



Nick + Renee



*“Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We believe that choosing adoption shows courage, selfless love, and strength like nothing else, and we will honor that decision by providing a home full of love and compassion for the newest member of our family.”*

**OUR STORY BEGAN** in Cleveland when we met over Memorial Day weekend in 2017. There was a cover band playing at a popular bar in the area and Nick noticed Renee dancing with one of her friends. He playfully approached Renee and her friend and began photobombing a few of their photos! Renee immediately loved Nick’s spirit and at the end of the night, we exchanged phone numbers. Shortly after meeting, we quickly realized that both of our immediate and extended families were from the western Pennsylvania area which was a pleasant surprise! Very soon into dating, we both knew we had found our person. In March 2018, Nick asked Renee to marry him on Sullivan’s island beach while on a trip to Charleston, South Carolina. Shortly after Nick popped the question, we made the decision to move to Columbus to be closer to Renee’s family. On September 28th, 2019, we were married by Nick’s older brother Michael in Pennsylvania with our family and closest friends. We have always known that we wanted to grow our family through adoption and are extremely eager to become parents.



# About Renee

**RENEE** grew up in the Columbus area with her mom, dad, younger sister and brother. Some of Renee's fondest memories from her childhood include taking trips with her family to fun places like Disney world, Deep Creek Lake, and dedicating time each week to movie and game nights. Renee's parents prioritized quality family time, a value that remains deeply important to her to this day. Renee moved to Cleveland in 2014 and it was during this time that she discovered her passion for childcare while working as a full-time nanny for three children. This experience paved the way for her current role as a house manager, a position she finds both fulfilling and rewarding. Renee balances her dedication to her work with her personal passions, which include supporting animal welfare initiatives and providing care for the many feral and stray community cats in our neighborhood. She enjoys staying active, whether through hiking, playing tennis with Nick and friends, or simply taking walks around the neighborhood. She loves to cook at home, read (she's currently making her way through the Harry Potter series), and spend quality time with Nick, her family, friends, cats and rabbits! Renee eagerly anticipates devoting her time to motherhood and is excited to begin this new chapter in her life.



# About Nick

**NICK** grew up in a suburb of Pittsburgh, regularly spending time with his mom, dad, his older and younger brother, and his large extended family. He was actively involved in sports and music programs growing up and could always be found hanging out with his best friends from school (who later became his groomsmen). Nick has always valued quality time with friends and family, and is eager to pass that same value on to his future children. He learned guitar from his dad at a young age and has since learned piano, drums, bass, banjo and sings. He now plays dueling piano shows for crowds all over the state of Ohio! He went to Baldwin Wallace University in Cleveland where he participated in a variety of on campus activities and earned his bachelor's degree in Entrepreneurship and Music. Nick works as a Business Operations Manager for a large manufacturing company and loves a good PowerPoint presentation and Excel spreadsheet! Nick also plays soccer in adult recreational leagues, enjoys spending time with his family at the cabin he helped his dad re-build, and living an active lifestyle walking, hiking, and traveling with Renee as much as possible (especially to National Parks). He can't wait to be a dad and support his children in whatever they pursue just like his mom and dad did for him.



# Our Home

**OUR HOME** is a recently renovated 120 year old brick American foursquare in downtown Columbus. It's situated in a culturally diverse city neighborhood a few short blocks from Nationwide Children's Hospital and is within walking distance to Franklin Park Conservatory, Columbus Metropolitan Library, and the Columbus Museum of Art. Our home has plenty of room for children with a fully finished third floor that would make a great playroom! We also have guest spaces for family to visit and a large, fenced-in backyard perfect for outdoor activities. We've made so many great memories in our home so far and can't wait to make more when we welcome a child into our family.



## "Non-Human" Children

We share our house with our three rescued cats (Blueberry, Chester, and Sophie) and our two rescued bunnies (Turner and Toby). They are a huge part of our lives, and they can't wait to have another person in the house to bother for snacks and attention!



*"We cannot begin to understand how challenging this decision is for you. If you are considering us, just know that we will do everything in our power to ensure your child is loved, encouraged, and supported. We are receptive to whatever level of openness you are comfortable with and will always be your and your child's greatest advocate."*



## 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.

