

Dear expecting parents,

We are so grateful for the time you are taking to get to know us. It would truly be a privilege and an honor to have the opportunity to be the chosen adoptive family. We are deeply thankful that your decision could give us this chance.

We are genuine, kind, and loving people who live by strong values and a solid moral foundation. Our greatest wish is to provide a safe, nurturing home filled with love, laughter, and stability, a place where a child can grow into a confident, compassionate, and well-rounded person.

About Aaron



My name is Aaron, and I was born in the Dominican Republic. I was a curious and adventurous child with a love for animals and science. I loved playing with all the critters I could find outdoors in the Dominican Republic.

My family moved to New Jersey in the early 90s. My parents divorced soon after and there were 4 of us sharing a small 2-bedroom apartment with limited resources. I learned early in life that education and hard work was critical to growing out of these circumstances. I wanted to prove to myself that despite the odds, I could one day have a successful career, own a house, have a loving, stable relationship, and achieve more than what my parents had ever wished for us. In that vision, I always imagined a family of my own where my partner and I could provide

for a child all the things I never had, give them a chance at an incredible life, and above all things we would focus on raising a kind, strong, humble, intelligent person who knows they are unconditionally loved.

My love for animals and science carried through into my adult life. I pursued a career in the Chemicals Industry and take pride in taking care of our many 4-legged family members! I love to play in my gardens and hope to share that passion with this child one day. Another passion of mine is exercise, particularly rowing and going for long walks and hikes with our dogs. With how crazy the world can be, I mostly appreciate the ability to come home and relax with Stephen by cooking together, planning our next adventures from house projects, landscape projects, trips, books to read together, working out, and whatever adventures call our names.

About Stephen



My name is Stephen, and I was born in a small town in Pennsylvania. I have a lot of good memories from my childhood. I was always a creative kid, spending hours building with Legos or drawing and painting, which I still enjoy today. My family and friends mean a lot to me, and I value the time I get to spend with them.

As an adult, I carried that creativity into my career. I work in interior design, and I feel fortunate to help people shape their homes and create spaces that matter to them. In my personal life, I try to make moments meaningful, whether it is a birthday, a milestone, or a simple day that

deserves to be acknowledged. Losing my brother when he was 30 changed my perspective and taught me to appreciate each day, let go of the small things, and focus on living a purposeful life.

I also believe it is important to stay young at heart and remember to have fun. I want a child to experience all the simple joys I grew up with, dying Easter eggs, carving pumpkins, trick or treating, decorating for Christmas, baking cookies, and the small traditions that make childhood special. I look forward to adding to the richness of my child's life and teaching them kindness, resilience, and how to find joy in everyday moments.

Most of all, I want to ensure the child placed in our home knows they can always count on me to be there for them. I will give them my whole heart through the good times and the difficult ones. Life can be tough, but I will always be in their corner, supporting and guiding them as they grow.

About Us



We met organically in Philadelphia in the summer of 2019. Neither of us was looking for a relationship at the time, but sometimes relationships happen in unexpected ways. We noticed each other from across the room, locked eyes, and then found ourselves sitting together at a Starbucks, talking about our lives, careers, dreams, and our shared hope of having a family one day.

Our 2019 summer was most memorable. We took a trip to New York City, a place Aaron knew well, while Stephen, having grown up in a small town, had only ever visited on day trips. We spent time exploring the city together from museums, to restaurants, to grabbing a coffee and walking the city and taking in its energy. That trip strengthened our relationship as we realized how much we had in common and how our differences complemented each other. By the end of the summer, it was clear to us that we had something special.

As our relationship grew, Stephen moved in with Aaron, bringing his Yorkie, Tigger, with him. Aaron already had a Pit Bull named Logan and two cats, Dexter and Milla. Making sure everyone could coexist peacefully was very important to us and required thoughtful planning, patience, and communication. We worked together to gradually introduce the pets and successfully brought them together as one household. This experience became an important milestone in our relationship and reinforced our ability to communicate, problem-solve, and support one another during challenging and stressful situations. We later welcomed another dog, Ms. Rosie, into our family.

Over the years, we have also experienced the loss of our beloved pets, which has been difficult but has given us opportunities to support one another through grief and loss. Our beloved dog, Logan, whom we lovingly called our “soul dog,” passed away on June 24, 2025, just one month shy of his 14th birthday. We also experienced the loss of our two cats, Milla in 2021 and Dexter on December 27, 2024, at 16 years of age. These experiences have strengthened our understanding of the importance of compassion, emotional support, and allowing one another time and space to grieve.

Today, our family includes our two dogs and our beloved Sulcata tortoise, Sully, who weighs approximately 95 pounds. Sully is an important and much-loved member of our household.



We both share a love of art, and one of our early dates was at a property featuring sculptures and free roaming peacocks. As we walked through the property, we found ourselves imagining what it might be like to get married there one day. The place made a long-lasting impression on us.

In January 2022, during another trip to New York City, Aaron proposed to Stephen at the Bethesda Fountain in Central Park. When we returned home and began looking at wedding venues, we toured several options but kept coming back to the location of that early date. It held too much meaning to choose anywhere else. Later that year, we got married there, surrounded by 75 of our closest family and friends. It was truly the most magical celebration we had hoped for, shared with the people we love most.



As our marriage progressed, we found ourselves spending much of our free time at a small river town in New Jersey. We loved the atmosphere, the local shops and restaurants, and the easy access to nature. We often brought our dogs to hike nearby trails and wandered through antique shops, which became a shared hobby. Coincidentally, the first time we explored this town together was on July 7th. Looking at real estate was another interest we shared. One afternoon during lunch in town, Aaron showed Stephen a listing for a home nearby with an Open House. On the drive in that day, Stephen had pointed out that house. It had a large backyard that backed to woods, room for the dogs to run, and the kind of environment where we pictured ourselves raising a family one day. After lunch we decided to take a drive to the Open House, only to realize the date was once again July 7th - the same day we had first explored the town together years earlier.

Walking through the house, we felt immediately at home. We could envision a future there: nature, hiking, a small and welcoming community nearby, local shops, seasonal events, and a place where we could build a life and, one day, a family. With planning, patience, and a little luck, our offer on the home was accepted.

Throughout our story, the common thread has always been the way we support each other's goals and ambitions. We build each other up, face challenges side by side, and truly value one another's opinions and feelings. We show up for each other, communicate openly, and work through life's challenges as a team. In every stage of our relationship, we have proven that we are strongest when we face the world together.

Family Dynamics

Our family circle is small and mighty. Our extended family and the friends we consider family are genuinely excited about the possibility of us becoming parents. They have seen the work, the planning, and the commitment that brought us to this point, and they continue to be a steady source of support and guidance. We make it a priority to surround ourselves with people who care about us and who push us to grow in meaningful ways.





Your child will be welcomed into a diverse group of people who come from different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. They will have the opportunity to learn from these differences and be part of a family that values openness and understanding. One example of this is our friend Tanya, who has taught us how to cook Dominican dishes that connect to Aaron's heritage. It is something we enjoy doing together and something we want to pass along.



Stephen's parents are also very excited about the possibility of becoming grandparents. This is a moment they were not sure would come, and they are ready to support, love, and be present in every way they can.

Your child will be surrounded by people who truly care for them and who will help them grow with confidence, stability, and a strong sense of belonging.

Lifestyle

We are morning people! We usually get up around 5:30 or 6:00 because we enjoy having quiet time together before the day begins. We make breakfast, have coffee, and talk through our plans, including any errands or house chores we want to take care of. After that, Aaron gets ready for work and heads out for the day. Stephen has a slower start, so he spends a little time getting the house settled, making the bed, and tidying up anything we didn't finish the night before.

In the evenings, we eat dinner together, catch up on our day, get organized for tomorrow, and, after dinner we'll watch an episode or two of whatever show we are into at the moment. On weekends we might sleep in until about seven. Aaron will make breakfast while Stephen starts the laundry and does some cleaning. We love taking our dogs to a local park to walk the nature trails. One of Stephen's favorite things is spotting deer, especially the bucks, and seeing how many points they have.



We also try to fit in one fun activity each weekend. Sometimes it is grabbing a great coffee and taking a drive to explore somewhere new or visiting a different garden center. In the fall we make a point of going to a museum or seeing a live orchestra or Broadway show. We also enjoy entertaining, cooking for friends, and spending time catching up with the people we care about.

Our goal as parents is to raise a child who feels deeply loved, safe, and supported every single day. More than anything, we want the child to grow up knowing they have a secure place in this world and within our family. We believe that consistency, structure, clear expectations, healthy boundaries, and a steady routine help children thrive. At the same time, we want to fill their life with curiosity, learning, time outdoors, sports, friendships, and plenty of moments to laugh and have fun.

We understand that children learn by watching the people around them, so we are committed to leading by example from the very beginning. We want the child to see kindness in action, to witness patience and compassion, and to grow up surrounded by care and respect. Both of us are naturally protective and deeply devoted to the people we love, and we know those instincts will guide us as parents.

Our hope is to give your child every opportunity to grow into a confident, thoughtful, and resilient person who finds meaning and happiness in whatever path they choose. We want them to feel proud of who they are, supported in who they become, and surrounded by love every step of the way. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We understand your decision is not an easy one, and we are truly grateful for the chance to grow our family.