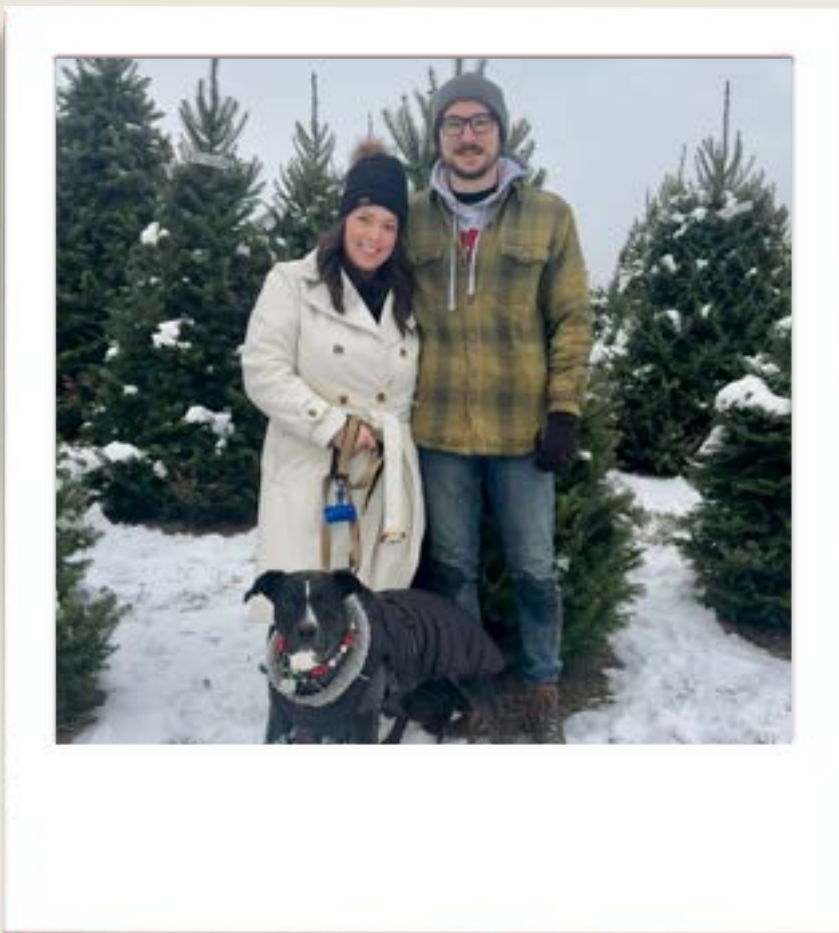
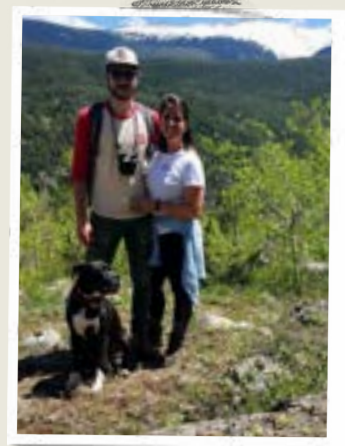
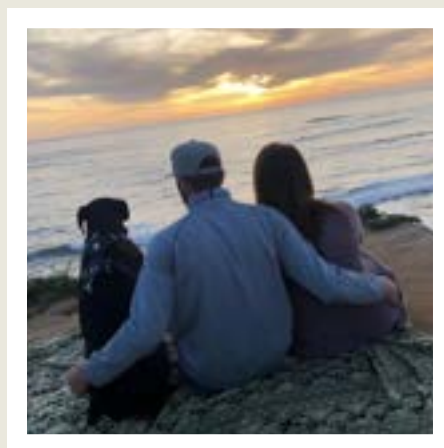


← Sarah and Tony →



Thank you for taking the time to read about us. We have been together for 10 years, are “pet parents” to a rescue pup named Dorothy, and spend most of our free time outdoors. After exploring different parts of the country, we have planted roots back in Ohio close to family and friends and are excited to grow our family. Sarah was adopted when she was a baby, so we have such an appreciation for how brave and selfless you are in this moment.

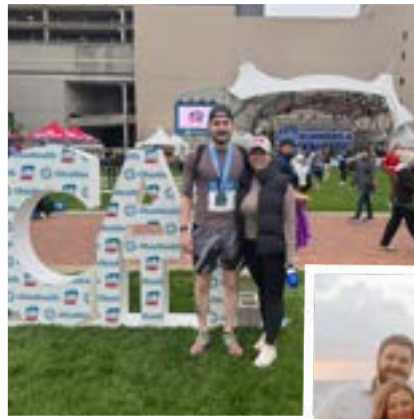
We are excited to meet you whenever you are ready to meet us!



Tony

Tony grew up surrounded by a big, loving family — going on family vacations with cousins, playing sports with his brother, and spending every birthday and holiday with aunts, uncles, and grandparents. After college, he went to law school to become a labor attorney, where he now helps employees with their workplace issues. Tony approaches everything he does with care and attention (Sarah even admits he is the more tidy one of the couple). From his work to his personal relationships, he makes the people around him feel seen and appreciated. He is very grounded in his family, friends, and community and deeply loyal to those he loves. Those who know Tony would say he doesn't take life too seriously and is always able to find the light and humor in a situation. He is not afraid to make a fool out of himself to make our nieces and nephew laugh and can really make the people around him feel more at ease. That balance of level headedness and lightheartedness has truly prepared him to embrace the challenge of parenthood with gratitude and enthusiasm.

Tony loves being outside. He is constantly working in the yard to make our home more beautiful. His dad somehow had the patience to teach him and his brother golf at a young age and the three of them still play together all the time. He also enjoys hiking with Sarah and Dorothy, and riding motorcycles with Sarah and her family.



♥ Sarah

Sarah grew up in a rural area in central Ohio where she learned her love of nature and music early on. Her parents raised her on Fleetwood Mac and Queen and now she always has music playing in our home. Sarah and her younger brother are both adopted. They grew up always knowing and celebrating that they were adopted with a house full of books about how special adoption is. Sarah has cherished being a part of a diverse and blended family and she is excited to share her experience and love with an adopted child.

Sarah put herself through college by working as a bank teller and bartending. She is now a Social Worker at Nationwide Children's Hospital and stops at nothing to help her patients in any way she possibly can. When she sets herself to a task, she is determined and unshakable. Nobody will be a fiercer advocate for a child than Sarah. Being a social worker at a hospital often times means sitting with someone on their toughest days. She has a great balance of determination and softness and loves nothing more than using those skills to support others both in and outside of her work.

Sarah loves hiking, motorcycling, cooking, and gardening. She learned how to plant, harvest, and can the goods from the garden from her grandmother and is excited to pass down some of that family knowledge one day.



Our Story



We met in 2015 when Sarah was living in Cincinnati and Tony was visiting family during a break from law school in New York.

Once Tony finished school, we moved to San Diego together and lived there for three years. We learned a lot about ourselves and about each other, being in a big city all by ourselves. Mostly, we learned that we could always count on each other. We really fell in love with hiking in California and have made being out in nature a big part of our relationship. When we decided it was time to come back to the Midwest, we took the long route - driving our little car across the country - hiking all the beautiful spots along the way.

Now, we're back home in Ohio for good and love the Columbus area where we are close to friends and family. We got married in 2022 at Tony's grandparents' house and moved into our home that same year. We love welcoming friends and family into our home. It has been nice to plant roots and have our village close to us. We've had a lot of adventures together, but the one we're most looking forward to is parenthood.

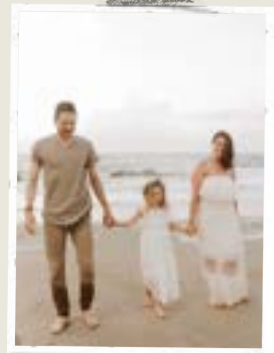


We love celebrating holidays. We have made it a tradition to make chili and pass out candy at Sarah's brother and our sister-in-law's house on Halloween. We enjoy hosting Thanksgiving dinner in our home with friends and family. One of our favorite holidays is Christmas when we go to the farm and cut down our own Christmas tree and bake hundreds of Christmas cookies with Tony's family in Cincinnati.



Our Circle

We have a circle of friends and family around us that are almost as excited for us to build our family as we are. We have adored being "Aunt Sizah and Uncle Toto" to the many little ones in our life. They say it takes a village to raise a family and our village is strong.



Our Home

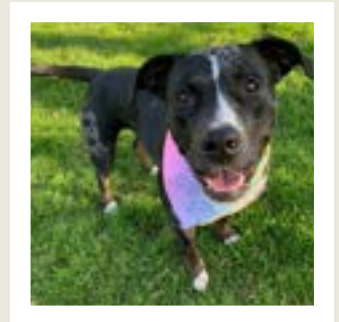
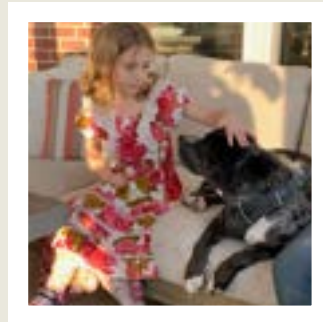
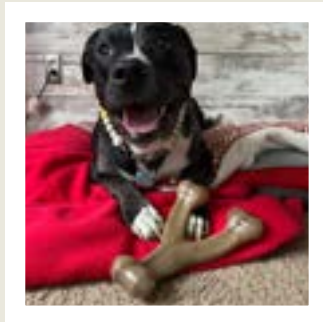
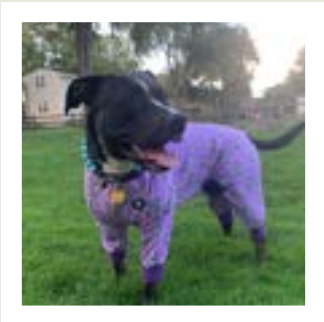
We were fortunate to find a home in a great neighborhood and haven't stopped working to make it the best it can be. It has three bedrooms, with one set aside for a new family member. Our favorite part of the house is the large fenced in backyard which has a big garden, a fire pit, and a brand-new deck.



Our neighborhood is very walkable – we go on plenty of walks with Dorothy. We live around strong schools and have great neighbors. We spend a lot of time at local restaurants, festivals, and parks and love being a part of a tight community.

Our "Fur-Baby"

We love animals but especially dogs. After we bought our house, we wanted to share all of our space and big back yard with as many dogs as possible, so we started fostering through a local shelter. That's how we met Dorothy, the other "child" in our life. She's a sweet pup that was so scared and nervous when she came to us but through love and patience she has become the most brave and silly dog. We love the process of bringing her out of her shell and teaching her how lovely the world around her can be. She loves our nieces and nephews and is excited to have another buddy to go on walks with.



Our Promise

Adoption looked very different back when Sarah was adopted. She didn't get to meet her birth mother until she was 18 and remembers what an amazing and unique experience that was. She and Tony feel excited that adoption plans are much more open today.

Sarah and Tony believe that the birth family has an important role in a child's life story. This is a journey, and we don't know where it will lead. Wherever it goes, we will be ready to provide all the love and support your child will need. We are excited to walk this path together, with you, and create a beautiful life for your child.

