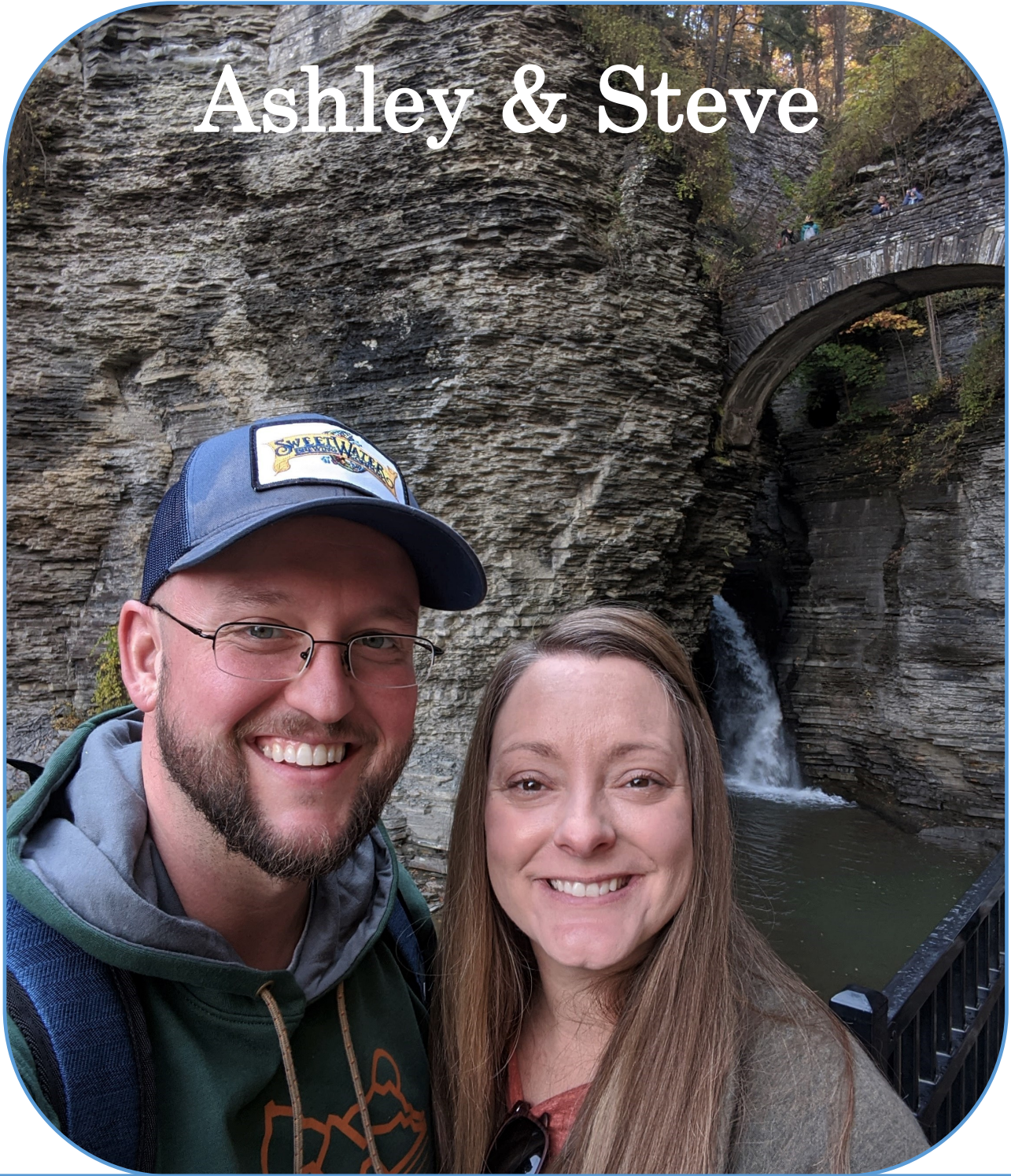


Ashley & Steve



Hello! We are Ashley and Steve. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. Adoption has always been something we have thought about and is our first choice for expanding our family. We believe that family is more than DNA, family is built on love and respect. We are excited about becoming parents, and want you to know that our hearts, arms and our home are open wide. If you choose to make an adoption plan with us, we want to make sure you know that we are committed to taking this journey with you. While none of us knows fully what that will look like right now, we just want you to know that we are here, we are invested, and we are open to what comes next!

Our Story

We were introduced by Steve's best friend since kindergarten, Bobby, who was also Ashley's co-worker for many years. Working together at a social service non-profit agency doing crisis work, we leaned on each other for support and slowly developed a deep and lasting friendship outside of work. Building on our love for the outdoors, dogs, and our city, our friendship turned into something more. We got engaged and, with the support of our families and friends, we got married in November, officiated by none other than our friend Bobby!



Steve enjoys:

- Road trips
- Burt's Bees lip balm
- Building the perfect musical playlist

Ashley enjoys:

- Iced coffee, no matter the season
- reading, especially fiction
- 90's music of all kinds

Ashley, in Steve's words

When I first met Ashley, she immediately stood out to me. Cheerful, kind, smart and talented, she quickly became my favorite person. Without a doubt she is the most generous and thoughtful person I have ever met. Ashley is a selfless, accepting, and loving individual. Her love for community and those in it is evident to everyone. Ashley channels her passions and personality into her career as a social worker. Over the past 13 years, she has worked with parents to keep children out of foster care and support families in crisis and has been committed to strengthening her community.



Steve, in Ashley's words

Steve is the kind of person you always want to be around. He has the amazing gift of bringing joy and laughter wherever he goes. Always charming, always smiling. These are the things that drew me to him. He's also one of the hardest workers that I have ever met. He is committed to doing good work and providing for his family, and his ability to balance work and family is impressive. The greatest thing about Steve though, is that when you are with him, he makes you feel like the most important person in the room. He has an open heart and mind and will listen to you and support you with his whole being.

Our Family

Ashley's parents have been married for over four decades and split their time between their Ohio and southern Florida homes. Ashley has a twin sister, Carrie, and she and her husband, two dogs, daughter, and baby on the way live close by. Steve's mom is also local.



Steve with our niece

She is retired, filling her time now as a doting grandmother. Steve also has an older sister who lives in Ohio with her husband and young son. We enjoy spending as much family time as we can with them. We have large extended families with lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins and great friends who we also consider family. We also have a dog named Bodhi, who joins us on hikes and walks and brings a playfulness to our home that we adore. Our family's favorite time is in the kitchen.



Ashley with our nephew



Ashley with her twin sister



Our kitchen is always full of laughter and music and is the heart of our home. Steve is constantly on a quest to make the world's best white sauce for pasta, and Ashley is always baking up something new to share with friends and family. We also love to travel and explore. All of our trips usually involve outdoor activities, exploring local restaurants and venues, and going to museums to learn about our most recent destination. We have a vacation home in Florida and also enjoy annual trips to the Adirondack Mountains. Both of these destinations are opportunities to relax, explore, and spend quality time with our family.



Our dog, Bodhi

Our Home and Community

We live in a three-bedroom single family home in a diverse suburb close to both a lake and a wonderful park system. We are near many restaurants, playgrounds and shops. Our community



hosts many fun events during the year, with our favorites being summer art walks and a Halloween costume contest and parade with your dog! Our city has a great school system, and is culturally and economically diverse. We have access to a lot of museums, and love our city's art museums. We enjoy going to sporting events, and really enjoy professional baseball and

football games. We also enjoy attending live performances, including local comedy and music, and attending bigger shows, especially live music outdoors. We try to enjoy all the opportunities to support our hometown, attending festivals, cook offs, and seasonal festivities. But, we are also just as likely to be found enjoying our front porch or relaxing and listening to music around a fire on our deck in the backyard with our closest friends. Ashley works just outside of downtown and Steve works on the east side of the city, so we try to stay in tune with what's happening across our great city. We are passionate about culture, relationships and community and feel strongly about belonging to a neighborhood.

We appreciate you taking the time to look through our profile and hope that you can see how a child would fit in our family. We also want you to know that we will always recognize and honor you and celebrate a child's first family, building on the love you have already shown.

With love and gratitude,

Ashley and Steve



Our house

