

AMY + ANTHONY



Thank You — two very simple words that hold so much meaning. And yet don't seem like nearly enough to sum up how we feel about you + the love, courage + strength it must take to consider adoption.

You know the saying, "We make plans, and God laughs." That pretty much sums up our feelings about how my husband, Anthony, and I made our way here. We had these ideas in our heads and hearts of how becoming parents would look; getting pregnant after a couple of years of marriage, adding another babe a few years after the first. We didn't see our path leading us here, as I imagined you didn't see yours — so if you have questions, doubts, fears, please know you are in good company! We now know, though, with certainty, that adoption was always the path; we just couldn't see it then.

Both Anthony and I possess a strong desire, almost a calling, to be parents. As we learned and grew together over the last decade, the calling and yearning have only grown exponentially. We genuinely feel that we were put on this earth to do this. We have so much love + support to give — A love that, at times over these last eight years of infertility, has been beyond painful and heartbreaking. All the waiting. All the hoping.

It has been a challenging journey with more ups and downs than we can count, but it is these very experiences that give us confidence that we are as ready as we can be for whatever this process brings.

And now you are here.

The road Anthony and I have traveled brought us to you, and as you read this, you are becoming part of our journey. We want you to be as much a part of the child's life as you wish, whatever that may look like to you — pictures, letters, phone calls, visits — all or none of the above. We want this decision to feel right for you.

No matter what you decide, we are grateful that you chose to give this profile, our profile, a read. We hope to get to know you + learn more about your story as we continue this path together.

— A + A —

OUR STORY

A TRUE FAIRY TALE BEGINNING



A bit of background before we get to the good stuff; Amy and I went to the same high school. She was a freshman, three years younger than I, when I was a senior. Neither of us knew who each other was, our paths never crossing, until fast-forward, the day two mutual high school friends hosted their engagement party.

Amy liked me immediately — LOL. Truth be told, I was pretty set on her from the get-go. As luck would have it, we found ourselves walking down the aisle, paired up as bridesmaid & groomsman — she's been my girl ever since that day.

I proposed in May of 2009, it was Amy's birthday. I was dead nervous leading up to it all but got through it holding a "yes" from her, so the excessive sweating seemed worth it.

Amy and I were married, October 2010, in our hometown. We went full throttle with the whole "traditional wedding" thing. We invited our entire family, our family's family, and every friend we ever made, it seemed. We had a huge bridal party, the flowers, the attire, the DJ — the whole nine. What we both remember most from that day is how much we smiled — exhausted from all the laughing, dancing, and celebrating.

That was all that mattered in my mind that day. And that is all that matters to me now; her and I smiling through this life.

Thirteen years later, and we are still smiling, laughing, dancing, and celebrating for what feels like most days.

As Amy and I embark on this next chapter for our love story, we pray it involves ten tiny fingers and ten little toes — and a beautiful new smile to add to our lives.

Thank you for your time,

Anthony

OUR MAX

We rescued our dog Max eight years ago from the local APL. He's part German Shepherd + part something really small, because he's about 25lbs + but looks like a puppy. He has the personality of German Shepherd: big bark (especially for such a small dog), protective, loyal, loves to play with his ball and go on his daily walk.

Max also loves kids — my bets are on Anthony losing his furry snuggle partner to this new little person. LOL.

OUR FAMILIES

We are both family-centric people. Living local to our families means the world to us.

My mom is a retired nurse, and my dad is a retired high school teacher but a still-active high school football coach. My two brothers, one older, one younger, have both championed and lovingly picked on me as long as I can remember. Because of the four of them, I am the confident, strong-willed, competitive, intuitive, generous, nurturing woman I am today.

The icing on the top is my niece and nephew — they are my and Anthony's everything. Gah! I can't wait for our family to grow!

Anthony's mom is a retired office administrator, and his dad is a U.S. Army Veteran and retired manufacturing lab tech. He is also a middle child — the middle of five, that is. He has an older brother and sister and a younger brother and sister.

He tells such fun stories about his childhood. He and his siblings did their fair share of playing, arguing, and teasing, according to Anthony — but what he remembers most is that they always experienced everything together. All the happy times and the 'meh' times. They still do, honestly, which is so awesome.

Getting to do this life alongside family is not something either of us takes for granted. We know how fortunate we are in this. And it's exciting to know that this little one will be surrounded by love and support from so many.

OUR HOME

We live in a cozy, welcoming ranch with the perfect amount of space for a little one. Our home is filled with love, our amazing dog, weekend football, a hefty amount of laughter, and a great backyard.

Our neighborhood is quiet, quaint, and safe. Taking Max on daily walks is something we do as a couple on most days — and we are excited to add a stroller to the mix.

We are surrounded by Metro Parks, excellent schools, both our families and great friends with young ones.

OUR WORK

For the past decade, I have worked as a people developer + leader: Store Manager at lululemon athletica (for 8.5 years) and the last year and a half as a Field Manager at Enjoy Technology.

I also have a side hustle, my own coaching business, where I support clients to help them get clear on their purpose + set goals and create new, essential life habits.

I love what I do in both realms, both allowing me to help, coach + support my team/clients to be their best self + live a life they love.

Anthony has worked for W.F.Hann + Sons, a local HVAC company, for the last ten years. He has a brilliant knack for handiwork and an eye for quality — which translates into various side-hustle projects for family and friends when they need his expertise + support.

Anthony cares so much about the work he does — there doesn't seem to be a project he can't accomplish.

OUR PROMISE

We hope our words have given you some insight into who we are at our core, the type of couple we are, and parents we would be.

Both Anthony and I have held the dream of becoming parents close to our hearts, intuitively knowing that we would love our baby more than words can capture — excitedly waiting for the day we will be called "Mommy and Daddy."

We will give this little person every opportunity we can. We will teach them to feel their feelings - all of them, to use their voice, to stand up for what they believe in, to treat others + Mother Earth with kindness, love + respect, and most importantly to be 100% true to who they are (and that includes you...they are, and will

always be, a part of you).

We know parenting is one of the most challenging jobs a person can have. We won't do it perfectly, but we will do it with unconditional love and pledge to do the best we can each and every day, with every decision, to provide a beautiful life for our child.

We will ensure that our child knows you every step of the way, if that is your wish, and knows that this decision was made with the purest, truest love there is.

Anthony and I look forward to meeting you and hear about your hopes and dreams for this little one's future.

— A + A —

"AMY IS MY EVERYTHING. HER SMILE AND LOVE ARE CONTAGIOUS. SHE IS THE STRONGEST, MOST RESILIENT PERSON I KNOW AND LEAVES SUCH A MARK ON EVERYONE SHE MEETS. I AM THE LUCKIEST MAN TO HAVE HER BY MY SIDE." — ANTHONY

"ANTHONY IS THE SWEETEST, KINDEST, MOST GENEROUS SOUL I KNOW. HE CARES SO MUCH ABOUT THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM. HE WILL ALWAYS SHOW UP WHEN IT MATTERS. HE WILL ALWAYS BE THE ROCK THAT HOLDS EVERYONE TOGETHER AND KEEPS US STANDING." — AMY

