

# Sam & Tyler

## Hobbies & Interests

Sam: reading, art, working out, singing, decorating for holidays, cooking. Tyler: biking, baking, gardening, fixing household items, reading. Both: camping, hiking, kayaking, traveling, and hosting family/friends.

## Occupation

Sam: Program director at university  
Tyler: Philosophy professor

## Education

Tyler: PhD & Masters in Philosophy  
Sam: MEd in Education, BFA in Theatre

## Religion or Belief System

While Sam was raised Catholic and practices some Catholic traditions, we live by the simple rule of treating people and our planet with care and compassion.

## Pets

2 senior dogs who are great with people.

## Children in Home

We have no children.

## Our Story

We met in 2013 shortly after Tyler moved to Michigan. We connected quickly and it wasn't long before we were planning our future together. Sam was living in Flint and Tyler in Grand Rapids, but we found a way to make it work. Tyler proposed to Sam in 2014 at Natural Bridge Kentucky while on a hike where he gave Sam his grandmother's ring. We were married in 2015 in Grand Rapids, MI and finally both lived in the same city! In 2017, we moved to Flint (again!) after Tyler was offered a full time position as a philosophy professor. We bought our first home and truly love our neighborhood and the Flint community.

## What Brought Us to Adoption

We have always wanted to have a family, and when faced with challenges in building this on our own, we knew adoption was the choice for us. Adoption is not new in our family, as we have two adopted nephews. Through this experience, we saw how possible it is to love quickly and fiercely and that families are created from love and commitment more than anything. Adoption is an incredible honor, and we are so grateful to have this chance to build our family through this extraordinary journey.

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

We believe open adoption is best for our future child. We hope to build a relationship with the birth family rooted in trust, respect, and mutual love for the child, and set a foundation for them to thrive and know they are loved by all of us. We want to work together ensuring this child's life is filled with that love and sense of security knowing their story and that they belong. We hope the relationship we build with the birth family will grow in this love and we become a consistent part of each other's lives.



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 email [pregnancy@csswashtenaw.org](mailto:pregnancy@csswashtenaw.org) or contact Melissa or Anne.

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