

**Thank you** for considering our family for the precious responsibility of welcoming your child into our home. We would do everything in our power to give them a life full of love where they have the **freedom to be themselves**, follow what they love, and be **valued for who they are**.

We are eager to expand our family and that extends to you. **We are open to an open adoption** and would work to develop a relationship that feels comfortable for you and enriching for a child. **We admire your bravery** and strength in making the decision to explore an adoption plan and hope to have the opportunity to meet you and hear your story.

# FILIPPO + RUSSELL



# OUR STORY

We met 8 years ago while dancing professionally in Munich, Germany and **meeting one another was like finding home.** We've been married nearly 6 years now. We celebrated our marriage in Italy with both of our families and friends.



Filippo is from Italy and Russell is from Ohio. We are a **multicultural family** that speaks Italian and English at home. We have a sweet dog Sole, an adorable cat Matteo, and an aquarium filled with colorful fish. We love spending time outdoors, traveling, having **kitchen dance parties**, and making pancakes for dinner on Thursday nights. We own a dance studio dedicated to bringing accessible, inclusive dance classes to adult students and the **people we teach are like family.**

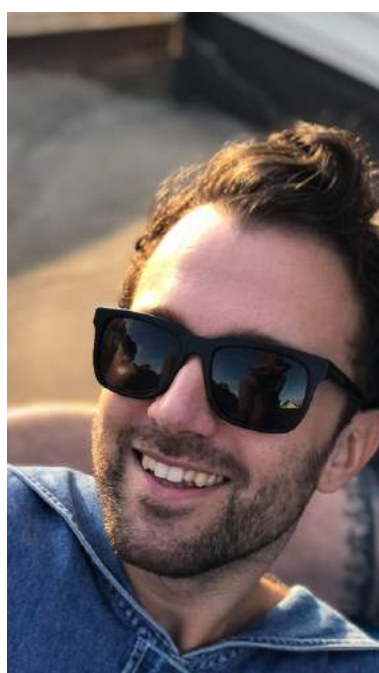
## OUR VALUES

Our values are centered around **care, creativity, and community.** We will raise a child with sensitivity and will teach them to approach others with respect and love. We do not believe in physical punishment and will create clarity through well established boundaries and rules for a child to thrive within. We nurture people's creativity every day as dance teachers and we will use that experience to build the **self-esteem** necessary for a child to **pursue a life of their choosing.** Our dance studio is a dynamic, diverse community where all feel welcome and accepted. A child will grow up surrounded by people who find joy together and appreciate the beauty of their differences.



## RUSSELL caring - creative - supportive

**Russell is a kind and caring person.** He reminds me every day of the importance of **supporting others** and making them know they're loved. He's always looking for ways to grow. Traveling around the world has given him an open and compassionate perspective on how to relate to people. He loves to read books and his creativity goes beyond imagination. He believes--and demonstrates--that **everything is possible**. Russell will make a wonderful dad.

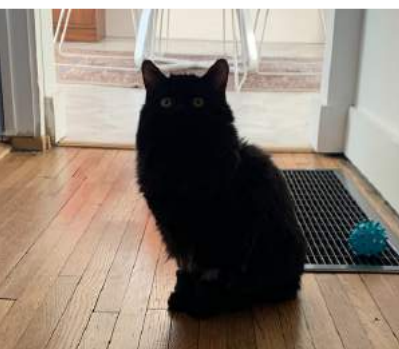


## FILIPPO compassionate - fun - determined

**Filippo makes life fun.** He is passionate and determined and knows when to relax and laugh. In fact, he makes me laugh every day and has an amazing ability to feel when others need **comfort and compassion**. He has a passion for music and is always singing. He has lived all over the world and his ability to adapt and excel in any situation amazes me. He sees the world with an **openness and joy** that is contagious and he will be the most wonderful father imaginable.

## SOLE + MATTEO cuddly - cute - full of love

Our dog, Sole, was a puppy when we met. He was born in Italy, raised in Germany, and now lives happily in Ohio, where he **loves to nap and get cuddles**. Matteo, our cat, is a rescue and has been with us for a year now. He is very **sweet and playful**.





# FAMILY + FRIENDS

FILIPPO'S PARENTS

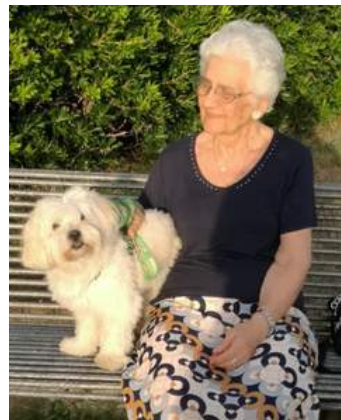
RUSSELL'S PARENTS

Russell's family lives nearby. They are **loving, reliable**, and cannot wait to welcome a child into the family. Filippo's **warmhearted** family lives in Italy. His parents visit us for a month each year and we **visit Italy every summer**. We wish to raise a child bilingual so they can have meaningful relationships with both sides of the family and be exposed to **multiple cultures** and ways of seeing the world. A child in our family will have two sets of active grandparents as well as many cousins to play with.

OUR STUDENTS



FILIPPO'S ITALIAN GRANDMA



RUSSELL'S FAMILY



OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS



FILIPPO'S BROTHER AND NEPHEW



OUR ITALIAN FRIENDS AT OUR WEDDING



**Thank you** for taking the time to get to know our family. We are ready to love, cherish, and support a child **for a lifetime**, and we would be honored if that child is your child.

*- Filippo and Russell*