

*Bryan*

AND MIKE



*hello!*  
+ **WELCOME!**  
— WE ARE —  
*Mike AND Bryan*  
*from Upstate New York*



AT THE GRAND  
CANYON



OUR WEDDING AT  
NIAGARA FALLS

*dear  
Birth parents*

**THANK YOU** for  
checking out our profile.

We recognize that it takes a lot of courage and compassion to consider adoption, and we respect and honor you for the sacrifice you're making to **give your child a better life**. Our entire lives, we have been preparing to have kids, and we can't express how grateful we are to be considered by you.

**We live in upstate New York, just outside of a small city surrounded by lakes and waterfalls.** We love the outdoors: We can't wait to teach our future children all about camping, gardening, and hiking. We'll take them river-tubing and boat-riding, and we will teach them to appreciate and enjoy the great big world around them.

*One of our favorite quotes is:  
"In a world where you can be  
anything, be kind."*

This is the virtue  
we live our lives by,  
and the virtue we  
will build our family  
around.

HIKING NEAR  
OUR HOUSE





↑ DANCING AT A FRIEND'S WEDDING



OUR WEDDING ↑

*about us*  
6 years of love!

**HOW WE MET:** In 2013, Mike was getting his PhD in Physics, while Bryan was training to become a pediatric Physician Assistant (PA). That was an incredibly busy year: We squeezed in dates between all-night study sessions and hours-long lab classes. We made it work

because we both knew this simple truth: Love and family are more important than work. That has always been our priority, and it always will be.

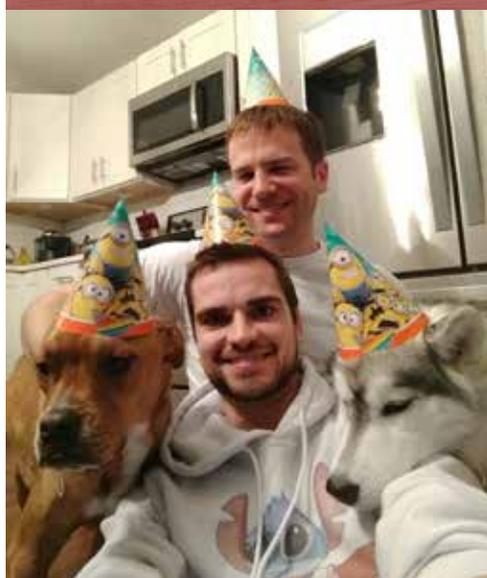
**Our entire lives, we've been preparing to have a family.** Bryan became a PA (instead of a MD) so he

would have more time to spend with his future kids. Mike took a work-from-home job so that he could have flexible hours and always be nearby. We will be at every one of our kids' sports games, music recitals, and school plays, showing up and supporting them at every turn.

TRY EVERYTHING! (FROM ZOOTOPIA)



CELEBRATING OUR PUPPIES' BIRTHDAYS!



Three years ago, we rescued two dogs: a boxer-mix named Kovu and a Siberian husky named Riku. They make us smile every day. They love kids: Our nieces and nephews always sneak them snacks, which they pay for in puppy kisses!



# Mike

*the Scientist*

**I**'m always curious about the world around me, and I'm always trying to find ways to make it better. I've spent a lot of time working with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program to help build up my local community, because I believe we should all strive to make the world a little bit happier and a little bit more whole.

**I LOVE BEING ACTIVE.** Whether it's swimming, kayaking, biking, or running, I'm always on the move. I can't wait to show my little ones around the gorges, waterfalls, and woods near our home.

**I really like board games and card games.** When I was younger, my parents would play *Sorry!* or *Monopoly* with us every week, and I want to pass that on to my kids. I think it's important for everyone to come together and just have fun, as a family.

ENJOYING NATURE

## DO WHAT YOU LOVE, LOVE WHAT YOU DO

I'm a data scientist. I develop artificial intelligence (AI) for the US Navy. I love my job because it's all about creating the next big thing: I get to transform my ideas into real things that help soldiers and sailors.

Bryan and I will be staying home for two months after adopting. After that, we'll both be working part-time to spend more time with our baby.



LEFT: WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, RIKU!



MIKE READING TO HIS STEPBROTHER

HELPING WITH OUR NEPHEW



FUN AT THE BEACH



MIKE (ALMOST) KNEEBOARDING



WHO DOESN'T LOVE PLAYING IN A PRINCESS CASTLE? OUR NIECE DOES!



# Bryan *the Medical Provider*

**M**y character has been shaped by the many roles I have had, from an Eagle Scout to a yoga instructor to a biology lab instructor. Ultimately, I landed my dream job as a pediatric Physician Assistant.

I love hiking, painting, gardening, rock climbing, and hanging out with friends. After long days, though, I really enjoy just lying on the couch watching Netflix and cuddling with the puppies.

I am very easy going and love anything Disney, Star Wars, and Harry Potter. One of the things I am most looking forward to is reading the Harry Potter series with our future child, introducing them to the wizarding world.



↑ THE VIEW FROM ZION NATIONAL PARK



↑ BRYAN AT WORK

KOVU'S GOTCHA DAY →



I HAVE THE BEST COWORKERS



## DO WHAT YOU LOVE, LOVE WHAT YOU DO

I'm a pediatric Physician Assistant, and every day I get to help babies and children stay healthy. I help parents adjust to the new world of parenthood, and I can't wait to experience it for myself! I love going to work, where I get to see my patients grow up and help them get better when they're sick. I specifically chose to become a Physician Assistant to have better hours that are more suitable for raising a family, allowing me to be a more active and present parent.

# our Furry FRIENDS

**Kovu is our little snuggle-bug.** When we first saw him at the shelter, he ran up to us and started giving us tons and tons of kisses. We knew from that moment that he would be our puppy forever.

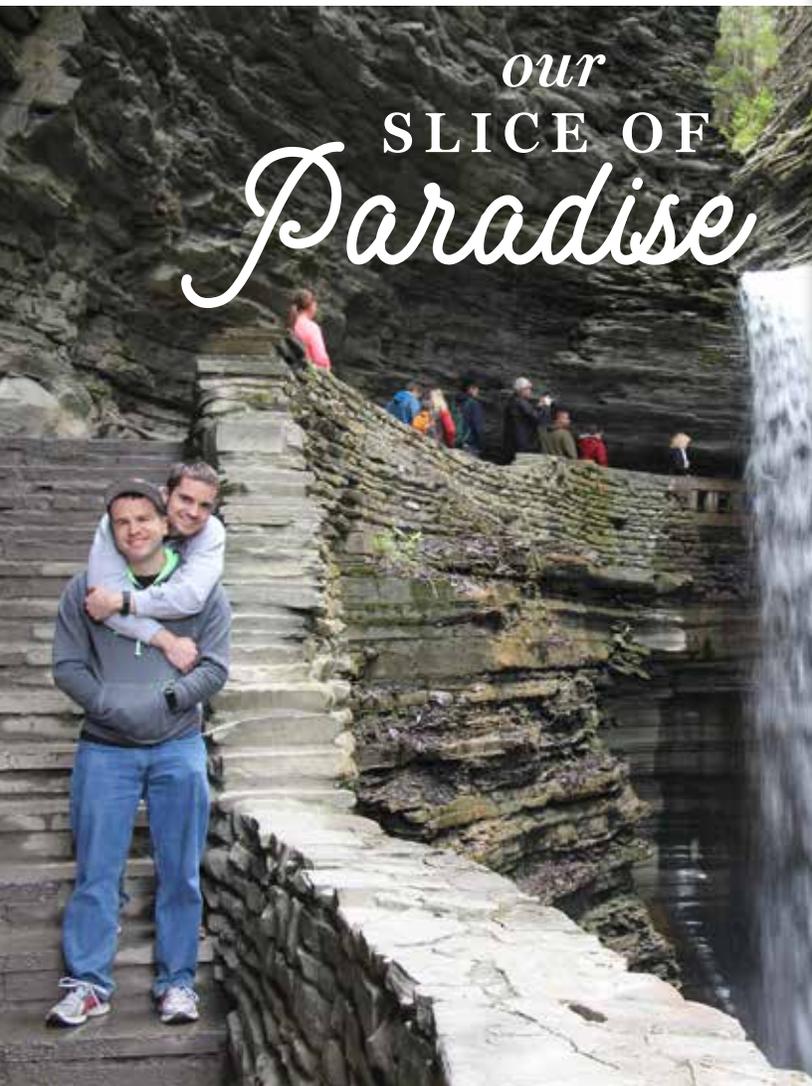


*A RIVETING  
CHESS MATCH*

**Riku is so fluffy! She's always talking up a storm.** She absolutely loves the winter – On snow days, she spends hours bounding around the backyard. She radiates joy, and no matter how bad your day has been, she'll make you feel better.



*PLAYING IN THE  
BACKYARD*



## our SLICE OF Paradise

### OUR HOME



**W**e live in upstate New York, surrounded by gorgeous lakes and stunning waterfalls.

We can only see one neighbor from our backyard, but we're still less than three miles from downtown. We love where we live because we have a little bit of country, and a little bit of city.

**We bought a five-bedroom house, so that we would have room for our family to settle down and grow into.** We have a large fenced-in backyard for our dogs (and future kids) to safely run around and play in.

**W**e moved to a beautiful community in Upstate New York so that we could have tons of time enjoying the outdoors. On the weekends, you'll find us hiking, water skiing, wakeboarding, kayaking, and river tubing.

We're really into arts and crafts. We have monthly art nights, where our friends and families come over to paint, crochet, cross-stitch, and otherwise be creative. We've even done a make-your-own-sushi night, which was delicious!

*Life<sup>a</sup> Full  
of everything  
we love*



*PAINT NIGHT!*



*HOMEMADE SUSHI!*



*HARRY POTTER FESTIVAL  
WITH FRIENDS*

## *our favorites...*

### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**MIKE** Piano

**BRYAN** Violin

### FAVORITE MUSIC

**MIKE** Fallout Boy

**BRYAN** Any Disney song

### FAVORITE TV SHOW

**MIKE** Scrubs

**BRYAN** Friends

### FAVORITE ANIMAL

**MIKE** Fireflies

**BRYAN** River Otters

### FAVORITE SUPER HERO

**MIKE** Ironman

**BRYAN** Spiderman

### VIDEO GAME SERIES

**MIKE** Super Mario

**BRYAN** Legend of Zelda

## *ALWAYS LEARNING NEW SKILLS* ↓



## *our traditions* **We have so**

**many traditions we can't wait to pass on.** Each fall, we spend hours carving and decorating pumpkins, and crafting our own costumes, which creates a festive and unique atmosphere that showcases our interests and personalities. Over the winter, we make a giant gingerbread village with our families, which last year was so big that it didn't even fit on our dining room table! We've taken the "go big" option at every turn, and we can't wait to share our lives with our future kids.

# our Loving FAMILIES

Our families have been looking forward to us having kids for years, and are so excited that we are adopting. Our parents, aunts, uncles, brothers, and sisters all can't wait to welcome our future kids into the family. We celebrate every holiday together, and we have friends and family staying over almost every weekend.

We are always surrounded by our loved ones. We see our friends several times each week, often having them over for art nights, cookouts, bonfires, and dinners. Our home and our hearts are always open.



↑ DAD'S BIRTHDAY AT THE BEACH



WINTER HIKING

↓ FAMILY COOKOUT



↓ FAMILY MEET UP IN RIO DE JANEIRO



CHRISTMAS WITH THE FAMILY



EVER A FUN RUN WITH OUR FAMILY

# *the most important* **Jobs** *of our lives*



**W**e believe that, to be good parents, you need to do two things: support your kids and give them the time, love, and guidance they deserve. Being good parents comes first; nothing else in life comes close in importance.

**Being a parent is an honor and a responsibility.** We will read to our kids every night and give them everything they need to succeed in life.

**We can't wait to expose them to everything we love** (hiking, camping, board games, boating), and to take up new interests as our kids develop their own passions and hobbies. We will let them lead, encouraging them to become the people they want to be.

**We have a lot of ideas about what parenting should look like.** No two kids are the same, though: We will learn from our kids, adapt to them, and make sure that they are given the environment and support they need to thrive.

**This is the most important job of our lives, after all.**

**W**e know that nothing about this is easy,  
and we respect you for making what must  
be the toughest decision of your lives.

When raising your child, we will honor you every day. Your child will know about you. They will know why you weren't able to raise them. They will know that adoption is NOT an act of rejection, but an act of love. This is what we will teach them from the beginning.

We hope to share letters and photos with you as your child grows up. If you would like more contact, we will work something out that we both can be happy with. More than anything else, we want what's best for your child, and we will devote ourselves to that cause every day.

**WITH ALL OUR HEARTS,**  
*Mike & Bryan*



*Thank  
YOU!*

*We'd love to hear  
from you!*

If you have additional questions for us or would like to speak to us, please contact THE ADOPTION ALLIANCE BY CALLING 1-800-626-4324.