
Hannah & Nick



About Us

We're Hannah and Nick. After two years as friends, we started dating and were married just one year later in 2009. In the more than fifteen years since, we've enjoyed many adventures together. We love to travel and to spend time in nature. Our family and friends are of upmost importance to us, so we prioritize time with them too.

Love is one of our highest values. We try our best to live this out along with our other values, such as responsibility, commitment, and thoughtfulness. I (Hannah) am particularly social and enjoy connecting with and caring for others. I (Nick) am a professor who enjoys learning and exercising.

We've spent over a decade considering how to be parents. Adoption makes the most sense to us because it prioritizes children who have already been conceived. We're so excited to welcome a child into our family. Thank you so much for considering us!

In addition to reading on, you can hear more from us via video. (This QR code links to a YouTube channel we made just for this adoption.)

Dear Expectant Parent(s),

We wish we knew more about you so we could be sensitive to what you're experiencing. We imagine you may have a lot on your mind. So, this letter is short and simple.

We truly want whatever is best for you, and we trust you to know what that is. And if a child is placed with us, then we're committed to always keep that child's best interest at heart.



Our Adoption Story & Promises to You

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For years, we've been excitedly preparing to provide for a child. One way we've prepared is learning about the unique needs of adopted children, both from experts and many family friends who are adopted and have adopted.

We're committed to love any child fully. Our hope is they will feel even more love than a child who isn't adopted because they have even more people who love them – birth family and adopted family. So we promise to always be honest with them about their adoption.



By the way, this is us with the boy Hannah nannies.

Our Story

We met in 2006 while working together at college. After two years as friends, we realized we cared about one another as more. However, I (Hannah) was about to move to the other side of the world to study abroad before graduating. Undeterred, I (Nick) made the first move by telling Hannah I thought she'd make a good wife and mother. And I (Hannah) was already thinking I was in love with Nick; so I reciprocated, saying I trusted and respected him enough to be his life partner. It was an intense conversation for two people who had only ever been friends! After the careful consideration we're known for, we decided to date long distance. Six months later we got engaged and another six months later we got married.

After more than fifteen years of marriage, we're still happy to be committed to one another until death parts us. We're fairly different, so we balance and strengthen one another. For instance, one of us is better at managing our finances and the other is better at building our community. (You can probably guess who's who from the rest of our profile.)











About Hannah

Love is my highest value and relationships are the most important part of life to me. I'm a devoted friend and family is my priority. For instance, being a good wife and mother are more important to me than any other ambition.

Because I care a lot about people, I've dedicated my work life to the helping field. I studied psychology for my bachelor's degree and then earned a master's degree in counseling. Most of my work has been supporting college students' well-being, which is what I do now at a local university.

Since 2022, I've also been nannying this little boy as well as his sister when she came along in 2025. I've always enjoyed working with children, from babysitting to being a camp counselor and then a camp coordinator to now nannying.

My own inner child is strong. (Nick used to tease me that I was thirty-something going on thirteen.) I enjoy experiencing childlike wonder by trying new things and imagining possibilities. I've also always enjoyed Disney and experiencing the magic they create.


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About Nick

I'm Hannah's nerdy husband. I like gadgets, spreadsheets, and fixing things around the house. But I probably love learning more than anything; I sometimes even fantasize about finishing a second doctorate. By day, I am a professor studying decisions and well-being. Before work, I like a dose of news and coffee. After work, I do some exercise outside and then make a fresh, healthy, home-cooked meal. Hannah and I sometimes watch sketch and standup comedy after dinner. Some of my favorite moments with Hannah have been reading books to one another before bed. When we're not working, my favorite thing to do with Hannah is go to a state or national park, hike out to a waterfall, lake, or summit, and then hike back to the trailhead to get a hearty dinner. My favorite family memories are the discussions about life's bigger questions over dinner and/or a game. What can I say? Nerds love to learn.
















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Interests

We enjoy traveling together and learning from different cultures. We've been lucky to have opportunities through work and with family to visit many places around the country and the world. Our favorite trip was probably to Australia and New Zealand. We got to explore many natural wonders, which we enjoy doing closer to home as well. We often go for walks, hikes, and bike rides together. We also enjoy getting out on the water for activities like kayaking. When we're home, we like watching a movie or show together while enjoying homemade popcorn.

I (Hannah) enjoy playing cards and boardgames as a fun way to connect with others. I enjoy arts and crafts so much that I have a business teaching classes and selling supplies. I also enjoy baking, mostly because I enjoy eating sweet treats.

I (Nick) enjoy research, exercise, and family. Some of our adventures combine all three. A photograph of my great-grandfather at Ellis Island's museum inspired me to dig into archives that led us to bike through the Italian countryside to visit his hometown.






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Family & Friends

Everyone in our family supports our adoption and they're excited to welcome a new child. They live around the country and some even live abroad. So, we keep close with calls, cards, and visits.

I (Hannah) am especially close to my parents, who have been happily married for over forty years, and to my younger sister. We enjoy time together wherever we are, and our favorite place is the beach.

I (Nick) have learned a lot from my family, from how to have fun to how to manage finances. My mom and two older sisters have worked in helping fields, like children and family services. So we've also learned more about adoption from them.

After moving for school and work, we now have friends around the country too. My (Nick's) friendships range from college pals to everyday acquaintances. These relationships are often based on activities like exercise and sharing practical advice. Currently, some of my (Hannah's) closest friends are fellow crafters from a group I started. Most of them are already grandmothers, so they've been able to share their family wisdom with us.



















Our Home & Neighborhood

We currently live in a diverse, suburban, family-oriented neighborhood in the northeast.

In 2021, we bought our first house and have been preparing it for a child ever since. We're saving the biggest bedroom of the three for a child, so they'll have plenty of room to play. We also updated the attic into a finished space that can be a great play area.

We have a fenced-in backyard where we like to spend time in the garden or around the firepit we built. There are also several parks with playgrounds and athletic fields/courts within walking distance of our home that we visit often for exercise, recreation, and community events like concerts.

We made sure we settled in a town with good schools. Many kids walk themselves to school because it's so safe here. In our neighborhood, we look out for one another. We've become friends with all our neighbors, and I (Hannah) organize regular gatherings for us. Our closest neighbor is an adoptive mother herself, so she's been particularly supportive.











Thank you so much for starting to get to know us!

We hope we can get to know you more soon!