



Dom & Jake



"Being a family means you are a part of something very wonderful. It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your life." -Lisa Weed

*From Our Hearts
to Yours*

We're so grateful you've taken the time to read our book. We've tried to give a snapshot of all the love in our family, and hope you can see that through the following pages.

We wanted you to know how much we admire your bravery and courage through this journey. We have so much love to give, and hope you can be a part of that, but above all, we will always honor your decision.



Dom and Jake



Thank you!



The Story of Us



We met for tacos on a chilly winter afternoon over 5 years ago - and we've been inseparable ever since. We knew very quickly we had found our person, and even talked about our excitement to be dads on our second date.

We continue to fall harder in love each day and share that love in our home with our family and friends.



Why Adoption?

From the beginning of our relationship, we knew that we wanted to grow our family and wanted to adopt. Adopting a child would be the greatest gift and continue us on our journey of love and joy.

We have enjoyed playing a role in the lives of our siblings, nieces, nephews, and little ones close to us. Through babysitting, diaper changes, teaching ABCs and so much more, our experiences have helped prepare us for this next step.

We've been preparing to raise a child since our first conversation over 5 years ago. We have taken parenting classes, read books, and spent time with the young ones in our lives.

As a birth parent, we want you to know that we fully believe love multiplies, not divides, and you would always be welcome and spoken of with the highest regard.



Jake



passionate, empathetic, and loyal

Meet Jake



Age: 37 Occupation: HR Director
Fun Fact: Visited over 35 countries

My love for kids led me to be an elementary special education teacher as my first job. I felt such a strong connection to my students -- getting to know them and their families on a person level. My greatest joy was watching my students learn and grow and feel accepted in my class. I still work in education (in HR) and love it!

In my free time I love to be active -- I have been a runner since I was 12 years old. I love the arts -- live music, theater, and museums! And I like to volunteer in the community -- especially if it involves kids!

What Dom loves about Jake:

Jake is the most selfless and empathetic person I know, and constantly strives to do good in the world. He makes me laugh, pushes me to be vulnerable, and always puts his family and loved ones first. Not only is Jake an excellent (and organized!) travel partner, he is the best friend I've ever had, and I know that he will be the most amazing father.



Dom



adaptable, calm, and kind



Meet Dom

Age: 30 Occupation: Legal Specialist
Fun Fact: Competitive ballroom dancer

When people first meet me, they might note that I am quiet and reserved, but the people who know me would describe me as funny, energetic, and dependable. One of my greatest strengths is my ability to stay calm in stressful situations, and remain hopeful and optimistic.

My hobbies include dancing, cooking, hiking, video games, concerts, and traveling! I love to challenge myself and learn new skills, and I yearn to share my hobbies and interests with a child!



What Jake loves about Dom:

The balance and support Dom provides me is something that has made me whole. His calm nature and incredible patience will be such an asset in raising our child.

Watching Dom play and interact with our nieces and nephews with such care and thoughtfulness, not only brings me so much joy, but makes me know he'll be a wonderful Dad.

Meet the Family



Jake's Parents

Grandma Judy & Grandpa Wayne
Love Spoiling their Grandkids

Grandma Judy says being a grandmother is her most important job in life. And Grandpa Wayne is Chief Game Player -- ready to play Candyland at a moment's notice.

Grandma Nicolette and Grandpa Devin
Are Excited for their First Grandchild

Grandma Nicolette is excited to teach her grandbaby to fish. Grandpa Devin is looking forward to sharing his Belizean cooking.



Dom's Parents

Dog: Rocko, 14 - Loves Pumpkin
Cat: Frazier, 15 - Loves Belly Rubs



Pets

Rocko is the sweetest dog on the planet. He loves snuggles and many pets. Frazier loves treats (at any time) and lounging in the sun.

Fun Times Together

We love spending time together because no matter where we end up, we always have a blast and enjoy each other's company. We love to try new things and get involved with each other's interests! Jake never backs down when Dom wants to go out for a night of line dancing, and Dom loves joining Jake for races!



We love to support each other's goals and hobbies, and we look forward to giving our future child the opportunity to explore their own interests, hobbies, and identity. We want to encourage our child to dream big, and make sure they always feel supported and listened to. We love to travel and are excited to take our child everywhere - whether it's grandma's house, Disney World, or the Eiffel Tower!

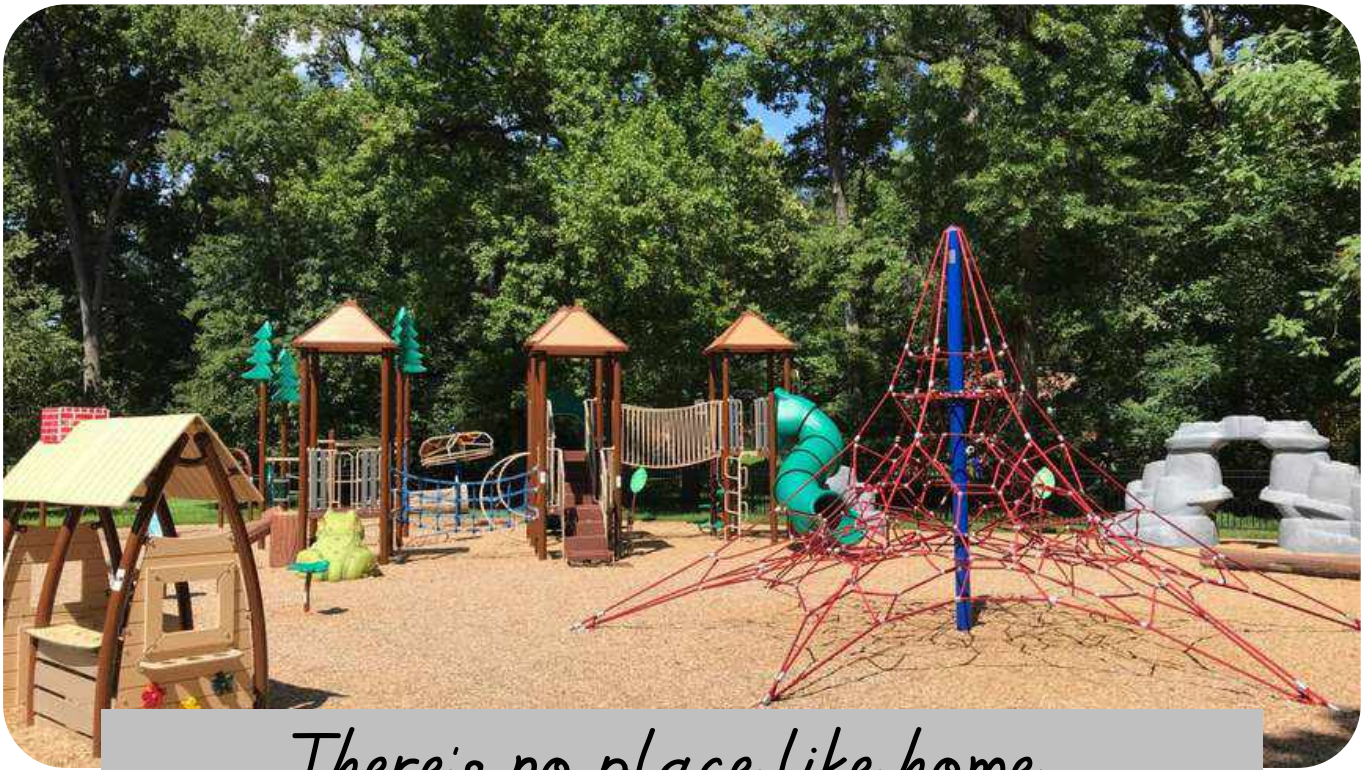




Our Tribe

We are very close to our family and friends and have a very large support system. We love spending the holidays with our families, and making everyone's birthdays extra special. Our friends and family will be a big part of our future child's life.





There's no place like home.

Our home is in a quiet neighborhood just outside of Washington, DC. It was very important to us that our house be in a neighborhood had great schools and a diversity of cultures. Our home is within walking distance of the elementary school and two playgrounds.



Our house has a big yard and enclosed patio for lots of summer and winter fun. And plenty of space for family to stay when they visit. Our favorite room is the baby's nursery -- decorated with cute animals and everything our baby would ever need.





We love to travel and be outdoors and are looking forward to sharing that with our child. We like to go on hikes (Rocko tags along too!), experience different cultures, go to amusement parks, and visit family and friends -- and make new ones along the way!

We absolutely adore our 5 year-old nephew Rafael and have loved being a big part of his life. From introducing him to his favorite character Mario, to helping him learn his letters and numbers, we cannot get enough of him! Being so close to him has made us that much more excited to be Dads!



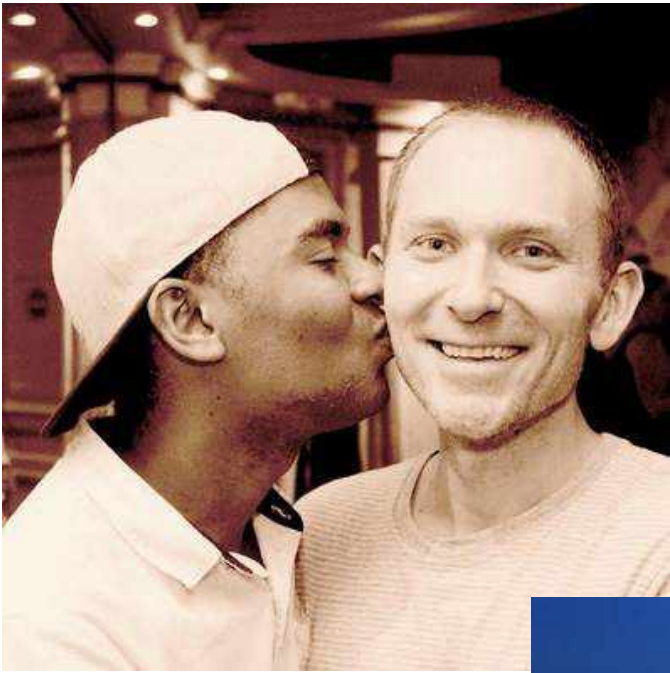
Halloween is one of our favorite holidays -- we love dressing up and handing out candy to all of the kids in the neighborhood. We can't wait to pick out costumes with our child and take them trick-or-treating around the neighborhood -- and introduce them to the joy of carving pumpkins!



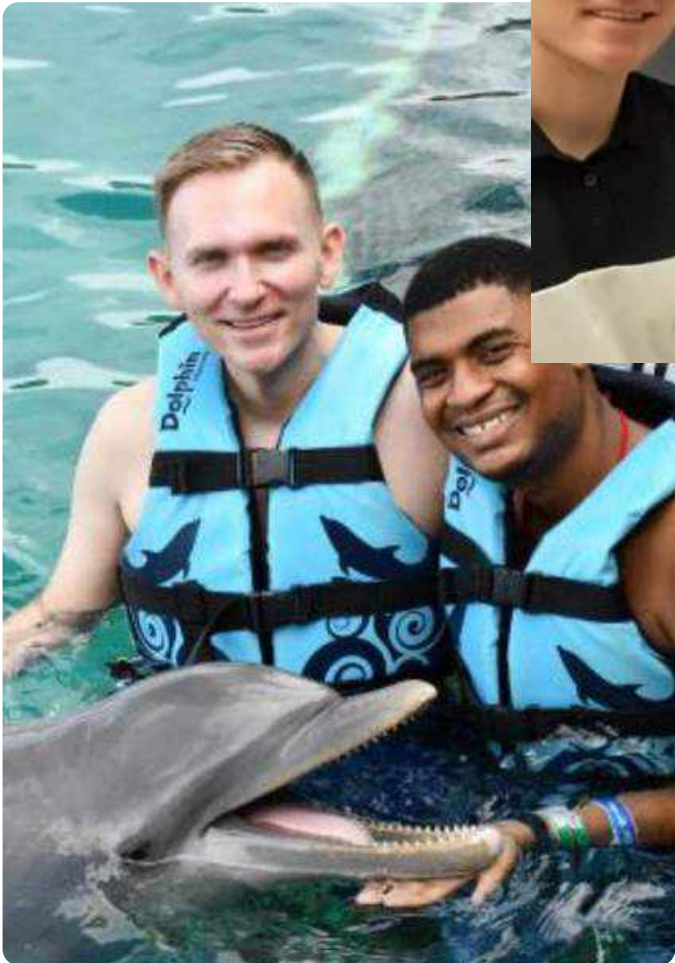


It's always better when we're together





Keep on Smiling!



Thank you!



We hope whatever path you choose is full of support and love in the days and months ahead. You have our support and admiration for the courage it takes to make this decision for you and your baby.

Regardless of your decision, we wish you all the best. Thank you for allowing us to share a piece of our hearts and for considering our family.