

A close-up photograph of a man and a woman smiling warmly at the camera. The man, on the left, has short dark hair and is wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a white shirt and a light blue tie. The woman, on the right, has long, wavy brown hair with bangs and is wearing a dark top. They are both smiling broadly, showing their teeth. The background is slightly blurred, showing an indoor setting with warm lighting and other people in the distance.

Joe + Caitlin



hello

We're Caitlin and Joe. We love our families more than anything in this world! Even before we first met, each of us knew that someday we would share our love for family with our children. We met in 2017. Joe met Caitlin's family only a few weeks after, and she met his not long after that. We married nearly two years later and began our own little family life together in Columbus. Over time our family has grown from our parents, brothers, and sisters, to include nieces and nephew. Our close friends from work and school and their children are our family, too! Caitlin teaches high school nearby, and Joe works in technology. Games, adventure, and laughter keep us bonded. Together, we all love and support each other, especially in the most difficult times. Our struggles with infertility started in 2021 when we decided it was time to start our family. We experienced a miracle later that year – Caitlin became pregnant! God had other plans for us, however. We lost our baby at 12 weeks, and saying goodbye was the hardest thing we've ever had to do. Long before that, we had dreamed of adopting a child into our family someday. With help and support from our community, today we are ready for the miracle of adoption!



joe

Joe was born in January, and never misses a chance to travel for his birthday! As a boy, he liked to play with gadgets and computers, sports and games, cooking and eating.

He has a younger sister and close to 20 cousins between both sides of his extended family. His mom worked as a physical therapist for the county's Board of Developmental Disabilities, and his dad worked and taught engineering while also serving as a reservist in the Army National Guard. Joe went to college for broadcast journalism and now works as a project manager for a digital agency. He is working on learning software development as a second career. Today, he likes to golf, follow sports, and cooking is still a passion as well. Together with Caitlin, they love to visit their extended families across the country.

caitlin

Caitlin was born on July 3, but she does not like fireworks! As a child, she loved music, dancing, riding her

bike, and roller blading. She has an older brother and younger sister. All three were high school athletes. Her mom and dad both work as hospital nurses. The family enjoys getting together for sports and meals each week. They are loyal Green Bay Packer fans! Caitlin's brother and sister-in-law have a set of twins, and a new baby. Her closest friends are colleagues, old roommates, Bible study partners, and friends of Joe's. Today, she enjoys reading, yoga, gardening, and keeping up with her wide circle of connections. She works as a social studies teacher at their local high school.



our life together

We met through a dating app and have been in touch every day since then! We moved in together within a year and bought a house together shortly after that. We were married less than a year later. Together, we have supported each other through so much: surgeries, work stress, family needs, friends in crisis, global pandemics... the bonds we've built together help our love grow stronger every day! Little did we know that we would need every bit of strength on the next step in our lives: our path to parenthood.

home



brooski

Our dog is a doberman-lab mix that

Joe adopted as a puppy in 2014. They went to obedience class together and by the end of the course, Brooski was voted most improved by the rest of the class! Over time, he has relaxed his puppy energy into old age. Now he loves to nap, eat cheese, ride in the car, and make friends with pretty much any other dog or human, of any age or size. He is a favorite in our neighborhood and is the most popular member of our family... for now!

We bought our house with a small growing family in mind. It is one story with three bedrooms. It has a sunroom that we love and a large open space for the kitchen and living room. We love to entertain our friends and family, but always joke that our house is the best place for naps! We have many parks and playgrounds nearby. We love the community pool that is just a few minutes bike ride away. Children of all ages play outside together in our neighborhood. They love to greet us and our dog when we take walks together.

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Our family strives for connection.

We strive for our families to be connected, our friends to be connected, and through adoption, a child along with the child's biological family to be connected. We cannot imagine how hard this decision is for you, but we are humbled by your strength and giving us your time in getting to know a small part of who we are.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONNECTING WITH YOU

If you have any questions for us or would like to speak with us about adopting your child, please contact your case worker at Open Arms Adoptions by calling 330-697-4751 or 614-349-1510.