

Ryan & Luke



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From our Hearts to Yours

Hello, our names are Ryan and Luke,

We want to thank you so much for considering us as possible parents to your child. We can only imagine how difficult this is for you, and we recognize how much strength, love, and courage it takes to make this decision. Our hope is that learning more about us and our life together will help you in making the best decision for you and your baby.



This is our whole family on our wedding day. Our niece Sasha was our flower girl. It meant so much to us for our family to be there with us to celebrate this day.

We are a married and financially secure couple who love each other very much and yearn to give our love to a child. We both love children and have always dreamed about becoming fathers through adoption. We are two fun-loving, active and motivated people living life in a beautiful home in New York City. We fill our lives with art, music, sports, family and friends. We are dog dads of two sweet and gentle pups.



Luke, our niece Sasha and Luke's sister Diana.
We traveled to LA for our niece Sasha's 3rd
birthday.

We have always spoken about adoption as one of our dreams, as we both have a lot of love to share. We often sit on the couch with our dogs Peach and Daisy, thinking and dreaming about what our family would look like with a child.



Ryan is on the left and wearing a baseball cap. Luke is on the right. Here we are reading to our friend's kids Maxine and Hazel.

Ryan is a creative soul who loves music and theater. He will surely be teaching our child songs from his favorite Broadway shows. Luke is a playful and energetic and will love to teach our child to play sports. We are both very family oriented, often visiting or Facetiming with our nieces, making silly faces and sharing laughs.



At our wedding, Luke was escorted down the aisle by his mom Gwen and our gentle dog Daisy. Ryan followed with his mom Pam and our sweet dog Peach.

It means so much to us that you have taken the time to look at our information. We want to create a home where your child can feel unconditionally loved, safe, and supported no matter what. We know this is a difficult decision for you, and we hope that by learning more about us you'll see that we will give your child a life full of love and happiness. Should you choose us to adopt your child, we will raise your child knowing about your deep love for him or her and your tremendous sacrifice that made us parents. We will always speak about you with love in our hearts.



Luke (on the left), Ryan (in the middle) and our cousin Kaia, at the Central Park Zoo.

How We Met



Ryan (on the left) & Luke (on the right) shortly after we started dating at the Highline in New York City.

We first matched online, and quickly knew we had chemistry. Our first date was at a cozy Mexican restaurant, a nod to Ryan's favorite food. Even with Mexican food waiting, we were so caught up in conversation we did not order anything for the first hour. Both knew a second date was inevitable before the night was over.



Luke (on the left), Daisy, and Ryan (on the right) on our first Halloween dressed up as Mario, Luigi and Yoshi.

The second date was more casual, a stroll down the Hudson River with Ryan's dog Daisy. We walked along, giving each other full belly laughs, and the connection grew. On that second date, we quickly learned that we both had hoped to adopt in the future, and started to get excited about what building a family together might look like. After hours of walking around the city, we called it a night, both knowing that we could have a bright future together.



Our first summer together out in NYC biking.

Our dates to come centered around good food, long walks with Daisy, hikes, music and theater. We make the most of what New York City has to offer, whether it is cuisine from around the world or Broadway shows, sports or concerts.



Our family visiting us in New York City.

Left to right: Ryan, Luke, Luke's Dad Andrew, Luke's Step-Mom Adrienne, Luke's sister Diana and our brother-in-law Josh.

In time, we introduced one another to friends and family, moved in together, rescued a second dog, Peach, and married on the beach in Cape Cod. Now happily married, we both feel so ready to take the next step we always hoped for, to adopt and devote our lives to a child.

How We Spend Our Time Together



Luke and his mom Gwen at the US Open Tennis Tournament in NYC.



Ryan and his Mom Pam visiting the Christmas Tree at Bryant Park.

We both love being active and outdoors. On weekends, you'll often find us on the tennis courts, playing with each other or with friends. Luke learned tennis originally from his grandpa Lester (affectionally known as Papa) and played often as a kid with his parents Andrew and Gwen as well. Luke used to be a tennis instructor as a teenager and can't wait to get on the court with a future child to pass on the tradition.



This is Ryan during a 275-mile bike ride that he did to raise money for a charity in September 2023.

Ryan is an avid cyclist, often going on long bike rides through neighboring towns. Ryan got his bike from his grandpa Victor (or Pops, as he calls him), and often calls him to talk about the rides he finished. Ryan and Luke also enjoy skiing.



Luke (on the left), Ryan (in the middle) exploring the park with our little cousin Kaia.

We often organize trips to hike trails and mountains in the area, often with the dogs along for the journey. Hiking with dogs and loved ones is something both of us have done our whole life, and something we envision doing with a child.



We love traveling. This is when Ryan took Luke to London for the first time.



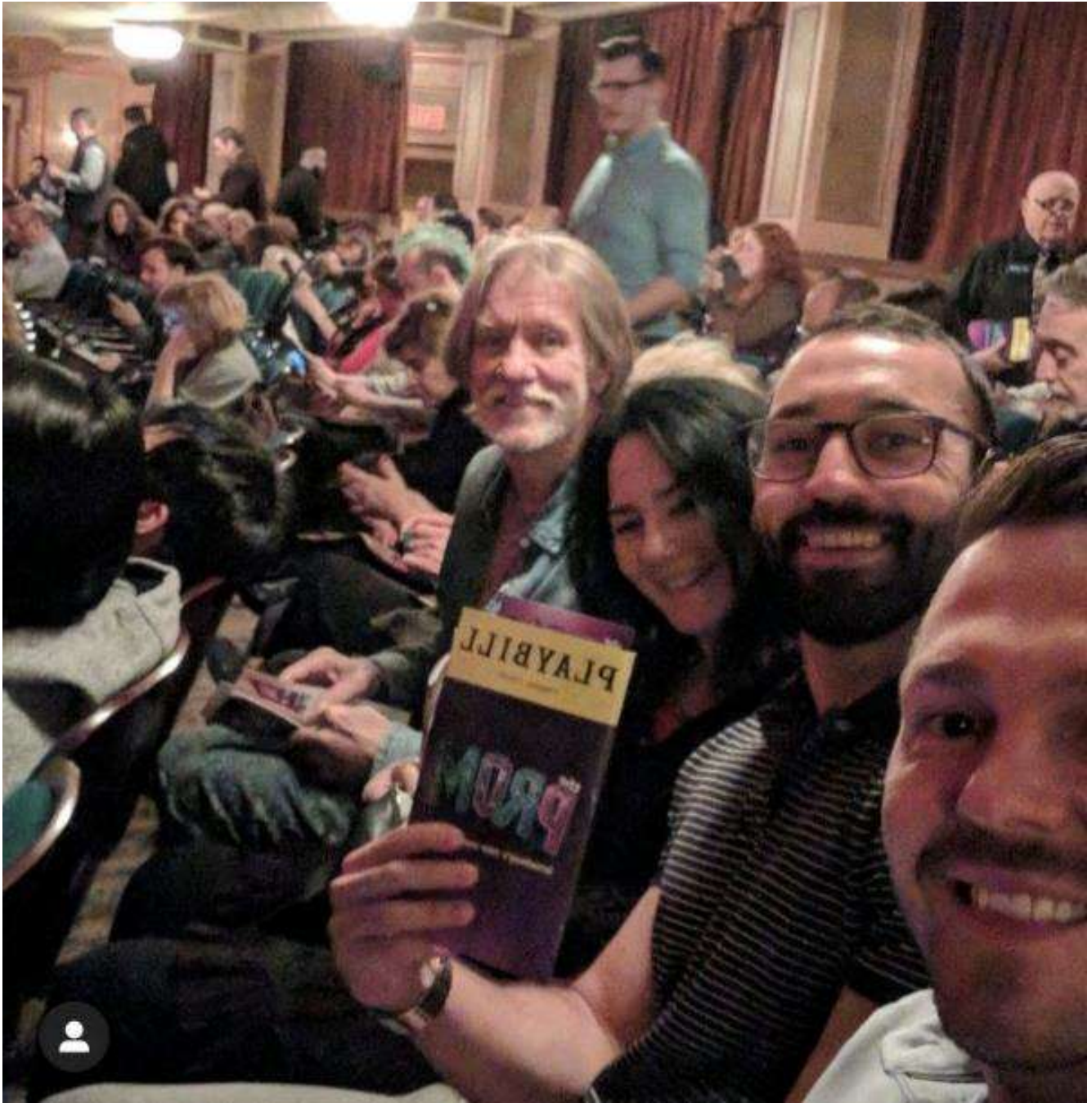
We enjoy going to theatre with our close friends to see musicals and concerts.

As avid music and theater enthusiasts, we never miss a chance to see a Broadway show. We always take family to Broadway shows when they visit and have formed a tradition of seeing new shows with our loved ones. As we see parents at the theater with their children, we get excited to share these experiences with our child.



Luke (left) and Ryan (right) when we went to the US Open in NYC.

We also love live music, another form of entertainment available everywhere in the city. We are always looking for shows, whether they are pop music concerts at Radio City or the philharmonic orchestra's annual Central Park performance.



We love to see musicals especially when our family comes to visit. In the back is Luke's Step-Dad Tom, Luke's Mom Gwen, Luke and Ryan are in the front.

Music has been a big part of both of our childhoods, and another thing that helps to form their strong bonds with their family. We each can remember car rides with their parents, singing along to the radio, and can't wait to do the same as parents.



This is us in Japan doing a walking tour of the temples and sampling the local cuisine.



This is when we visited Korea and hiked the beautiful mountains to reach a coffee shop at the summit.

Traveling is another passion of ours, both near and far. We have made trips to France and Japan in the last year, and love to experience new cultures, often trying (not always successfully) to learn the language before we go. We can both see many family vacations in their future.



Our niece Sasha taking in the sun with our dog Peach on the beach in Cape Cod.

For vacations closer to home, beach vacations to Cape Cod are at the top of the list. Cape Cod was the place Luke would go every summer with his family, and Luke has shared his love for the Cape with Ryan over the years. We can both see many family vacations in their future.



Us (Luke on the left and Ryan on the right) and our sweet dogs spending time down by the harbor.

When we're not traveling, we enjoy finding new restaurants in the city. And on those lazy days, we love nothing more than curling up on the couch to binge-watch our favorite shows and order takeout. Sometimes the low-key days are the best ones!

Our Wedding



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We had our wedding in our favorite place, Provincetown, Cape Cod. Friends and family came from all over the country to support us as we took the plunge and became husbands.



Ryan with some of his closest friends from work, Joe and Rajani, who have always been so supportive of us.



Ryan and Luke cracking up at all the speeches our friends and family made.

In the days leading up to the wedding, we gathered with loved ones to celebrate and tell stories about the husbands-to-be and their love for us. The rehearsal dinner was filled with speeches from friends and family, telling stories about how they met one or the other, wishing us well in the future, and of course cracking jokes. The funniest of all was when all our friends collectively reenacted the scene from *Bridesmaids* with the two best friends of the bride fighting to prove who was the better friend - once we figured out what was happening, we were rolling on the floor.



All our special friends and family attended the wedding. Our best friend Jeff officiated while our parents and wedding party looked on. It was a beautiful day!

The wedding ceremony itself was a family-friendly event on the beach outside of the Provincetown Inn, with a simple but beautiful structure for us to stand beneath. Luke was escorted down the aisle by his mom Gwen and dog Daisy, and then Ryan followed with his mom Pam and dog Peach.



Our niece Sasha was our adorable flower girl.



We wrote special vows to exchange to each other during the ceremony.



We were so excited to walk down the aisles as husbands.

As we exchanged vows, shed a couple happy tears, and had our first kiss as husbands, the love between us and from our guests was evident.



Our wedding reception was such a celebration. From left to right: Luke, our friend Hannah, our friend Adam's Father and Mother Mark and Judy, our friend Adam who is Hannah's husband and Adam and Hannah's daughter Hazel when she was a baby.



Even our niece Sasha busted some moves on the dancefloor.



The sunset was spectacular for our special day.

We took wedding pictures by the beach and then went into the reception where we danced the night away. We had some very talented dancers in their group, our two dogs even getting on the dance floor for the fun. Everyone had a blast – Luke’s mom still calls it the “wedding of the century” (don’t tell his sister Diana).

Our Family



Ryan and our niece Sasha talking about mermaids.



Luke and our cousin Kaia at a family wedding in San Diego.

To us, family is everything. We are both so lucky to have supportive parents and families, who never wavered in their love for us as we came out to them. As we told them about our adoption plans, their love and excitement only grew.



This is Luke, Luke's dad Andrew, Luke's step-mom Adrienne and Ryan on a winter weekend to Boston to see them. We love how close they live to us.

Luke's father Andrew and step-mother Adrienne live nearby, and plan to visit for extended stays to spend time with us and our future child.



This is Luke and Ryan (in the front) and Luke's mom Gwen and Luke's step-dad Tom (back) on a summer trip we did to France. We did lots of sightseeing and eating!

Luke's mother Gwen and step-father Tom live on the west coast but are always planning trips to visit for events like the US Open or just to spend time together.



Luke, Luke's sister Diana and our niece Sasha on our trip to LA for Sasha's first birthday.

Luke also has an older sister Diana, who is married to her husband Josh and has a 5-year-old daughter of her named Sasha.



Luke (in the middle) and Ryan with our niece Sasha.

We often visit our sister Diana and brother-in-law Josh in Los Angeles to spend time with our niece Sasha making sure to arrive with presents for birthdays or holidays.



We love being goofy with our niece Sasha and Luke's sister Diana. Our entire family is so excited about our adoption plans.

Luke loves to teach our niece yoga poses and bought her first tennis racquet to keep the tennis tradition in the family going strong. Seeing the love shared in Luke's family only makes the idea of our family that much more exciting.



Ryan's family lives in California where he grew up and we visit all the time. From left to right: Luke, Ryan's cousin Natalie, Ryan's Mom Pam, Ryan's cousin Jordan who is holding Kaia which is Jordan's daughter, and Ryan's Aunt Rebecca. We had a great Christmas trip with them!



This is Ryan with his Mom Pam and step-dad Tom on one of their trips to New York to visit us. They love to follow Ryan around the city as their NYC tour guide.

Ryan's mom Pam and step-dad Tom are so excited to be 1st time grandparents and are planning to live on both coasts, nearby our home, when we have our baby, so they can be very involved grandparents.



Luke, Ryan, and Ryan's Mom Pam at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! One of the many fun things we get to be part of in New York City.

When Ryan's mom comes to visit us in New York she loves to spend time with us and see the latest Broadway shows. Ryan's mom Pam was also a ballerina when she was a child and enjoys taking in a ballet like the Nutcracker on her trips.



Anytime we are in San Diego, we can be found spending time with Ryan's amazing Grandma Dolores and our cousin Kaia. We love to go out to eat, take her to the movies or even just a nice walk in the botanical gardens. She is excited to be a great-grandma for the 3rd time.

We are also very close with Ryan's grandma Dolores and grandpa Victor who he spent a lot of time with as a child. We talk to them every week and they are excited to meet their great grand baby.



One of our Christmas traditions in San Diego is to visit neighborhoods with Christmas lights and walk around the area with our hot cocoa. Grandma and Grandpa started this tradition when Ryan was a toddler. From left to right: Ryan, Ryan's cousin Natalie, Ryan's grandma Dolores, Ryan's Aunt Rebecca and Ryan's Mom Pam.

Ryan's aunt Rebecca, uncle Joe and cousin Natalie also live in his hometown and are excited to visit us and spend summers at the beach like we did when he was a kid and now as an adult.



Ryan's family was such an important part of our wedding, and it was so special to have them there when we started this next chapter of our lives. From left to right: Ryan's Aunt Rebecca, Ryan's Step-Dad Tom, Ryan, Luke, Ryan's Mom Pam and Ryan's cousin Natalie.

Ryan's family has supported him in all aspects of his life and can't wait to be there every step of the way to provide love and support as we become fathers together. Between our two families, there is more than enough love to be shared with a future child. Everyone is anxiously awaiting the day where we become fathers together.

Our Home

We live in a beautiful, safe neighborhood in New York City close to the best restaurants, theaters and outdoor spaces like Central Park and the Hudson River. We have playgrounds in the neighborhood, as well as parks where we bring the dogs to run and play. We are lucky enough to have a spacious home and is just a couple streets away from great schools for all ages, and we see the kids going to school every day as we walk our dogs.



We also live only two blocks away from the Hudson River park where we normally walk the dogs and take in sunsets over the river.



Ryan taking a selfie of us enjoying some pizza in Brooklyn with our cousin Kaia.

As our child grows, we plan to buy a house in the suburbs outside of the city. Our dream is to have a house with a nice yard for the dogs to run and our future child to play. We plan to host backyard get-togethers with our family and friends, and a place that we can have our families stay to spend time with our child. Our goal is to provide the best childhood for our future son or daughter.

Our Traditions

Every year, we travel to Cape Cod to spend time with family and friends. During the days, we make the trip to the beach near the house. Luke's family has a house on the Cape, and his dad Andrew and step-mother Adrienne, and sister Diana, brother-in-law Josh and our niece Sasha meet us there for the holiday.

We all paddleboard and kayak in the water and the dogs hang by the beach chairs and dig holes in the sand for Sasha to play in. Seeing the family by the beach always fills us with joy, and we can't wait to share the Cape with our child.



Our niece Sasha loves playing with our sweet dogs Daisy and Peach in the sand at the beach.



In the backyard we play fetch with the dogs and have plenty of space for us and the kids to run.

We love to go into town and pick up a fresh catch from the fish market to cook back at home. The dogs love to run around the backyard while Luke's dad grills the fish on the barbeque.

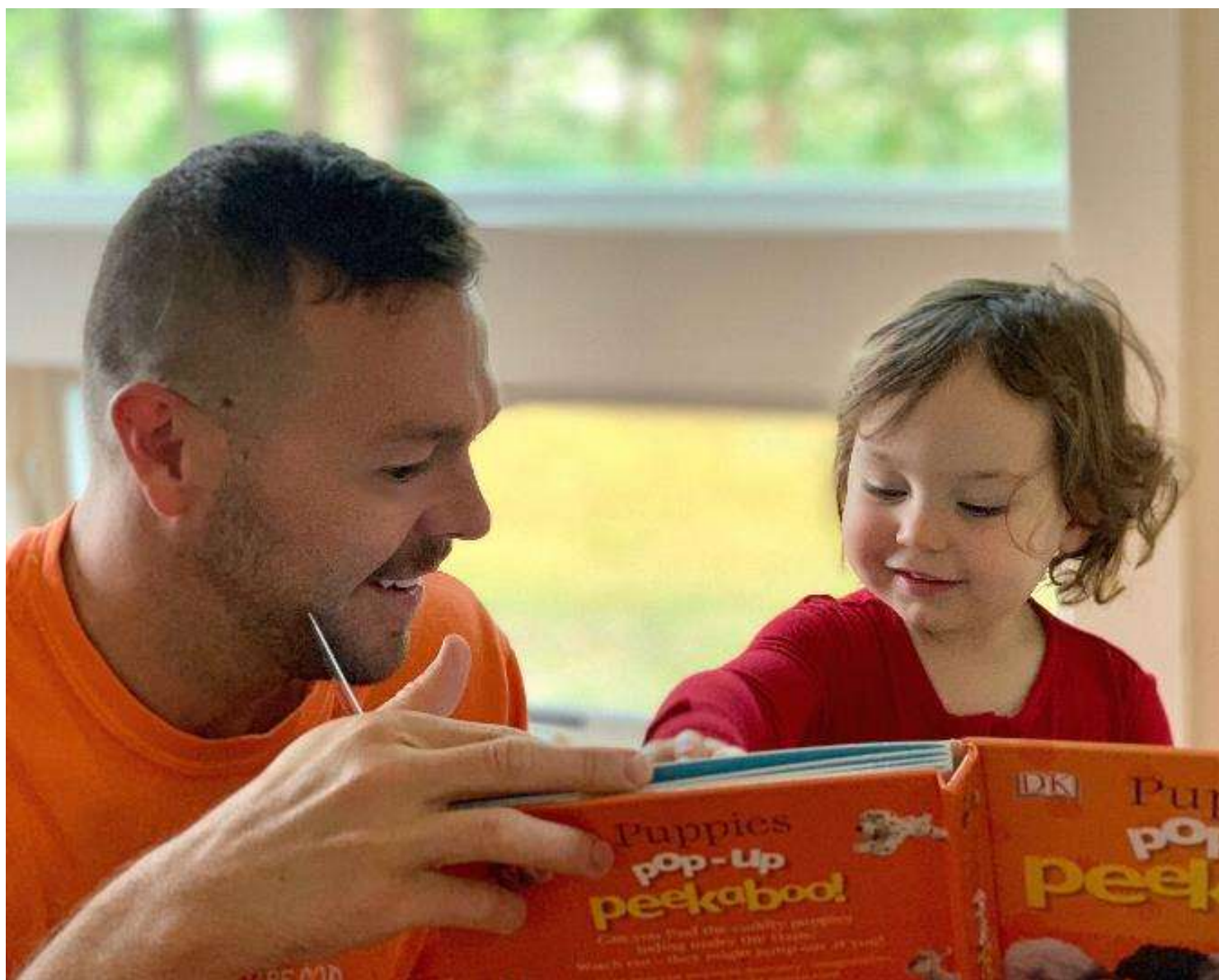


This was Thanksgiving in Los Angeles: Luke, Luke's mom Gwen and Luke's sister Diana. The weather was so great we got to have our Thanksgiving meal outside on the patio at sunset.

We make the trip out to Luke's sister Diana, our brother-in-law Josh and our niece Sasha's house in Los Angeles, where both Luke's and Ryan's families gather to enjoy the warm weather from their outdoor patio.



Ryan loves to cook for the holidays. He always helps Diana with the incredible spread of the Thanksgiving classics, and dinner is always followed by their favorite ice cream flavors.



Ryan loves to read and enjoys it even more when he gets to sit with our niece Sasha to read her favorite Dr. Suess stories.

We cherish the time they get to spend with the family, helping Sasha with her arts and crafts and watching thanksgiving football with the family. We are excited to one day have the family playing with our child too.



Christmas is another family tradition we get very excited about. We love to take friends and family to go ice skating underneath the big Christmas Tree at Rockefeller Center. This is Ryan skating with his cousins Kaia and Jordan



Here's Luke. Both of us always had Christmas trees growing up and enjoyed decorating the trees with our family. We have kept the tradition alive, putting up our own tree every year.



Our sweet dogs Peach and Daisy always like to get in on the fun when we do a photo with Santa.



One of our traditions during the holidays is to take a pic underneath the tree at Rockefeller Center on the ice Rink. Ryan on the left & Luke on the right.

We both collect ornaments from everywhere we travel and decorate the tree with these alongside the ornaments passed down from our grandparents. Ryan also is a holiday decorator and displays his collection of nutcrackers on every windowsill.



Ryan and his Mom Pam visiting us for the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree lighting ceremony. We always strive to make our tree at home, just as sparkly.

As Christmas approaches, we often travel to San Diego to spend time with Ryan's side of our family. Ryan helps his grandmother make the Christmas roast while Luke catches up with Ryan's extended family. On Christmas day, we exchange gifts by the fireplace and eat some of Ryan's mom, Pam's famous homemade fudge. Christmas is something they can't wait to share with our child.

About Luke by Ryan



When our little cousin Kaia comes to visit, we get to spoil her. This day was a visit to the carousel in Brooklyn followed by pizza!

Luke is going to be the most loving father. He is a great spouse, family member and friend. He is always there to listen to others and help them work through challenges in their life, and equally there to celebrate their accomplishments.



We had a great time visiting our friends Hannah and Adam and their adorable kids Maxine and Hazel.



After Ryan finished his 275-mile bike race, Luke was at the finish line to cheer him on and celebrate this momentous accomplishment.

Luke will be the first person cheering on a friend at the finish line of a race or setting up for a birthday party.



Even though Luke's side of our family is spread across the country, We are constantly talking to them on facetime, making silly faces at our niece Sasha or checking in on his mom's garden.



Luke finds the joy in even the routine days, taking the dogs for walks or cracking jokes at home. Luke has a lot of love to share and can't wait to do this with our future child.

About Ryan by Luke



Ryan loves being outside with our cousin Kaia. When we visit family in San Diego our priority is to spend time with our family.

After attending college in Los Angeles, Ryan moved back to San Diego to care for his grandma, who had just had hip replacement surgery. He is so nurturing and supportive and going to be a great father. During his time caring for his grandma, he began working in the tourism industry, where he has now been for over 20 years



Ryan loves working in New York City.



Ryan and his cousin Kaia at the San Diego Zoo just like his grandparents did for him when he was a kid.

Now living in New York City, Ryan loves the city's vibrant energy but also cherishes the peace that comes from being near water. Broadway musicals hold a special place in Ryan's heart, and he can't wait to introduce this passion to our future child.



Ryan, Luke and Ryan's cousin Kaia in NYC for the holidays.



Ryan's job allows him to travel to exciting places, but he also loves to be home in NYC with Luke.

An avid reader, Ryan also spends time learning the languages of countries he wishes to visit. Despite the fast pace of life in New York, he finds time to care for his many plants and garden—a love instilled in him by his grandpa, grandma, and mom.



Luke and Ryan spending time with our friends' daughter Maxine in Cape Cod.

Ryan is always eager to explore new destinations, each journey broadening his horizons. Amidst all of this, he feels a profound sense of completeness when simply spending time at home with me and our dogs. The combination of these varied interests makes his life rich and full and are going to make his such a wonderful father.

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Thank you so much for reading about us. We hope that through these stories about us and our dreams, you can see that we would be amazing parents for your child. We have always dreamed about devoting our lives to a child and can't wait. We are eternally thankful for what you are doing.

As we raise your child, we plan to be open and honest with him or her about how we came to be a family by sharing their adoption story with them and giving them space to ask questions. We will keep in contact with you with whatever communication you feel comfortable: sharing letters, pictures, and in-person visits. It's important to us that this child feel supported and loved by their whole family, which includes both of us and you as well. You will still be a significant person in your child's life, so we want to support any relationship with you that you makes you feel comfortable.

We know this is an incredibly difficult decision, and we would be so grateful if you would consider us as parents for your child. We promise to love them unconditionally and give them everything they need to grow and have a full life. Whatever decision you do make, please know that we wish you peace and happiness for the future.

With love,

Ryan and Luke

