





# MESSAGE TO YOU

We are Canon and Jesse. Thank you for considering an adoption plan for your child(ren) and we hope that you will consider us as fathers. We have a great support system of family and friends who are here for our family as it grows. While we both grew up outside of Ohio we have built an amazing support group that would be a part of your child(ren)'s life. We will both be working fathers. Jesse goes into the office a few days a week while Canon works flexible hours from home. We look forward to the opportunity to get to know you and continue to share moments in your child(ren)'s life with you.



## OUR STORY

Jesse moved from Washington State to Central Ohio in October of 2013 and Canon moved from New Mexico in February of 2014. We met in June of 2014 and became the best of friends. We knew immediately we were going to be in each other's lives forever. We started our relationship on 3-13-15 by way of Canon asking Jesse to make things official.

Jesse proposed to Canon in Hocking Hills on 11-10-16 with our close friends Ashley and Melissa capturing the special moment. Canon was also planning on proposing during the same trip. Jesse got down on one knee in front of a waterfall and began to cry while telling Canon how much he loved him. We have continued the tradition of going to Hocking Hills every year since then. We moved into our house in a great neighborhood with the elementary school within walking distance in 2017. In late July of 2019 we got married with friends and family coming to central Ohio to support us.



Every year we participate and help to raise money for the AIDs Walk, Heart Walk, United Negro College Fund, and Autism Speaks. We also try to volunteer a few times a year for other non-profits in the area. We love doing puzzles, playing board games, card games, and games on the Nintendo Switch. We also enjoy occasional game nights with friends. We enjoy supporting our local professional sports teams. We have a passion for travelling to see new places and experience different cultures whether that be a town in the United States or traveling internationally with family and friends. We both have traveled back to where we grew up together multiple times and have nieces and nephews across the United States. It has been important to us to continue our relationships with our family and friends.

Our favorite hobby to do together is to try out cooking new meals. New Mexican and Italian food is typically our go to's. Each Sunday we have family dinner and game night with our sister and nephew. This tradition is one we most look forward to including as a staple family tradition as we use this time to put away our phones and connect with each other. We are excited to share our family traditions and to create new ones with your child(ren)!

# Jesse

BY CANON

I met Jesse shortly after moving to Ohio and knew from the first day that he was someone I wanted in my life. Jesse grew up in Washington state where he spent a lot of time outdoors and wakeboarding on the river right outside a family home. Over the years I have seen and have been blessed to be part of his journey. He has a passion for family and our friends. He comes from a large, blended family with multiple siblings, nieces, and nephews. He will be the first one there when someone is in need and usually the last to leave. His compassion and love to help others amazes me every day.



He is extremely passionate about giving back to others and the community. He has volunteered at numerous events such as Pelotonia, Junior Achievement, local food banks and so much more. He is a major advocate of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion awareness and learning about other people and their stories. He loves to dance and is constantly smiling or making others smile. Jesse is driven both at home and work. He has been successful in his career but is continuously finding opportunities for improvements and growth.

When I first met Canon I knew he was someone special. The first time we spent time together he invited me into his house for a meal that he prepared and to watch movies. He had a massive DVD collection. We tried putting on a movie but spent hours talking instead. Canon doesn't have a favorite movie genre. He also loves listening to Dance Music and to this day will jam out in the car or have an impromptu dance party.



# CANON's Favorites

COLOR – Lime Green

FOOD – Enchiladas

MUSIC – Dance

CHILDHOOD MOVIE –

Land Before Time

SEASON – Summer

HOBBY – Cooking

GAMES – Super Mario Brothers, Blockbuster & Monopoly



# JESSE's Favorites

COLOR – Blue

FOOD – Pasta

MUSIC – Alternative Rock

CHILDHOOD MOVIE – Mighty Ducks

SEASON – Fall

HOBBY – Smoking meat & cheese

GAMES – Skip Bo, Phase 10 & UNO

# Canon

BY JESSE

As I got to know Canon I learned that he had a very large family. The first time traveling back to New Mexico I went to his grandmother's 90th birthday. At that time there was 130+ descendants from his grandparents. It was then that I found he loves having a large family and that family was important to him. He has a great sense of humor and loves to laugh so much that he cries. Canon cares a lot about the people in his circle. He would bend over backwards to help someone out. Canon is going to be the fun one to your child and ensure that they have everything they need.

# Our FAMILY & Friends

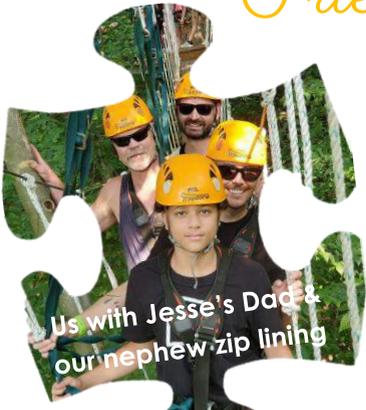
We have a great support network here in Central Ohio as well as from all over the US and globally. We typically travel back to see our families once a year and our parents come to see us here in Ohio. Canon's sister and her son moved to Ohio in September of 2019. Jesse's brother and two kids live close in Baltimore, MD. Family and the active roles we play in our nephews & nieces lives as they grow are very important to us.



Us with our nephew in London



Canon & his mom



Us with Jesse's Dad & our nephew zip lining



Us with friends at a charity event



Christmas in New Mexico



Christmas in Washington State

Us with family & friends for an OSU game



Our support system here in Ohio includes many friends that are excited to be honorary aunts and uncles to your child. This includes the bonus cousins that your child will inherit with their children. Our family and friends are looking forward to growing and the prospect of welcoming a new addition and to be a part of your child(ren)'s life.



Canon helping our nephew with homework

# Thank YOU!



Thank you for taking the time to get to know us a little bit more as we shared the many puzzle pieces that make us who we are.

We look forward to getting to know you and the prospect of getting the opportunity to have your child(ren)'s be the missing piece in our lives.



With Love, *Canon & Jesse*