



Craig & Joy

# Hello!

We are Joy and Craig; thank you for reading about us.  
We're very excited about the prospect of adopting and appreciate the effort you are making to find a loving family for your child.







We met about five years ago and were married in August 2020, which was slightly delayed because of the pandemic, but provided a better story than we would have had otherwise. We got married via Zoom! It was just the two of us in our apartment—even the officiant was remote. Around 200 guests attended virtually.

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Luckily, neither of us wanted a fancy wedding anyway, just like we feel fortunate that we both came to our relationship with a desire to grow our family through adoption. Upon learning more, we also recognize the benefits of an open adoption specifically, and we'd be eager to work with you if you're also interested. We feel we are set up to take wonderful care of a child: we are established professionally, financially, and have a very large network of friends and family who cannot wait to welcome a little one into the family.

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# About Craig by Joy



Craig is my favorite person in the world. He is passionate and thoughtful while also being level-headed and calming. He is practical and disciplined, yet truly able to shift gears and focus on the things that make him happy, like cooking his favorite dishes for our friends and family or exploring new coffees from around the world.

Through hard work and diligent saving, Craig has done very well at building financial security for our family, and with this foundation, he left the corporate world in 2016 to pursue his passions for food and beverage. Today, he runs a successful consulting business. Nothing gives me more pleasure than listening to him talk about how he is helping his clients (small business owners) thrive and grow.





He truly loves his career and the flexibility it brings—something that will be especially valuable in raising a child.

Whenever there is a tough moment or stressful situation, Craig is able to help me or others see the bigger picture and the bright side. Whether good times or challenging ones, he thrives on seeing those he cares about happy and I know he will always do his best as a father.



Craig pretending to be serious about the plants

# About Joy by Craig

Joy is almost always happy, which is one of the things I love about her. She's constantly smiling and excited, which is infectious. This trait is one of the first things that comes to mind when I envision her being a mother...I think it would be nearly impossible for a child to be unhappy having Joy as a mom.

Like myself, Joy is very deliberate about investing in her relationships with friends and family. As a result, we are very fortunate to have such a large network of friends and family that are eager to support us in raising a child. She is also deeply empathetic, which will not only be an advantage for us in understanding a child's needs and emotions, but is a quality I am confident that she will pass on.







Finally, Joy is well organized and very responsible, which has fueled her career success—currently, she has a leadership role in the recruiting department of a fast growing tech company. Through this work, she has found enjoyment mentoring those early in their careers and helping them grow, a quality that is also important in parenting.

I feel very fortunate that we found each other, and the idea of being parents together makes me feel that way all over again!

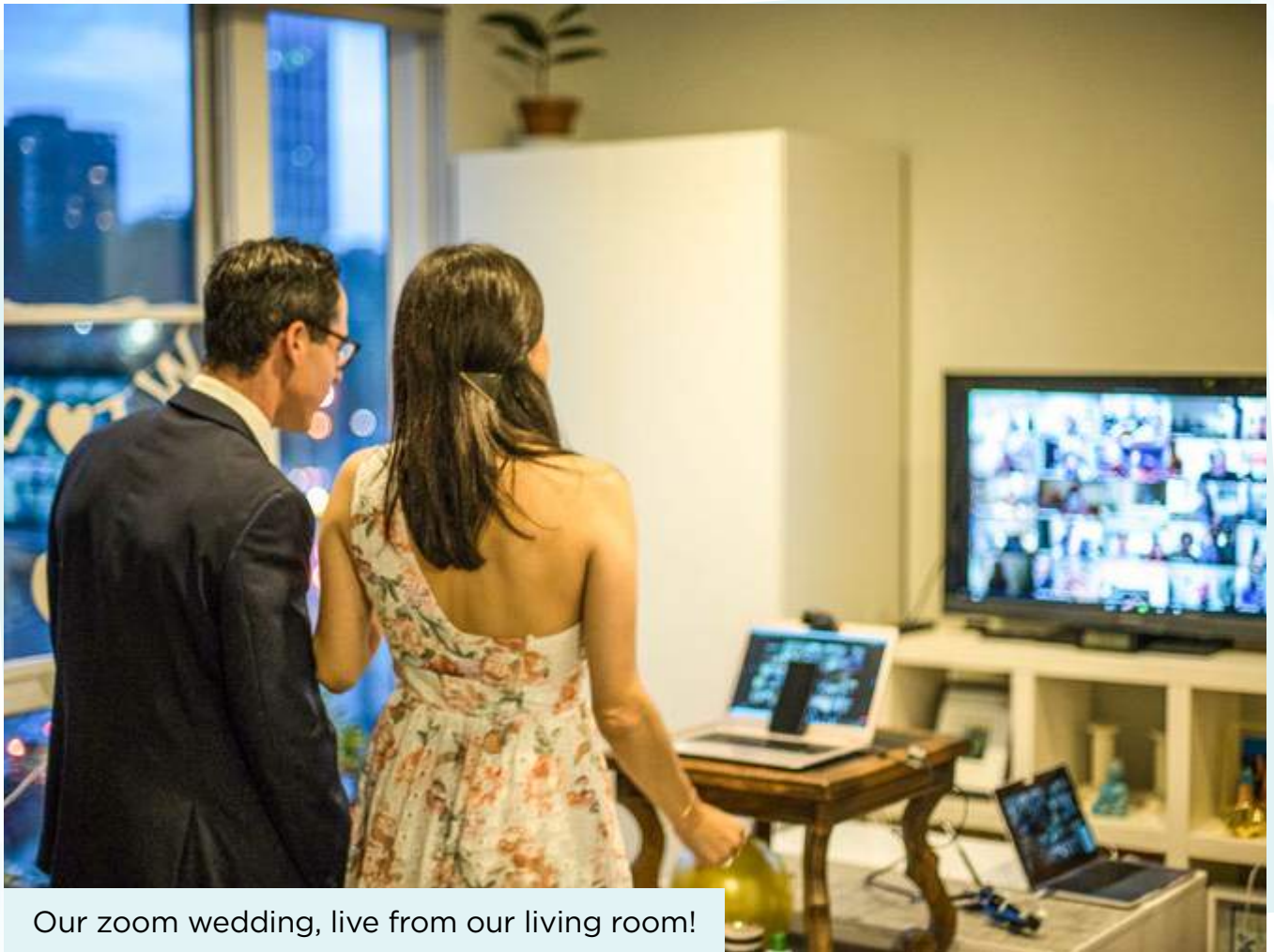


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# Our Home

**W**e live in a fantastic, spacious apartment in Brooklyn, New York. We have an open floor plan, which is nice because even when you're by yourself, you don't feel alone. We have two bedrooms and two full bathrooms. Our 30 houseplants bring greenery and beauty to our home.

Our "backyard" is a plethora of outdoor spaces. Private to our building are two beautiful rooftop patios and a courtyard, which we make good use of for relaxing, working, and entertaining. One block away is a large park with multiple playgrounds, tennis, and basketball courts. A short walk away is a massive park with full size ball fields and a track, which we frequent for picnics with friends! We're also near a new riverside park, with enormous play areas for children, including fun water features.



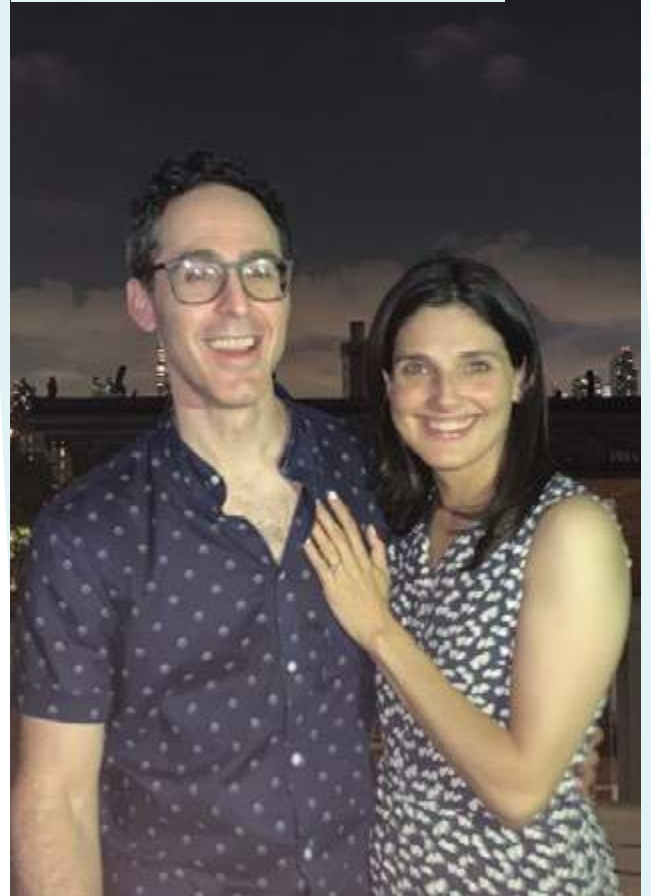
# “New York City will be such a fun place to grow up.”

The neighborhood we live in is diverse and thriving. New restaurants and stores have opened up, and our farmers market expanded, so we are spoiled with great, healthy food options. In very close proximity are several ethnic communities (Dominican, Jewish, Italian, and Polish), which provide an abundance of opportunities to experience different cultures.



Our nephew at the nearby riverside park

Enjoying our rooftop patio



Our home is centrally located in New York City, so we have great access to everything the city offers, such as world class museums, performances, sporting events and limitless cultural activities. New York City will be such a fun place to grow up. The city is our playground, and we can't wait to bring a little one along.

# Our Family



Joy with her mom

We are extremely fortunate to have a wealth of family in New York City, including Joy's mother, an aunt and an uncle; Craig's sister and her family of four; as well as first cousins for each of us. Joy's brother's family of four isn't too far away (Boston), and Craig's parents are considering a move here. We see each of these groups multiple times a year, and most of them at once for some Jewish holidays—we even took those gatherings outside through the pandemic so we could still celebrate together.

Joy's mom, who loves to cook for the whole family, can't wait to have another loved one to feed. And the other three grandparents will surely lure us to them every chance they get: Craig's parents have hosted Thanksgiving for the whole family for decades, while Joy's father is constantly pitching family vacation ideas.





Dinner with Craig's parents

Everyone, from the prospective grandparents to the would-be cousins, is eager to welcome a new family member. Craig's sister and brother-in-law have insisted that they are first in line for any babysitting opportunities, but we're also excited to have Craig's teenage niece babysit, to further develop our relationship with her, and help her build one with her new cousin. All of our loved ones are excited to welcome a little one into the family with open arms.



With Joy's brother and family in Florida

# Hobbies & Interests

Living in New York means we have great access to travel options, and we take advantage of that. Since meeting, we have traveled together to Spain, Greece, Vietnam and Mexico. We also have done some nice road trips since the pandemic, including going half-way across the country to visit Craig's parents. Finally, we've explored our region together as well, from western New York to northern Vermont to DC.

At home, our primary interests complement each other nicely. Craig's passion is food, particularly exciting, delicious and sustainable ways to consume calories; while Joy is our resident expert in burning them off, as a yoga enthusiast and avid (stationary) cyclist. We enjoy these hobbies separately on occasion, but they have been a great way to spend time together, too.







Spain

And coaching each other through these activities has helped us both grow. Not only have we learned to appreciate each other's passions, but we have learned how to encourage each other through the good, bad, exciting, and boring! We believe this is great training for raising a child, where striking the right balance of teaching and enjoyment is critical.

Of course taking care of all the plants you'll see in our pictures is another big hobby!



Vietnam

# Thank You!

**T**hank you for reading about us and considering us as parents for your child. We'd also like to thank you for everything that you have done to bring a healthy baby into the world. Surely you have made a lot of difficult decisions, and gone to great effort, including reviewing our profile; we truly appreciate it.

If you feel we are the right fit for you and your child, you have our commitment to honor everything you have done to this point by taking great care of your child: ensuring they have a loving home and are supported in reaching their potential. We'd also welcome you to continue to be a part of their life, and believe an open adoption could be a wonderful way for your child to understand their story.

*Craig and Joy*

