

AJ and Samuel



#### HI THERE! WE'RE A.J. & SAM

two adventurous, loving, and down-to-earth people who are so excited to grow our family through adoption. Writing this fills us with gratitude and hope, knowing it brings us one step closer to meeting the child we've dreamed about for so long.





# Our Story

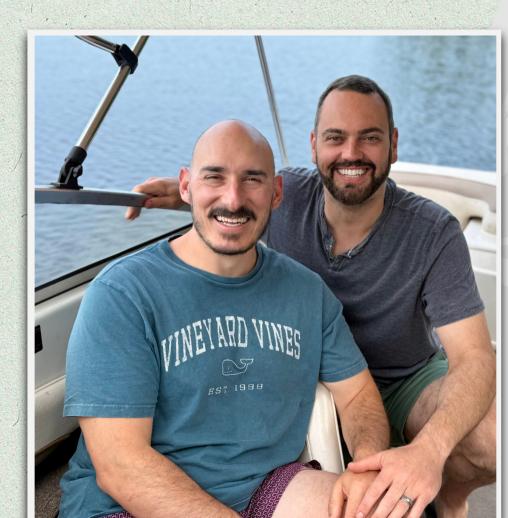


Our story began in a surprising way: we first connected on a dating app, only to discover we were both invited to the same baby shower a few days later! That twist of fate led to love, laughter, and a beautiful life together. Sam is a high school physics teacher, and A.J. works in tech sales with an entrepreneurial streak. We share a love of travel, theater, skiing, gardening, and spending time with family and friends. After marrying in February 2025, we knew in our hearts that it was the right time to begin our journey to parenthood.

### Our Journey to Adoption

Becoming dads has always been a dream for both of us. As two gay men, we weren't always sure what our path would look like, but we always knew that raising children was something we were meant to do.

A.J. grew up surrounded by a large extended family and began babysitting at a young age-even becoming a godparent to one of the kids he cared for. Sam helped raise his two nieces as a teenager, supporting his brother as a single parent. These early experiences gave us both a deep appreciation for the joys and responsibilities of parenthood. We considered different paths to starting a family, but when we learned more about adoption-especially through friends in our community—it felt like home to us. Adoption isn't just about growing a family; it's about honoring

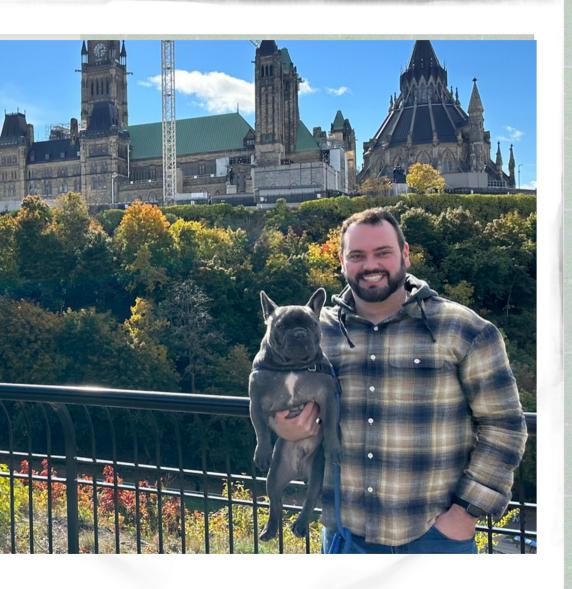






#### ABOUT A.J. (BY SAM):

#### AMBITIOUS, CREATIVE, FUNNY, GENEROUS, PASSIONATE.



What drew me to
A.J. was his quick
wit and big heart.
He's the most
thoughtful and
encouraging person
I know. He'll be the
kind of parent who
inspires our child
to dream big, be
curious, and
express themselves
freely.

#### ABOUT SAM (BY A.J.):

KIND, GROUNDED, THOUGHTFUL, LOYAL, ATHLETIC.



I was drawn to Sam's warmth and integrity. He's incredibly smart, fun to be around, and has such a calming presence. He's going to be the kind of dad who patiently teaches, plays outside, and makes our child feel seen and supported every step of the way.

## Our Home & Community



WE LIVE IN NATICK, MASSACHUSETTS, IN A WARM AND INVITING THREE-BEDROOM HOME WITH A FENCED YARD. PLAYROOM PLANS, AND PLENTY OF SPACE TO GROW. IT'S SAFE, BRIGHT, AND JOYFUL- THE KIND OF HOME WHERE A CHILD CAN RUN, PLAY, AND FEEL SECURE. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD IS FAMILY-FRIENDLY, WITH A WONDERFUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PARKS JUST A SHORT WALK AWAY, NATICK IS CONSISTENTLY RANKED AS ONE OF THE BEST TOWNS IN THE STATE, WITH EXCELLENT SCHOOLS AND A WELCOMING COMMUNITY. IT'S THE PERFECT PLACE TO RAISE A CHILD.



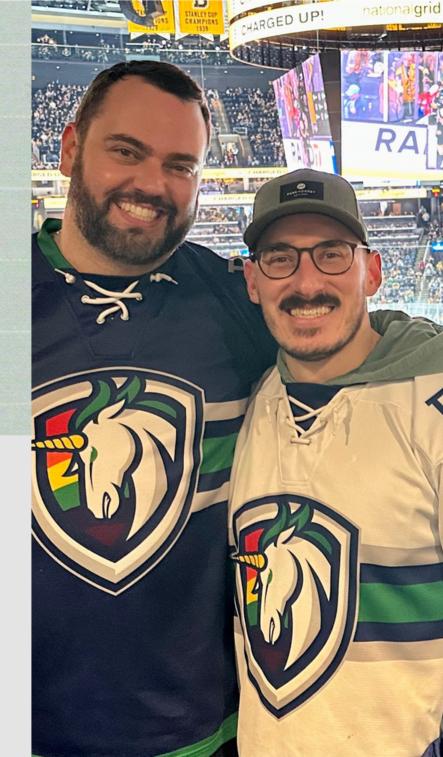




### Faith, Values & Parenting

We were raised celebrating Christian holidays but don't actively practice religion. What matters most to us is raising our child with kindness, empathy, and openness. We'll support them in exploring their own beliefs and identities while teaching the importance of respect, compassion, and education.





## Favorite Activities, Hobbies, Interests

We love skiing, traveling, attending theater shows, gardening, and doing home projects together. Sam enjoys hockey, autocross, and working on cars. A.J. loves theatre, current events, museums, comedy, and creative work like speaking and writing.

We can't wait to include our child in all of it, from backyard gardening to ski trips and Broadway shows!



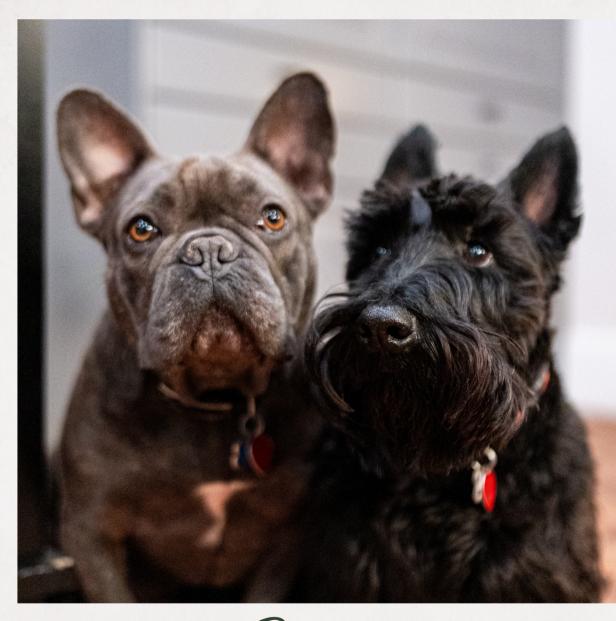








We have two wonderful dogs: A Scottish Terrier (8 years old) and a Frenchie (4 years old) that are part of the family.



Pets

A.J. got both of them as puppies and Sam has become the best doggie daddy. They love cuddles, walks, playtime, and following us around the house. They're gentle, wellbehaved, and great with kids, ready for a new little human sibling to adore.



Family is everything to us. Sunday dinners with Sam's family and weekends with A.J.'s nephews are part of our regular routine. We're also blessed with a close circle of friends who feel like family and are thrilled to support us on our adoption journey.

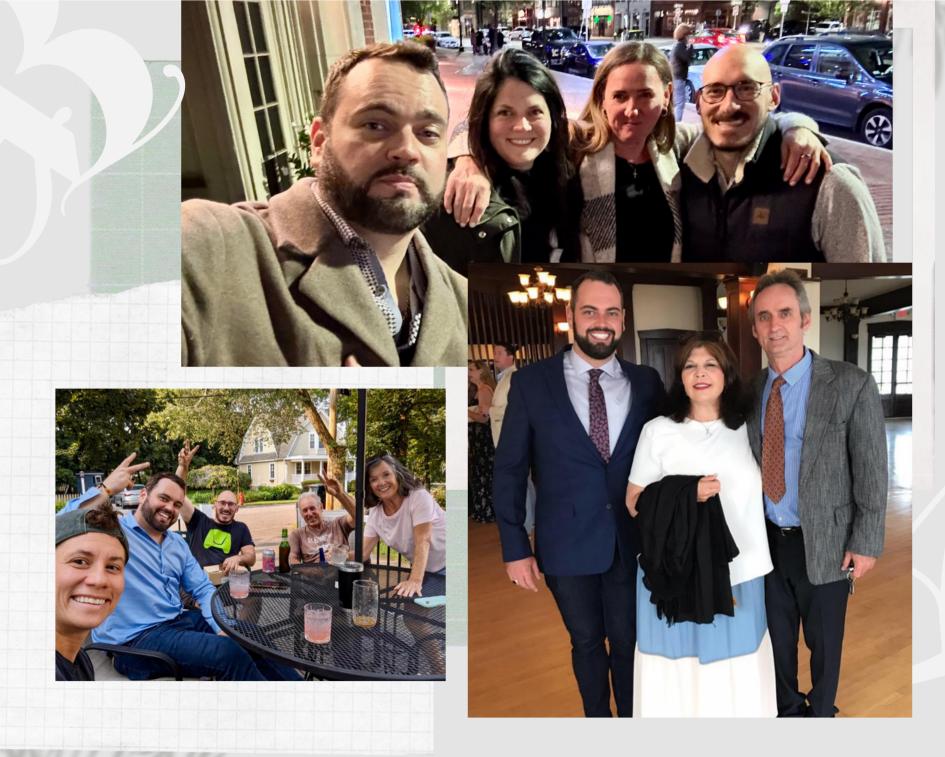
We love celebrating traditions together. Christmas means decorating, baking, and gathering with family. Birthdays are marked with thoughtful gifts, cake, and quality time together.

Sam's family has summer trips to
Maine and lively game nights, while
A.J.'s family makes regular trips to
Nova Scotia to connect with their
Canadian roots. As a couple, we love
cozy getaways to Quebec and
Vermont, and one of our dreams is to
someday buy a lake house where we
can create even more traditions with
our child.



### Family, Friends & Traditions







## Our Feelings About Adoption & Birth Parents

We have so much admiration and respect for birth parents. Your courage and love are at the heart of this journey. To us, adoption is a beautiful way to grow a family, and our child will always know their story, their roots, and the incredible strength it took to make this choice.

We would love to have an open relationship with you whether through photos, letters, visits, or updates- always rooted in love, respect, and trust







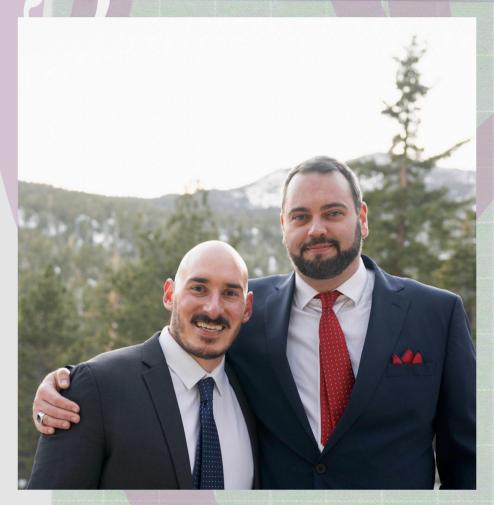
#### PROMISES TO THE EXPECTANT PARENTS



#### **WE PROMISE TO:**

- PROVIDE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND SUPPORT
  - RAISE YOUR CHILD IN A JOYFUL, NURTURING HOME
- CELEBRATE THEIR IDENTITY, STORY, AND HERITAGE
  - BE OPEN AND HONEST ABOUT THEIR
     ADOPTION
  - GIVE THEM EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE
  - TEACH KINDNESS, CURIOSITY, AND CONFIDENCE
- ALWAYS SPEAK OF YOU WITH GRATITUDE AND RESPECT

## THANK YOU



Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We know this is one of the most important decisions you'll ever make, and we honor your strength and heart. If you choose us, your child will be cherished, celebrated, and deeply loved every single day. With love and gratitude, A.J. & Sam