

# Oh, the Places You'll Go!



Jay & Drew



**Oh, the places you'll go...** a simple phrase from a childhood story holding all the promise of the world ahead. As children, we imagine none of us could truly have predicted the roads that have brought our families together.

We recognize that we cannot fully understand all that is in your heart and mind right now and what it takes to stand in your shoes, but we can offer, from here forward, to walk *with* you through this next chapter. We are all bravely stepping into this uncertainty with one common goal: to ensure your child's journey is accompanied through all the ups and downs with unconditional love and unwavering support no matter which winding road they choose.

We can say with certainty that your child's future will unwind amidst a large, quirky extended family and with the constant companionship of our loyal and lovable pets; they will rummage in the dirt and feel sticky dough between their fingers; they will feel the accomplishment of building furniture; and they will see nature through the lens of a microscope to understand what makes their own body grow.

None of us ultimately knows the path that this child will follow or the challenges they will face as they fiercely carve their way through this messy wonderment we call life, but we do know that we will stand with them and never ask them to face this journey alone.

If our own lives have taught us anything, it is that when the people you love and who love you are behind you all the way ... **kid you can move mountains.**

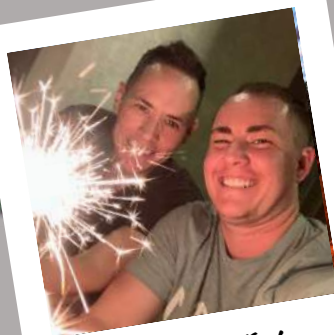


*Drew's Crew*



*Jay's side*

**Jay...** is the second oldest of 6 children and grew up in the desert of New Mexico. His dad took him camping and taught him to admire the stars. His mom spent hours cooking with him and planting their gardens out back. Both of his parents fostered a strong sense of curiosity and cultivated an attitude of life-long learning in Jay.



*Fourth of July*



*HOWIE*

**Drew...** is the oldest of 3 and grew up outside Chicago. He spent his childhood playing every sport possible and enjoyed building furniture with his dad. His mom loved to read books together and was always encouraging family members to help with her latest puzzle. Drew's parents have instilled in him the values of loyalty, integrity, honesty, and trust.



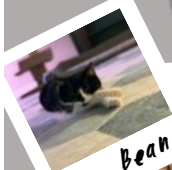
*Madison, WI*



*Christmas*



*Wedding Dancing*



*Bean*



*Enzo, Linqs, Tully*



*Mitty*

Our pets can't wait for a 2-legged sibling!

**About us...** we met from a distance in 2016 and were reintroduced 6 months later. Our first lunch "non-date" lasted 3 hours and we knew immediately that we had a connection. Our relationship developed naturally over many late-night bonfires and dog walks through a nearby forest. We are both emergency veterinary specialists, and Jay followed Drew as he completed his residency. Together, we have renovated 3 homes, lived in 3 states, and have settled in central Ohio in our forever home at our dream jobs.

There is always music playing in our house. The fireplace is usually on. We cook and eat-in more than we go out. We have too many houseplants, and most of them have names. We have many acquaintances and a few VERY close friends that we think of like family. We love to entertain. Our pets are a huge part of our lives. And, when the weather is nice, you'll always find us outside.



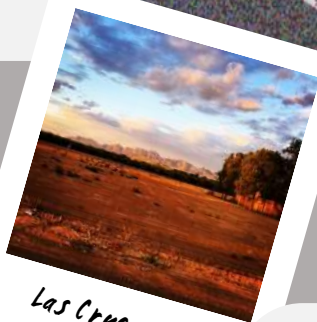
You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself **ANY** direction you choose



Lake Monona

### ...to the outdoors!

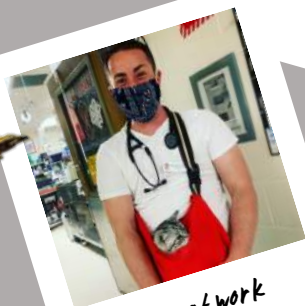
We love being outside and can't wait to share our love of nature with your child. Camping, kayaking, hiking – we're up for it all!



Las Cruces, NM

### ...to family!

We have a large extended family and can't wait to add to it. Together, we have 14 nieces and nephews ranging in age from 13 years to 2 months. Your child will have cousins to look up to and cousins to learn and grow with. They will be well-loved by Glama and Grampa G and Mimi and Poppy - who LOVE being grandparents.



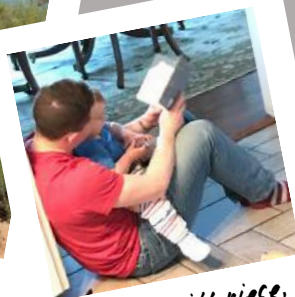
Drew at work

### ...to school!

Education comes in all shapes and sizes, and we are ready to support your child in whatever direction their curiosity takes them. We will always make your child's education a priority.



Tay with niece, Nola



Reading with niece, Margaret



The Terminator with nephew, Zen



Christmas 2018



Hospital Halloween Shenanigans



Group hug!

### ...to holiday events!

We love celebrating holidays both at home and with friends and family. We have a turkey roast vs. grill off each Thanksgiving and make the family chocolate chip cookies each Christmas (ask us about this story!). We believe in creating family memories and traditions and cannot wait to see the excitement of the holidays through your child's eyes.



Date night!







pool time!



**This is us.**



Botanic gardens!

Thank you so much for taking the time to consider our family when deciding who will raise your child. We have known from the very beginning that we wanted to be dads, and just the thought of your consideration fills us with gratitude.

We look forward to sharing pictures and letters and are open to exploring various ways in which you can continue to participate in your child's journey. We promise to be open with your child about their adoption, love them unconditionally, support them every day, and raise them to know that their mother had so much strength and courage.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,  
Jay & Drew

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-Dr Seuss

