

Allison & Neil



Hello!

Nice to meet you. We are Allison & Neil, and we are hoping to expand our family through adoption. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family. We love being together, outdoors, spending time in our pool or garden, and hosting our family and friends for game nights.

We know considering adoption is a huge decision and are happy to provide any information about us that you need.

Our hope is that our profile is the first step in our families getting to know each other. We are an open book and look forward to getting to know you too.



about us

We just celebrated 11 years of marriage, and have been together for 16. As fate would have it, we both went to college in Washington, D.C. and met on move-in day.

Sparks flew when we met!

Allison walked in to meet a friend moving next to Neil, and the light in his lampshade exploded.

Throughout college, Neil would make waffles every Thursday for all our friends, and over time, our friendship grew into love.

Starting as best friends laid a strong foundation for our relationship, helping us face life's challenges with laughter, patience, and unwavering support.

We grew up together, enduring loss and hardships, and built a life we both wanted, together.

At our wedding, we served waffles.

Allison

CHEERFUL ANIMAL LOVER



I was born in Baltimore, but grew up in Central Florida with a twin-sister and 2 brothers.

My Dad traveled a lot for work, and I helped my mom a lot. Growing up, I took the role as big sister very seriously. I loved kids from an early age, was the neighborhood babysitter, and taught reading to first-graders throughout college.

For work, I help the government in leading environmental efforts to keep our water and air clean.

My dream is to take as much time off to bond with our new addition.

WORDS I LIVE BY:

DO YOUR LITTLE BIT OF GOOD WHERE YOU ARE; IT'S THOSE LITTLE BITS OF GOOD PUT TOGETHER THAT OVERWHELM THE WORLD.

-DESMOND TUTU



My favorite things:

color: yellow

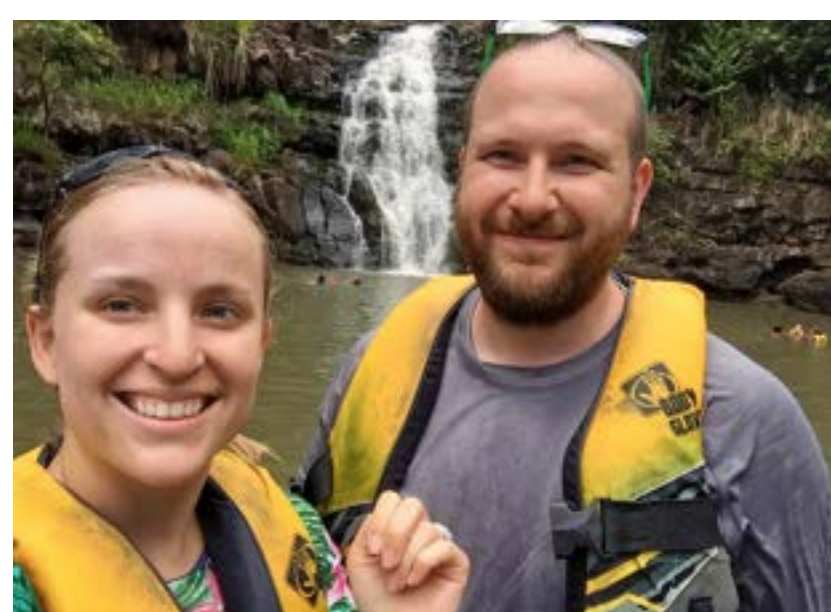
food: chips & salsa

book: The Babysitters Club

movie: Clueless

hobbies: baking, gardening, hiking, volunteering with dog rescues

childhood activities: gymnastics, baseball, lacrosse, piano



My Favorite Things:

color: green

food: coconut cake

book: The Hobbit

movie: The Lord of the Rings

hobbies: video games, painting miniatures

childhood activities: swim, soccer, jazz band (saxophone)

Neil

FUNNY, HELPFUL, CLEVER

I was born in New York, but grew up near Boston. I have two older brothers, who I grew up very close with.

Like Allison, my Dad also traveled a lot for work, so I spent a lot of time with my Mom in highschool while my brothers were in College.

I worked for the Navy after College, then stayed at home with our daughter for her first three years. Now I am a consultant for energy projects. I like our little family, making Allison and my daughter laugh, telling stories, and spending time with my brothers and cousins playing games online.



FAVORITE SIBLING MEMORY: A HEATED DEBATE WHAT CONSTITUTES A SANDWICH, PLAYING BOARD GAMES, AND HOSTING MARATHON GAME NIGHTS



HOW NEIL THINKS ABOUT ALLISON

Allison is a very kind and caring mom. She has a gentle and free spirit and approaches life with optimism and humor. She is passionate about helping others and her surroundings, and always cared about working with children.

When we first met she volunteered with a children's reading program. To this day, she beams with pride when she tells stories about those kids.

At any given time Allison's brain can be thinking of and planning 100 different things. I love the magic she creates for our family. She can be empathetic to a fault, often putting others interests in front of her own.



HOW ALLISON THINKS ABOUT NEIL

Neil is hilarious, has the type of big laugh that is contagious, is wicked smart, and very patient. He and I have different, but very complementary personalities. He can sometimes be introverted until you get to know him, but is the most loyal and thoughtful partner. I am so lucky to get to parent and live life with him.

He sacrificed his career to be a stay at home dad for three years so I could follow my dreams and become a leader in my field.

Also, he is the best “girl dad,” always happy to paint his nails and practice new hair styles, even learning to braid hair! He’s not afraid of a dirty diaper, dance party, or playing dress up.

Meet Ada

OUR DAUGHTER & BIG SISTER IN TRAINING

Age: 5

Favorite things:

Color: red and pink

Disney character: Moana

Book: *"What do people do all day?"* -Richard Scarry

Food: hamburgers and edamame

Song: Shake it off

Hobbies: gymnastics, swim class,
playground

Toy: my baby dolls or pretend
school

"When I grow up I want to be: a helicopter
pilot with a pink ponytail"



On sisterhood

To Allison, sisterhood represents the very best memories from her childhood: we did everything together, and while we were competitive, we loved and protected each other fiercely. We hope to cultivate a sisterhood that is rooted in love, joy, and happy memories.

Our daughter has gotten lots of practice with her younger nephews and friend's siblings. She is helpful, curious, and patient and understands that families are built from love.

“An older sister is a friend and defender—a listener, conspirator, a counselor and a sharer of delights. And sorrows too.” If you choose to place your daughter with us, she will be the missing piece to our story - and cherished and celebrated for her uniqueness is what makes her special.



our home



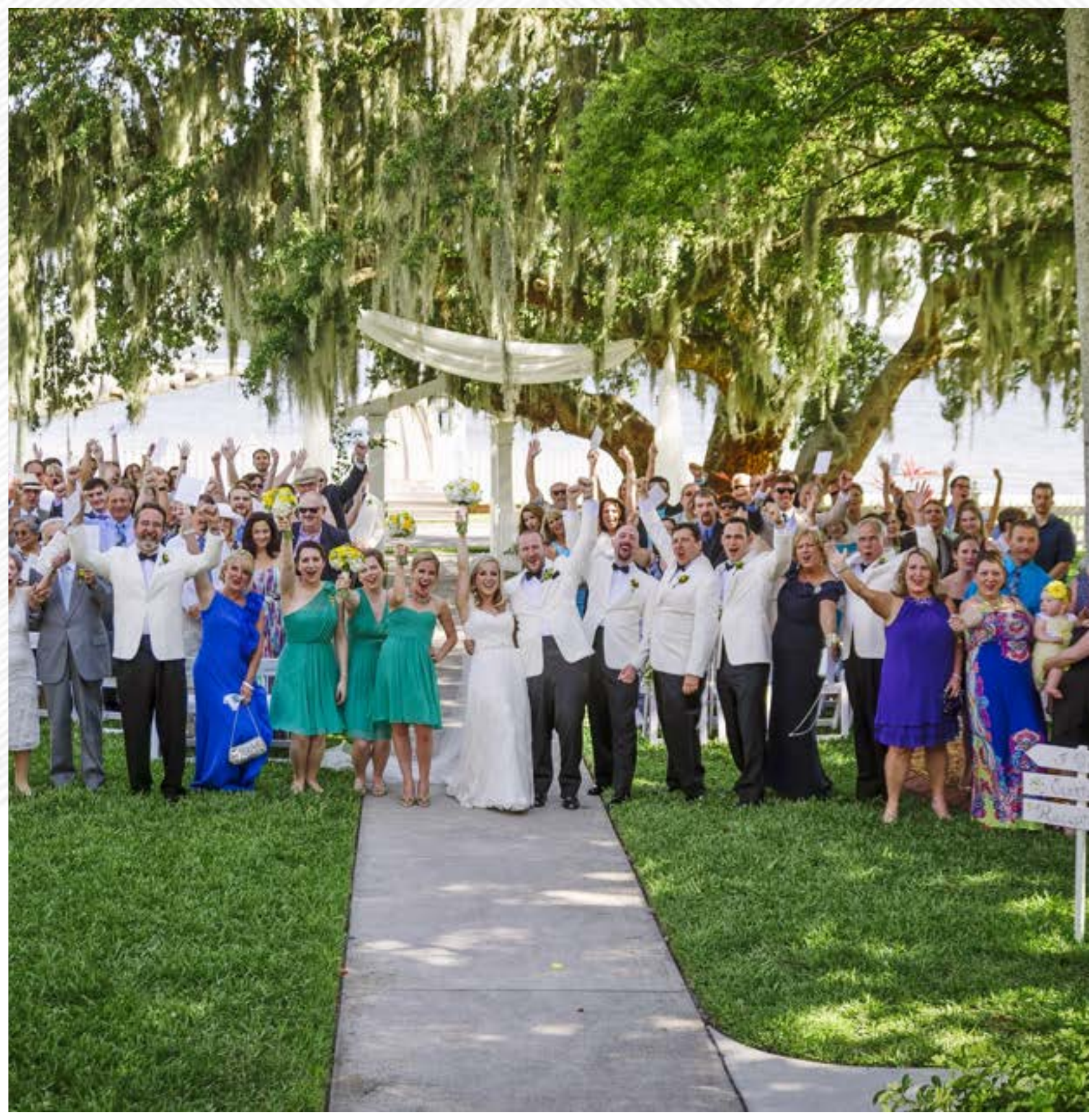


We live in Central Florida. We have a tight-knit group of friends nearby for pool parties or trick-or-treating with. Family is a short drive away, making birthday parties and holidays easy for us to host!

Our community has everything we love: the most sunny days, parks, and beaches!

At home, we have a playset, new pool (with baby fence), tree swing, a fairy garden, and citrus trees planted together as a family. Our neighborhood is lined with shade trees, large pond, and is filled with young families. We spend most nights walking the pond and looking for baby ducks and turtles.

Our home also includes a few animal friends! We have a sweet dog named Betty, a cuddly cat named Opal, and 5 fish friends.



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FRIENDS & FAMILY



Cousins



Siblings



Allison & twin sister



Neil's family



Allison's family



Siblings

family traditions



Neil keeps up his waffle-making skills by cooking breakfast every weekend. His family has a special recipe for nut roll from Croatia, which his mom taught me!

Growing up, Allison's family always got matching pajamas from grandparents to open on Christmas Eve. Allison's mom continues this tradition, and gets all grand children matching pajamas.

Neil's mom was an expert gardener. When she passed away, we planted her a forest. Now, at every place we live or whenever a friend/loved one moves, we plant a tree.

Every memorial day, we get all of our siblings together for a week at the beach - under one roof! It is the highlight of the summer, and we plan it the whole year.

On adoption

We always envisioned adoption as our pathway to parenting. Allison's first friend outside of her family was an adoptee and we have family who were adopted.

Due to health issues Allison lived with we knew carrying a pregnancy was not likely. We got the surprise of a lifetime when we found out we were pregnant. Becoming parents has been the most rewarding and sometimes challenging chapter. Last year Allison underwent a hysterectomy.

We have so much love to give and we know we are ready to add to our family. If you decide to move forward with placing your child with us, in addition to two loving adoptive parents they would have a big sister to grow up with. As parents, we lead with love and practice gentle parenting, holding space for big feelings.



Our promise to you



We know it takes a village to raise a child. Your child will always be surrounded by unconditional love and support. We promise your child will be raised to be strong, confident, caring, and kind. They will always know the importance and love of family, and this will always include you. We promise to give your child the best of ourselves and always put their needs first. We will honor your wishes for openness and always respect the role you played in our family's story.

We will forever appreciate and honor the opportunity you have given us. Please know that no matter what, our family is your family.

With love,

Allison & Neil