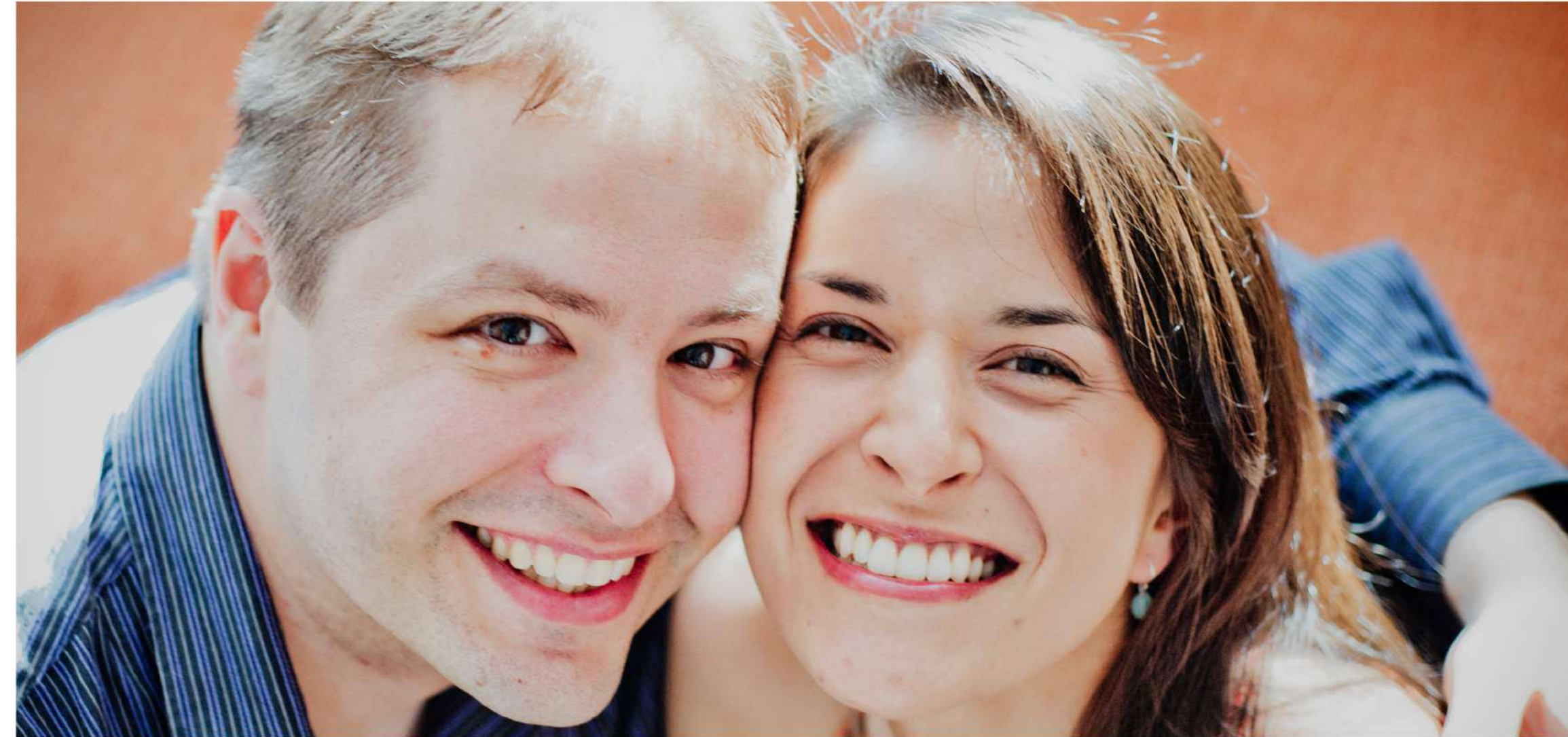


YOU ARE BRAVER THAN YOU BELIEVE,
STRONGER THAN YOU SEEM, SMARTER THAN YOU THINK,
AND MORE LOVED THAN YOU KNOW.
- WINNIE THE POOH



Adam & Sara



hi!

We are Adam and Sara from Boston, Massachusetts, and we thank you for reading our book to learn more about us.

We have always known adoption would be part of our family plan, and are so excited to be starting this journey - adoption is our first choice for growing our family!

We hope this book provides a sense of who we are, even though no collection of photos and fun facts can explain everything. If chosen, we promise this child will be loved unconditionally and raised in an environment of honesty, integrity, and a deep respect for their full identity. We both are eager to share everything we have learned about life (so far!) with our future child.

We hope you'll consider giving us this chance!

Thank you,

Adam & Sara

STARBUCKS COFFEE



Our Story

IT ALL STARTED AT STARBUCKS.

Sara was working nights as a barista when Adam walked in and ordered a caramel macchiato (with extra caramel). We started talking - Sara loved that Adam was a scientist, and Adam loved that Sara was an artist - and pretty soon we were spending every possible minute together. Adam soon cooked up an elaborate marriage proposal on a trip to Saint Thomas, but due to flight delays, had to improvise and propose on the beach in the dark! Luckily, Sara loved the effort anyway!

Our talents are different, but we share a passion for exploring new places, appreciation for music of all kinds, a dedication to family, and a deep commitment to supporting each other. We have loved our life together up to this point, and are truly grateful for the chance to open our hearts even further and become parents.



Sara



*I love drawing animals,
including my sister's
bunny, Vinny!*

I am

an artist and have always loved to draw, paint, and take photographs ever since I was little. I used to go to museums with my mom and imagine what it would be like to live in Monet's paintings! I currently work as textile designer and illustrator with a studio in our home, and am grateful a flexible freelance schedule will allow me to be a stay-at-home mom.

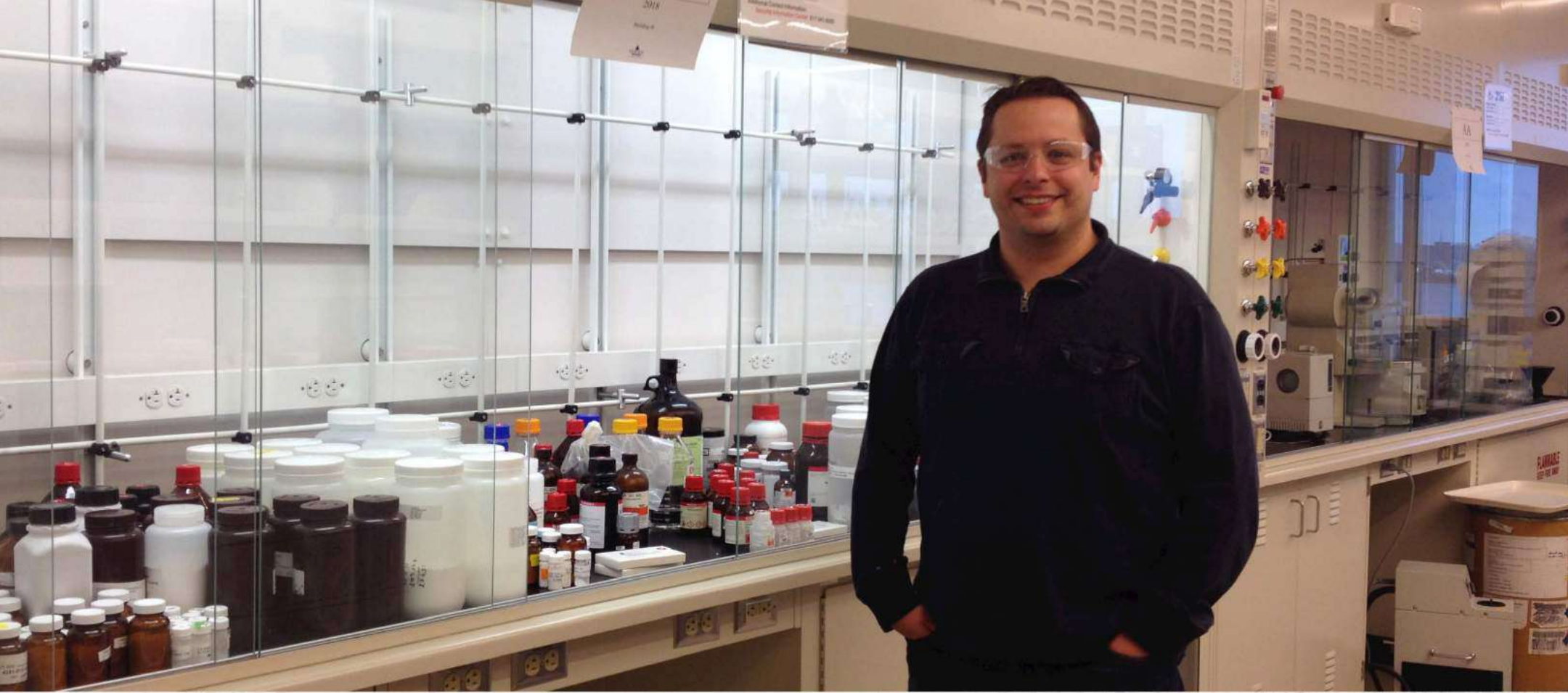
I am also a singer, pianist, and dancer, having studied classical and folk music, and performed in many local theater shows growing up in Boston and Princeton. I currently sing with a choir for annual concerts and recently started learning to swing dance with Adam! I have a passion for gardening and animal welfare and have been a vegetarian for 25 years.

I can't wait to be a mom and share my varied interests with a child, hopefully inspiring a curiosity for the arts, culture, and an appreciation for the environment.



ARTIST,
MUSICIAN,
GARDENER,
ANIMAL-LOVER





SCIENTIST, MUSICIAN, SPORTS LOVER, CAT GUY

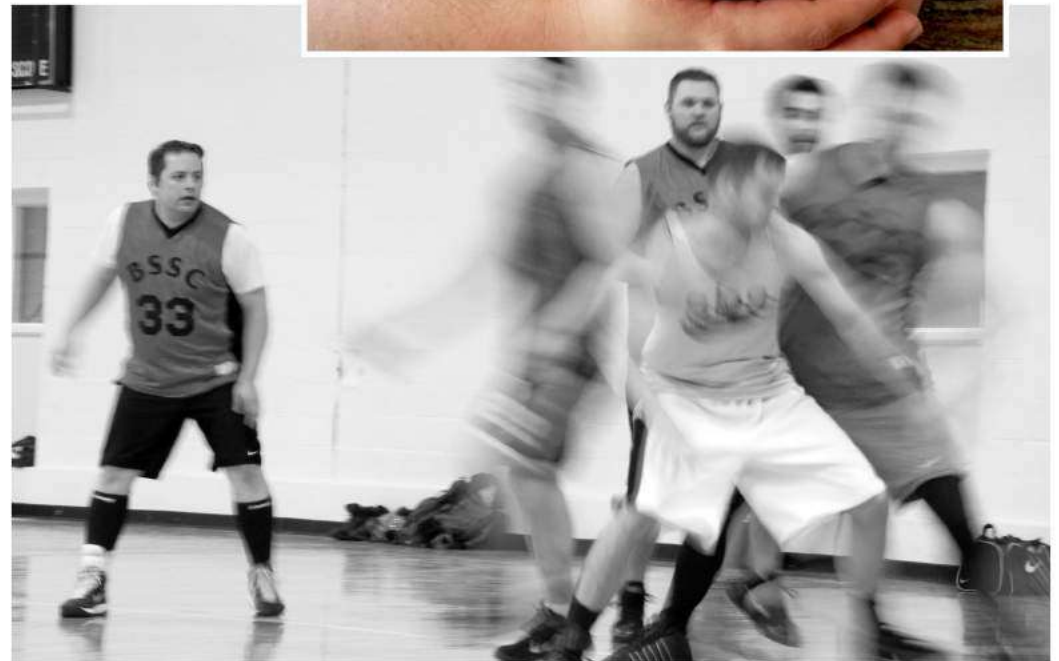


Adam

I am

a chemist who works in the medical field at a company in downtown Boston. Science is so much fun for me. It's like working on a difficult puzzle - when you figure it out, it's such an amazing feeling! It's also so awesome to help patients who are in such need of this medicine. For fun, I am a big time sports fan. I grew up playing basketball, baseball, soccer and hockey. I enjoy watching my favorite teams, and still go to a local basketball court on weekends to shoot around. I also enjoy playing and listening to music, and have even written some with friends in a band. I love being goofy and am a total cat guy :)

I'm so excited to become a father! I want to teach, guide and build a loving relationship built on strength and a loving heart.





what **adam** says:

Sara is such a wonderful, caring, intelligent, talented and beautiful person! She has an amazing personality and the ability to light up a room. She has broadened my life so much with culture, art and music. Sara is without a doubt my best friend and soulmate! She is going to be mom of the year every year, making all the other moms super jealous!

favorites

DESSERT

strawberry sorbet

COLOR

blue

SONG

Metallica's "Nothing
Else Matters"



what sara says:

Adam is tremendously hardworking yet also knows how to step back and enjoy life. He has taught me how to find courage, strength, and perseverance during even the most challenging moments. He is open to new ideas and loves a good debate! Adam is so devoted to me and his family, and I know he is going to be an exceptionally supportive and loving dad.



favorites

DESSERT

pecan pie

COLOR

black

SONG

Chicago's "Will You Still
Love Me"

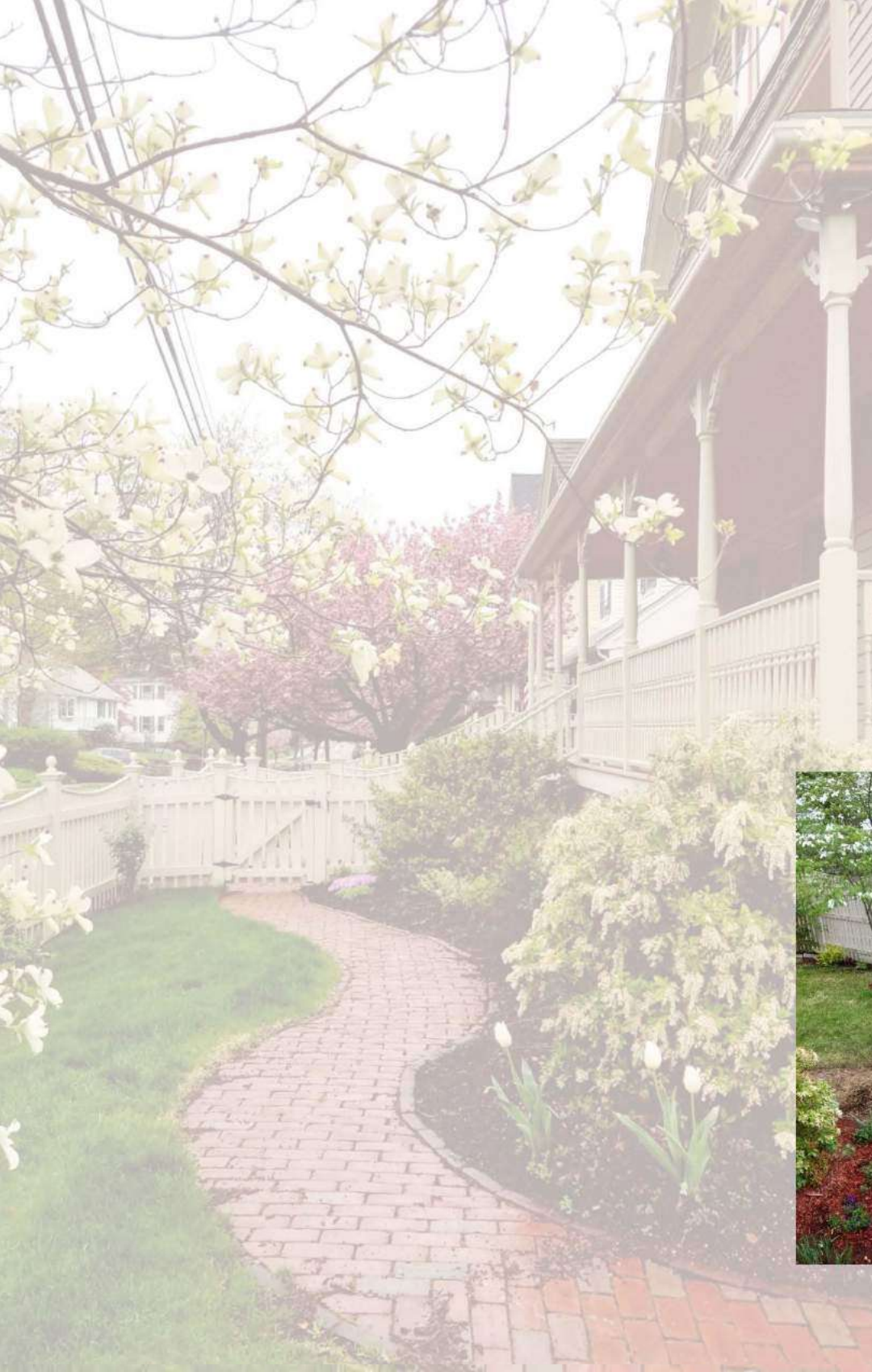
home

IS WHERE THE HEART IS

We love historic houses and found this 1885 Victorian 6 years ago. She needs a lot of care inside and out, but is totally worth it!

There is plenty of space to play and grow, and we spend a lot of time outside gardening, grilling, and watching the birds.

Our neighborhood has lots of young families, and our town's elementary school and park is just 5 minutes away.





living in boston

CITY & COUNTRY



One of the best things about Boston is that it offers the best of both worlds: urban and suburban.

Our house is 20 minutes from downtown Boston, and we like to go to museums, plays, restaurants, concerts and sports games whenever we can!

But we also like to chill out at nearby parks and farms to hike or go fruit picking. During the summer, we like to visit Cape Cod for swimming and whale watches.





Fenway Park



museums like the Boston Children's Museum

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT BOSTON



the Charles River



American history



concerts, dance and theater shows

family



Family is extremely important to us. We both originally come from small families, but the love is big! We enjoy frequent visits with our parents and siblings, and they are all very excited to welcome a new member to the family.





Our families celebrating our wedding with us in Aruba. It rained all day, but just before the ceremony was about to begin, the clouds parted and we enjoyed a beautiful sunset!



Sara's family: Boston, Philadelphia, Japan

Sara's sister and family live in Philadelphia. We recently celebrated with Susie and husband, Doug, and his two sons at their wedding in a beautiful nearby park.

Sara's parents, Anne and Bob, live 20 minutes away and come over often for gardening, barbecues, and holiday traditions. They can't wait to be grandparents!

Sara also has many cousins, aunts and uncles who live on the West Coast and in Tokyo, Japan.



Sara with her mom (right) and Aunt Bette



Sara with younger sister, Susie



Sara's dad and his girlfriend, Nora



the extended family in Japan

Adam's family: New York & Florida

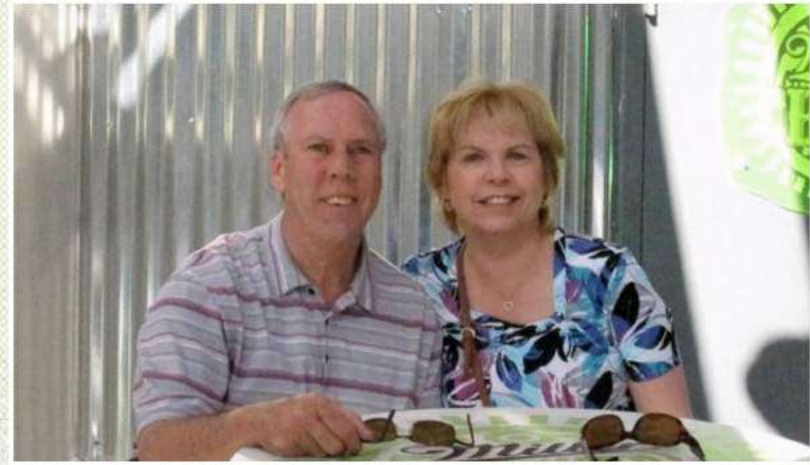
Adam's immediate family includes his mom, stepdad, sister, step-sister, and her three children.

They all live in a small town near Syracuse, NY. We like to visit for either Thanksgiving or Christmas every year.



Adam's sister, Kym, is a counselor and lives in Florida. Here she is with her dad, Tom.

celebrating Christmas in New York



Adam's mom and step-father on vacation

our kitties

As you can probably tell, we like animals a lot, especially cats! All our kitties are super friendly, healthy, and make us laugh with their antics.

Tinkerbelle found us in a parking lot outside of Disney World one summer day. She demanded to come home with us!

Meesha, Pippa, and Ellie appeared in a friend's Long Island backyard and we couldn't resist their cute faces!





Katie, Sara's best friend since preschool, and daughter Vlvian



Sara and sister's childhood friends



Adam's childhood best friend, Jim



Sara with friends from local theater group

friendship

We both feel lucky to have a network of dear friends near and far. Several of them we have known since childhood, and since they also have kids, we can't wait to get together for family-centered activities! Here are a few favorite pictures of various gatherings over the years...



"TRUE FRIENDSHIP MULTIPLIES THE GOOD IN LIFE
AND DIVIDES ITS EVILS..." - BALTASAR GRACIAN



friend Vivian helped introduce us at Starbucks!



fellow artist, Rosa, and her two boys visit from New York

traditions & holidays

Our family has many special seasonal traditions and we cherish these times to celebrate and appreciate each other.



Mom has taught Sara everything she knows about gardens. Every year for Mother's Day, they go to the garden store to pick out flowers to plant together.



Adam bakes cookies for Christmas presents every year, a skill his Italian grandma taught him.



(CLOCKWISE) APPLE PICKING WITH
DAD; PUMPKIN PICKING FOR
HALLOWEEN; SINGING IN THE ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT; MAKING SUSHI
BY HAND FOR THE NEW YEAR;
DECORATING OUR CHRISTMAS TREE





our travel stories



Not long after we met, we discovered we both love to explore new places through travel. Whether it's sampling crickets in the Japanese countryside or hiking through the Costa Rican cloud forests, we like to jump into new cultures and experiences head first! We are so looking forward to sharing our enthusiasm for exploration with a child.

We plan a trip to a new place at least once a year and started a "Family Vacations" list: at the very top is Hawaii and Disney World!



Promises

We promise to love and care for this child just as we made promises to each other on our wedding day.

We promise to raise him or her in a warm, loving, open and stable environment.

We promise to celebrate this child for the person he or she is.

We promise to help this child achieve success in life.

We promise to help this child find happiness.

We promise to be honest and open with this child and share his or her adoption story.

We promise to make sure this child knows how much you love them and the amount of love, sacrifice and bravery it took to make this decision.

thank you for reading

If you would like to get to know us more, we would be so happy to talk with you! We wish you all the best and hope you find peace as you navigate this difficult decision.



