

Kelly AND Joel



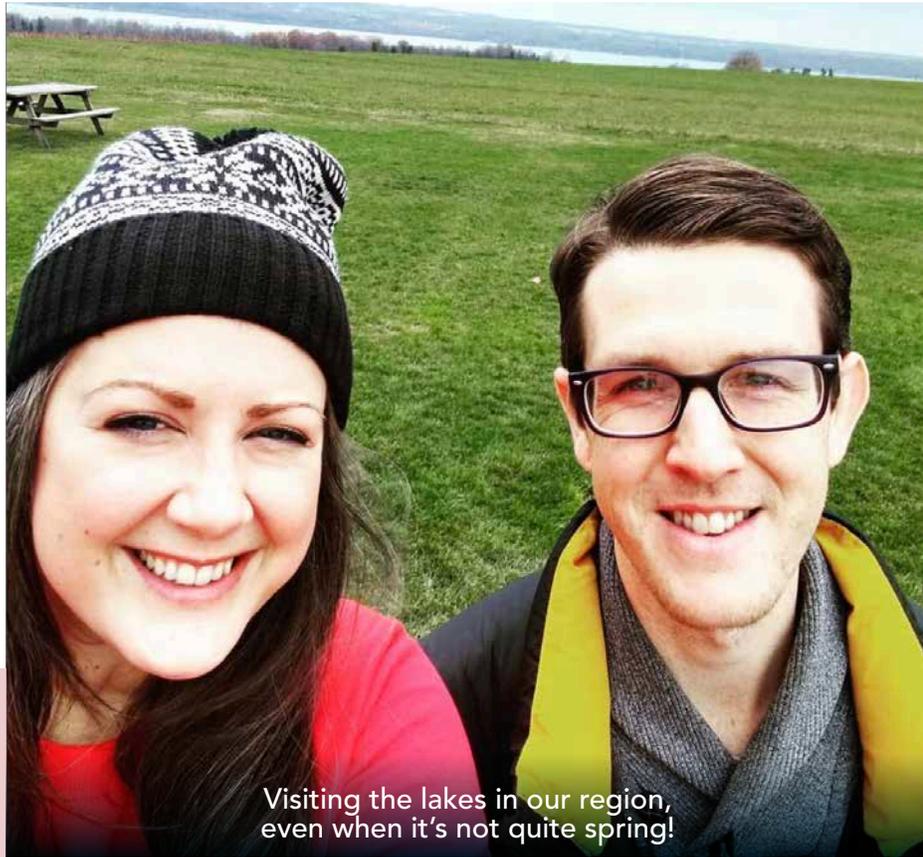
Hello, WE ARE
KELLY & JOEL
FROM *New York*

We appreciate the love and commitment you are showing for your child as you make this important decision. We are grateful that you are taking the time to consider our profile and hope that our story shows how much your child would be loved, valued, and supported as a member of our family.

Having a child has been a dream of ours since we were married eight years ago. With our future family in mind, we purchased a beautiful home in a diverse and supportive community in Upstate New York. Unfortunately, after years of fertility treatments, we were unable to grow our family on our own, but we are excited to provide a loving home for a child through adoption.



Celebrating our anniversary



Visiting the lakes in our region, even when it's not quite spring!



In warmer weather there is no place we'd rather be than on the water

Thank you, again, from the bottom of our hearts for considering us. We would be honored to get to know you and learn about the life you want for your child.

OUR STORY

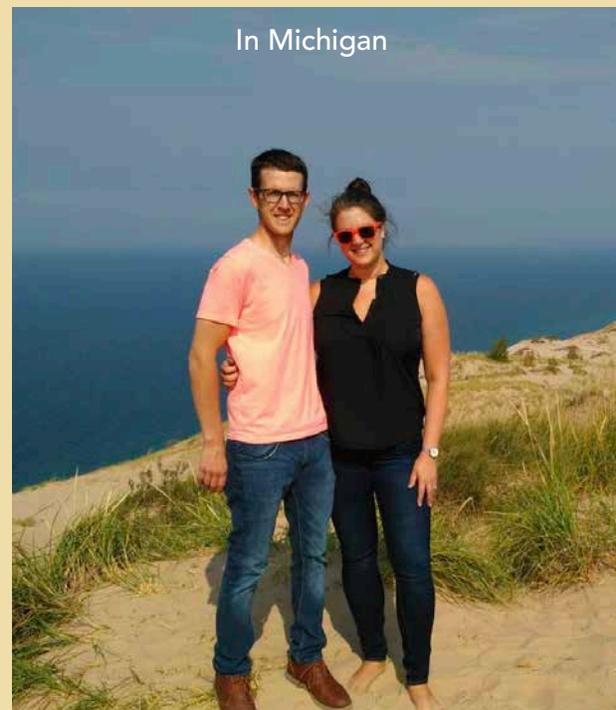
We met through friends in 2009, when we both happened to return to our Upstate New York hometown at the same time. After our first movie date, we quickly bonded over our shared love of music, enjoying the outdoors, and travel. We got married in 2013, and now, 7 years later, **we are enjoying a marriage based on trust, good communication, and lots of laughs.**



View from the top! A stop on our hike in the Smoky Mountains

A LITTLE MORE ABOUT US

Sundays are our "together time." We start the day by taking turns cooking breakfast for each other and spend the rest of the day doing something that lets us enjoy the changing seasons, visit with family, or try out a new restaurant or hiking trail. We love to spend time out and about, but we also enjoy being at home: watching a movie together, playing lawn games, or working on our garden.



In Michigan

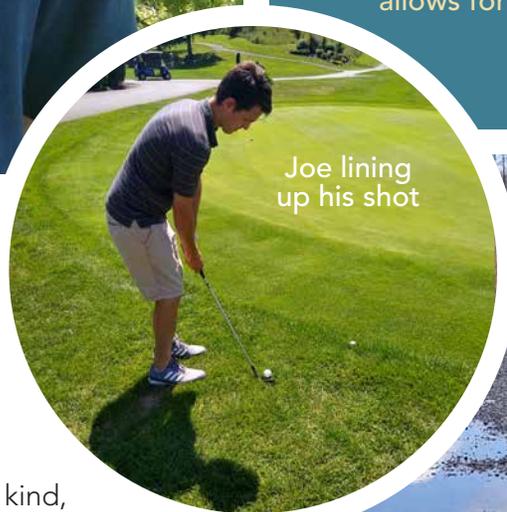
We see each other as the person we can always confide in and have already shared so many experiences and adventures in life. Now we are excited for the most important one yet: bringing a child into our family!



MY Career

Joel's career has always focused on helping people. Early on, he was a music teacher – which allowed him to combine his passion for music with the opportunity to work with young people – before changing gears to perform more service-based work supporting adults with disabilities. Joel transitioned to his current job as a license examiner for New York State so he would have a regular schedule that allows for lots of family time.

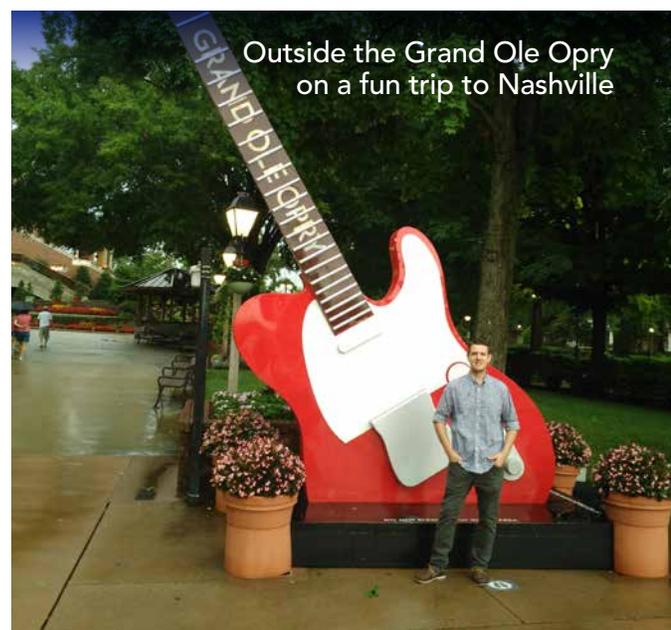
ABOUT JOEL WRITTEN BY KELLY



Joel is my favorite person and best friend. He is kind, easygoing, and makes a point to see the positives in every situation, even the difficult ones. Joel is also the most patient person I have ever met and he always wants everyone to feel included and acknowledged.

Joel loves to take advantage of all the things a day has to offer. He loves nature and hiking, which is something we enjoy doing together. It is hard for me to think of anything he would rather do than to get together with loved ones around our fire pit out back.

I am so excited to see Joel become a father and know that the patience, kind-heartedness, and nurturing he has given me in our years together will make him a very loving and supportive parent. I can only smile when I think of him sharing his love of singing or reading bedtime stories with your child.



MY Career

Kelly has worked in higher education for 13 years as the director of career development for a nearby university. She is also a professor for a course in her college's online master's program. Kelly is able to work at home for some parts of her jobs, which gives her a flexible schedule. She loves working with students of all backgrounds and helping them to figure out what steps they need to take to accomplish their goals.



We love being able to pick fresh flowers from our own yard



Kelly chopping herbs for chimichurri

ABOUT KELLY WRITTEN BY JOEL

Kelly is an amazing person! She is the most kind and considerate person I know. She is considerate and always ready and willing to help out her family, friends, and students. Kelly is very focused and driven to achieve her goals in life, love, and work. She is an accomplished decorator and renovator, and has taken pride in transforming our house into our beautiful home. She single-handedly tiled our bathroom and kitchen, installed new lighting fixtures, and created a beautiful kitchen island, just to name a few things.

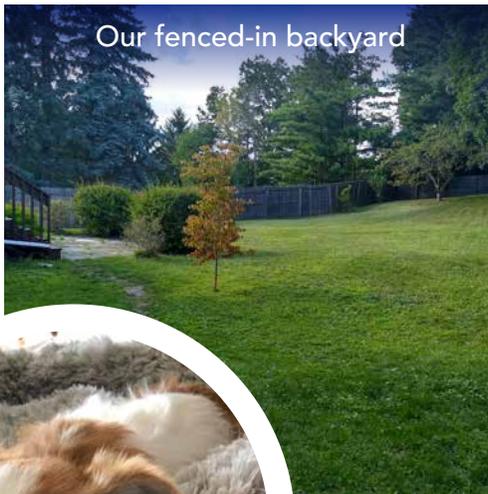
Kelly has always dreamed of having children and I've seen how great she is with them firsthand. She is very tender and compassionate, and always makes them feel heard and loved. Kelly loves spending time with our nieces and nephews. Their faces light up every time they see her!

In short, I am so lucky to call Kelly my wife and get the chance to create a loving family with her.

OUR home & community

We live in a quiet neighborhood that is only minutes from all of our family! We chose our community because the school district brings together students from many different backgrounds. Our large, fenced-in backyard is bordered by other families who have children of all ages.

We are looking forward to sharing time with your child indoors and out, running around the backyard and playing basketball on hot summer days, and building snowmen and baking cookies together in the winter.



Our fenced-in backyard



MEET Biscuit

We adopted Mr. Biscuit from a local rescue shelter and we feel so fortunate because he is an eight-pound ball of love! More than anything else, he loves to be cuddled, pet, and hang out with his humans. He instantly befriends anyone who will give him a pat on the head. Most of the time you can find him wherever we are: running around the backyard while we enjoy time on our deck, relaxing with us on the couch or in his nearby dog bed while we watch TV, or joining us on a walk! **Most importantly, he is great with kids.** Biscuit is gentle and loves the attention he gets from our nieces, nephews, and friends' children.

A FEW OF OUR *favorite things*

FAVORITE HOBBIES

JOEL Singing, cooking, golf

KELLY Painting, baking, gardening

FAVORITE SEASON

JOEL Spring

KELLY Fall

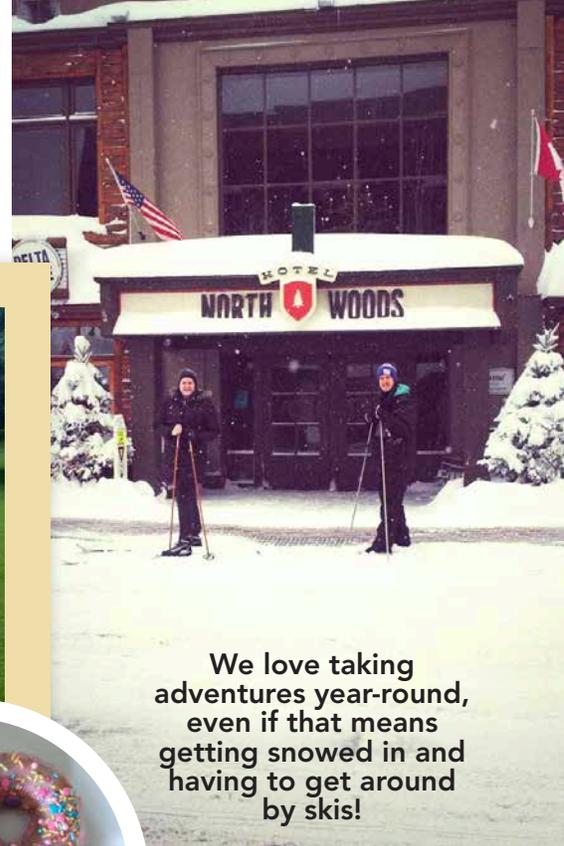
FAVORITE DESSERT

JOEL Strawberry rhubarb pie

KELLY Chocolate chip cookies with vanilla ice cream



Joel has played golf since middle school



We love taking adventures year-round, even if that means getting snowed in and having to get around by skis!

Kelly's latest baking adventure was making doughnuts

FAVORITE ANIMAL

JOEL The rabbits in our backyard

KELLY Bears

FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK

JOEL "Horton Hears a Who" by Dr. Seuss

KELLY "Corduroy" by Don Freeman

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

JOEL A cabin on the lake

KELLY Any sandy beach!

FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM

JOEL Syracuse University football

KELLY Syracuse University basketball

FAVORITE SEASONAL ACTIVITY

JOEL Snowshoeing

KELLY Pumpkin picking

SUPER POWER YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE

JOEL Time travel

KELLY Flight

We love enjoying what each season has to offer - including pumpkin-picking in the fall



Our view from a hike through the Smoky Mountains

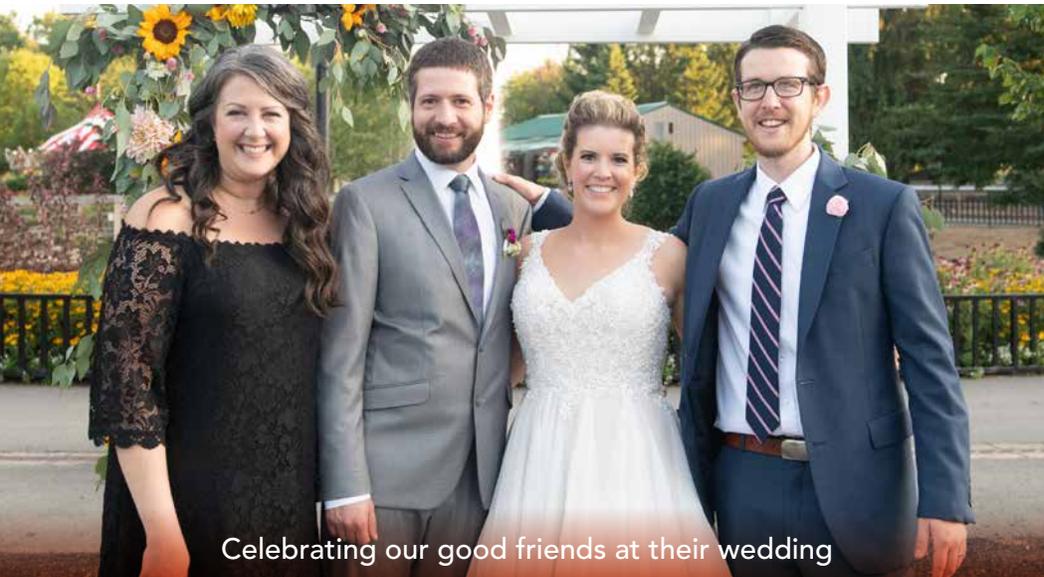




We love getting together with family



Kelly and her sister are close and enjoy family get-togethers



Celebrating our good friends at their wedding



Family golf outings happen often during the summer months

MEET OUR Family

THERE IS NOWHERE WE WOULD RATHER LIVE THAN OUR NEW YORK HOMETOWN BECAUSE, FOR US, FAMILY ALWAYS COMES FIRST. WE LOVE THAT OUR EXTENDED FAMILIES PLAY SUCH A LARGE PART IN OUR LIVES.

Joel's three siblings and their families, including one niece and one nephew, all live within 20 minutes of our home. His parents live only minutes away, as well, and enjoy gathering everyone as often as possible for picnics and parties. They love to spend time together and make each other laugh. With everyone so close by, Joel feels lucky to be able to enjoy so many shared interests with them in his free time, from music to hiking, camping, and golf.

Kelly's family lives nearby, too! Her sister is married with two daughters and one son. They are an active family and share our loves of travel and being outdoors. Kelly's brother lives on a nearby lake, and her mom and dad, who have been married for 46 years, still reside in her childhood home. Her parents love gardening and hosting family birthday parties, which happen almost every month!

Our families are thrilled that we are growing our family and are very supportive. They are almost as excited as we are!



Kelly and our nieces



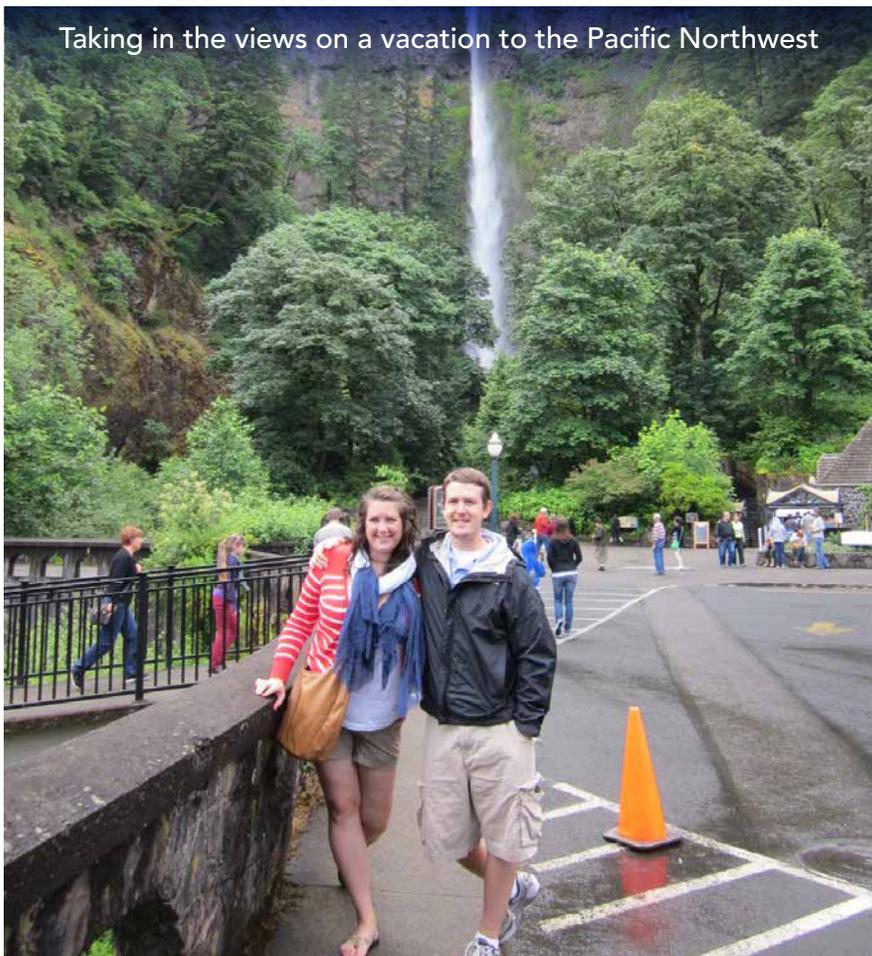
Our thoughts on PARENTING

In parenting, we value love, kindness, and stability. We are strong believers in the importance of education and we look forward to encouraging your child to explore and pursue their own passions. We will make sure your child knows that we will be by their side in any situation, ready to work through life's adventures together.

We are ready to welcome your child into our home where their bedroom will overlook our quiet street, and we are daydreaming of going for walks through our neighborhood and creating our own traditions as a family.

In our home, family will always come first, which means your child will always be our top priority. We respect the relationship you want to have with your child and promise they will understand that your decision was deeply rooted in the love you have for them.

Taking in the views on a vacation to the Pacific Northwest





We are so thankful you took the time to consider us and read our profile. We know this is a huge decision, but hope that we have shown you what a loving and stable life we can provide for your child.

If chosen, we will make sure that you are a part of their story. We would happily share updates and photos, and respect the relationship you want to have.

We would always have you to thank for allowing us to have the family we have dreamed of, and we would be honored to get to know you further.

- KELLY & JOEL

**WE WOULD 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.