

Sarah *and* Peter





let's start with hello

Thank you so much for taking the time to view our profile and considering us as adoptive parents for your child. We admire your strength and courage in considering adoption and recognize that this decision is not easy. While we don't know you yet, we know that your love knows no bounds and hope that you have peace through this process.

If chosen, we want to honor you throughout your child's lifetime. We recognize that you have a vision for your child's life, and we hope you can envision what life in our home is like. We hope that we can convey to you who we are and how much love we already have for you and your child.

IN OUR HOME, YOUR CHILD WILL BE LOVED WHOLEHEARTEDLY,
SUPPORTED THROUGH LIFE'S TRIUMPHS AND SORROWS,
EMPOWERED TO FOLLOW THEIR INTERESTS, AND HAVE A LARGE
EXTENDED FAMILY READY TO CHEER THEM ON! WE PROMISE TO
PROVIDE A LIFETIME OF LOVE AND OPPORTUNITY.



*Peter, Sarah,
Anna, & Percy*

why adoption



growing our family

We were told several years ago that it was unlikely we would have a child of our own. At that time, we began considering alternate ways to grow our family, including adoption. Then we miraculously got pregnant with our daughter, Anna. We are now hoping to grow our family again and feel called to adoption. We would like our daughter to have a sibling since we both value our sibling relationships so much. We would also love for our children to be relatively close in age so that they can grow up together. We have so much more love to give, and both feel confident that our family is meant to include more children.

our connection to adoption

We both have cousins who are adopted. They are a wonderful part of our family and make our family whole. We also have several friends who have adopted, and they are excellent resources for us through this process. They have also given us a perspective on an adopted child's emotions as they mature and a window into varied relationships with birth families. Our closeness with both adoptive parents and adoptees has underlined that family is created with love, not just genetics.

our values

1. Togetherness

We enjoy going to the local Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings together, walking to the local coffee shop, or watching movies on the couch. Evenings in our house are full of life—cooking dinner, playing games, having dance parties, or even just snuggles over a book.

2. Family

We see each of our families at least weekly. Both of our parents live locally, which makes dropping by easy! Our parents are the best grandparents ever and often pick up our daughter from school in the afternoon just to spend time together. Having family close is the biggest blessing, and we feel so lucky to have them so involved in our lives.



3. Joy

We love watching our daughter learn a new skill, twirl in her favorite dress, or get messy eating ice cream! The simple pleasures are often the most joyful—walking our dog while Anna rides her scooter, making smoothies in the blender, watering the plants and accidentally getting all wet, and drawing chalk rainbows in the driveway.

4. Travel

We take several family trips each year. Sarah's family goes skiing every winter in Utah. Peter's family goes to a resort in the Poconos every fall. We also enjoy traveling overseas and to National Parks routinely. Our favorite vacations involve seeing a new city, some relaxation, and also outdoor activities.

this is us

♥ *August 2010*
MET AT THE START OF MED SCHOOL

♥ *February 2011*
OUR FIRST DATE

♥ *May 2014*
MED SCHOOL GRADUATION

♥ *July 2014*
START OF OUR LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP

♥ *October 2018*
ENGAGED

♥ *May 2019*
MARRIED

♥ *July 2019*
MOVED TO CHICAGO - FINALLY BACK TOGETHER!

♥ *August 2020*
MOVED TO ORLANDO

♥ *June 2022*
WELCOMED ANNA



how it started

We were in the same medical school class at the University of Florida. We quickly fell into the same group of friends and started dating. After completing medical school together, we did five years of long-distance through our respective residencies. We are incredibly proud that our relationship strengthened and matured during that time, despite the distance. We each grew individually in our professional goals, but also honed our communication skills, trust, and respect for each other over those years. We got engaged toward the end of residency and married in May 2019 in Sarah's childhood church.

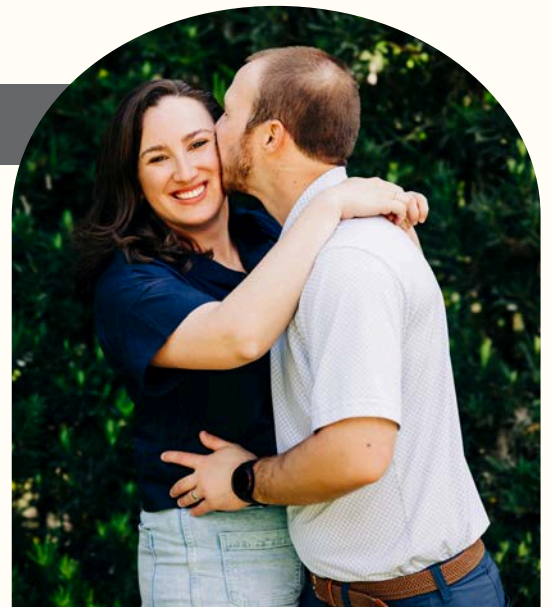


how it's going

Since then, we have built a home together, surrounded by our family and friends. We enjoy exchanging stories over a good meal, watching Jeopardy, Gator football, Manchester City soccer, and big hugs from our daughter and pup. We're always planning our next vacation and love to travel to new places and experience other cultures. We love a night out with friends at a great restaurant or sitting by the pool listening to the Disney fireworks in the distance.

our relationship

Our marriage is built on openness and honesty. We are not afraid to share the issues and problems going on in our lives, which allows us to move forward instead of letting things smolder or go backward. We have a profound mutual respect for one another and trust that we are both always trying our best.



get to know

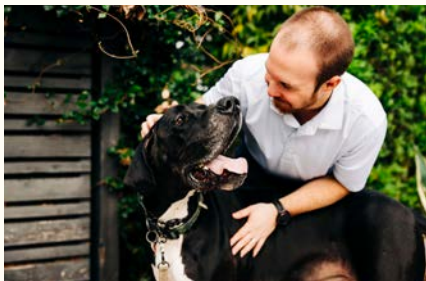
Peter

FATHERHOOD HAS BEEN THE PRIVILEGE OF MY LIFE! I KNOW IN MY HEART THAT OUR FAMILY IS NOT COMPLETE. WHEN WE ADOPT, I KNOW THAT I WILL LOVE THAT CHILD UNCONDITIONALLY. HE/SHE WOULD IMMEDIATELY BECOME MY FOCUS, AND I WOULD LOVE AND SUPPORT HIM/HER WITH ALL MY HEART.



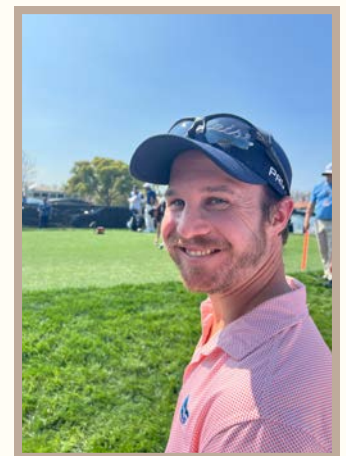
MY FRIENDS SAY I AM

DEPENDABLE, LOYAL, & HARD-WORKING



my career

I work as an orthopedic surgeon and have been practicing for four years. My job allows me to support my family, as well as offers me the fulfillment of restoring mobility and function to my patients. There is flexibility to my scheduling, and luckily, I have an incredibly supportive wife and two sets of grandparents in town that will help make up for when I'm not able to "sneak away" from work. My children will always be my number one priority. I do intend to take off 1-2 weeks from work to allow for time to settle, which is similar to what I did for Anna.



in Sarah's words

Peter made me feel at home from the very beginning of our relationship. I knew I could trust him and that he was grounded and genuine. Peter holds himself to incredibly high standards but is also the biggest goof I know. He is infuriatingly smart, but deeply caring and wants the best for everyone in his life.

Peter always shows up and is reliable and present for the people he loves. He is my biggest fan, and his confidence in me makes me feel safe. He shows his love with small acts of service, taking out the trash or emptying the dishwasher, especially when he knows I'm stressed. He gives great hugs and can always sense when I need a little extra support.

He loves to goof off with our daughter. He is constantly preparing tea parties, singing Disney songs in the car, playing hide and seek, and loves to make her laugh. He is absolutely free when he is with her. I love seeing his childlike spirit when they interact. Peter is Anna's biggest cheerleader and will be at every game, every performance, and every graduation, beaming with pride. I have no doubt he will equally support our next child with the same enthusiasm and commitment.



FUN FACT: I COOKED STEAK AND MADE A CARROT CAKE FOR SARAH ON HER FIRST BIRTHDAY THAT WE WERE TOGETHER, AND IT'S BEEN A SILLY TRADITION SINCE.



- GOLF
- WATCHING SOCCER & COLLEGE FOOTBALL
- READING FANTASY BOOKS
- GRILLING
- SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY

things I love

get to know

Sarah

I WANT TO BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR MY KIDS. I WANT TO FOSTER INDEPENDENCE AND CONFIDENCE, GIVE THEM THE SAFETY TO MAKE MISTAKES, AND BE A SOURCE OF WISDOM OR A SHOULDER TO CRY ON. I WANT TO BE THEIR BIGGEST CHAMPION AND FOR THEM TO KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE THEM AND THAT THEY ARE MY #1 PRIORITY.



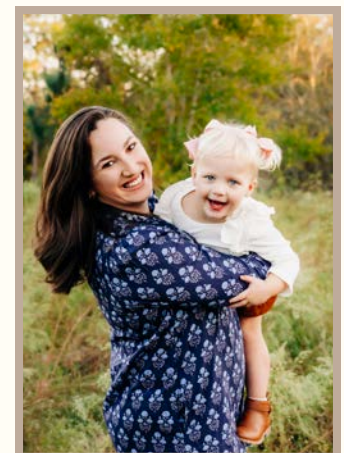
MY FRIENDS SAY I AM

INDEPENDENT, LOYAL, & LEVEL-HEADED



my career

I work as an OBGYN. The best part of my job is the long-term relationships I can build with my patients and getting to know them during life's joys and struggles. My patients trust me with very personal information and trust me to guide them through challenges, which is a tremendous privilege that I don't take lightly. I was able to take several months off after Anna's birth and am blessed to be able to take a similar amount of time off after adoption. My time at home with Anna was the absolute best. I look forward to that sacred time with another child.



in Peter's words

From the beginning, I could tell Sarah was an incredible person. Not only was she personable, but she was also incredibly intelligent and caring. She keeps our lives organized and always puts other people's needs in front of her own. Even though she is incredibly busy being a full-time physician and mom, she always has time to help others and especially for our family. I admire Sarah's strength, both in will and personality. She holds our family together. Through tough times, she always remains calm and pushes us forward, even if I want to take two steps back. She is an incredible role model to our daughter, and I know that our children will have a fulfilled and happy life with Sarah guiding them. My words truly do not do justice to how much I love and admire her!

As a mom, Sarah will do everything she can to allow our children to succeed. She will support them wholeheartedly in whatever endeavor they pursue. She will be ever-present in our children's lives, making sure they get to their activities and helping them achieve their goals. One of my favorite things is seeing Sarah with our daughter, either curled up and reading a book or letting her help "make dinner." She is truly a loving mother!



FUN FACT:

I'M LEFT-HANDED, BUT PERFORM MANY TASKS (EVEN SURGERY) RIGHT-HANDED.



- COOKING
- REALITY TV
- A GOOD BOOK
- DANCING
- CHOCOLATE
- PLANNING OUR NEXT ADVENTURE

things I love

meet our
daughter

Anna

energetic

strong-willed

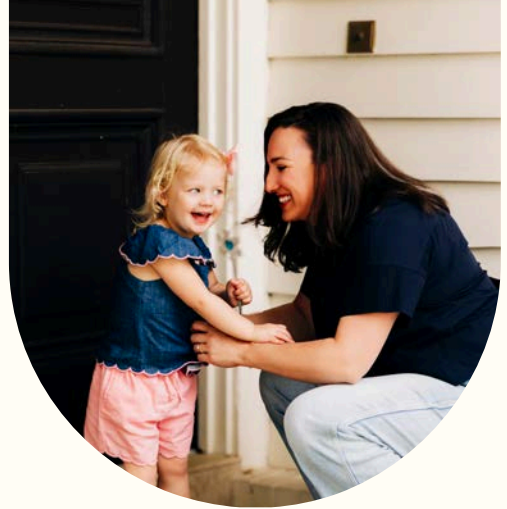
curious



Anna is almost 3 years old. She soaks up the world and wants to learn everything she can. She loves anything pink and sparkly and especially loves dressing up (she's currently wearing a homemade crown daily!). Anna has a huge heart for other children and will make a great big sister. She especially loves playing with her cousins—they can play pretend in the backyard for hours. Anna is growing up so fast and would love to have a playmate for life.



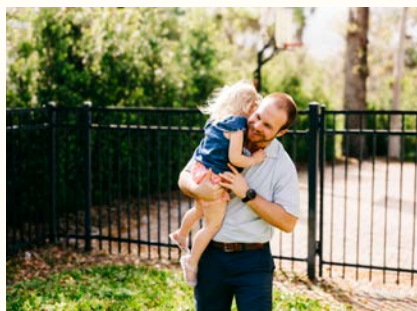
thoughts on parenting



We approach parenting by providing a good example and gentle guidance. We have tried to foster independence and responsibility through routines and positive feedback. We hope our children learn right and wrong, to treat others with respect, and have accountability for their actions. By setting a good example and having high expectations, always with loving support and reinforcement, we hope our children have the confidence to achieve their goals.

adoption in our home

We recognize the incredible sacrifice that you are having to make. We will embrace an open adoption and will ensure that your child understands the love it takes to make such a sacrifice. We will make sure your child knows and understands your story.





our life

together

On a typical day, we go to work and Anna goes to school/day care. When we come home, we spend our time as a family until Anna goes to bed. We often like to go swimming in the pool when we get home to cool off and relax. When it is time for PJs, Anna has a glass of milk and reads with both of us. After she is asleep, we either read or pick a good TV show to watch that we can share together.

On Saturday, Sarah and Anna love going to the farmers market, while Peter enjoys watching soccer with Anna. We spend a lot of time at Grandma/Grandpa or Gan/Bubba's house where she can hang out with her grandparents and cousins. This also involves multiple trips to the playground or back into the pool.

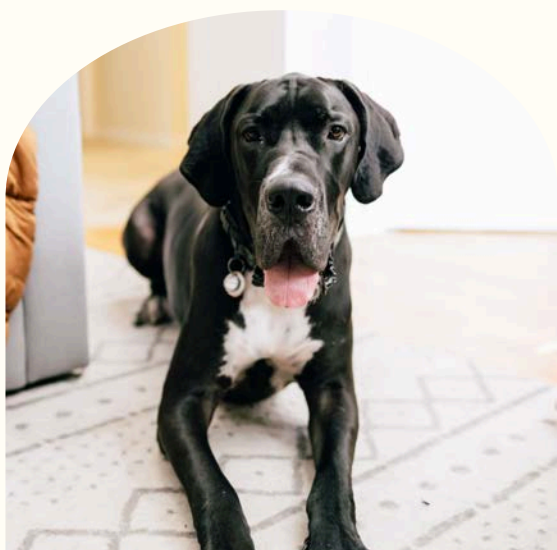
adventures

Since Sarah was nine years old, her family has gone on an annual snow skiing trip in Utah. We rent a large house and make meals together, put together puzzles, and simply sit and read in the evenings. We love to ski, and it has been especially fun to watch our nephews embrace snowboarding over the years. We can't wait for Anna to learn! Peter's family has been getting together annually at a resort in the Poconos since 1988! While we're there, we visit with extended family, play group games like "Name That Tune!" and ride go-karts. It's really special to have such a longstanding tradition that keeps the extended family so close.



meet Percy

We have a 4-year-old Great Dane named Percy. He is human-sized and also has a human-sized heart. He loves being with his people, often sitting right next to us. Percy loves our daughter and sweetly lets her hold his leash on our morning walks. He is the definition of a gentle giant.





our home

*in sunny
Florida!*

We live in a one-story home with three bedrooms and four bathrooms. Our house has great light and is surrounded by large oak trees. We love the large open spaces and high ceilings, as well as our back patio and pool area. We spend most of our time in the family room, which has an extra-large couch that can fit the whole family, including Percy. Anna has a play kitchen that she loves, and we often have tea parties, build Magnatiles, play with her dolls, read, or watch movies together. In the summer, we like spending evenings swimming in our pool.



Our home is located in a small town, and there is a park and playground across the street. We live on a quiet road and know our neighbors. We can walk to the local coffee shop, the library, and a few restaurants. The local elementary school is just down the street. There is a great splash pad downtown and a local food truck night every month. Our town is small, but we are just outside Orlando, which has everything we could ask for (and it's just a few minutes from Disney World!).

We intend to stay in Central Florida long-term, since our family is all so close. We love our home and would be happy to stay here for a long time! We plan to send our children to the local public schools where they will receive an excellent education and be surrounded by diversity. We are open to whatever school is the best place for our children to thrive. We will help our children pursue whatever dreams they have in life and hope that we can prepare them for whatever adventures life brings them.

Peter's Family

Grandma & Grandpa (Lorie & Victor) are Peter's parents. Peter's younger brother Stephen lives outside of DC, and we're hoping one day he'll make it back to Florida. Peter's younger sister, Kerri, is married to Anthony, and they have a 1-year-old daughter, Lainey. They live about 20 minutes away.



Sarah's Family

Gan & Bubba (Kay & John) are Sarah's parents. Sarah has two younger brothers. Sam is married to Dee and they have two daughters, Grace (3) and Barbara Joy (1). Matt is married to Amanda, and they have two sons, Caden (9) and Mac (4). All of my family live about 15 minutes away, and we see them at least weekly.

family is a blessing

We see our extended family all the time and are very close. Our parents are some of our biggest supporters, and they are very excited to welcome another child to our family through adoption. Our siblings have children who are all close in age, and we get together for play dates almost weekly. They are thrilled for us to add another cousin to the bunch! We can pick up the phone and call any one of our family members in a time of need and know that they will be there without a doubt. Our family's closeness is one of the biggest blessings in our lives.

BOTH OF OUR EXTENDED FAMILIES ARE
THRILLED ABOUT US PURSUING ADOPTION AND
CANNOT WAIT TO SHOWER THE BABY WITH
LOVE AND SUPPORT US AS PARENTS.





our promises to you

We promise to love your child completely.

We promise to have fun, laugh often, and give big hugs.

We promise to support your child in all their endeavors.

We promise to raise your child to be independent so they can conquer the world.

We promise your child will know the love you have for them and how your love has blessed our family.

We promise your child will know and understand your story and will have an open relationship with you based on your preference.

We promise to talk openly about adoption and guide your child as they navigate their identity

We promise your child will not feel alone and will always have the support of our family.

HOME IS WHERE THE  IS



before you go...



thank you

*from our hearts
to yours*

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and letting us into your heart. We are full of excitement and anticipation as we prepare for this next chapter in our lives. We know adoption is the right choice for us and feel honored to have the opportunity to grow our family this way.

We hope you can envision who we are and the happiness that a child will bring to complete our family. We would love to share more of our lives with you and ask that you consider whether we are the right choice for your child. You have our assurance that, if chosen, your child will always be surrounded by love, laughter, support, and opportunity. We promise to honor you and promise that your child will forever know of your courageous choice. We will embrace whatever level of openness and communication feels right to you. We hope to learn and grow together, creating a unique and wonderful family including you, your baby, and us.

We cannot fully understand everything you are going through, but we are praying that you find the peace you need to make the decision that is best for you and your baby. We would absolutely love to know you more!



*Peter, Sarah,
& Anna*

you are so loved

