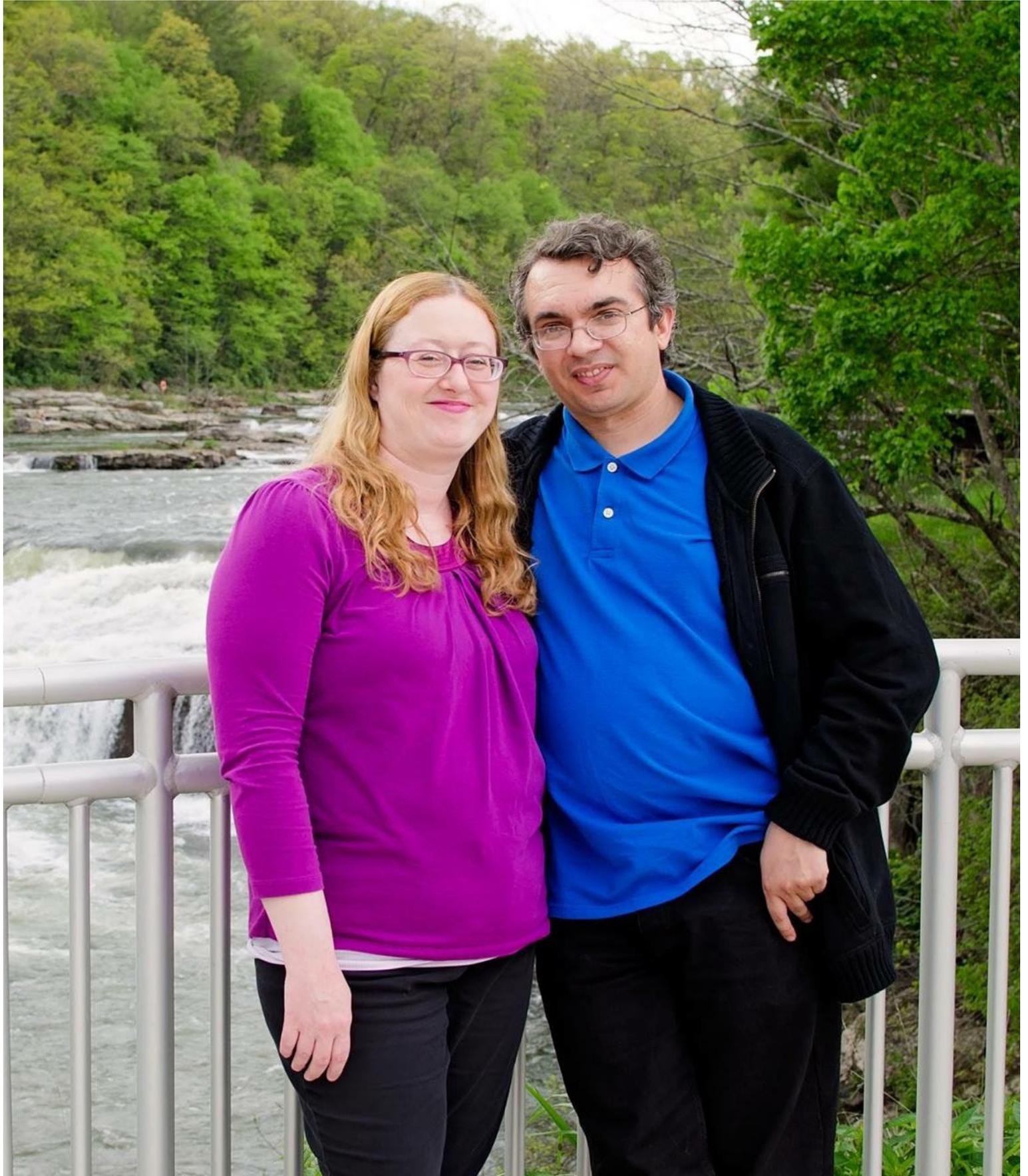


# ANGIE *and* JIM





hello!



***Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us.*** We are honored to be considered as adoptive parents. We know this is a difficult journey to be on and we pray for you during this time. It is our hope that this profile book gives you a glimpse into our lives and hearts as we look to grow our family and as you make this brave and difficult choice for your child.



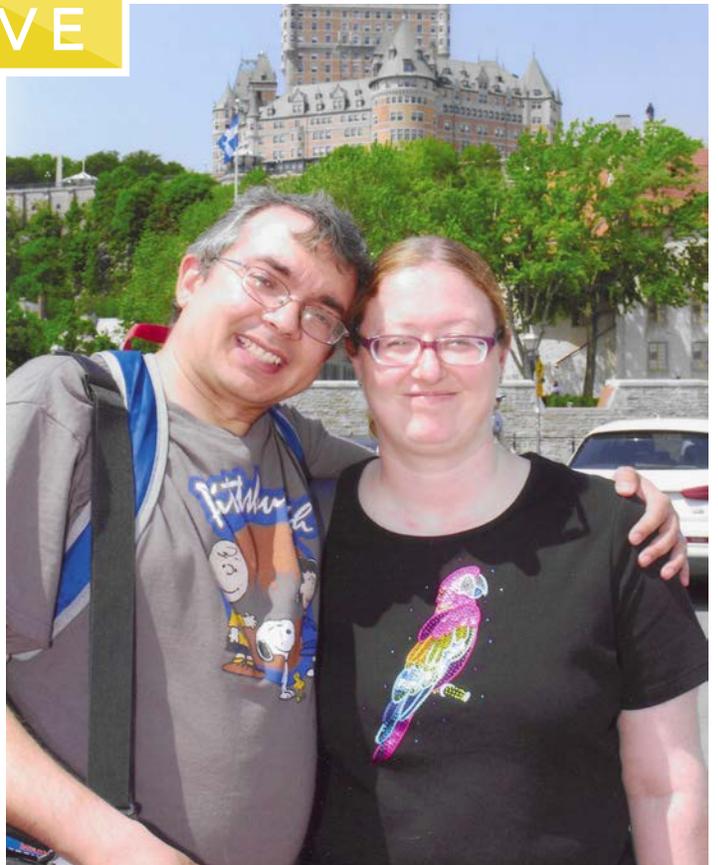
## *our* STORY

We met online in 2014, and over coffee discovered our shared love of biking, traveling, and Snoopy. During our conversation, we learned of our shared passion for exploring destinations both near and far. We are an on-the-go couple and are always on the lookout for new experiences whether it's exploring a local festival, discovering new hobbies such as railbiking, or traversing far-off bike trails, we love a good adventure! Since our marriage in the fall of 2016, we've been hoping to embark on the greatest adventure of all - parenthood. After our diagnosis of unexplained infertility, we have decided to expand our family through adoption.

We know that this decision is the hardest that you will ever have to make. We can promise you that we will be there to support you. We will make sure your child has a life full of exploring the great outdoors with us and our dog, Newt. We can also promise you that with us your child will always have a life full of love and support. We both have wonderful parents close by, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins who are all excited to welcome a new child into the family.



TRUE  
LOVE





# hey! I'M ANGIE

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I grew up in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh. Some of my favorite childhood memories included going with my mother to parks, libraries, museums, and even some of her college classes. I discovered my lifelong passion for learning through these experiences. Education is something that I strongly value. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Accounting in 2003 and my Master's degree in Public Affairs with a concentration in City Planning and Regional Development in 2006. Even now, I continue to pursue educational opportunities. I completed my Associate's degree in Health

Information Technology in May 2022. I hope to share my passion for education with my child someday. Eventually, I would like to change my career to Health Information Technology in a few years, but I plan to stay with my current company a little longer because I enjoy working there. It's a very close-knit, family-oriented place to work. Working in the nonprofit sector gives me a chance to feel like I'm helping people and making a difference in the world. When I'm not busy with work or school, I enjoy looking up new recipes to try and reading blogs about travel and nutrition.



## WHAT JIM LOVES MOST ABOUT ANGIE

What I love most about Angie is how thoughtful and caring she is. She works hard and is very patient. She goes out of her way to help others and make their day special. She supports me and other members of our family in their hobbies, interests, health, and responsibilities. She will be a great mother as she will always be there to support her child and help them to understand their feelings. She would also be there to help them with their education as she really enjoys learning new things. In addition, she is always ready to try new experiences.

### A FEW OF MY FAVORITES

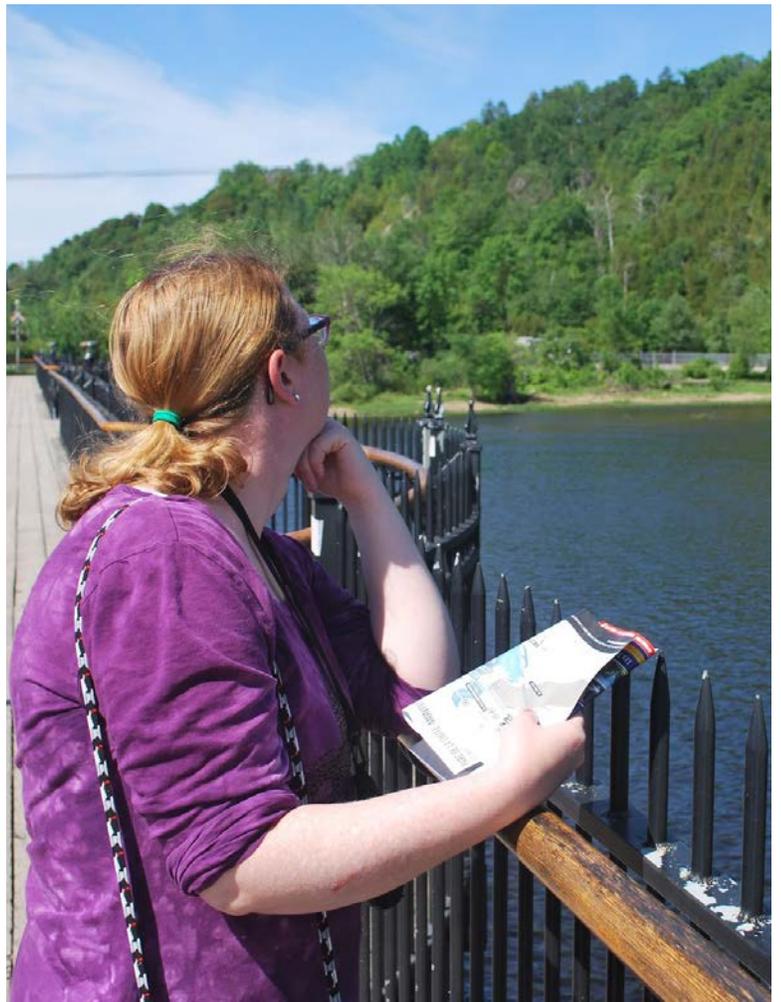
TRAVELING, ESPECIALLY  
BY TRAIN

COOKING

BIKING & RAILBIKING

ATTENDING FAIRS AND  
FESTIVALS

COLLECTING  
MICE FIGURINES AND  
ROSES





# hi! I'M JIM

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I grew up in the Greenfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh, where my summers were often spent bike riding, swimming at the local public pool, and exploring local parks with my father. I would also often walk to my nearby aunt's house with my mother to play with my cousins. As a youth, I was involved in Scouting from second grade until junior year of high school, earning the rank of Eagle Scout as I was about to turn 18. While originally becoming a scout to go camping, I quickly learned the importance of volunteering. I still volunteer with local trail groups, as time permits, and have previously served as a board

member for some of the trail groups. People often say that I am a friendly and outgoing person that goes out of his way to help others. I am also a hard worker that puts a lot of effort to make sure projects at home and work end up turning out the best they can. I work as a Senior Media Applications Coordinator for a company that does webcasts. I attended Duquesne University and graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Multimedia Arts and completed a Master of Science degree in Multimedia Technology in 2005. When I am not working or biking, I try to spend quality time with my family.



## WHAT ANGIE LOVES MOST ABOUT JIM

I love Jim because he is extremely considerate and caring. He goes beyond what most people would for their friends and family. He is very committed to family and friends in his life when it comes to attending kid's events and games. He comes from a large very close-knit family who are very important to him.

### A FEW OF MY FAVORITES

BIKING & RAILBIKING

HIKING WITH OUR  
DOG NEWT

ATTENDING FAIRS  
AND FESTIVALS

COLLECTING PINS  
AND PATCHES

NINTENDO GAMES  
(MARIO AND ZELDA SERIES)





## OUR INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Traveling is one of our favorite things to do. We love exploring new places and have traveled all over the United States and Canada - including to Walt Disney World, Toronto, Québec City, Montreal, and to various cities across the U.S., mostly in the northeast and midwest. As a family tradition, we go to a beach on the East Coast with Jim's parents. One of our favorite areas, which was also the site of our first camping trip together, is a nearby state park known for its waterfalls and bike trail. We love to go biking, walk on trails, and visit fairs and festivals. We

have recently started railbiking, which is riding a pedal-powered group bike along railroads that have no train traffic through professional, organized tours. We also both collect Peanuts collectibles and Disney pins. We enjoy exploring antique stores where you never know what you may discover. As much as we look forward to sharing our hobbies with our child, we also look forward to pursuing their interests as well. We want them to be able to explore and fulfill all their wishes and desires, whatever they may be. We are excited to help them follow their dreams.

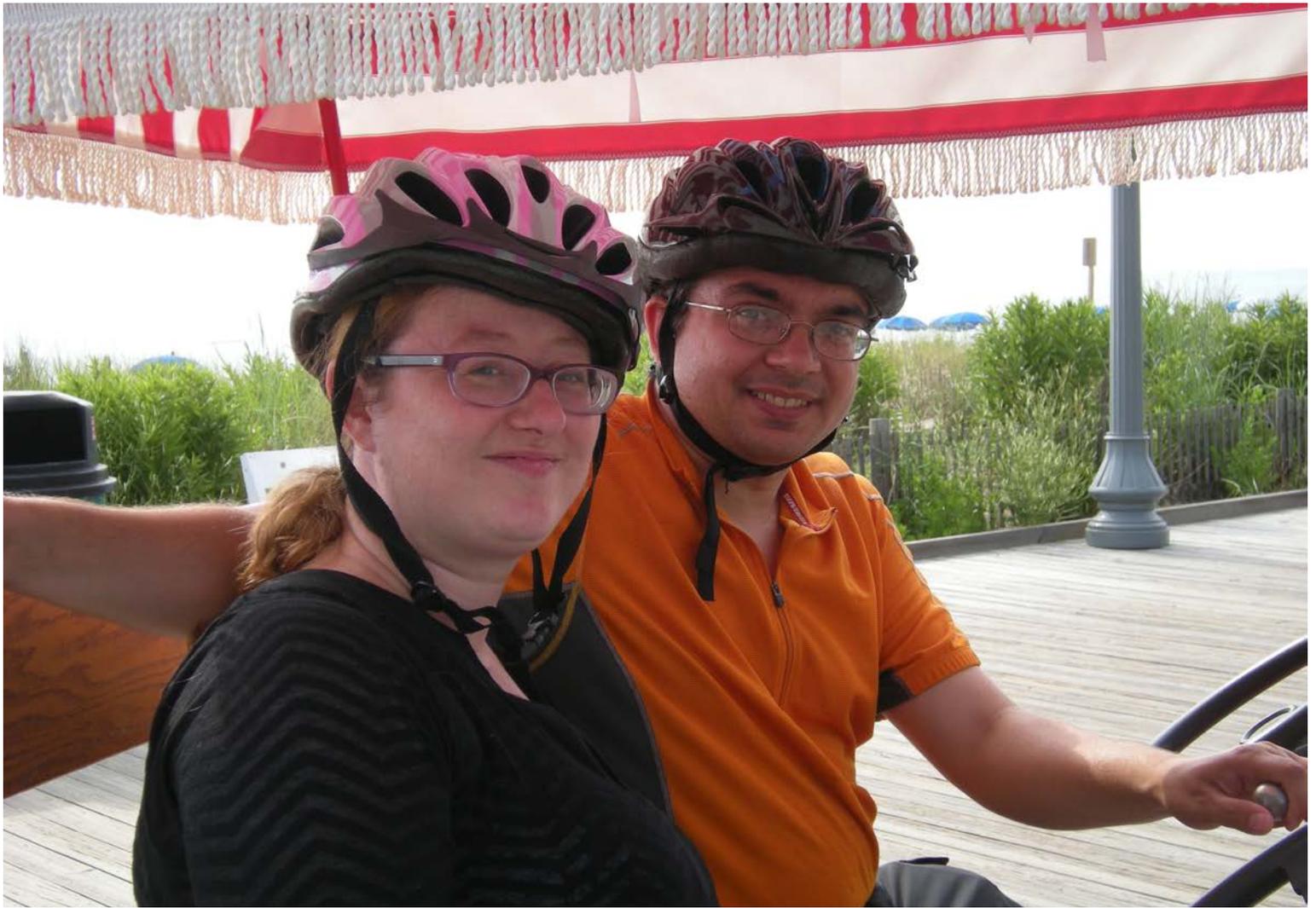




MEET OUR DOG

*Newt*

We adopted Newt in the fall of 2020 from an animal shelter after seeing him on the Facebook page of a nonprofit that transports dogs from other states to animal shelters. He is a very active border collie mix who loves snacks, long hikes, and deer watching. He is very loyal and would be the perfect animal companion for a child.



# MAKING *family* MEMORIES



One of our favorite family traditions is the trip to the beach with Jim's family. Jim's dad, Charlie, has always loved the ocean, a love that he's shared with his son through yearly beach trips. Since Jim and his mom have birthdays three days apart in July, it's always been a tradition to celebrate at the beach. Although the timing of the vacation might change year to year, one thing has stayed the same. Jim and his dad have taken a photo sitting on the lifeguard chair each year.

We gather with our families for all of the major holidays. Every year, we host Thanksgiving. On other holidays, we go to our parent's houses for meals. We are lucky enough to live close by to all of our parents and to be able to spend holidays with them. We are starting many traditions as our own family, including seeing holiday light displays from around the area during Christmas time. We also love attending many different seasonal festivals.



## WHERE WE HANG OUR HATS

We live in the eastern suburbs of a major city in Pennsylvania. Our house is a three-bedroom ranch-style home with a game room downstairs in a family-oriented neighborhood. We have lived here since 2019. We have a good size front yard and backyard; plenty of room for a swingset. There is also a park with a playground and a ballfield within walking distance from our house and another park

only a few minutes drive in our neighborhood. We live in a very safe, friendly community with a low crime rate. We love living where there are all four seasons and always find fun things to do on the weekends such as spring maple festivals, drive-ins during the summer, watching the leaves changing color in the fall, and playing with our dog in the winter snow.

# OUR families

We are blessed with phenomenal, devoted, loving parents who have always been a constant source of love and support for us. We are incredibly close to our parents and see them often. We're also lucky enough to have plenty of extended family that we are incredibly close to and who also live close by. Although Angie is an only child, she has many aunts and uncles who she is very close to and her family is very important to her. They taught her the value of hard work and of education. Jim's extended family is so big that there is not only more than one Jim, but his cousin Jim also married an Angie! Despite how big (and confusing) Jim's family can be to newcomers, it is incredibly close-knit. Before COVID-19, the entire family gathered at least once a year on Christmas Eve. It's a tradition that we are excited to continue as the world goes back to normal. Jim grew up surrounded by aunts, uncles, and countless cousins. He has many fond memories of

roughhousing with his older cousins, of his uncles' hilarious stories and of his aunts' warmth. Although Jim is an only child, he formed a sibling-like bond with his younger cousins: Gina, Drew, and Liz. This bond has continued into adulthood. Drew was the best man in our wedding and Jim is the godfather of Liz's oldest child, Linda. Our nieces, Linda and her little sister Althea will love welcoming their new cousin into our family and providing them with the same sort of love and bond that Jim shares with their mother. Althea will be particularly excited to add another adopted child to the family! Jim's family gave him a love of good food, of fun, and a good story. They taught him the value of hard work, to appreciate what you have and to help those in need. Jim had always known that no matter where life took him, his family would love, support and accept him. These are some of the values that he hopes to instill in his own child.





*We wish you the best, no matter where  
your journey lands you!*