



Donnie + Scott

# Hello!



We are Donnie and Scott from Cleveland. We met in 2014 on a rainy day in June and have been inseparable ever since. We love to kayak, hike, and go on walks with our dog, Ollie. From a very early time in our relationship, we knew that what we wanted more than anything was to be dads. Thankfully we have been lucky enough to make that dream a reality and hope to be so lucky a second time.

Our daughter, Edie, has all the makings of a great big sister, and we cannot wait for her to share all her love and silly adventures. She is incredibly strong, brave, and absolutely hilarious. As a family, we spend as much time as we can exploring the great outdoors. Rain or shine, we are out there every day playing on playgrounds, walking in the Metroparks, or just enjoying the sunshine. When we can't be outside, we love taking Edie to story time at all of our local libraries, or as we call it, "Dance Class" where she can run around and express herself however she likes. We are so excited at the thought of adding another little one to our wild bunch.

We thank you for taking the time to learn a little more about our family. Having the courage and wisdom to choose adoption gives hope to adoptive parents like ourselves. We know that this is a monumental choice for you and want to reassure you that, though we could never understand how truly hard this decision must be, we hope it is easier knowing that your child will be loved and taken care of by a family who has dreamed of this gift for so long. We promise that they will be raised in a home full of love, understanding, strong family and friends, and plentiful opportunities to grow.

Love, *Donnie and Scott*



## A LITTLE ABOUT SCOTT / *by Donnie*

One of the things that has always amazed me about Scott is his ability to make anyone he meets feel special. I often look at him as he is holding up the line at the grocery store, conversing with the cashier and making them smile and think, "Man, I love this guy." He truly is the kindest person I know. I think that is the first thing people notice about him other than his beautiful smile. When we started dating, the thing that made it so easy was Scott's ability to talk about anything and everything. I tend to be more of a listener than a talker, so it made things run smoothly. Scott loves to work with his hands. Whether it's in our yard planting vegetables and flowers or working on his beautiful stained-glass work. He is always planning the next big house project. Scott grew up in Jamestown, NY with his mom and two older sisters and let me tell you, I have never met a family that can be so far apart geographically but so close where it matters. They talk every day, and I know they all can't wait for the next addition to our family. I love seeing Scott playing with our daughter, Edie. He's the one who is quick to get down on the floor with her and play make believe. He loves to talk and learn with her, and I hope that our children will inherit his easy conversation skills, his incredible patience, and his kindness.

## A LITTLE ABOUT DONNIE / *by Scott*

I've never met someone that understands and accepts me for me until Donnie. During life's most relaxing, easy moments or the stressful chaos that inevitably happens, he has a way of always staying even keel and keeping a pleasant medium. Donnie is the chef of the house. He enjoys entertaining friends and family at dinner parties and loves having his little helper, Edie, to keep him company in the kitchen. He also loves to paint and is in two book clubs. I am very close with my own family, and Donnie has one large, exciting family that made me realize how differently families interact. His parents have become my parents and his siblings are two of the sweetest people I know. Donnie is the parent that never stops thinking of new and different activities. As he works from home, he gets to take Edie on adventures almost every day. They frequent parks around town, all sorts of different libraries, museums, and recreation centers, and anywhere else to explore all the world has to offer. From getting ready in the morning with cute outfits and fun hairstyles to winding down the day with cuddles on the couch, Donnie is everyone's best bud, and we are sure glad to have him in our lives.



## How We Met

Having met almost ten years ago, it seems like just yesterday but feels as if we've known one another forever. Every fantastic moment of ours (our first date, moving in together, buying a house) all happened on rainy days and our wedding day was no different. Luckily the skies cleared up, and we had a wonderful day in a beautiful park surrounded by friends and family. Since very early on, we knew we wanted to build a family and raise children together. In 2021, we were blessed with our beautiful Edie, named after Donnie's great grandmother. We want you to know that if you choose to place your child with us, they will be part of a warm and loving home, with two committed dads and a caring (and thrilled!) big sister.



# Meet Edie

Edith "Edie" Grace Ann came into this world ready to MOVE. She was holding her head up a few hours after she was born and has never stopped flying past those milestones. She loves nothing more than to climb, whether it be on the rock wall at the park or the dining room table. She loves to dance, color, read, and especially sing. We take her on walks to the coffee shop every weekend and the whole neighborhood gets to hear her rendition of "Let it Go" at full volume. Nobody can make us laugh harder than her. She is very quick to make friends and loves chasing after her five (and counting) cousins. We think she will make the perfect big sister, very protective and very FUN.



## THANK YOU / *from Donnie + Scott*

As long as we have been together, we have taken the time to talk long and hard about this life-altering decision. Bringing a child into this world isn't an easy process, nor is raising a child. We thank you for being strong and hope you have gotten a chance to get to know us a little better to see how committed we are to making a family and raising children to follow their dreams and make a difference in the world. We promise to have patience, an open heart and mind, and most of all, endless amounts of love, as we were both raised.

We are big advocates of open adoption as we have one with Edie's birth parents. We send them both updates multiple times a week. That being said, we will always take their lead on when and how they want to keep in touch with us. We know this is an incredibly hard decision and can be very painful. We promise to keep you updated and a part of our lives in whatever manner you choose. Not only is this little one going to become a part of us but she or he is a part of you. We want to have our children be proud of where they came from, never stop growing and learning and, most of all, know just how much we all have grown for the better by having them, and you, in our lives.

## 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.

