

Sean and Sarah

Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family. We understand that this is an incredibly emotional journey for you, and though we cannot say that we understand how hard trying to make this decision must be, we admire your courage and appreciate the sacrifice you are considering, out of love for your baby.

We hope that within these pages, you can see the love we have for one another and our families, and we are hoping and ready to share this love with a child.

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

Our Story

We met each other online in early 2020 as lockdowns were happening because of COVID. We quickly realized we each had our own charming quirks that we both liked about each other. We planned our first date at the Solstice Steps, on the shore of Lake Erie (where Sean left his phone in Sarah's car and only realized after she left). Fortunately for Sean, Sarah came back so he didn't have to blindly navigate his way back home.

Three years later, Sean proposed to Sarah at this same spot. We got our first dog, Maia, in 2021 and after moving into our first house together in 2024, we got our second dog, Oliver. Having two siblings that were adopted through Adoption Circle has heavily influenced Sarah's future plans. We always planned to adopt and possibly foster children in our future and decided that this future should start now.

Our Family

About Sarah (by Sean)



There really aren't enough words to describe the wonderful person that Sarah is. At Sarah's core, she is the single most family-first person I have ever met. From the day that I met her, she told me all about her giant family (especially about her younger sister). Just hearing her talk, I could tell that she had a heart filled with so much love. It didn't take me long to realize that she was the one I wanted to spend my life with. She is the most perfect wife and support system I could have ever wanted. Spending every day with her is a dream come true, and starting a family with her can only make this dream better.



About Sean (by Sarah)

Sean is such an incredibly patient, kind, supportive, and loving person whether it's helping my grandpa replace a light bulb on our second date or going to my parents' house after work because my brother asked him for help with his math homework; he is an incredibly compassionate person. He is an amazing dog dad to our two pups, constantly thinking and worrying about their comfort and happiness. He puts forward such effort and time into being the best husband I could imagine. He never fails to make me smile and laugh (though the quality of his jokes leave something to be desired). He is my best friend and I could not imagine my life being as happy if I did not have him.

Our Interests:

Sarah

Hobbies
- Reading
- Puzzles
- Video Games

Dream Vacation
- Prague or Scotland

Favorite Food
- Pho

Sean

Hobbies
- Audio books
- Puzzles
- Video Games

Dream Vacation
- European Cruise

Favorite Food
- Pizza





Maia (5 Years Old)

AKA
- Mick Mack
- Mack Attack
- Booger Butt

Oliver (1.5 Years Old)

AKA
- Olliepop
- Oliver Toliver
- Oviler

Our Extended Family



Sean with our niece Elanor, and Sarah with our niece Marcie



We try to get together with our family as much as we can. We are fortunate that both our families live close to us, so we get to see them at least several times a month. We spend all major holidays and birthdays together, and we try to squeeze in the occasional family dinner whenever we can. Holidays are spent surrounded by the whole family: siblings, parents, aunts, cousins, etc. We are close with both our families, and we consider ourselves to be family-oriented. Children have always been a central part of our family gatherings. All of our family events take into consideration kids, from meal planning to child-friendly activities. We are always very excited to include the children in our families in everything we do.



Sarah's 2026 Family Vacation in North Carolina



Sarah's Siblings and Our Nieces



Sean's Mom and Dad on our wedding day

Our Home

We live in a nice neighborhood that is home to a variety of different demographics. Our entire neighborhood has sidewalks, which is great for daily walks with the dogs. We have a variety of playgrounds within 5 minutes of our house as well as easy and abundant access to the Metro Parks.

Our home has a slight rustic but very personal feel to it. Sarah, especially, loves to find unique, well-loved, and meaningful decor at flea markets, resale shops, and through independent artists.



Our Careers

Sarah works at our local library as a Youth Services Librarian. She really enjoys her work and her ability to work with children, which is always something that she has wanted to do. Sarah has a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in History.

Sean is a Civil Engineer. He helps to create and review construction plans and make sure construction projects come to fruition. He is fortunate that his job offers a great work-life balance. Sean has a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.

We both plan to continue working after our adoption leave. We both have parents who are retired or have consistent days off in their work schedule that would allow us to have them provide childcare when we have to work. In addition, both of our parents are within 20 minutes of our house. Both of our parents have expressed excitement and willingness to provide childcare for our future children whenever needed.

Our Family Traditions and Values



We both feel strongly and practice values such as responsibility, compassion, respect, and authenticity. We believe that all people should be treated with respect and compassion. We also believe that we must act responsibly and authentically to be our best for ourselves and others.



Sarah's family celebrates a wide variety of family traditions that Sean has embraced with open-arms. These include things such as yearly family vacations, special birthday songs, and super secret recipes! Sean's family traditions include regular holiday dinners, and going to the movie theater on Christmas morning!

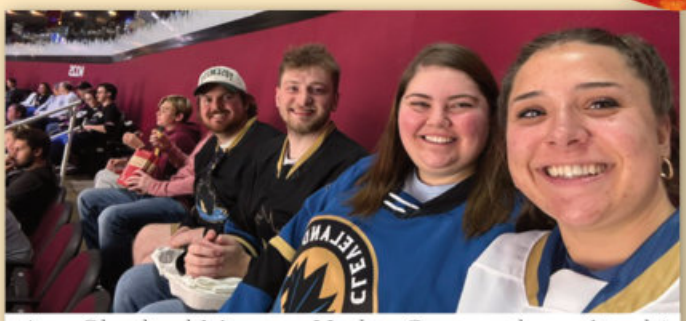


Our Plans to Incorporate Adoption in Our Child's Life

We plan to be transparent with them. Sarah has two siblings who were adopted. They have always known that they were adopted and the general stories of how they were born and the circumstances. We plan to do the same. We believe our future children having an aunt and uncle who are adopted will help to normalize the idea and make them feel included within the family. Adoption will be a part of their story and it's important that they know that, and understand where they came from.

We are willing to consider openness in our adoption plan, given there are clear boundaries in place. Sharing pictures, letters, and even sharing social media are options we are willing to explore.





At a Cleveland Monsters Hockey Game with our friends!

Thank you!

Again, we appreciate the time you are taking to learn about us, our families, and what we hold dear.

We hope to be fortunate enough to have the opportunity to learn more about you!

Giving you our best,

Sarah and Sean