



Hello there!

Thank you for taking the time to read about our family as you explore options for you and your child. We have been married for 17 years, have three wonderful dogs, and look forward to growing our family.

Both our families have foundations in adoption and we so appreciate the opportunity to continue the tradition that Adoption Circle offers. Please read on to learn more about us, and thank you for your consideration!

*Missy &
William*

Our Story began on an adventure

We met, very randomly, at Mount Rushmore in 2002. Missy was on a family vacation (she grew up traveling out west to the Black Hills and Badlands of South Dakota) and William was taking a solo road trip on his quest to visit all 50 states (which he did accomplish!).

Missy's youngest brother noticed William's Ohio license plate and struck up a conversation that led to him joining the family for the evening's fireworks. Just a few hours later, after learning that William's hostel was closed due to nearby wildfires, Missy's mom approached her and asked about inviting Will to join the family at their campsite for the night.

While both of Missy's younger brothers were thrilled at the thought of having their new best friend join the trip, Missy was extremely skeptical of bringing a stranger back to their tent! The rest of the family convinced her (thankfully!). William ended up staying at the campground for three days, adventuring through the Black Hills and Wyoming with the family.

We kept in touch after and about a year later, we started dating. Three years after that, we got engaged, and one year later we were married! Thank goodness for traveling (and for little brothers too)!

Our Home & Life Together

We have been lucky to live in the same home our entire relationship, a beautiful historic brick house in a vibrant and walkable neighborhood near a university, a public library, a bike trail, and our favorite family pizza place. Inside, our house is newly remodeled with three bedrooms, a family library with squishy furniture to cuddle and read on, and plenty of comfy spaces. When we're home you'll usually find us reading, cooking (William), knitting (Missy), or watching a favorite show or movie (all five of us in a big pile on the couch). Outside, our house has a front porch, big trees, and a great fenced-in backyard where we love to read, relax, and play with our dogs.

We are fortunate to have the flexibility with our careers to prioritize time with family. Missy is able to stay at home to care for our family and William works for an organization that honors families and good health with flexible schedules, time off, and work from home.

And here we are, seventeen years as a family, and what an adventure it has been!



About Missy

by William

Missy is an incredible partner, loving friend, and my favorite co-navigator through life. She cares deeply and patiently for family, easily finds humor and joy, and passionately believes in the possibility of a better world. I'm in awe of her big heart, strength through adversity, lively imagination, and love of adventure. She's also smart, thoughtful, and so much fun—whether nerding out on science or science fiction, cheering for musicals and football teams, or just goofing around at home. She's our nieces' favorite aunt, the pack leader to three fluffy pups, and a devoted daughter, sister, and granddaughter. I'm so excited to watch her grow into the incredible mom I know she will be.



A bit more about Missy...

I love learning and helping others to learn, so I attended a public university to study education and literature. I volunteer for organizations that work in reproductive justice and community building.



A bit more about William...

I love cities and helping to make them better for all people, so I attended a public university to study city planning and parks. I work for an organization that plans for the future with better housing, bike trails and sidewalks, and healthier air and water.



About William

by Missy

William is, quite simply, my very favorite person in the whole wide world and an excellent human (husband brag!). He's smart, funny (I'm convinced he was born telling groan-worthy dad jokes), and incredibly kind. He cares deeply about our family and our community and his commitment to public service makes me proud every day. He is the strongest, most patient and loving partner I could possibly ask for. He is a devoted eldest son and big brother, loving bestie to our pups, reliable (and goofy! incredibly goofy!) uncle, and I cannot wait to see him grow into the amazing dad I know he will be.

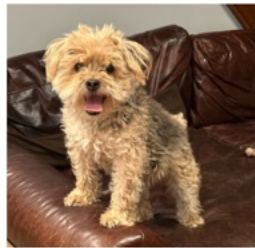


The Adventures Continue

After our chance meeting, we still love to explore the world and have been fortunate to visit several countries and the US. We especially love the ocean and visit Hawaii any chance we can get and we take an annual camping trip to Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore, usually bringing along different family or friends for a week of climbing sand dunes, kayaking, playing on the beach, and smores!



Our Puppies



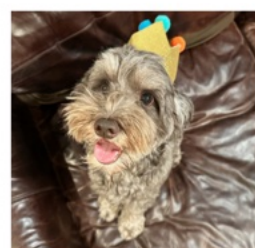
Wicket - 8 years

Big time cuddler who looks like his Star Wars ewok namesake (15lbs)



Annie - 5 years

Bundle of fluff and energy who doesn't walk, she bounces (25lbs)



Daisy - 3 years

A sweetie who most loves to snuggle and give kisses (25lbs)



Our Extended Family

We have two younger siblings each and 8 nieces with our first nephew on the way! Some of our family is in town nearby and the rest is scattered from NYC to South Carolina to Chicago to Phoenix (more excuses to travel!). Our three pups are wonderful with children and are in absolute heaven when our nieces visit.

We're lucky to have supportive people in our lives who understand and value the gift of adoption: William's grandpa and Missy's uncle are adopted.

Our families simply wouldn't exist without adoption and we look forward to continuing the tradition and teaching our child that families come in all shapes and sizes, whether biologically connected or not.

A closing note from our hearts to yours...

We are both deeply optimistic and believe that every day - even in small ways- we can make our world a better place, not only for ourselves but for everyone.

Raising a child is a beautiful manifestation of that optimism and we hope to instill in them that same sense of hope and connection to community, teaching them the importance of care- for our families, our neighbors, our earth, ourselves.

Thank you again for your time; we wish you well and send our love as you take whatever next steps are right for you and your child. - Missy & William

Thank You