OUR STORY

JANA
&
MARK

Hi! We're Jana and Mark.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us and our dreams of becoming parents together. We know that if you're reading this, you're facing one of the most important and heartfelt decisions anyone can make.

We understand that it takes strength, courage, and so much love to consider an adoption plan for your child; as well as the biggest and most generous heart to consider making a couple, who cannot have children on their own, parents. We're deeply grateful that you're taking the time to get to know our story.





This was taken on our wedding day in Colorado in 2019, surrounded by beautiful Rocky Mountain views.

We love children and have both dreamed about raising children from young ages. Since we met, we talked about raising a family and even adopting because adoption has always been a natural part of our lives — as a baby, Mark was adopted by his stepdad Andrew.



Our friend's son, Austin and daughter Greyson with Mark.



Jana holding our nephew, Richie and Jana's sister, Martina.

We have so much love to give and can't wait to share our own life's adventures and create new adventures — from bedtime stories to first days of school, from muddy boots after a nature walk to dance recitals and soccer games throughout college and adulthood. We both cannot wait to be very present and hands-on parents.



Our niece, Mia and Jana.

Because we are our own bosses and work from home, we have total control over our time; we won't be rushing off to an office but will be stay-at-home parents for every single moment of a child's life.



Mark in our home office with one of our dog, BuddyBooboo, who is so great with children. Just a typical Wednesday work day.

Your child will grow up in our beautiful country oasis — a home on over 50 acres of secure woodland with three private ponds and a heated swimming pool. It is a place of absolute comfort and freedom, where a child can truly have the best of everything.



This photo shows our pool, the main house and the barn house on a beautiful sunny summer day.

About Each Other

About Jana (by Mark): Jana has the most caring heart. She's warm, thoughtful, and always the first to offer help to someone in need. Kids are drawn to her because she really listens and makes them feel seen. She brings creativity and fun into everything, and I can't wait to see her as a mom.



Celebrating our friends, Hiten and Miral's wedding in Mexico. Beautiful sunset wedding surrounded by the ocean.

About Mark (by Jana): Mark has a calm, steady energy that makes everyone feel safe and cared for. He's hardworking, funny, and endlessly patient. He always shows up — whether it's helping a neighbor, teaching a niece to fish, or making me laugh after a long day. I know without a doubt he'll be an incredible father.



Our friend's son, Will with Mark.



Our friend's daughter, Bella and Mark.

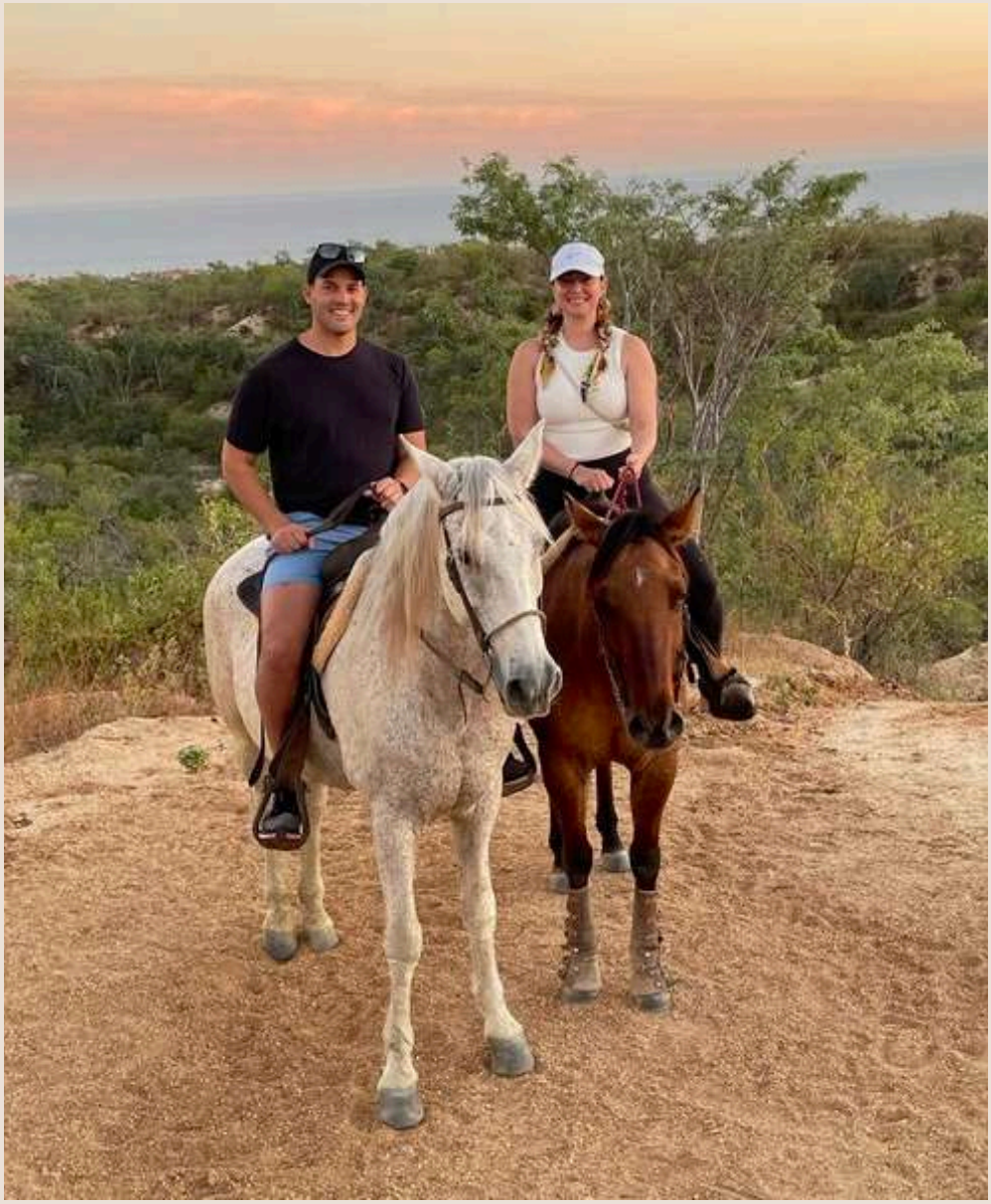


Our niece, Mia and Mark.



Our nieces Abby and Mia with Mark.

We'll encourage creativity, education, and compassion — helping him or her grow into someone who feels safe exploring the world and following their dreams. Our home will always be filled with warmth, laughter, and opportunities — a place where a child feels supported and celebrated every single day.



A little horseback riding adventure in Cabo while celebrating our friends Miral and Hiten's wedding.

Life Before We Became “We”

Before our paths crossed, we both lived full, adventurous lives — but we always felt that something was missing.

We both grew up in Europe — Jana in Slovakia, in a creative household filled with art, music, and Sunday family dinners, and Mark in the English countryside, where life revolved around family, nature, and helping neighbors.



Mark visiting his family in Scotland and taking a stroll along the sea in his mom’s backyard — classic Scottish views including cows.

We each moved to the U.S. separately. Jana came as a little 12-year-old girl, and Mark moved when he was older (about twenty years ago) after living in different countries in Europe. We were both chasing new adventures and opportunities — and somewhere along the way, we found each other.



Jana, about 12 yrs old with her parents and siblings visiting the Statue of Liberty for the first time in the US.

Mark with his parents and siblings when he was about 8 years old living in the North of England.



We first met one another in 2015 at work in New York City, when we were both working for a major production company.

Jana was planning to leave her job, and Mark was hired to replace her, and when we did meet, it felt instantly comfortable — like we'd just arrived home.

Friendship turned into love, and we discovered that we share the same humor, curiosity, and belief that family is life's best adventure.



Our trip to Arizona celebrating Mark's birthday and visiting the Horseshoe Bend, it was a hot day but worth the hike.

We celebrated our love with a beautiful wedding in the snowy, peaceful mountains of Colorado. Surrounded by the quiet beauty of nature and the crisp mountain air, it was a day that felt truly magical and a time we will hold in our hearts forever. That special day, high up in the peaks, was the start of our favorite adventure — one that we are so ready to continue as we grow our family.



Another favorite picture from our wedding day in Colorado in 2019, surrounded by beautiful Rocky Mountain views.

Our Life Together

Our daily life is a mix of work and a peaceful home, (plus a noticeable amount of fur from our cute little doggies, who are wonderful with children!).

We have been fortunate to build a successful company. On any given day, we might be working with celebrities, influencers, and models for ads you see in Times Square or on billboards in Los Angeles. Running our own company allows us to be creative, meet wonderful people from all walks of life, and gives us the flexibility to focus on what matters most — raising a family together.



Because we own our business and work from home, we have total control over our schedule and will both be very present, stay-at-home parents.



Our sitting room and dining room, where we enjoy morning coffee and end our nights having dinner and enjoying the fireplace.

Our kitchen is the heart of the home — usually filled with family, friends, good food, and everyone lingering around the island making memories and sneaking a few treats before dinner is ready.



We have designed our home to be a private retreat where a child has space to play and feel secure.



Our niece, Mia.



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Our friend's kids, Liam and Greyson.



While we love the privacy of our country home, and we also keep an apartment in the city for when we want to experience the energy of New York.

Our home is always open to friends and family. We love being the house where neighbors bring their grandchildren over to ride the pedal boat or join us for a BBQ.



Our friend's daughter, Bella and Jana.



Our friends Shakira and TJ, along with their kids, Greyson and Austin, love spending summer days swimming, splashing, and making memories in the pond.





Our friend Mario and his daughter, Bella with Mark.



Our friend's daughter Liana working on school project with Jana.

We love children so much that we're the couple who's always down on the floor building Lego castles, dressing up dolls, chasing bubbles across the lawn, or helping a little one decorate cupcakes.

Jana often helps our nieces and nephews, Abby, Mia, and Rich with art projects and baking while Mark teaches them how to fish on the pond, make smores at the campfire or lets them help wash the firetruck at community open houses. It is a comfortable, high-energy life, and we are ready to share every bit of it with a child.



Our niece, Mia.

Outside of work, we're very involved in our local community. Mark is a volunteer firefighter and EMT, and Jana helps with community events organized by the department. It's a great way to stay connected and give back.

We love being active and living a healthy lifestyle. We work out regularly, take long walks with our dogs, and spend plenty of time outdoors.



Another favorite picture from our wedding day in Colorado in 2019, being adventurous and walking through the beautiful forest.

In the winter, we have a LOT of snow, which means even more fun things to do with all our family and friends and neighbors' kids. We go snow tubing at the local ski resort, building the world's biggest snowmen in the front yard and of course, healthy snowball competitions.

Whether it's reading bedtime stories to our nieces and nephews, helping at their school fairs, or mentoring teens through the fire department's junior program, we always seem to find ourselves surrounded by kids, and we love every minute of it!



Our niece Abby — Pete and Justine's daughter — showing off her creative snow angels while we all bundled up and played outside in the snow.

Weekends usually include a long walk on nearby trails with our two sweet and gentle dogs, Buddy Boo Boo and Carrie Bradshaw. Buddy is a 2-year-old Australian Cattle and Great Pyrenees mix who adores children and babies.

Buddy is a gentle giant who wags his tail gently and leans in for sweet cuddles around little ones. Carrie, our 12-year-old long-haired Chihuahua, is the tiny queen of the house — confident, funny, and full of personality. She loves to lead Buddy around, and he happily lets her.



Our sweet dogs Carrie and Buddy are so great with children.

Our Family and Friends Are Very Family and Child Oriented

We are blessed with an amazing support system. Our immediate family live close enough for weekend visits and holidays, and they cannot wait to welcome a new little one into the family.



Our family back in Slovakia.



Our friend's daughter, Carmen with Jana.



Our friend's kids, Greyson, Liam, Liana, Caleb and Hunter

We both come from big families and Mark is one of 7 children. Jana's parents, Paul and Bozena, along with her siblings Pete, Tina, and Sue, and their children — Abby, Mia, and baby Richie live close-by and visit often.

Mark's parents, Julie and Roger, and his siblings Simon, Naomi, and Joseph, live in Scotland with our nieces and nephews — Caitlyn, Ethan, Lewis, Junior, and Mel.



Our niece, Mia with Mark and Jana



Our niece, Mia with our nephew, Richie and his parents, Martina and Rich

We see them all several times a year, either at big family gatherings in Scotland or when they visit us in the U.S. usually during summer and winter holidays. Everyone is hands-on, fun, and endlessly loving.

Along with our family, we have many close friends — here and in Europe — who are like aunties and uncles to us. Family gatherings are filled with warmth, music, food, and laughter — the kind of moments that turn into lasting memories.



Mark's mom Julie and Roger, visiting us in the winter and we took them to see the Statue of Liberty.

Holidays and Traditions

We love traditions — big and small — and we truly enjoy sharing them with family and friends. At Christmas, we decorate the tree, sip hot cocoa, and bake cookies for neighbors.

We alternate Thanksgiving between our parents' homes and ours. When it's our turn, the whole family comes a few days early and stays over, turning it into a week-long celebration.



Decorating our christmas tree is our favorite part of Christmas in our house along with figuring out where our snow globes and Santa decorations go around the house.

We prepare the turkey from our neighbor's dairy farm and make sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, and some of Jana's family favorites from Slovakia — goulash, a cabbage and mushroom soup with kielbasa, and homemade pierogis. Mark's contribution is often his British classic: fish and chips!

Everyone helps with prep, and there's plenty of friendly competition for best chef bragging rights. It always ends in laughter, full bellies, and a few loosened belts.



Visiting Santa with our friends, Jeff and Franco with their daughter, Carmen.

At Easter, we head to Jana's family home, where the kids decorate eggs and join the neighborhood scavenger hunt. It usually starts right after breakfast, and we have an egg and spoon race competition which Mark used to do at school in England.



Our niece, Mia at our house coloring eggs for easter right before we have our easter egg races.

We often spend Christmas holidays in Europe, visiting Mark's family in the U.K. or Jana's extended family in Slovakia. If we're lucky, we'll sneak in a ski trip with friends in France.



Night skiing in Norway before heading to Scotland to see Mark's family for Christmas and New Year.

We love soaking in the local traditions — outdoor markets, sparkling lights, and seasonal treats — and we can't wait to share those experiences with a child.



Our friend's son, Liam's birthday party with Jana.

Our friend's daughter, Stella with Mark.



Our Promise

We promise to provide a home filled with love, laughter, and security. Your child will always know how deeply they are loved — by us, and by you. We'll honor their story, speak openly about their adoption, and make sure they grow up knowing their roots and the selfless love that brought them into our lives.

Thank You

We hope this has helped you see our values and the kind of life we hope to offer a child.We'd be honored to learn more about you and your hopes for your child's future.

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If you have questions about us or the adoption process, our attorney Suzanne Nichols is available at 1-800-255-1415. Whatever decision you make, we wish you peace and comfort as you move forward on your journey.

With love,
Jana and Mark