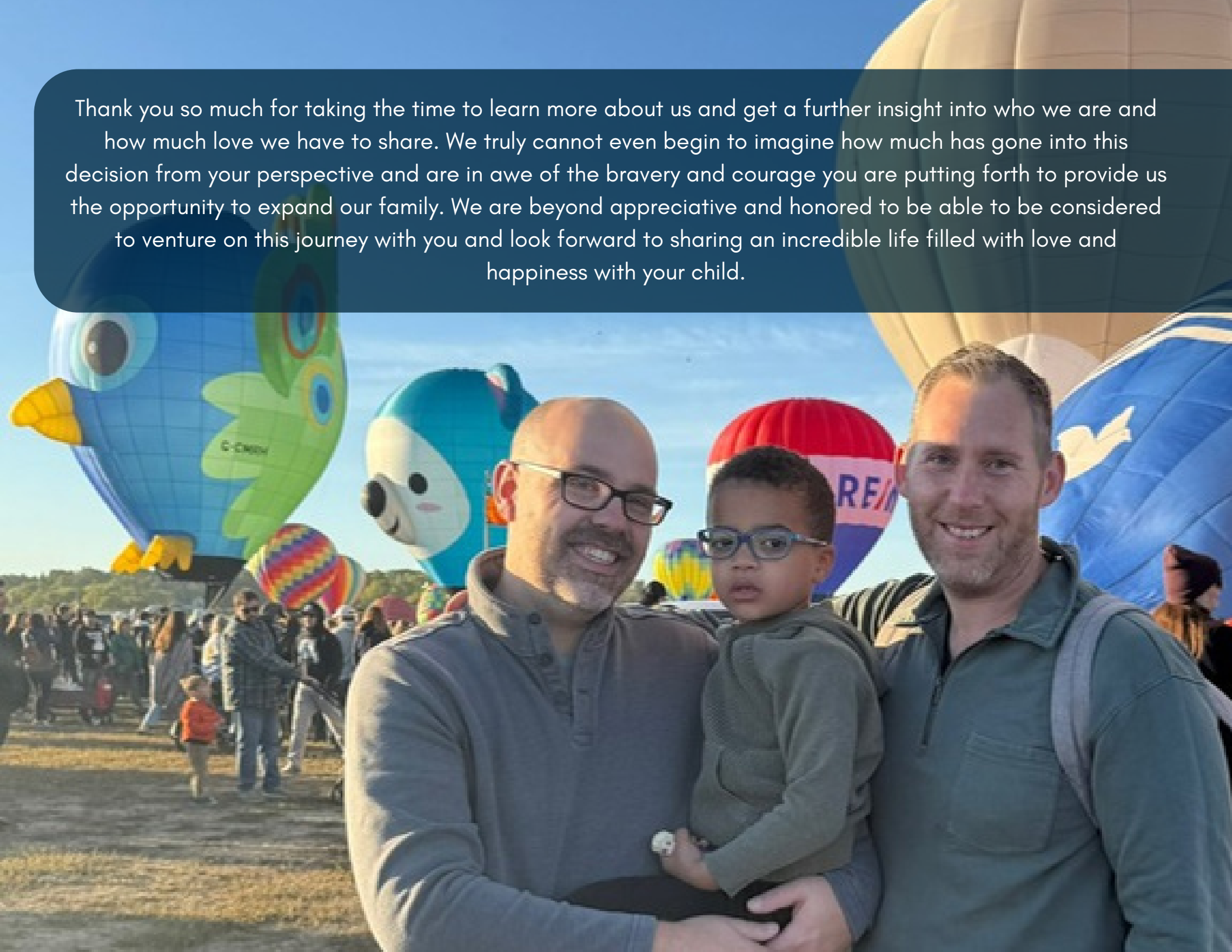




Blake and Brett

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about us and get a further insight into who we are and how much love we have to share. We truly cannot even begin to imagine how much has gone into this decision from your perspective and are in awe of the bravery and courage you are putting forth to provide us the opportunity to expand our family. We are beyond appreciative and honored to be able to be considered to venture on this journey with you and look forward to sharing an incredible life filled with love and happiness with your child.



About Us



We have been together for 19 years and met through mutual friends when we were both about to embark on a new journey in life. Brett was off to chase his dream of becoming a flight attendant and Blake was looking to relocate to finish his college degree. It only took one meeting for us to realize that we had found something very special in each other and we were inseparable from that day forward. We have lived in several major cities together...Washington DC, Los Angeles, New York City and Chicago, before ultimately finding a slower pace of life in New Jersey that felt perfect for us to call home and settle down in. While we did not know each other as kids, we grew up in towns next door to each other and were each raised in homes filled with love, laughter and strong family values. We both have multiple siblings and are now uncles to a big clan of nieces and nephews. We have always shared a lot of the same passions and interests which makes us very fortunate. On a typical weekend you can find us exploring new neighborhoods in search of the best parks and play places, searching for a new brunch or dinner spot or at Home Depot looking to buy tools or materials for our next big home reno project. Along the journey of life, we picked up a bit of woodworking and built all of the furniture for our back deck. With Brett being a flight attendant, we have been so fortunate to have the gift of travel at our fingertips. We love exploring the world and have taken advantage of it as much as possible, jetting off to new locations whenever we get the chance. We have been all over the place both domestically and internationally and Brett even proposed at the Cliffs of Moher on a family trip to Ireland!







About Blake

I grew up in upstate New York surrounded by family. My parents divorced when I was young which expanded my perspective on embracing change and ultimately increased the amount of loving supporters I had in my life. I have 3 siblings spread throughout the country and 3 nieces and nephews who cannot wait to add another cousin into our family. Growing up in a very rural environment, I love all things outdoors and am always ready for an adventure. For most of my childhood I was a competitive downhill ski racer with my dad as my coach. Some of my favorite childhood memories are road tripping to different locations with my whole family in tow. I hope to share these passions with my children and bring an adventurous spirit into their lives.

I work in the technology industry as a senior people business partner. This lets me play a huge part in creating experiences and a culture that puts people first which is a huge passion of mine. I love making people happy. I am obsessed with HGTV, and I like to think that I moonlight as an interior designer and home renovator...candidly, right now myself and our home is my only client, but this is one of my favorite activities during my downtime.



From Brett about Blake



The past 19 years of being in a relationship with Blake has been amazing. He's a wonderful communicator and watching him grow as a dad is one of the highlights of my life. He has so many natural skills that have been invaluable in parenting our son, Beckham. He's a real go-getter at work and will be an excellent example to our children as they see how he's so driven and determined to do well. He's hysterical. Our friends always ask me if I ever stop laughing due to how quick witted he is in which I reply, it's not quite as funny when you've been seeing the same show for 19 years. That said, in all honesty I laugh with him every day and that's part of what makes me fall in love with him every day over and over again Above all, watching him with our son has made me fall even more in love with him that I thought possible. He gives her back all the unconditional love Beckham gives to us, always prioritizes Beckham's needs over his own, and sets rules and boundaries for him that he maintains through open and honest conversation. He gives Beckham everything he needs but not all that he wants, which is an important part of life. He has all these attributes that make him amazing and these qualities makes me very excited to continue to co-parent with him.

About Brett

I am a flight attendant for a major US airline. I love to travel and spend my downtime with friends and family. I enjoy working on outdoor projects around the house and exploring our town in search of the best restaurants...there isn't a type of food or new experience that we will not try. Being a flight attendant, I am always looking for new places to travel and experience new cities and cultures. This is something that I cannot wait to share with your child one day.

I was born and raised in a small town in upstate New York. My grandparents owned a large dairy farm next door to our house and I worked on the farm for a large chunk of my childhood. I have two siblings and nine nieces and nephews who are all so excited to welcome a new cousin into the mix. Some of my favorite memories from growing up were yearly camping trips to Lake Ontario, family celebrations on our 20-acre lot, and weekend excursions with my boy scouts' troop.



From Blake about Brett



Brett is without a doubt the best thing that has ever happened to me. Of course, I am a bit biased but I think it is very rare to find someone in life who always puts others first and that is Brett to a tee. He is kind, passionate, hardworking and inspires me to be the best version of myself. We met when I was 20 years old and have since ventured from the east coast to the west coast and back again. I can say without a doubt that he has been one of the biggest factors in shaping who I am today. He is an eternal optimist and sees the good in everyone.

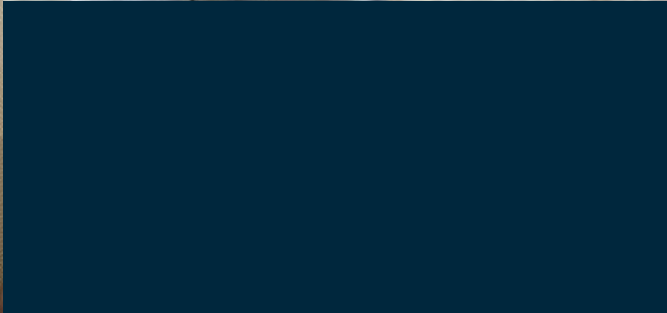
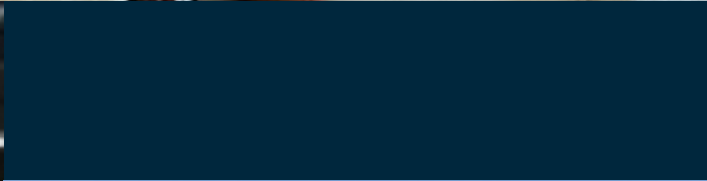
He leads his life with compassion and joy and if he can pass on half of his values and personality to our children, they will be incredibly well rounded. I could not consider myself luckier to have found a partner in life like Brett and words cannot even begin to express how excited I am to venture onto this next chapter of expanding our family with him by my side.

Beckham

We have a 3 and a half year old son named Beckham that we adopted when he was 2 days old. He is the absolute light of our lives and for better or worse runs our household as the king of the castle. All jokes aside, we are so thankful to have been able to expand our family through adoption. Beckham is a vibrant little man full of energy and emotion. He is kind, adventurous, silly and has a big heart. He is the first to let other kids do something before him as he waits patiently to the side for his turn. He is learning new things every day which is so exciting and fun to bear witness to. He loves to dance and sing and is obsessed with all things art. We are constantly picking up playdough and slime which has taught us to embrace the chaos of life and we are forever thankful for that....in short, he is the best thing that has ever happened to us and we would love nothing more than to be able to give him a sibling to experience all the joys of life with.







Our Home



We live in a 5 bedroom 3-bath house on a quiet street at the end of a cul de sac with great neighbors. We're a 5-minute drive to two different parks with a lot of recreational activities and a nature preserve, which is amazing because we both recently took up running. There are bike trails, tennis courts and a farmer's market located within a short distance of our home. We also live in a very active lake community with weekly events during the summer, a winter carnival during the winter and loads of kids playing in the neighborhood at all times.

We both love to host parties, birthdays and holidays and have friends and family over every chance we get. When we are not hosting you can find us on our big cozy sectional in our family room with Beckham watching Disney movies and when he is asleep, binging just about anything on Bravo.

We are a short drive from the local elementary, middle and high school which are all rated among the highest in the area. Equidistant from Manhattan and the Jersey shore, our town offers a variety of short distance day trips and cultural experiences which will be so exciting for us to share with your child.

Family





Holidays/Traditions

Christmas is our favorite holiday and we really enjoy bringing that spirit into our home through decoration. Some of our favorite memories that continue throughout the years are drinking hot apple cider while decorating the tree and watching cheesy lifetime movies. Every year we go with Blake's family to cut down our own tree from a local tree farm. This has become a favorite holiday tradition that we prioritize annually.





Family and Loved ones

We are both extremely close with our families and have the luxury of being from neighboring towns. This allows us to spend the maximum amount of time with our families and not choose who to visit when. We prioritize annual family vacations, picking a new and exciting spot each year that we have not been to before.

Having lived in a variety of different cities throughout our life, we are fortunate to have friends all across the United States. We are both still extremely close with our childhood friends and open our home to them often. We both joke that we have become somewhat of a bed and breakfast as we constantly have visitors from around the country and love to show them our favorite stomping grounds and local activities. As an extension of our immediate family, we play an uncle-like role to several of our friend's children as we have known most since they were born.







Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us and we are hopeful that our views and values have resonated beyond the words and pictures on this page. We are beyond excited for this next chapter in our lives and cannot wait to be able to expand our family and share our lives. We have so much love to give and look forward to providing a warm home for your child founded in happiness, compassion and acceptance. We know this decision is one of the hardest of your life, but we hope you can take even a small piece of solace in knowing that we will do our very best to give your child the world in every way that we can. We fully embrace the value of an open adoption and look forward to following your lead on what you are comfortable with and continuing to evolve a conversation on what this can look like. We have already seen first hand the monumental benefits but also know the structure can and should reflect what is best for everyone involved. We fully acknowledge the shape of this will depend on what each part is comfortable with and look forward to defining that together.