

Erin + George



Hi there!

We are Erin and George and we are so excited to become first time parents through adoption! We have been together for over 10 years and currently live in New England. Our lives have been extremely eventful and blessed, with many ups and downs- but the one piece of the puzzle that is missing from our family is a child. For many years, all we have wanted is to become parents. **Adoption has always been very close to our hearts, so we knew this next chapter was always written somewhere in our story.**

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us. We understand this is a confusing and difficult time. We hope that you feel supported and loved no matter where you are in your journey. We admire you so much for considering adoption. The choice you are planning to make is the greatest gift of love any parent can give and we cannot begin to imagine the difficulty you have gone through to get to this point. Your courage amazes us!

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“Erin and George have such a beautiful, respectful, and loving relationship. They support each other equally and truly are best friends. They are the epitome of what a healthy relationship and marriage is.”

-Holly Kenny (Friend)

Why Adoption...

We have always wanted to be parents. After years of trying naturally, we tried IVF. We experienced two heartbreaking losses through IVF and began to realize God was pointing us in the direction of adoption.

Through our journey of infertility and loss, we discovered a strength in our commitment to parenthood. This motivated us to **embrace the unique joy of adoption** - because we are driven by a deep desire to provide a loving home for a child.



**“Life is about accepting the challenges along the way,
choosing to keep moving forward, and savoring the journey.”**

—Roy T. Bennett



OUR LOVE STORY

by Erin

Our Dating Era

We met through mutual friends in 2008, and became friends for a number of years before we started dating. Then, in September of 2013, we decided to be each other's dates to a wedding. About two months after our first date - right before Thanksgiving- we moved in together!

Our Engagement Era

We were going to a wedding in 2017 for one of George's close college friends. We decided to spend the night in Boston before we headed to Rhode Island for the big event. I had never been to Boston and was excited to go. We went out to Babbo, where George set up a menu tasting for us. As a former chef, this was something that he often did at restaurants. Dinner was amazing and then dessert came out on a tray with the ring in the box! George got down on one knee in front of the entire restaurant and asked me to marry him! Of course I said YES! We have been married since May 4, 2018. We just celebrated our 5 year anniversary.

OUR WEDDING DAY

We decided to legally get married in New York and have the wedding celebration the following year in Montego Bay, Jamaica! We had the most amazing destination wedding celebrated with 50 of our closest family and friends. It was an experience of a lifetime. Montego Bay will always have a special place in our hearts. The sunsets are beautiful, the weather is always perfect and the food is delectable. **Once we saw each other for the first time, the nerves just melted away. We both smiled the rest of the day and into the night.** We did not stop dancing the entire time!



Meet Erin!

I grew up on Long Island, New York with my parents and younger sister. My parents taught me that the best thing you can do in your life is **work hard and enjoy your time with family and friends.**

I come from an Irish/Italian background, so family gatherings and traditions are important. I am loyal, honest and love deeply. My life's goal was to own a house, get married and have a family with financial security and the only piece that is missing is having a child. **Becoming a mom is something that I want more than anything in this world!**



I currently work as an Account Manager at an insurance brokerage. I particularly work with employee benefits and small businesses. I have been working remotely from home since Covid and I enjoy the flexibility and the hours. I feel fulfilled being able to help small companies in providing health insurance to their employees.

George Says...

“Erin is very caring, loving and tender to not only me, but to my friends, family and our dogs. She is one of the sweetest and kindest human beings I have ever met. She is the epitome of a “go getter” and is determined in her career and personal life. In my opinion she is Wonder Woman- she can do the things that I don’t or can’t do. **That is why she is my perfect partner.**”





My Favorite Things:

Food

Tacos + Sandwiches!

Dessert

Molten Chocolate Lava Cake

Hobbies

Reading, Cooking, Spin Class

Season

Fall! I love being cozy and cuddling up on the couch!

Vacation

Our Honeymoon in Costa Rica

“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.”

-Maya Angelou

Meet George!

I grew up in Queens, New York with my parents, younger brother and grandparents- who lived down the street. Though I lived with my mother and brother when my parents divorced, my grandparents took an extremely active role in my life and helped raise us.

I have had a strong work ethic since I was young and always had a job. I have worked in numerous kitchens as a chef on and off since I was 18 years old. I attended a university in Rhode Island but was just short of receiving my Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts. I continued to work in restaurants to perfect my craft and found a very rewarding career as a chef.



I was in a horrific motorcycle accident in 2017 which left me unable to work in a restaurant setting. This led me to my new career in life- a medical transporter at a hospital. **I find this job very fulfilling and enjoy working with people and helping those in need.**

Erin Says...

“I admire George for not only his funny and caring nature, but for his enormous heart. He cares for his family and his friends with his whole heart and is super loyal. George is a big kid himself. He loves to act silly and play games with all of our friends' children. George will be such an amazing dad! **He is so caring and fun and he just lights up the room when there are kids around.**”



My Favorite Things:

Food

Pepperoni and Mushroom Pizza

Dessert

Key Lime Pie

Hobbies

Cooking, Watching Baseball + Football

Season

Fall. The temperature is perfect and it's the start of football!

Vacation

Montego Bay for my 40th Birthday



“I feel that life is short, so we should be disciplined, but at the same time we should have a good time.”

-WYCLEF JEAN



We are both surrounded by amazing and supportive families! They are all so excited for this next chapter in our lives.

Erin's parents currently reside in New York and are still happily married after 40 years! Erin talks to her mom almost every day. She has a sister, Kelly, who also lives in New York. She runs a real estate law practice and they have a wonderful relationship.

George's mom, who was adopted herself as a child, lives in New York and she and George speak frequently throughout the week. He had a strong relationship with his grandparents all his life until they passed away. George's mom is so excited to become a grandma!

George's cousins, David and Lisa, are also very close to him. Lisa was adopted from Korea as an infant and is so grateful to be part of such a loving family!

Meet our Families



“Any lucky child would feel as if they hit “The Best Family Jackpot”

-Erin's Family



MEMORIES + TRADITIONS





Christmas

We spend Christmas Eve together, just the two of us! We've done this for the past 5 years, since living in Rhode Island. For Christmas Day, we spend time with George's mom and Erin's immediate family. We travel to New York but we hope that once our baby comes home, family will be traveling to Rhode Island!



Thanksgiving

Each year, George cooks an amazing traditional Thanksgiving feast! We spend this holiday together in Rhode Island. In the future, we are excited for family to come and spend the day with us and our growing family.



Yankee Games

We love to head to the stadium to watch baseball games together. We try to go to as many Yankee games as we can, especially when they are playing the Boston Red Sox!



Weekend with Work Friends

Every summer, Erin's friends and their husbands come and visit us for the weekend. We spend time BBQ'ing, hanging out, and catching up. These are friends that Erin has had for years and we've all formed such a strong friendship. It's a tradition we hope to keep for a long time!

Hobbies We Enjoy



We both enjoy spending quality time together at home with our three dogs- Lucy, Scarlett and Ricky- all rescues!



We like to watch TV Shows and movies together, as well as cooking and going out to restaurants. Our love for food is what drew us together, so we like to experience new restaurants from all different cultures! **We also enjoy traveling to different places and having new and exciting adventures.**



Separately, Erin loves reading, cooking, cleaning and organizing as well as hitting a spin class at the gym! George enjoys watching baseball and football and loves taking the dogs for walks around the neighborhood. When we are with friends, we love trying new restaurants, wine tasting, game nights and evenings around the fire pit!

Vacations We've Loved



Our first Vacation together was in Montego Bay, Jamaica for George's 40th Birthday. This was the first time Erin ever left the country and the first stamp in her passport! **It was a trip which truly brought us together.**

One of our favorite vacations was our honeymoon to Costa Rica. We stayed at an all inclusive resort- where we spent time at the beach and in our private cabana which overlooked the ocean. We also went on numerous adventures exploring the country: we took a day trip to the jungle where we met sloths, walked around a beautiful hiking trail and went 4-wheeling around the surrounding countryside. It was truly an amazing experience.



Our Vacation Bucket List

- New Orleans, LA
- Italy
- Charleston, SC
- Ireland
- Australia
- Disneyworld
- Savannah, GA
- San Diego, CA

OUR FRIENDS



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***There are friends.
There is family, and
then there are friends
that become family.***”

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Our friends are truly like our family. We are extremely close to all of them. We all go out of our ways to help one another- in times of need and times of happiness. We are all fiercely loyal to one another and want nothing but the best for each other. They will all have an active role in our child's life as “Aunts” and “Uncles.”

Erin's best friend of 22 years is Holly who she considers like a sister to her. She is the godmother to her 2 children- Olivia and Jack. Erin also has 4 amazing friends from work. They all worked together at the same company in New York for a long time and became extremely close and still are to this day.



George has many friends as well that have been in his life for a long time. Caroline, who he's known for 30 years will be our child's Guardian. He has many other friends that he's known for 20+ years and are all a big part of our lives!



“There is no one with bigger hearts or more open minds than this couple”

- Kerrin Cordo (Friend)



Erin's Friends Say...

“There is nothing in this world that Erin wants more than to be a mother” – **Kaitlin Monda (Friend)**

“Erin is one of the most hardworking, kind and generous people that I’ve ever met” – **Allison Cervantes (Friend)**

“Erin’s nurturing spirit is evident in the lasting friendships she’s cultivated throughout her life. She is the definition of loyalty” – **Patricia Wigand (Aunt)**



George's Friends Say...

“George is a kind and Extremely caring person. He always finds a way to make everyone in the room laugh and all the kids always have a blast with him.”- **Kenny Vazquez (Friend)**

“George is kind, nurturing, loving and has a wonderful sense of humor”- **Kenneth Wigand (Uncle)**

“Children tend to gravitate to George and he always gets down to their level when speaking or playing with them. He is easy to talk to and a great listener, which I think is very important in a parent”
- **Caroline Gioeli (Friend)**

OUR HOME + *Community*



“Their home exemplifies a warm and nurturing environment that any child would love to grow up in. Their ability to interact with children is unbelievable, one could call them natural parents”

– *Sandra Kieliszek (Friend)*

Home Sweet Home

Our home was built in 2018. It is approximately 3,000 square feet with 3 floors and located on 4 acres of property. Inside, we have an open floor plan as well as a finished basement where we have an entertainment area with arcade games!

Outside, we are surrounded by woods and backed by a nature preserve. We have a ½ acre fenced in backyard with a patio and deck. We spend a lot of time outside enjoying the view!

We've lived in our home since 2019 and plan on staying a very long time. We hope to pass it down to future generations. It's so special to us because it's the first home we bought together. **We purchased the home with the intention of filling it with memories, and one day, children.**



Community Love

Our neighborhood has several walking paths and bike trails. We love taking the dogs for walks. Our community has a library, community center and playground right near the town hall. Also, there are baseball fields for Little League and soccer fields. There is also a large lake for fishing and a beach.

Our town also has a wonderful school system that is ranked one of the highest in the state! Our elementary school has small class sizes which we are very happy about!

We belong to a Catholic church and go as often as we can. They are an open and welcoming community and often have wonderful events and fundraisers for the needy.





FAITH + THE FUTURE

We are Catholic and plan to raise our child in the Catholic faith. We plan on going to church regularly and would love to have our child go through all the sacraments and attend religious education.

We plan on discussing adoption with our child throughout their life at different stages- adding more and more details as they get older to remain age-appropriate. We want to remain open and honest and make sure that our child always feels safe to discuss any questions or concerns about their adoption plan and birth parents. **Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our child.**





ONCE BABY COMES...

We are blessed to have very flexible schedules, so that we can have plenty of time to bond and care for our new baby! Erin will be taking a generous maternity leave to bond with our baby. Once her maternity leave is over, she will work a flexible schedule at home to make sure that the child does not need to be in day care. George is able to take off time for paternity leave.

EDUCATION

Once our child is of age, we plan on sending them to pre-school. Then, they will attend public elementary, middle and high school in our neighborhood. The schools are wonderful here and we are thrilled to watch our child flourish. We hope to facilitate their curiosity and encourage independent thinking through experiences and activities. Once he or she graduates high school, we plan on supporting any decision they make to enrich their education- whether it is college or trade school.

We Promise...

- ✦ We promise to love you unconditionally and guide you in life.
- ✦ We promise to honor and respect your story and always follow your lead in telling it to the world. We will always make sure you know that your voice matters.
- ✦ We promise to show you as much of the world as we can so you can learn, grow, and become a confident, well rounded person. We will always be your advocate and your biggest fan!
- ✦ We promise that you will always be our priority and never let anything else get in the way of loving you and making you feel like you are the most important person in our life- because you will always be.
- ✦ We promise to teach you empathy and kindness, to always respect others and treat others the way that you want to be treated. Kindness is the most important gift you can give to anyone.

