

BRIAN & JOE

Sometime the smallest things take up the most room in your heart.

– Winnie the Pooh

Hello!

We are Brian and Joe.

We are grateful to be considered as you think about what is best for your baby. At a quick glance, we love movie nights on the couch with our dogs, reading on the back porch, spending holidays with family, and enjoying weekends with friends. **We have both dreamed of becoming parents for as long as we can remember, and that dream has been part of our relationship since we met in October 2014.**

More than anything, we hope to create a home where a child feels safe, deeply loved, encouraged, and surrounded by family, friends, laughter, and **everyday moments that become lifelong memories.**

We know this process may come with many emotions, and we hope you feel respected, supported, and cared for as you move through it.

Thank you again for taking the time to get to know us!

Brian and Joe

Our story

We met in college on Long Island on a rainy October day in 2014.

Brian was living on campus, Joe was commuting from home, and neither of us knew that one ordinary class would lead to the life we have built together. **From that first day,** conversation came easily, and we have not gone a day without talking since.





Over the years, we shared classes, long drives, family dinners, late-night phone calls, and a season of long distance that only made us more sure of each other. We got engaged in 2020 on our sixth anniversary, and were married in 2022, surrounded by the people we love. In 2022, we bought our first home, and in 2023, we welcomed our two dogs, Alfie and Zev.

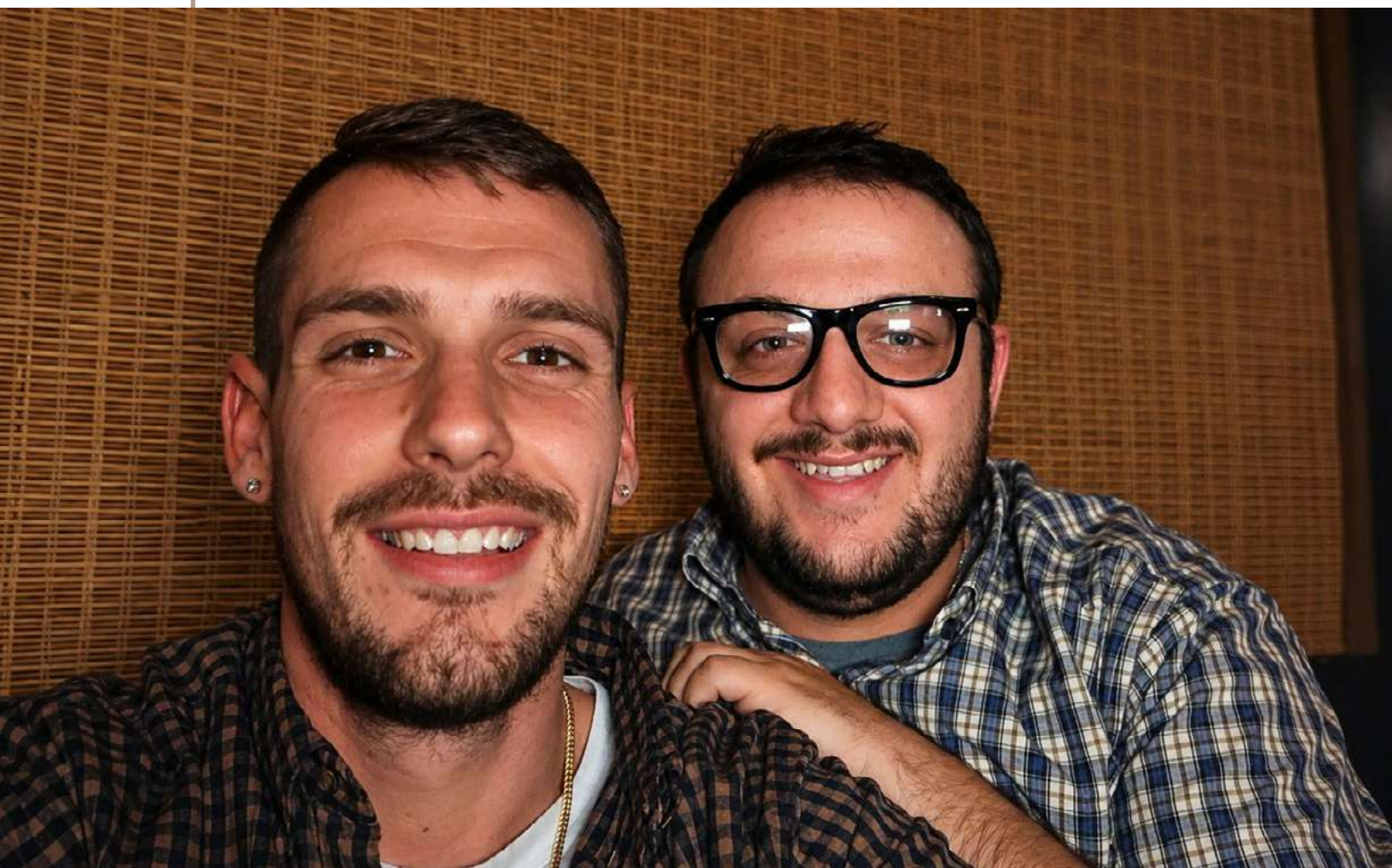
Today, our life is full of cozy nights, family traditions, house projects, muddy paw prints, and so much excitement at the possibility of growing our family through adoption. We can't wait to see what the next chapter brings!

choosing adoption

Adoption has always been part of how we imagined growing our family.

As two people who have always dreamed of becoming parents, we knew our path might look different, but the love we had to give was never in question.

Over time, that dream became even clearer. We both work with children and families, and we have seen how powerful it is for a child to be surrounded by love, patience, encouragement, and a steady place to grow. When we bought our home, we saw more than rooms to fill. We saw bedtime stories, family dinners, toys on the floor, birthday candles, muddy shoes by the door, and a child growing up surrounded by love. **We are ready to love a child fully and unconditionally while always honoring their story, identity, culture, heritage, and connection to where they came from.**



Meet Brian

As told by Joe





BRIAN WITH NIECE

Brian has a heart that naturally makes room for others.

He is thoughtful, dependable, loyal, and deeply loving. He brings warmth into our home through the little things, whether he is baking from scratch, reading a sci-fi or fantasy book, knitting, or spending time outside with our dogs.

Brian is a Registered Nurse who works with children in a psychiatric hospital, and his compassion carries into every part of his life. Brian has a natural gift for connecting with children. He listens with his whole heart, gets down to their level, and helps them feel safe, seen, and celebrated.

I know Brian will be a protective, hands-on, and loving father who shows up every day and creates a home where a child feels secure and deeply loved.

Meet Joe

As told by Brian



JOE WITH NEPHEW



Joe is one of the most compassionate people I know.

He is kind, thoughtful, ambitious, and full of life. He brings joy into our home through the little things, whether he is trying a new coffee shop, planning a last-minute adventure, reading into the night, or making everyday moments fun.

Joe is a Behavior Analyst who works with children and adults on the autism spectrum and with behavioral disorders, and that care and patience show up in the way he connects with children. He is soft, playful, and inviting, and he knows how to make kids feel comfortable, important, and understood.

I know Joe will be a tender, responsive, and loving father who notices the little things, celebrates the big things, and makes sure a child always feels encouraged and understood.

things we love





Brian loves:

Early mornings • Hiking & being in nature • Baking, especially cookies • Sci-fi & fantasy books & movies • R&B & reggaeton music • Italian food • Knitting



WITH OUR NEPHEWS



WITH OUR NIECE





Joe loves:

Late nights • The beach & anything waterfront • Boats • Alternative music & hip hop • Thriller, horror, & mystery books • Hispanic & Caribbean food • Espresso & strong coffee



WITH OUR NIECE



things we love



our home

Our home is cozy, welcoming, and full of everyday comfort.

We live in a New England Colonial with four bedrooms, three bathrooms, and plenty of space for a playroom, toys, books, and all the little things that come with family life. Our home is bright, open, and warm, and from the beginning, we could picture it as a place where a child could feel safe, loved, and completely at home.

We also fell in love with our yard, rolling hills, green grass, and room for outdoor memories. We imagine a playset in the yard, summer days outside, games in the grass, sledding in the winter, and plenty of room to run, explore, and play.

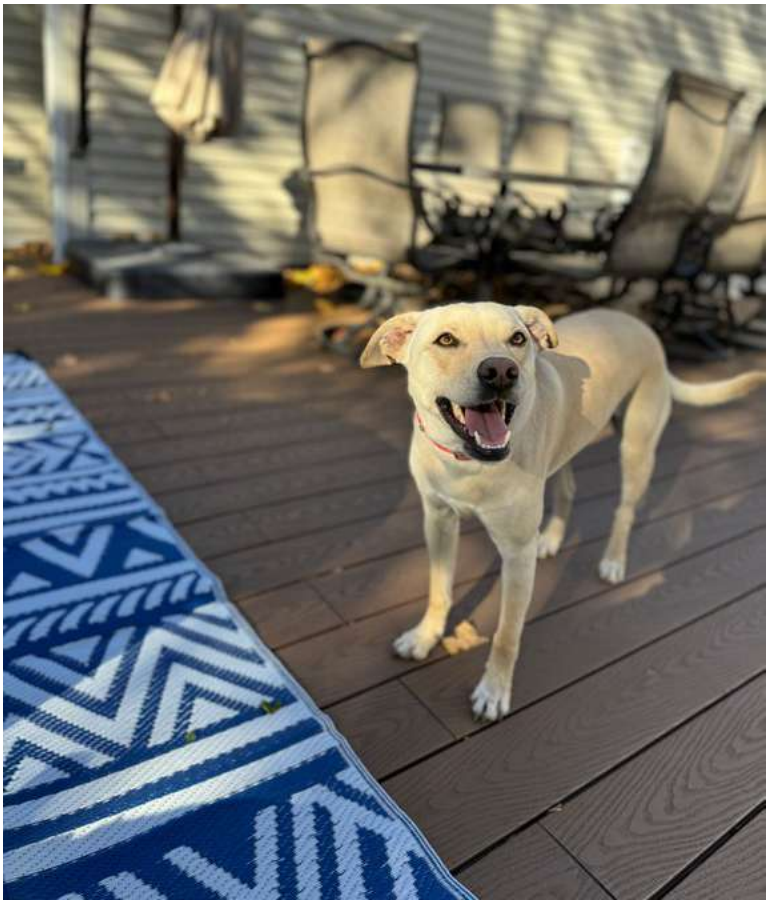








Our scenic New England town has a peaceful, small-town feel with local parks, seasonal traditions, well-regarded schools, and easy access to day trips in New York City or weekend visits to Boston. **To us, it is the perfect place to put down roots and raise a family.**










Alfie & Zev

Alfie and Zev are our two sweet Louisiana pups and one of the biggest sources of love and laughter in our home!

Alfie is our gentle sweet pea. He has golden fur, beautiful yellow eyes, and a calm, loving soul. He loves walks, naps, cuddles, rubbing his back in the grass, and cheese. **Zev** is our love bug. He has dark golden fur, beautiful brown eyes, and a personality that fills the room. He loves playing ball, getting treats, snuggling on the couch, and proudly letting us know when someone is at the door.

Alfie and Zev met in a shelter when they were puppies and were eventually rescued as a bonded pair. **Today, they are truly the best of friends.** They do life side by side, whether they are running around the yard, playing, relaxing on the couch, or keeping each other company during a nap. Their bond is one of the sweetest parts of our home, and we feel so lucky they joined our family together.


Family
is not an
important
thing. It's
everything.













Extended family

Family is a huge part of our lives, and we are grateful to be surrounded by people who are excited to love and support a child alongside us. **Brian comes from a large family** with seven siblings, including one step-sibling and six biological siblings. He is the second youngest, and we have had the joy of watching his family grow over the years. On Brian's side, we share fourteen nieces and nephews who bring so much energy, laughter, and love into our lives.

Extended family

Joe also comes from a large, close-knit extended family. He is the oldest of his two sisters and four cousins, and growing up, his cousins felt more like siblings. His family is full of personality and always finds a reason to gather, celebrate, and laugh together. On Joe's side, we have two nephews and a niece on the way.

Between both sides, a child would be welcomed by cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, traditions, celebrations, and so many people who cannot wait to love them.









10 fun facts

1 • We read over 100 books combined each year.

2 • Our family has a condo in Belize, and we visit every year.

3 • Brian bakes really well, and Joe does not.

4 • Brian learned how to knit from his grandmother and still knits today.

5 .• Alfie and Zev came to us as a bonded pair and have been together since they were puppies.













6 • Joe cooks really well, and Brian does not.

7 • Joe makes extravagant charcuterie boards.

8 • We met in a college class called The Psychology of Adulthood and Aging.

9 • Brian can communicate in American Sign Language, which he learned from his deaf babysitter as a child.

10 • Joe is determined to try every coffee shop in Connecticut and New York.

10 fun facts



we promise you

We promise to love your baby fully, deeply, and unconditionally.

We promise to create a home where they feel safe, supported, celebrated, and free to become exactly who they are meant to be. Our home will be filled with warmth, laughter, family traditions, bedtime stories, holiday decorations, music in the car, muddy shoes by the door, dogs on the couch, and people who show up with care every single day.

We promise to be present every season of their life. We will celebrate their joys, comfort them through hard days, encourage their dreams, and remind them often that they are loved beyond measure.

We promise to speak about adoption with openness, honesty, and love.

We promise to honor their story, culture, heritage, and the people and places that are part of who they are.

Most of all, we promise that your baby will always know they are respected, cherished, and loved.

We are ready to give a baby our hearts, our home, our family, and a life filled with safety, joy, encouragement, and belonging.

Thank you for considering us.

Brian and Joe



