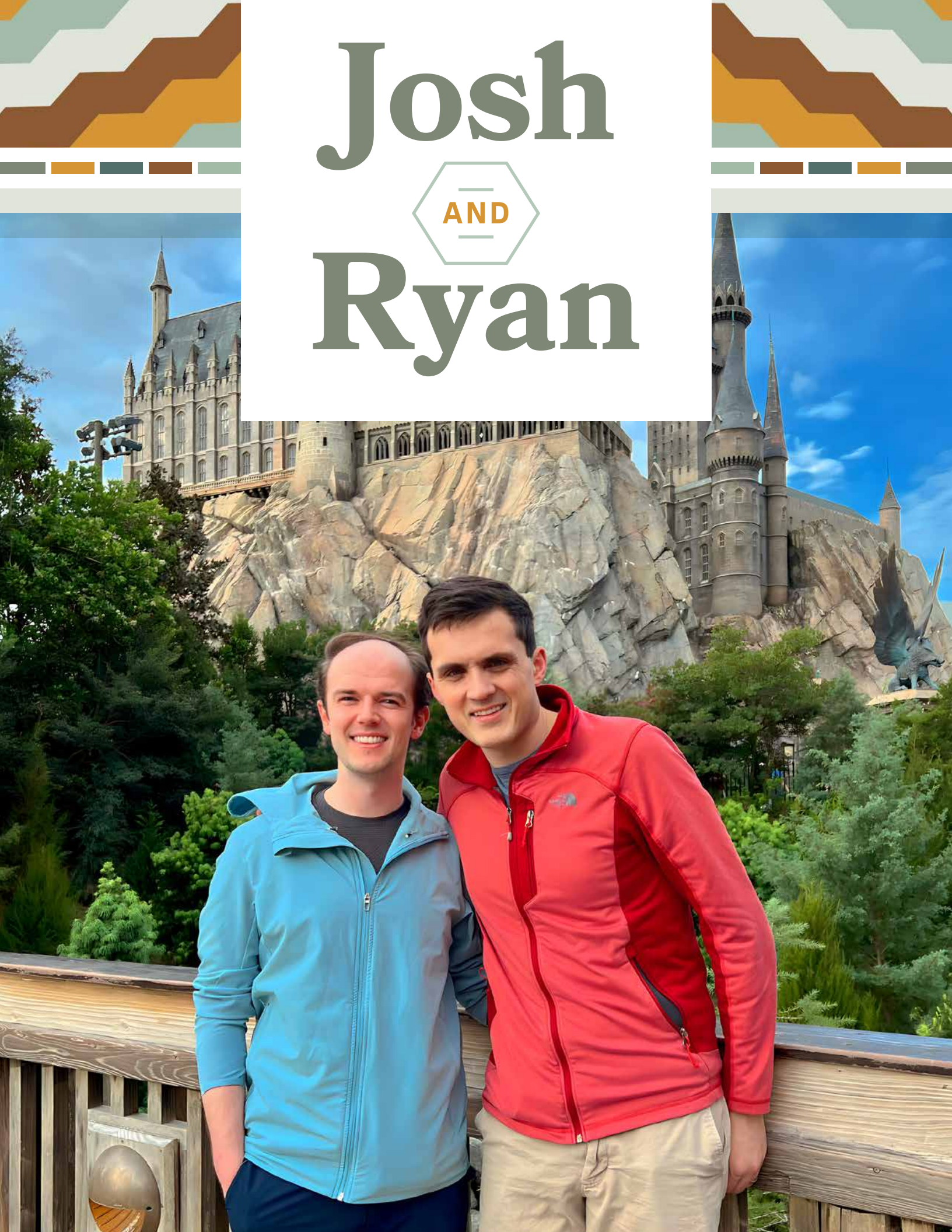


Josh AND Ryan



Hi!

» We're Josh & Ryan «

WE'RE TWO ALMOST-30-YEAR-OLD NERDS FROM IOWA WHO LOVE TRAVELING, SUPERHERO MOVIES, HARRY POTTER, AND FOOTBALL SUNDAY.





ENJOYING
THE BEACH

OUR Story

WE FELL IN LOVE IN COLLEGE AND GOT MARRIED SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATING.

By day, Josh is an attorney and Ryan works in finance. At home, we love hosting game nights, opening our home to family and friends, and baking together! We have big personalities, big families, and a big dog (as well as a little dog and fat cat, too).

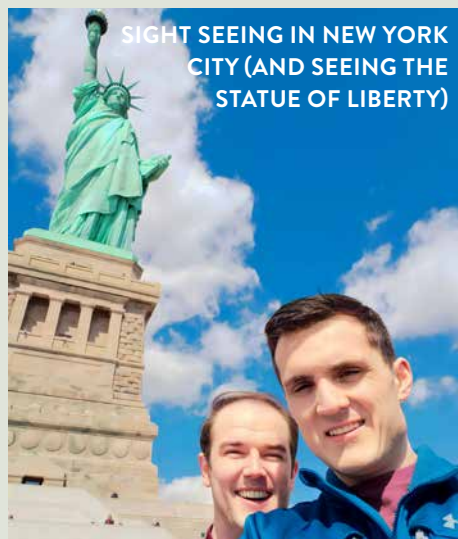
WE DREAM OF BEING
Dads one
--- **day** ---

We joke all of the time about coaching our future kiddo's little league or show choir team down the road and being the loudest parents in the stands (yes, those parents). **We pray for understanding so we can nurture a baby in a home filled with love, support, and happiness.** We hope to have a relationship with you. We want a child to grow up knowing their story.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR CONSIDERING US.**



EXPLORING THE COAST
OF SANTORINI, GREECE



SIGHT SEEING IN NEW YORK
CITY (AND SEEING THE
STATUE OF LIBERTY)



ENTERING NIAGARA FALLS
OUTSIDE OF TORONTO, CANADA

Written
by Ryan



MEET

Josh



Every day I am so lucky I get
to call Josh my husband.

JOSH IS SO CARING,
KIND, DEVOTED,
COMPASSIONATE, AND
SMART. TO BE FRANK,
JOSH WOWS ME EVERY
DAY WITH HIS DRIVE,
COMPASSION, KINDNESS,
AND CARE FOR OUR
FAMILY AND THE PEOPLE
IN OUR LIVES.

One of the many times his kindness and devotion showed was when here membered when we first started dating that I said I had never been to a concert, so fast forward to our first Valentine's Day and he surprised me with floor tickets for Demi Lovato! Josh is always the first to volunteer to help friends, family, or the community. From dance events that his friends ran to coaching 6th to 12th-grade mock trial, his unwavering, commitment, and kindness shines through.

There is never a dull weekend for us, be it going to West Coast swing dance events, checking out concerts, or traveling, I am so so lucky to have Josh. **Josh represents everything you want in an amazing Dad. He is kind, loving, and thoughtful.**



FUN

Facts

Favorite Musical Artist:

» Beyonce

Favorite Sports Team:

» The Kansas City Chiefs

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:

» Mint Chocolate Chip

Favorite Food:

» Tacos

Favorite Hobby:

» West Coast Swing
Dance, Board Games

Favorite Movie:

» My Cousin Vinny

Dream Vacation:

» Greenland, Iceland,
and Norway to see
the Northern Lights

Favorite Holiday:

» Christmas

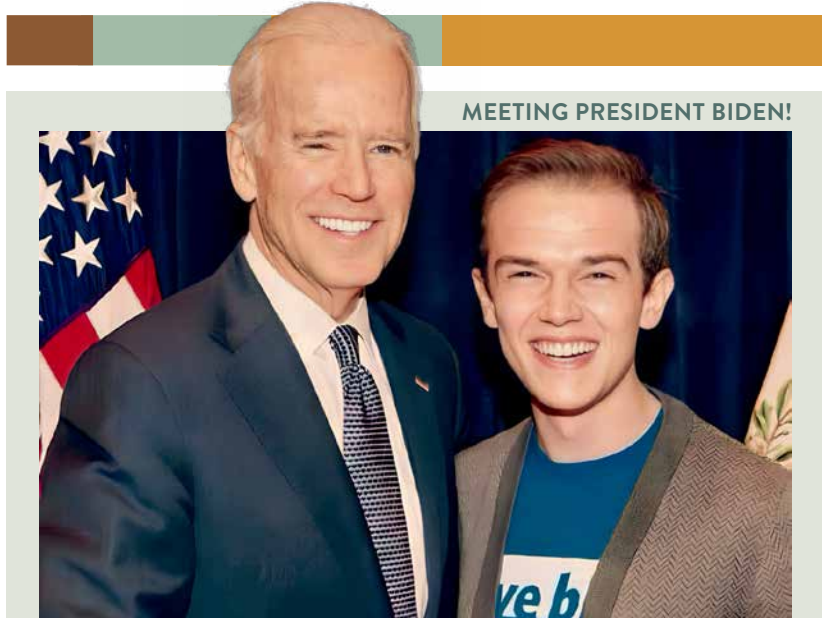
Favorite TV Show:

» The Great British
Baking Show

“JOSH IS AN INCREDIBLE HUSBAND AND HE WILL BE AN INCREDIBLE DAD. I CAN’T WAIT TO SEE HIM STEP INTO THIS ROLE BECAUSE I KNOW HE WILL BE A NATURAL.”



HORSEBACK RIDING
» IN COSTA RICA



JOSH ON THE
CNN PRESIDENTIAL
DEBATE STAGE »



MEET

Ryan

Written
by Josh

Good golly, my heart is so full knowing I get to share life with Ryan.

RYAN IS MY ROCK;
HE'S THE PEACEFUL,
COMPASSIONATE,
AND THE STRONG
FOUNDATION OF OUR
RELATIONSHIP.

It's the little things with Ryan - his quirky humor and witty take on life is effortlessly found when he is at home playing a game and yelling at the computer trying to beat him, or when I get home from work and he is covered in batter or dough baking in the kitchen. His subtle humor peeks through always, especially when we watch football (although he has to be reminded probably too often that it is not, in fact, the year that the Dallas Cowboys are "going to win it all").

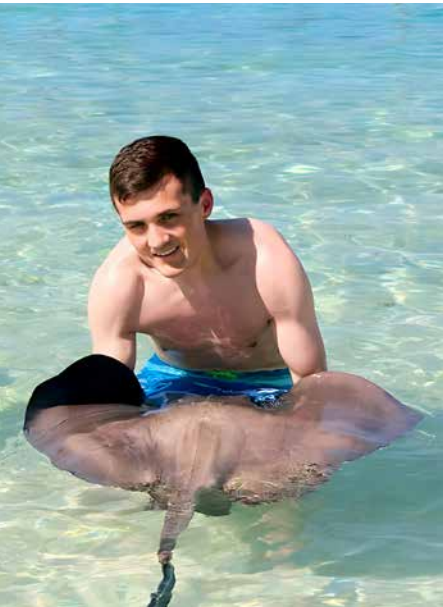
For almost six-years, I've started each day with a message from Ryan saying "I love you so much! I am so lucky!" When I'm sick, he cooks and helps take care of our pets. When something goes well at work, he's the first one to say he's proud and bring tacos to celebrate. He is the embodiment of the warm, fuzzy, tender feeling you get in your stomach. **He never hesitates to show those he loves that he is always there for them, and it is an amazing, awe-inspiring feeling knowing he chose me.**



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“WITHOUT A DOUBT, I KNOW RYAN WILL SHOW THAT SAME LOVE AND KINDNESS TO A CHILD AND ALWAYS WHILE SUPPORTING THEM IN ALL THINGS, BIG OR LITTLE, AS THE BEST DAD THERE IS!”

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SWIMMING WITH STINGRAYS ⤴



RYAN AND HIS DAD AT A RAINY DALLAS COWBOYS GAME



BAKING COOKIES AT HOME ⤴



Facts

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Favorite Musical Artist:
» Taylor Swift

Favorite Food:
» Pizza

Dream Vacation:
» Touring Japan

Favorite Sports Team:
» The Dallas Cowboys

Favorite Hobby:
» Golfing

Favorite Holiday:
» Christmas

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:
» Chocolate Fudge Brownie

Favorite Movie:
» Avenger's Endgame

TV Show:
» Parks & Recreation

OUR

» Home & Community «

HELLO FROM IOWA, WHERE IT GETS HOT AND HUMID, COLD AND SNOWY, AND ALL FOUR SEASONS AWAIT YOU!



CELEBRATING RYAN'S BIRTHDAY AT HOME



PREPARING THE BASEMENT KITCHEN TO HOST THANKSGIVING

Inside our house you'd find updated furnishings and large comfy furniture surrounding the fireplace where we relax and unwind. **The main floor is complete with three bedrooms, one of which we hope to be a future nursery with a large window overlooking a big backyard.**

Here, we are lucky to have the benefits of a big city without sacrificing the small-town feeling we have always known. **Whether it is visiting the local farmer's market on the weekend or going to a concert downtown, you can find a little bit of everything here in Iowa.** We are lucky to live in a newly built, five-bed, three-bath, ranch-style home near Des Moines. Out our front door, you can see the high school and, just down the street, you see the elementary school with its winding path leading to a playground.

EXPLORING DOWNTOWN DES MOINES, IOWA





MONTY SNOOZING

OUR Pets

Besides us, we love our chunky cat Monty, our giant labradoodle Cooper, and our quirky cairn terrier Baxter. **They are goofy, snuggly, and we are lucky to have them as our fur babies.**

RYAN SNUGGLING WITH COOPER ON THE COUCH



BAXTER WITH HIS FAVORITE TOY





CELEBRATING WITH JOSH'S PARENTS AND SISTERS

OUR Family

OUR FAMILIES ARE FULL OF BIG PERSONALITIES.

For Josh, that includes his dad, mom, and his two sisters. For Ryan, that includes his dad, mom, his brother, and his sister-in-law too. Both families are loud, loving, and enjoy lots of laughs, games, and competitions (including annual cook-offs, pumpkin painting showdowns, and gingerbread house decorating face-offs). Josh's family is usually watching sports or having a Wii dance-off (you bet his dad gets down too)! Ryan's family is always planning a trip or creating a new twist on celebrating the holidays - including his mom's annual Christmas scavenger hunt. **Although Josh's family lives a few hours away, Ryan's parents live only minutes from our house and are a daily presence in our lives.** They are going to be a strong daily support in our child's life.

CHRISTMAS WITH JOSH'S FAMILY



CELEBRATING RYAN'S GRADUATION WITH HIS PARENTS AND BROTHER



JOSH WITH HIS SISTERS



ADOPTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLOSE TO US

because we have many family members that have been adopted and welcomed through foster care. Josh's family diversity shines through at large family gatherings each holiday season, by weaving in the cultures and history of our Latinx and African American family members to become everyone's new traditions. Ryan also has cousins that are adopted. **In all, we were raised knowing beautiful families are built through adoption, and we are proud to be supported by both families who are excited to join us on this journey.**

RYAN AND HIS PARENTS AT A COWBOYS GAME IN FLORIDA





FROM THE VERY START OF OUR RELATIONSHIP,
WE KNEW WE WANTED TO HAVE AND GROW A
FAMILY TOGETHER THROUGH ADOPTION.



**We both have family members gained through adoption
and are so excited to start this incredible journey.**



WE

Promise

- » To always **love your child** with all that we are.
- » Always **give them all** that we have.
- » **Honor you each day** that we raise your child.
- » **They will always know where they came from** and how you have fearlessly loved them from the beginning.

WE APPRECIATE
THAT YOU TOOK
THE TIME TO GET
TO KNOW US.