



STEPH & CHAD

Dear Expectant Parent,

Hello - and thank you for being strong. We can't imagine making a decision for your child based on several pages of photos/text but have tried to be as transparent and real as we can. We are hopeful who we are as individuals, a family and our lifestyle and values will resonate with a very special person(s) who will forever hold a deep place of respect and gratitude in our hearts. We know we won't be the right fit for everyone. We hope to define how open the adoption is with you and would like to honor whatever is the most comfortable for you. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

Chad and Steph

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about US

We first met by the school library's printer as Steph was frantically printing out an assignment before class to meet a deadline. She only just noticed Chad trying to start up a conversation as she grabbed the printout and ran to class.

A year later, on a swelteringly hot and humid summer day, Chad saw Steph and her father dragging furniture/boxes into the apartment building across the street and ran over to help with the move. Classmates became neighbors, friends, then fell in love!

We subscribe to the idea that the whole can become greater than its individual parts - we know this requires consistent work, mutual support and presence. Gosh, this seems so cheesy to say but we deeply love each other and despite our quirks (Chad wears the same thing every day as you may pick up on in our photos; Steph allegedly makes cat sounds during her morning stretches in bed) can't imagine life with anyone else.



OUR FAMILY... SO FAR!



ALL SMILES IN THE SNOW!



ALL DRESSED UP!

OUR FUN FACTS

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

Steph: Triscuits, donuts, coffee, warm socks, leg warmers, design magazines and close circle of long-time girlfriends

Chad: A home gym, our dogs, sunshine, the countryside and Gatorade

LANGUAGE(S) YOU SPEAK

Steph: Fluent English and Japanese, dog ESP, limited French

FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK

Steph: *The Big Orange Splot* by Daniel Manus Pinkwater, and *The BFG* - *Big Friendly Giant* by Roald Dahl

Chad: Harry Potter series by JK Rowling and the *Hobbit* / *Lord of the Rings* *Trilogy* by J.R.R. Tolkien

FAVORITE PLACES TO TAKE A CHILD

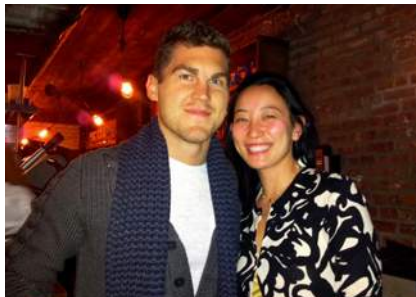
Chad: Large lakes, natural forests and mountains just steps from our home



SO SUNNY IN ITALY



DOWN BY THE CREEK BY OUR HOUSE



ONE OF OUR FIRST DATES IN NYC



CHAD'S WEEKLY READING TO A CLASS



A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE HOT-SPRINGS DINNER

IN OUR HOME *love will* ABOUND

We have created a grounded and loving home full of laughter, adventure and acceptance. We try to appreciate the small moments of daily life, celebrate kindness, and live in the present.

We would like to serve as our child's biggest cheerleaders and engender a "You can do anything if you put your mind to it" mentality. We will encourage exploration, question-asking, and problem solving and will invest our time and resources to help a child actively figure how his/her world works.

We will give ample hugs and affection, be present and supportive when big emotions arise, and provide consistency and stability.

a little about STEPH

My favorite thing about Steph is how devoted she is to her close friends, family and me. She's the one friend/partner that can always be counted on to be there. Her smile is so deep and warming you never question if it's genuine, and her easy booming laugh is 100% guaranteed to put you in a better mood.

Steph has excelled in many areas of her life but she was born to be a mother. In part because of her loyalty and in part because of her empathetic, fun-loving and nurturing nature. Steph naturally understands and connects with others. Our friends' children gravitate toward her and "Auntie Stepho" is always the most popular adult at a party.

a little about CHAD

I love that Chad wakes up early and will not only let the dogs out, empty the dishwasher, make me coffee but will also shovel our three neighbors' driveways in addition to our own. He generously gives the gift of time to others on a daily basis - I find that extremely thoughtful.

When Chad is playing with our friend's children he has a look of sheer joy and delight on his face. He isn't routinely emotive so to think that one day we may have a child who can bring a daily sparkle to his eye fills my heart. After two decades of a successful corporate career, we decided to start a company so he could structure his own schedule, work from home and pick our ideal geographical location for raising a child. Chad hopes to be a physically present and available father.

MEET THE PEOPLE WE LOVE AND *cherish*



WITH OUR GOD DAUGHTER



STEPH WITH HER SIBLINGS



OUR JAMACIAN WEDDING DAY



CHAD AND HIS PARENTS

CHAD: I am the oldest of three boys – we all played football, wrestled in the barn, played baseball in the back yard, fished and went hunting. I am closest to my younger brother Tyler and we enjoy sharing time together partaking in the same activities we enjoyed as kids and mastering our respective BBQ smokers. My mom loves all animals - we had a pet raccoon that she saved once who had a broken leg. My father can fix anything and works at an American car manufacturer's plant. My parents are going on their 43rd year of marriage.

STEPH: I am the eldest sibling as well - my sister lives in Tokyo, Japan (where I was born) and my brother lives in NYC (where Chad and I met). We relish our semi-annual sibling trips where we always hit up a concert to get our dance on before exploring the local cuisine as lovers of food :) My mother is vibrant and social - she's either singing, dancing, cooking, playing paddle tennis, or singing karaoke with her friends. My father is kind, cerebral and terrible at board games - he amuses us with his jokes and stories. We are celebrating our parents' 50th anniversary in Hawaii (where they met) this year!

home SWEET *home*

We live in a tight-knit local community of outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy various activities offered in our Colorado wilderness wonderland. Our neighborhood is adjacent to a National Forest but we have public services – town water, electricity, and fiber wifi! Our home was built in 2016 – it's a 4 bedroom/3 bath house with a small fenced backyard and a covered porch overlooking a rippling creek - the latter is our favorite place to bundle up with hot chocolate and gaze at the stars. There are 100s of miles of trails, a mountain bike park, an equestrian center, and sledding hills right outside our door. Children, families and dogs play, bike, and skateboard in the street as there isn't much traffic. We also share our neighborhood with foxes, moose and bears (oh my!).

final THOUGHTS



Our hope is to raise a confident child who is assured in her/his own voice, skin and place in this world. We want to make you proud as we feel we can never fully express or reciprocate the gift of family you have given us.

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