

LIFE IS *beautiful*



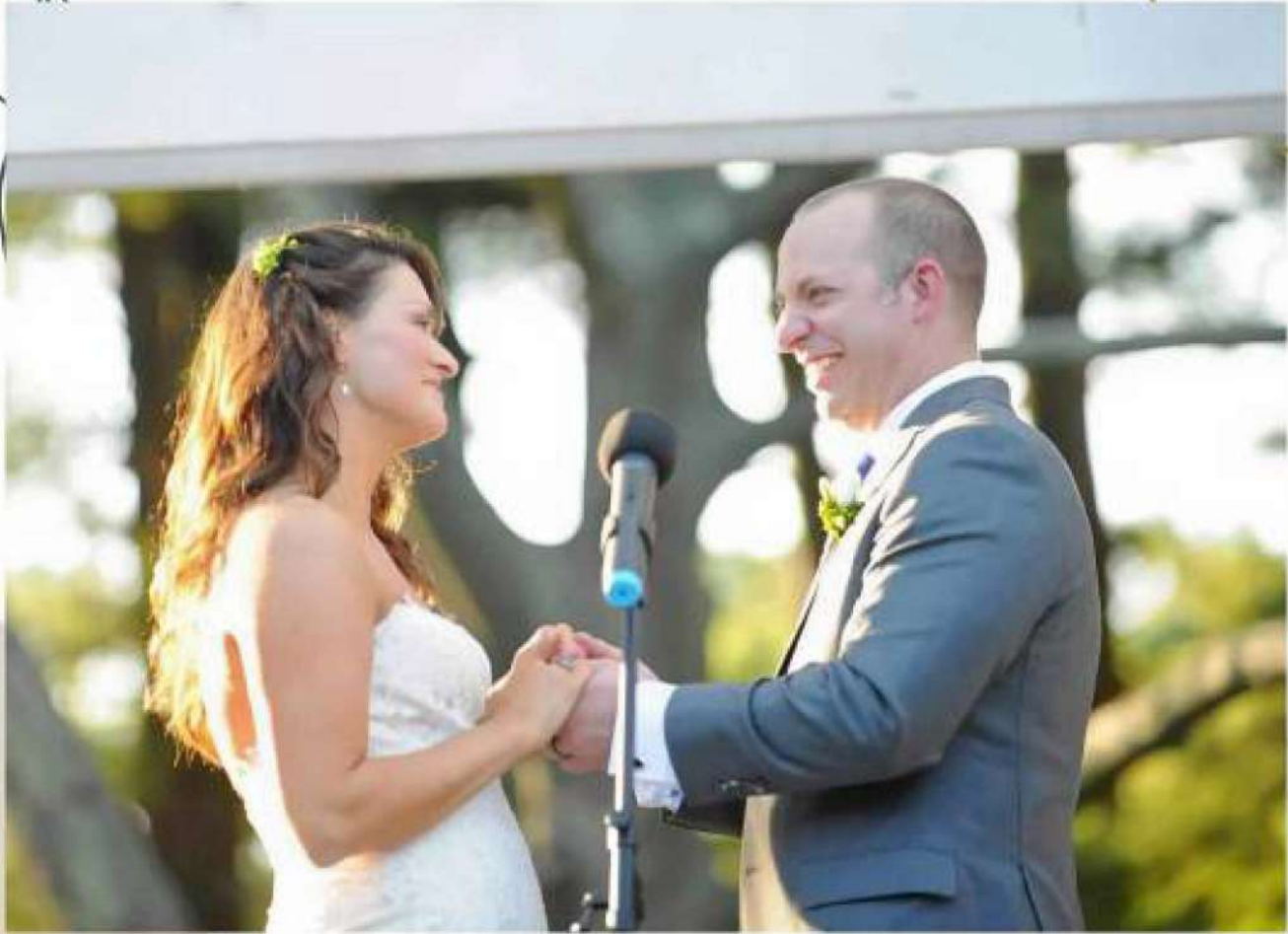
STEPHANIE, JASON  
& ANASTASIA



Stephanie & Jason

Hello! We are Stephanie and Jason. Although we haven't met you yet, we want to thank you for your courage in looking into an adoption plan for your precious baby. We cannot begin to understand how difficult this decision is for you, but we want you to know that you are a blessing to your baby and to your baby's future parents. We want you to know as much about us so that you can feel confident you have made the best decision for you and your little one.

We value family above anything else, and are committed to making sure we have a home filled with love, laughter, and happiness. We thank you for taking the time to learn more about us.



## ABOUT US



We met through a mutual friend in 2014, and from the night we met we walked out of the restaurant hand in hand and never looked back.

Our friend Tina felt strongly that we should meet and knew that even if it weren't a love connection, we would most assuredly be friends. We arranged to meet together for a casual hang out. We quickly started talking and there was a familiarity about each other that led the conversation to continue, and it felt like poor Tina was no longer there! After that night we arranged for our first 'real' date the following night, and have been together since then.

We shared many of the same interests, such as spending quality time with family and friends, yoga, tacos, a love of music and cars. Stephanie always liked cars but Jason introduced her to the car club where we enjoy learning about driving on a road course and have met a wonderful community of people. Jason has since become a driving instructor.

We were married in a beautiful outdoor ceremony by a lake in September 2016 and have since bought a home together and had our first child, Anastasia Grace (Ana for short) in January of 2020!





As a married couple we understand the importance of compromise, hard work, forgiveness, compassion, and honesty, and having Ana has strengthened our relationship and communication skills even more.



Us in Big Sur (left page), La Jolla, and our home at Christmas



Stephanie's first  
NJ Devils game.  
Jason is a big fan!

Stephanie works at a pharmaceutical company creating labeling for pharmaceutical products, compiling data from clinical trials and other sources about the products into the package insert (including what to take the medication for, how to take it, the risks, etc.).



At a concert



San Francisco

Jason works in finance, also supporting the pharmaceutical industry. Stephanie works from home full time, and Jason is working full time from home due to the pandemic but expects to return to the office a few days a week.



We always take time to be silly together! Stephanie trying a beautiful facial mask and Jason trying on Stephanie's beach hat for size.





At a friend's birthday party



Even though we both have careers, family is our number one priority. Although this pandemic has been very devastating to our world, the silver lining is that working from home gave us a lot of quality time where we were able to experience most of our daughter's firsts! It also allowed her grandmothers to each spend two full days a week creating memories with her.

## ABOUT JASON



Playing with dry ice



Axe throwing

Jason is kind, funny, and lives life to the fullest.

I always say thankfully he is finally a father because he is always cracking "dad jokes", the kind kids love to roll their eyes at but secretly chuckle.



Jason was raised in a family that didn't have much, but had each other and always put family first. He has assumed those values, and I see how family is his first priority in everything he does. He co-signed for his brother's college loan so that his brother could go away to college, while Jason stayed home and worked while attending community college.

Ana is the light of Jason's life!

When we first had her, like most first time dads, he wasn't sure what to do; but they have quickly developed a very special and deep father-daughter bond. He chases her around and we all love to play hide and seek, taking turns shushing each other to be quiet while the other parent comes to find us.





Jason is an incredible father, and I am so grateful to have him as my husband and father of our precious child. It has been wonderful seeing the man I love grow into an even better version of himself and an amazing father.

He always put us first!





## ABOUT STEPHANIE

Stephanie is the light of life in our family. If there were only one phrase to describe her, it would be full of life. She loves life and making people smile.

She brings her funny and caring nature to every situation and also when it comes to our daughter. She is always looking for another fun thing for us to do as a family. As successful Stephanie has been in her work career she shows every day she brings that same dedication to raising Ana. Every morning she prepares Ana's meals for the day and carefully packs her lunch bag for the days she goes to school.

Top: At a concert with best friends from college

Bottom: Getting ready to go on a roller coaster with my best friend

## Sisters in law



Stephanie absolutely loves being Ana's mom and her world revolves around her. Whether its singing and dancing to music, sitting down to read, taking her on walks, or just acting goofy, she loves spending time with the family doing something fun and connecting. Stephanie is a wonderful mom and is eager for another addition to our family.

Love makes a family. We are so lucky that both sets of grandparents are with us and always willing to lend a helping hand. One set of grandparents lives about 20 minutes away and the other about an hour and a half. Both sets of grandparents have been married for over 40 years, and have shown us what a loving marriage is like.



Grandmas

Making memories with our family is very important to us and we see them often. All four grandparents are looking forward to enjoying time with your child just as they currently do with Ana: playing on the swings, swimming in the pool, taking her on wagon rides, reading, making crafts, making campfires and smores and playing in the garden.



Grandpas



# MAKING *memories*

Family traditions with aunts (1), uncles (2) and cousins (too many to count!) include apple and pumpkin picking, hunting for Easter eggs, gathering for holidays and family barbeques.



Our family is full of love and laughter. And each and every family member and friend has been more than supportive through this whole process. We cannot express to you enough the amount of love and attention your child would receive from our family.



Ana's Godparents,  
Aunt Jenn & Uncle Greg

## OUR FAMILY & COMMUNITY



Although we live close to all of the necessities and creature comforts, our family home is located out in the country neighboring several farms, and we have plenty of land to run around and play. We are surrounded by two horse farms and go to feed the horses carrots every day and check in on the chickens, turkeys, and sheep. We have wonderful neighbors as well. One of our neighbors saw that since Ana was a baby I've taken her to feed the horses carrots every day. The first winter they plowed a path so I could continue this daily ritual in the snow. The following year, they planted sunflowers all along the fence for a 'sunflower walk' to greet the horses.



Our home and the surrounding farms

We spend our days with good balance between fun new things such as going to the zoo and going to Sesame Place, to the daily rituals that create comforting routines. Every night after dinner the three of us play some form of hide and seek before Ana gets a bath, and after bath there's snack, a few books, and prayers before bed.



We have two cats, Harley and Diego, who Ana thoroughly enjoys and they also enjoy and are protective of her. There's a park just a mile from our home where we spend many afternoons when mom and dad are finished with work.

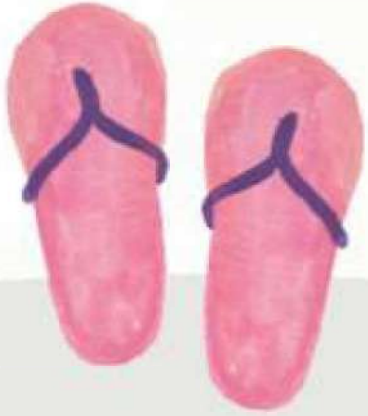


Left: Farmland view from our road  
Below: Our living room



Harley & Diego





In the summer, we spend lots of time at Grandma's pool or on our deck playing with Ana's water table, running through the sprinkler, playing with bubbles, or riding her tricycle. We're also involved in music classes as music is a big part of our lives.

Diego soaking up some warmth by the fire and Christmas tree in our old home



Dada cutting down the Christmas tree



In winter, we have a sled and plenty of land to ride it!



Every year the day after Thanksgiving we go to the Christmas tree farm to look for the perfect tree, which Dad cuts down himself and loads into the truck. But not until we've shopped for handmade Christmas crafts and had hot cocoa! Then we take our tree home and start the decorations while listening to Christmas music.



We have a close-knit family and we spend lots of time with, Ana has a close relationship with her grandparents and aunts and uncles. Her grandmothers spend time with her every week and we often visit with her aunts and uncles and even FaceTime.



We also have a close network of friends from childhood, college, our community of friends from the track, along with new friends we've met through activities with Ana. She is involved in swim and gymnastics classes in the community where we continue to meet new friends. She recently started three half days a week at a local Montessori school where she is spending time with her peers and learning so much.



Above: Dinner with good friends

Below: Fun hats at a black tie party with college friends



For discipline, we believe in providing support and the tools our daughter needs to succeed, gentle reminders, and age-appropriate consequences. She is so happy, silly, smart and loving. She is very affectionate, always spending time doting on her little stuffed animals giving them kisses and hugs, making sure they are fed and feel loved. She is caring and generous by nature, and without being taught she is already great at sharing. She will be so excited at the chance to have a baby sister or brother, and we know she will be an excellent big sister!

Nursery all set up!  
Walls are beige, and we can swap out green or blue birds for the pink for a boy =o)



## OUR MESSAGE TO YOU



- \* Your child will always know that he or she is loved, supported and encouraged to be anything he or she wants to be.
- \* He or she will know the joy of grandparents, aunts, uncles and extended family and friends.
- \* We promise to provide a life full of love, ensure that they feel safe and secure, and help them along the way in finding their passions.
- \* We think you are a brave and loving mother, and will always speak of you with honor and respect.

We hope that you have a good understanding of who we are, what we value, and how we will parent. We sincerely thank you for considering us and wish you the same joy in your life that you may bring into ours.

