others and was the first person to turn to when you needed advice. So it didn't come as much of a surprise that motherhood came so naturally to her! She is always up for anything and loves seeing what sparks a child's imagination. She is also an amazing cook and loves sharing that passion with others.

David always looks on the bright side, and this is especially true when it comes to being a parent. He loves everything about it – from dirty diapers to playtime and everything in between! He does such a good job of viewing the world through the eyes of a child, and is always thinking of ways to bring new experiences to life.

***His gentle heart and integrity is apparent in the way he lives his life and looks after others.***

# David

by Nicole







# James

James is the best snuggle buddy anyone could ask for and has a giggle that's contagious. He's incredibly gentle and we know he will make an excellent big brother! He loves observing the world around him and will do a great job at letting a younger sibling take center stage. He also loves toys that light up and listening to music...especially Elvis 😊

Talking about our family wouldn't be complete without mentioning our two cats: Grey and Squash. They're both super friendly, good with kids, and playful. Grey loves "supervising" bath time, and Squash will play fetch with anyone all day long!

## our cats







*Nicole's famous galaxy cheesecake*

# WELCOME TO *our home*

We bought our house three years ago and have done a lot to make it feel like home. Everyone's favorite space is our sun room...it has huge windows and super cozy carpet. Our kitchen also gets a lot of use - we love hosting dinners to share our favorite recipes, especially homemade cheesecake, ice cream, pizza, and pasta!

Our neighborhood is incredibly safe and welcoming. Everyone is so friendly, and you always see families walking around and kids playing outside. There are also a lot of parks nearby and beautiful places to explore, and we do that often.

 **A Maryland suburb  
of Washington, DC**





# OUR family

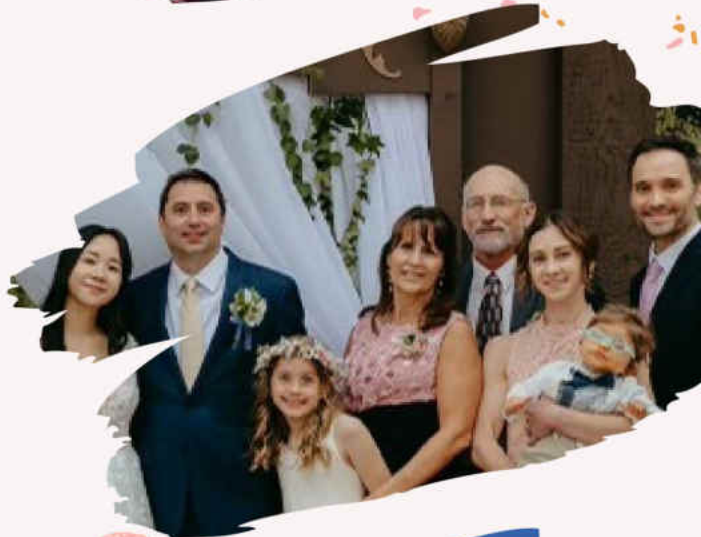
**We're absolutely blessed with a small but devoted family. There's nothing we wouldn't do for one another.**

Nicole is an only child, and her parents moved here from Chicago two years ago. They actually live in our neighborhood! We have family dinner at least once a week, and spend time together on the weekends, too.

David grew up in Maine and is the youngest of three brothers. He has four nieces and nephews, with another on the way, which we are so excited about! His parents live in Florida and are an incredible source of faith for us.

We visit Maine every year – it has become a special place not just because David grew up there, but because that's where he proposed, too!

We also consider our closest friends part of our family and are thankful to have so many nearby. Everyone has given us such incredible support through this process. They're as excited as we are for our family to grow!





# A DAY *in our life*

**We both work from home, and we're so thankful for the flexibility that gives us.**

David is the founder of a tech company, and his work is truly his passion. He's usually the first to wake up (unless James beats him to it!) ☀️ Nicole begins each day with a homemade latte and open invitation to snuggle – cats and kids welcome!

Since we're both home all day, we're able to see each other and James any time we want – and we love that so much. It's even more of a blessing that Nicole will be able leave work to raise our family when the time comes. For now, Nicole's mom takes care of James during the day and she's excited for her responsibilities to grow as our family does!

As long as the weather is good, we can be found taking a walk through our neighborhood almost every afternoon. We have dinner together as a family every night, and always try to end the day with story time...*Giraffes Can't Dance* is one of our favorites.





# A YEAR *in our life*

**Every year is different, but here are some things that we can always count on...**



Outdoor adventures • Birthday parties • Travel to places near and far • Weddings • Serving others • Beach days • Church on Sundays • Neighborhood walks • Trying new recipes • Family dinners • Making new friends • Cheering on our favorite sports teams • Trips to the zoo • Baby Showers • Game nights • Ski trips • Planting flowers • Movies and popcorn • Sharing laughter with our loved ones • Nap time • Making a lifetime of memories...& so much more





# TO YOU, *we promise*

**We know that your journey is just beginning. If you choose adoption and trust us to be a family to your child, we want you to know:**

*Our hearts and our family will always be open to you. Whatever you decide, we will support the relationship you wish to have with your child.*

*Your child will always know your selflessness and love for them. We will always speak highly of you to them and to others.*

*Our home will be a place of stability, comfort, and joy. We will foster trust, forgiveness, and respect for one another.*

*Your child will always be cherished for who they are. We will encourage exploration of all their interests. We will give them every opportunity possible in life.*



**Thank you so much for taking the time to learn about us. We are humbled to be part of your journey.** With love,

*David &  
Nicole*