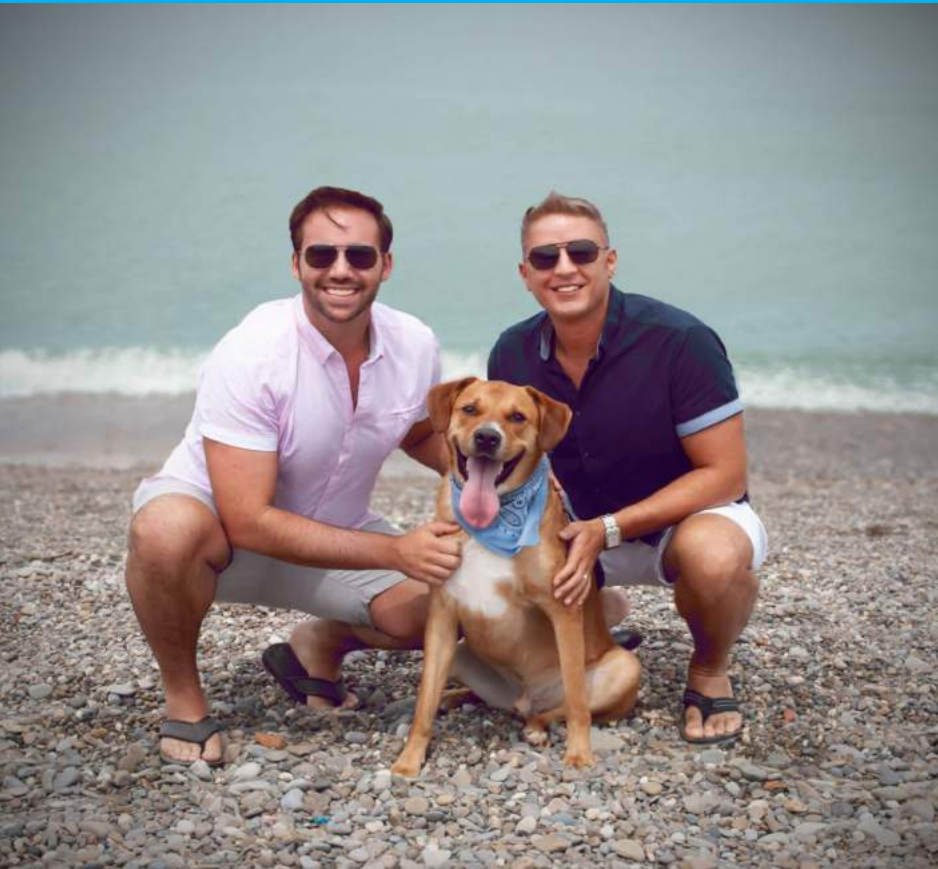


# Ray & Nick



Hi There, and welcome to our life!  
We are Ray, Nick and Tino, and we're very grateful that you are interested in learning more about us, we know this is not a decision made lightly. We are so excited for the opportunity to grow our family through adoption! Our little family was established 8 years ago, when we met, and grew by four furry paws, with Valentino, a little over two years later. Since then we've been enjoying our lives as a family of three, but knew we had more love to give. That's what led us to Adoption Circle. We hope you enjoy our story, and again, **thank you so much** for your consideration!

## HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

As a couple we have always known that, over time, we wanted to grow our family. With that in mind, it was important to us that we have a safe and comfortable space to call our own. After only being married for a few months, we purchased our first home together in April of 2020. We live in a friendly and quiet suburban neighborhood with many young families! Decorating (especially around the holidays) is one of our favorite things to do, so our space is constantly changing throughout the year. We can't wait to see how our home environment grows and evolves if we are lucky enough to become dads!



# HOME





FUN



# EXPERIENCES

## Our Story

We met online in April of 2015. From our first, in-person meeting, we knew there was a connection between us. Our first milestone as a team was adopting our Valentino—he was a Valentines day surprise for Nick, from Ray. Affectionately known by ‘Tino’, he is a Labrador mix and just the best, sweetest boy! After a few years of getting to know one another, we were engaged in New York City at Christmas time. We were married on October 12, of 2019, surrounded by over 200 of our closest family and friends. It was truly a day, neither of us will ever forget.

Since then, we’ve thrived, as a team, through a world-wide pandemic, selling our first home and buying a new one. We’ve experienced great loss, with the unexpected passing of Nick’s younger brother, as well as a beautiful new addition to our family with the birth of our first Nephew! The love we already feel for this little guy is so great, and we’re just so excited to experience an even deeper love for a child of our own one day.

We are both hard working professionals, and career-oriented. We’re fortunate enough to work from home the majority of the time, but are so grateful that we have loving

families, close by, who are more than excited about the opportunity to help us shower your child with love!

**“EVEN FROM A YOUNG AGE, I’D ALWAYS FELT I WAS BORN TO BE A DAD”**

## About Ray-Love Nick

Ray is unlike any person I’ve ever met before. If I had to describe him in a single word, I would use the word driven. Ray is a Human Resources professional, so his ability to interact and engage with people is very impressive. I suppose that doesn’t surprise me though, because his people skills comes from his love for his family and friends. I’ve never known someone to be a more devoted son, cousin and friend. It is truly my favorite thing about him.

Ray lives every single day to the fullest. His love for life is infectious and it can literally be felt when he walks in the room. My life became so much better when he came into it, and I am so confident that, for all of the reason’s I’ve listed above, he is going to be the best father to our child one day.

## About Nick-Love Ray

From the moment Nick and I met, we talked about our dreams, goals, and what we both hoped our future would one day look like. Nick has always said he was put on this earth to be a dad, and I quickly learned why. Nick is a caring, supportive, and loving husband, son, brother, and friend. He has a genuine & nurturing instinct when it comes to kids, and it shows when he interacts with all of our little cousins and our new nephew. Nick is hard-working and dedicated to anything he does. He is currently a Senior Marketing Director at a company he’s been with for almost 10 years. His work ethic is a trait that I know he will pass on to your child one day!

Nick also has an eye for creativity and is very handy around the house. He is the go to guy if something needs fixed or hung up on a wall, and has a knack for keeping our home and yard beautiful. He is the master of the grill and he would make a wonderful dad. Nick is someone who can be counted on by family, friends, and his coworkers. Nick is grounded and his newly found adventurous side (thanks to me) has really been a good balance and has helped us become a very dynamic duo.



Nick's Family

FAMILY



Our Friends!



Ray's Family

FAMILY IS MORE THAN BLOOD

We both come from very large families. We also have the worlds greatest and most supportive groups of friends. We take a lot of pride in the people we surround ourselves with. Our friends are our families and our families are our closest friends.

We both had the best childhoods! The memories we have motivate us even further to one day have a child of our own, so that we can give them memories like the ones we were fortunate enough to have! That works out perfectly because we LOVE to host our families and friends. We're making memories and new traditions and are so fortunate that, not only do our families love us, they love each other! We've created our own, new family by bringing our respective families, and oftentimes our friends, together. We're so excited that we may one day get to share our new traditions with your child!



MEMORIES

HOLIDAYS

Prior to our lives together, Ray traveled frequently. Nick, however, did not; he was something of a workaholic. This is a great example of how we've brought balance to each other's lives. Nick is now more adventurous and Ray has become much more grounded. We now share a passion for adventures and trying new things and are so excited to one day, share that with a child of our own.

Among some of our favorite things to do, include spending time with family and friends, eating and trying new foods and restaurants, traveling—most of the time a beach is involved, going to sporting events or concerts and spending time at home with Tino! Ray also introduced Nick to the theater, and we make sure to see, at least, a few plays a year. It's fun to think about being able to introduce your child to the theater, or any of the other things we love, one day!

We LOVE food! Food plays a big part in our lives and in our love for throwing dinner parties and entertaining! Nick has a background in the restaurant industry and has (some) culinary training. We both love to cook and work pretty well together in the kitchen! We both enjoy learning how to cook new types of foods and sharing everything with our loved ones. Hosting holidays or Sunday dinners for our friends and families is hands down our favorite way to make memories!



# ADVENTURE

## About the Boys. Notes from Mom:

"People have always gravitated towards Nick. He always has a positive outlook on life and I can't wait to see him experience life, one day, as a father. My Nick has an even better half in Ray. We won the jackpot when he joined our big, loving family! They both truly bring out the best in each other and will be absolutely amazing parents!"

"I believe in family unity so I wanted to ensure my children were raised with that kind of love & respect. Ray has always followed his dreams, and is successful in achieving all of his goals. Then came Nick, and I could not love him more if I gave birth to him. Ray and Nick work side by side in every endeavor in life and I am truly blessed with both of them."

♡ Love Nick's Mom

♡ Love Ray's Mom



## PURPOSE

### WE BELIEVE...

in love. We believe in equality and diversity, and are so looking forward to passing those beliefs on to your child. We both come from different backgrounds and embrace different cultures. We love going to different cultural festivals and experiencing all of the beautiful and different ways people live... and eat. Have we mentioned we LOVE to eat!

We believe, above all else, in spreading positivity! We surround ourselves with good vibes and, even through hard times, try to maintain positive attitudes and lift each other, and the people around us, to better spirits!



**THANK YOU** from the bottom of our hearts for being a part of our journey! We know choosing the right people to parent your child is a decision not made lightly, and the fact that you are even reading this now, is truly an honor. Should we be fortunate enough to be your choice, please know your child will be so loved by so many.

♡ Ray, Nick and Tino