



Corey *And* Blake



Hi!
We're Corey
and Blake,
and we're so grateful you're
taking the time to learn a
little about us.

We've been together for
10 years, married for the last
3, building a life rooted in love,
laughter, and partnership.

We live in the heart of Chicago with our two dogs,
Poppy and Perry, who keep our home lively and full
of personality. **Over the years, we've built a strong,
supportive relationship and a home we're so
proud of, and we hope to share that with a child.**



Why We Are Adopting

Adoption is the path that feels right for us as we grow our family.

We believe every child deserves a home filled with stability, encouragement, and unconditional love, and we're excited about the opportunity to provide that. We look forward to guiding a child as they grow, celebrating their heritage, encouraging their individuality, and helping them discover the world around them. **Most of all, we want to create a home where a child always feels safe, supported, and deeply loved.**



Our Story

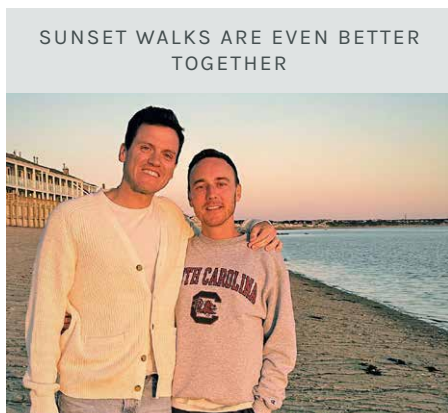
Like many couples these days, our story started online with a swipe right. We spent our first date laughing in a booth at the back of a restaurant (one we still love today) and now we spend our nights laughing together on the couch. **As simple as it sounds, we have fun together everyday.** We often look at each other and smile, knowing we are both thinking about how lucky we are to have the life together we dreamed of as kids.



WE LOVE DISCOVERING COLORFUL CORNERS WHEREVER WE GO



TRAVELING TOGETHER HAS BROUGHT US TO SOME UNFORGETTABLE PLACES



SUNSET WALKS ARE EVEN BETTER TOGETHER

To know Blake is to love him. I could tell you he's kind, smart, caring, and deeply loving and all of that would be true—but those words still don't fully capture who he is. **Blake makes people feel special and you can see that in the way he treats his family, friends, our two dogs, and anyone he meets. He has joyfulness that so many adults lose, which makes living life with him so fun.** He is my therapist, confidant, dance partner, personal comedian, best friend, and life partner.

Blake is also an extremely hard worker, whether it's advancing in his career, running five marathons, or cleaning the house (which he does everyday). He always gives 100% in everything he does.

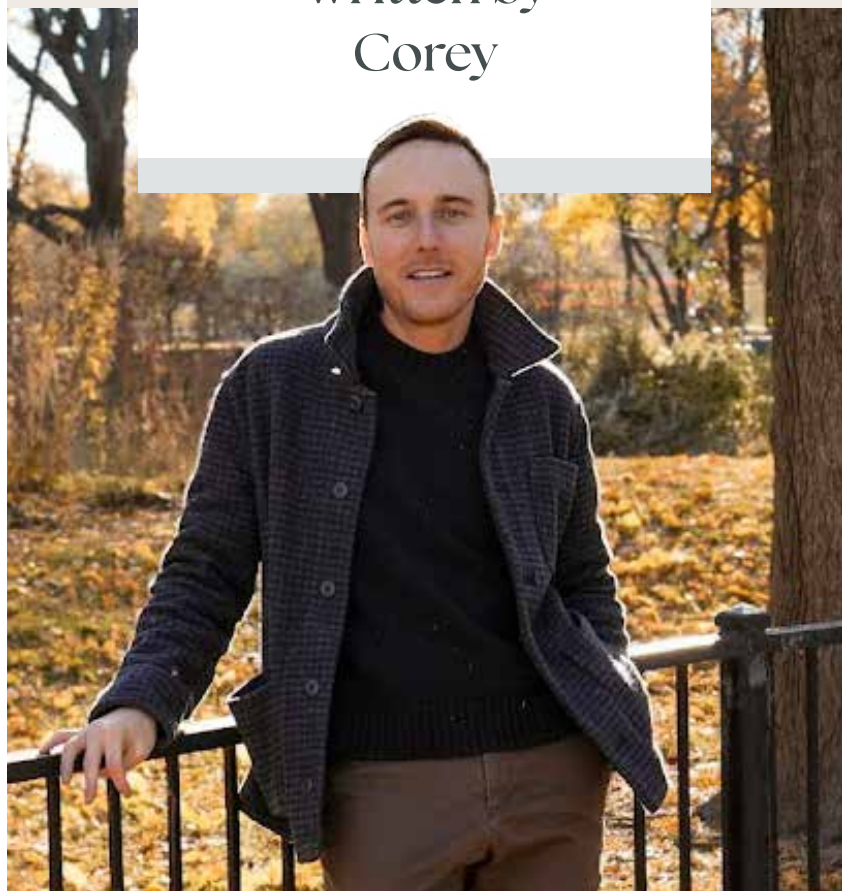
We became uncles just over two years ago, and watching him with our niece and nephew has been such a rewarding experience.



A DAY AT THE PARK
WITH OUR PUPS

Meet Blake

Written by
Corey



PLAYING WITH OUR NIECE





SNUGGLES WITH PERRY

*I know
Blake will be
the best dad,*

and I hope we are lucky
enough to be chosen to
be parents, so he can
make a child feel as loved
and supported as he
makes me feel.



BLAKE WITH OUR NIECE AND NEPHEW

Fun Facts

Favorite Hobby

I love running and
have completed 4
marathons - 5th one
coming up this October

Favorite Vacation Spot

Any beach that I can
relax on and enjoy
the scenery

Favorite Musical Artist

John Mayer and any
alternative rock music

Musical

Instrument I Play

I grew up playing the
drums and was on the
marching snare line

My Perfect Day

A relaxing day at
home with a long
walk around the
neighborhood

BLAKE LOVES TO COMPETE
IN MARATHONS



Corey is the kindest person I know. He has a way of making everyone around him feel special, and he can make just about anyone laugh.

His laugh is contagious - the kind that fills the room and makes everyone else start laughing too. **He's also incredibly thoughtful in simple, everyday ways that mean so much.** If he runs out on an errand, he almost always comes back with a little treat to share, and if I casually mention something I've been wanting, there's a good chance I'll wake up to find he's already made it happen.

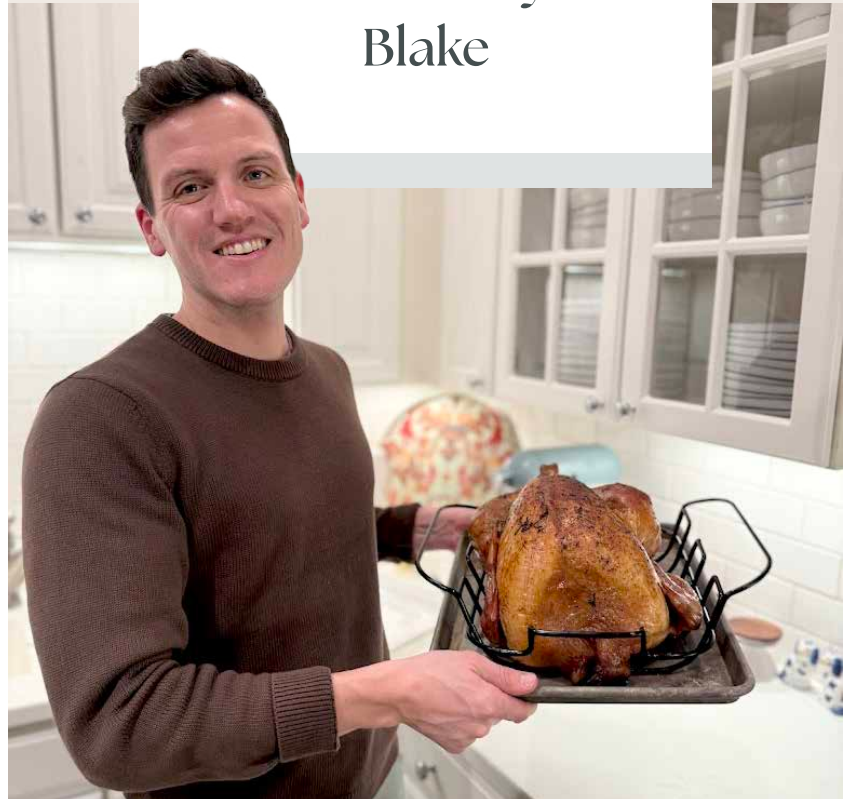
He has a playful energy, especially with kids. Corey loves to joke around and be silly, but he's also very mindful about safety - something he's quick to point out in a caring (and sometimes funny) way, even with adults. Outside of that, Corey loves working out, cooking, and reading. He also takes a lot of pride in his career and deeply dedicated to what he does.



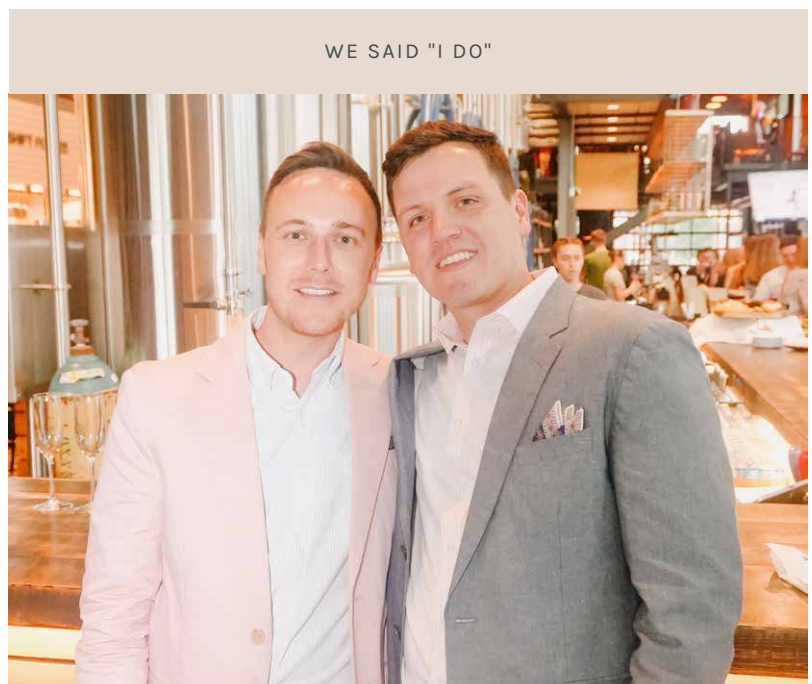
SEAFOOD ON THE CAPE JUST
TASTES BETTER

Meet Corey

Written by
Blake



WE LOVE TIME IN THE KITCHEN—ESPECIALLY WHEN
COREY'S COOKING



WE SAID "I DO"



COREY OUT FOR A RUN

What I admire most about Corey

though, is the way he shows up every day – with warmth, generosity, and a genuine desire to take care of the people around him.



COREY WITH OUR GODCHILD

Fun Facts

Favorite Dessert
Anything lemon flavored!

Favorite Vacation Spot
Charleston, South Carolina

Can't Live Without
Air Conditioning

Source of Inspiration
My husband

Dream Job
Singer (Though sadly I cannot carry a note)

Favorite Musical Artist
Abba

Favorite Hobby
Cooking for family and friends

My Perfect Day
Going out for breakfast, spending the afternoon at the beach, and then grilling out with family and friends for dinner

FRESHLY BAKED BREAD!



HIKING TOGETHER





WE LOVE EXPLORING
NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND CHICAGO



GETTING INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

We feel
lucky to call the
city of Chicago

home!



ICE CREAM IN THE
PARK, WHAT MORE
DO YOU NEED!



Our neighborhood, Lincoln Park, feels like a warm, vibrant small town nestled right in the heart of a big city. We live in a historic 1870s rowhome, originally built for the workers who helped rebuild Chicago after the Great Chicago Fire, just a short walk from top-rated schools, playgrounds, shops, restaurants, museums, and the beloved Lincoln Park Zoo.

While we love everything the city has to offer, we also truly enjoy being at home and take pride in

creating a warm, welcoming space—spending winters cooking meals for family and friends, and summers out on the patio with our dogs, chatting with neighbors as they pass by.

When we aren't spending time at home or taking advantage of our neighborhood, **we are fortunate to be able to take a short train ride into the heart of Chicago to attend plays, musicals, concerts, sporting events, and take advantage of everything the city has to offer.**

We both try to lead our lives with kindness, curiosity, respect, and compassion, which are all values we hope to share with our child.

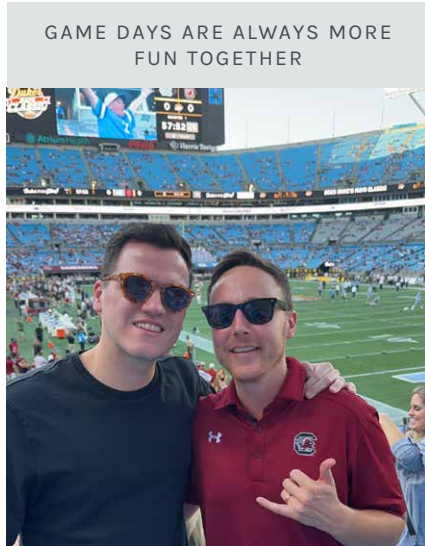
However, the one trait we share as a couple that bonds us is laughter. We both believe that no matter how hard or painful life can be, if we can find humor in it, we can get through it. **More than anything, we hope to raise a child who knows that, no matter what life brings, if you can find a way to laugh, you can find a way through it.**



ADVENTURES TOGETHER,
WHEREVER WE GO



WE LOVE FINDING LITTLE MOMENTS
OF FUN WHEREVER WE ARE



GAME DAYS ARE ALWAYS MORE
FUN TOGETHER

Values We Hope to Share

with a Child



Our Pets

We have two of the sweetest dogs, that we call our sweet angels, Poppy (little woman) and Perry (little nugget)!

Poppy is the first pet Blake ever had, and they are two peas in a pod. She is true terrier who is full of energy and always ready for an adventure. Perry is a gentle giant (a 60 pound beagle mix!) who loves spends all his time laying on the couch and searching for snacks.

POPPY



PERRY



Our Family

There is a saying; "As gay people, we get to choose our family." **And while we have a large a supportive chosen family, we are both lucky to have families who love and accept us for who we are.** While our parents live in South Carolina, we feel very lucky to have our second "chosen family" here with us in Chicago as well as loved ones spread across the country. Most of all, we love knowing that our future child will be surrounded by amazing grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins all across the country.

Blake's Mom became a grandma just over two years ago and has proudly been wearing the name "Nana" ever since (with both her children joking she has forgotten she has children of her own). Corey's parents are so excited about becoming grandparents and we can't wait to see how they blossom in that role!



COREY'S FAMILY AT OUR WEDDING

BLAKE'S FAMILY CHEERING HIM ON AT A MARATHON



ALL SMILES WITH OUR NEPHEW



CELEBRATING SPRING WITH BLAKE'S FAMILY



ENJOYING TIME WITH COREY'S PARENTS



We hope that
that as our family grows, you'll continue to be a part of it in some way, and that you'll get to meet the many people who will help shape the person our child becomes, if we are lucky enough to be chosen to become parents.



Our Final Thoughts

Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us.

We're deeply grateful that you're considering us during a time that must feel overwhelming. If we're given the opportunity, we promise to raise your child in a home filled with love and laughter, where they are free to be themselves and fully supported in their interests and passions, and always know safety and stability. We are so excited about the possibility of becoming parents and growing our family. **If you're comfortable with it, we would love for you to remain part of that family in some way, and we will always do our best to build a family dynamic that feels right and supportive for everyone involved.**

CELEBRATING MILLER'S
— FIRST BIRTHDAY





Thank you again
for considering us and for the love
it takes to make this decision.

