



Jason  
&  
Elise

#### Hobbies & Interests

Together: traveling, outdoors, trying new food, raising animals  
Elise: cooking, crafting, gardening  
Jason: home improvement, SCUBA diving, woodworking

#### Occupation

Elise: Education Coordinator  
Jason: Pediatric Hospitalist

#### Education

Elise: BA, Lawrence University; PhD, Vanderbilt University  
Jason: BA, Washington University St. Louis; MD and PhD, Vanderbilt University

#### Religion or Belief System

Humanist

#### Pets

2 beagle mixes, Annie and Seeley, and 3 cats, Calvin, Hobbes, and Temperance. We also have a small farm with goats, ducks, chickens, pigs, and a miniature donkey.

#### Children in Home

Eleanor—2 years old.

### Our Story

We met at a Christmas party while in graduate school. We hit it off right away, and falling in love with each other was incredibly easy! We have been married since 2013, and moved to Michigan in 2016.

In 2017 we fulfilled our dream of becoming parents when we adopted Eleanor. We have loved the last two years of family-first, nature-loving, adventure-filled time with Eleanor.

Eleanor has a generous and kind spirit, and loves being outdoors, playing in the garden, and giving all of our pets hugs.



### What Brought Us to Adoption

Jason's two siblings were adopted, so we always talked about adoption as one way we would grow our family, something both sides of our family have always supported. When Elise could not safely carry a pregnancy to term, it was an easy choice to turn to adoption. Learning about open adoption has made us even more excited about building our family through adoption, and hopefully establishing a life-long relationship with our children's birth families. We have been fortunate enough to be able to build a relationship with Eleanor's birth parents and truly feel they are a part of our family.

### Our Hopes, Open Adoption & Relationship with Birth Family

Our ideal situation is to have an open line of communication with our birth family. To us this means regular updates and photos as well as getting together. It is important to us to foster this relationship primarily for our child, but it is also meaningful for us to know our child's heritage so we can help them grow into a complete and confident adult. We believe birth families are the key that holds adoption together, and that an open adoption helps ensure that our birth family is able to pursue a positive life path of their own.

These individuals have met all requirements of the State of Michigan and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County to become adoptive parents, may fit your situation and are waiting to welcome a child into their home. If you would like more information about this family, please contact:

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