

**Brooke
&
Joey**



H I T H E R E !

We can't thank you enough for considering us by reading our profile, and for allowing us to share our hearts with you. We truly admire the courage, selflessness and compassion that goes into choosing to create an adoption plan for your child.

We cannot wait to share the love, warmth and laughter in our life with a little one. Your baby will be embraced with open arms and will know how special they are. Additionally, they will grow up respecting their history and origin, and we pledge that you will always be honored in our home.

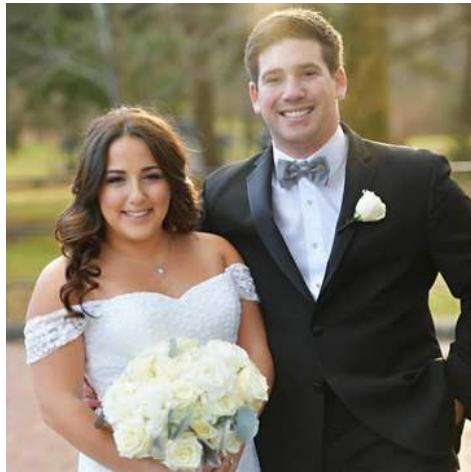
While we can't pretend to know what you are feeling, we want you to know that we will embrace & support you however we can. We look forward to maintaining whatever level of openness you are comfortable with, and we wish you strength and peace of mind in making the decisions that are best for you and your child.

*With love,
Brooke & Joey*





OUR STORY



Our hearts for adoption

We each always knew that we wanted to be parents and that desire just increased once we met. After 3 years of infertility treatments, we learned that we are not able to conceive biologically. **This has only solidified our desire to become parents and to raise a child together.** Adoption is the sole way that we are looking to become first-time parents.

Additionally, **adoption is not new to our family**, as both sides of our extended family were built through adoption! Joey's cousin was adopted domestically, and Brooke's sister-in-law was adopted from Korea. Your child would be embraced by a family who understands the beauty and challenges of adoption.

We know that love, not genetics, is what makes a family, and we are hopeful to share this journey with you.

We've been together for 9 years and married for 5 years. We met on a dating app when we were in our early 20s. During our first date, at a Mexican restaurant. Joey actually got locked in the bathroom. It took so long for him to get out that Brooke thought that he'd ditched her! After Joey found his way out, we spent 6 hours just talking and getting to know each other, and as corny as it sounds, we were smitten. **We knew early on that we'd each found our person!**

We moved in together after about a year of dating. Our first shared apartment was a 350 square foot studio in Manhattan - there was literally no door! We always joked that if we could get through that living arrangement successfully, **we could get through anything.**

After a couple of years in this apartment, Brooke converted Joey to a "Jersey boy" and we crossed the river, moving into an apartment in Jersey City, where we lived for 4 years before purchasing our current home in the suburbs.

We were **married in 2018** by the same officiant who married Joey's parents 30 years prior!



MEET BROOKE



I'm a self-described "word-nerd," and can often be found with a book in my hand. I love all genres, but my favorite type of book to read is definitely a good mystery! I love doing jigsaw puzzles (one of the best birthday gifts Joey ever got me was a monthly puzzle subscription!) and also doing escape rooms.

Separately, I find it really cathartic to be active, whether it's by playing tennis with Joey, kickboxing, or taking our pup to the dog park.

For work, I've been in recruitment since graduating from college. My favorite part of my career is the opportunity to build diverse, supportive teams. I also work from home each day and have a flexible schedule - so I'll be able to attend all of our child's appointments, recitals, and activities, making being a mom my #1 priority.

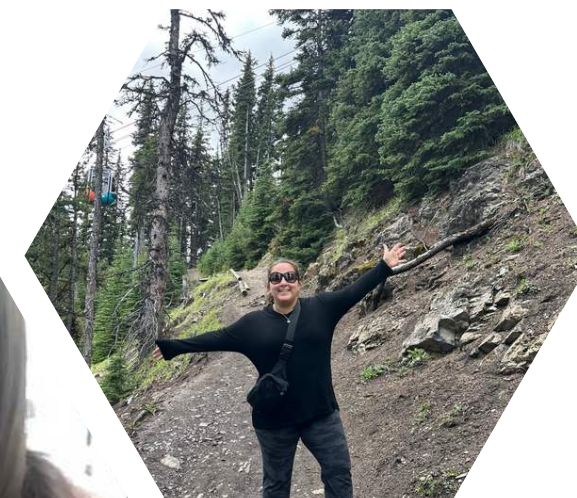
"My wife was built to be a mom"

Brooke has a heart of gold and will do anything for those she loves. Whether it's caring for her mom after she had knee surgery last year, bringing soup to her friends when they're sick, or surprising me with dinner after she knows I've had a long day, Brooke is the ultimate caretaker. She's also fiercely loyal and the most compassionate person I know.

Separately, Brooke is a very creative person: on one of our first dates, she took me to a poetry slam, where she performed one of her own pieces. I was so blown away by her vulnerability and poise.

Marrying Brooke is by far the easiest decision I ever made: when I first met her, I was blown away by how much personality and warmth were packed into her 5-foot frame!

- from Joey



a few favorites

- Karaoke song:** Eye of the Tiger
- Holiday:** New Year's Eve (our anniversary is December 29th!)
- Dessert:** Anything pumpkin-flavored
- Bagel order:** Whole-wheat everything with lox & tomato
- TV show:** Reality competition shows (like Project Runway & Survivor)

MEET JOEY



I'm a die-hard sports fan. Whether it's the Vikings, the Yankees, or the Penguins, I love supporting my teams!

I also love being outdoors, whether that's playing tennis with Brooke, riding my bike, or playing basketball with friends. My dad was the coach of my childhood baseball team, and I'm excited for him to pass the torch so that I can coach our child's future teams or activities - whatever they may be, and whatever our child chooses to explore. I also enjoy watching scary movies and listening to stand-up comedy.

For work, I manage client relations for an advertising company. My favorite part of my job is developing strong relationships, while being able to use my analytical side. I work from home 3 days per week, and am always home in time for us to watch Jeopardy and eat dinner together.

"He's my best friend, and he's everyone's rock."

Joey has a magnetic, charismatic personality, and lights up whatever room he's in. Joey finds a way to make everyone around him comfortable, and quickly develops a rapport with everyone he meets - when we've gotten off flights, Joey's seat-mates have introduced him to their families!

Additionally, Joey has a way with words - his friends have dubbed him the resident speech-giver and all of our friend trips kick off with one of his famous speeches. He collects friends wherever he goes and is universally adored by children.

Joey is also very go-with-the-flow, which definitely complements my tendency to over-plan: he's taught me the beauty of spontaneity, and as cheesy as it sounds, I smile every time he walks into the room.

- from Brooke



Karaoke song: Bohemian Rhapsody
Holiday: July 4th
Dessert: Chocolate lava cake
Bagel order: Pumpernickel with strawberry cream cheese
TV show: Sitcoms (like Big Bang Theory)

a few favorites

Family Fun...

We have a **big, adoring family**: Your child would grow up with 4 grandparents, 1 great-grandma, 5 aunts and uncles, and 5 cousins nearby!

Adoption is not new to our family, as both sides of our extended family were built through adoption! Joey's cousin was adopted, and so was Brooke's sister-in-law. Each of our family members is so supportive of and excited for us to become first-time parents through adoption. Our family understands the beauty and challenges of adoption.

Not only is our family forward-thinking and non-judgmental, but **we are also a very diverse group**. We all enjoy learning about each other's cultures and backgrounds, whether it's Brooke's dad, who is Armenian, preparing dolma for everyone, or Joey's grandma, who is Jewish, serving up potato lakes.

Our families are very close to each other, and we all spend birthdays and holidays as one group. Our parents have become very good friends over the years! They like getting together when we're out of town to give Shiloh some collective love. Shiloh's pretty awesome, but they can't wait to shower their first human grandchild with all of the love.

We are a fun-loving, joyful group, and we love to be goofy and silly! We enjoy taking "personality pic selfies," which typically take us a few tries, as we keep cracking up between takes - but we get there eventually! Your child would grow up in a family who not only supports each other through the tough times but who also doesn't take themselves too seriously.



"Family should be the place where you can be your most complete self."
- Oprah



... & Chosen Family

Our friends are a big part of our lives. We each have close friends from childhood, college, and work, and feel blessed that our circles get along so well and have blended so seamlessly. Whether it's grabbing bagels on a Saturday morning, going to a Broadway show, or getting all dolled up for a mutual friend's wedding, we have fun no matter what we do together. Many of our friends live nearby and have young children, so your child will have a built-in network of additional folks ready to give them love and be their biggest cheerleaders.



Kind words from our friends

"Brooke and Joey possess all the qualities that will make them wonderful, loving parents. The life that they have created together is the perfect setting for a child to grow up in." - Rachel

"As incredible as they are individually, Joey & Brooke manage to make each other better. They share the same values and outlook on life, express an amazing amount of love and respect for each other, and always put each other before themselves." - Matt

"Any child would be blessed to be raised by Brooke & Joey. They are both so ready, in all senses, to become parents, and will tackle and challenges with empathy, respect, and emotional intelligence towards everyone involved." - Jessica





HOME SWEET HOME

We live in the New Jersey suburbs in a town with a great school system. Our neighborhood is quiet, safe, diverse, and welcoming! Our house has 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, and plenty of space for family. We have a large, fully fenced-in backyard, making it an awesome place for outdoor fun and games. Additionally, your child would have a spacious, peaceful nursery, with lots of natural light overlooking our backyard.

We live 2 blocks away from a public park, which has a playground, walking trails, and baseball fields. It also has tennis courts where we spend a lot of time, as we both played varsity tennis in high school!

Fun fact: the creator of "The Addams Family" is from the town we live in, so in his honor, the town hosts many family-friendly activities each fall! One of our favorites is Addamsfest, a day-long event where the streets are closed to car traffic, and there are food trucks, a pumpkin carving station, and a costume contest. We're so excited to include your child in these festivities.

We also live a short 45-minute drive away from NYC, so your child would live in the peacefulness of the suburbs but have easy access to one of the world's most vibrant cities. Whether it's visiting the massive Christmas tree and its lights each winter, attending free concerts in Central Park each summer, or going to Broadway shows, we can't wait to include your child in the things we most love doing in the city.

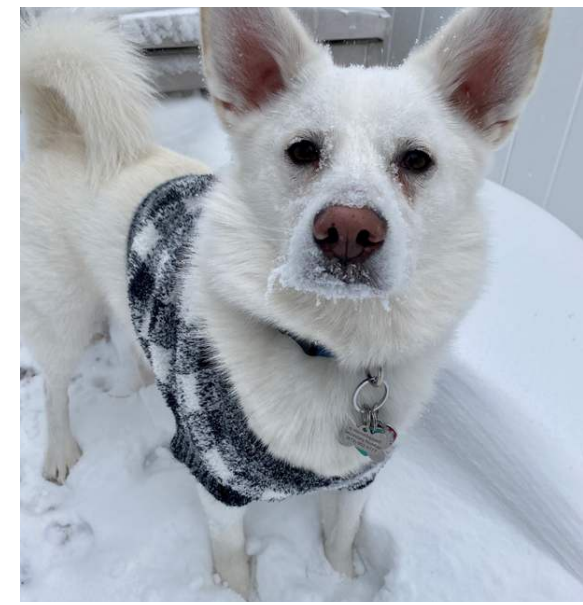
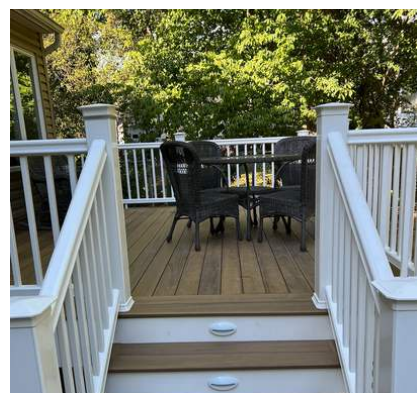


We absolutely love dogs. Our 5 year old pup, Shiloh, is a big part of our lives. We knew that we wanted to get a dog together right after we got married, but Joey wanted a Siberian Husky, and Brooke wanted a Pomeranian. Our first big compromise as a married couple was to get a Pomsky - a mix of the two!

For the first few hours after we brought Shiloh home, he was very quiet and shy. However, when we were settling in to go to sleep that evening, he jumped onto our bed and curled up between us. He hasn't left our side since!

Our neighbors joke that he's the most popular guy in town, as they all get excited when they see him on walks and insist on giving him head scratches and tennis balls.

Shiloh is gentle and loving, and he's never met a person or dog who he doesn't love. He is fantastic with children - he can't wait to be a big brother!



OUR TRADITIONS

things we look forward to

WE LOVE TO TRAVEL

& create new experiences

In addition to celebrating the below, **we are just as excited to create new traditions with your child** - and to honor any traditions that you'd like passed on.

- Each year, we take a photo in front of the **Christmas tree at New York City's Rockefeller Center**. We love NYC around the holidays - so festive!
- We always celebrate **Joey's birthday** at one of our favorite seafood restaurants in our old Jersey City neighborhood. The first time we went there, we just happened upon it while we were exploring shortly after moving in. Finding this little oasis in the middle of a big city was such a cool surprise! It's beach-themed, complete with sand and umbrellas.
- We love going to **pumpkin patches** each fall. There are even some dog-friendly ones in New Jersey, so Shiloh can experience the fun, too! Last year, Joey made it his mission to master the "pumpkin toss." Once he succeeded, we celebrated by splitting a slice of fresh pumpkin pie!
- Brooke's family has a **cozy lakehouse**, where we love gathering together as a family. Whether it's tubing with our cousins (Brooke maintains bragging rights from last summer for being the only one to not fall off), riding the ferris wheel at the county fair, or roasting s'mores, it's definitely become one of our "happy places." We look forward to creating many more memories there with our child - like the one Brooke looks so fondly on from her childhood.

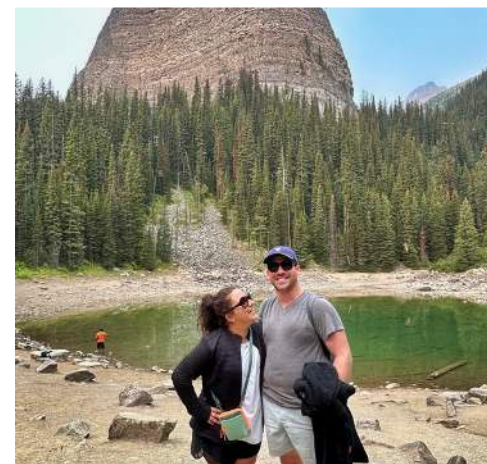


We absolutely love to travel, and it's one of our favorite ways to learn about other cultures! Whether we're hiking 10 miles per day, going to museums, or relaxing on the beach, we love the time that we spend together exploring. Granted, we also love cuddling up on the couch, microwaving popcorn, and watching a movie, but we feel that it's important to immerse ourselves in new communities.

Some of our most memorable experiences include:

- Most unique food tried: fermented shark in Iceland
- Most adrenaline-pumping activity: bridge-climbing in New Zealand, where we went for our honeymoon
- Most educational trip: cruise to Estonia, Russia, and Denmark - we love Nordic history
- Most beautiful views: Banff National Park in Canada

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Before you go

We can't thank you enough for considering us as adoptive parents for your child. We know that adoption is a lifetime journey for everyone involved, and we're hopeful to begin this journey with you.

We have the utmost respect for you, and your child will always know of the love that you have for them. We look forward to learning more about you and we wish you serenity and peace as you look to make the decision that's best for you and your family.



If you select us to raise your child, we promise to:

- ♥ Provide a home filled with safety, security, love, openness & laughter
- ♥ Encourage your child to explore what makes them happy
- ♥ Ensure that your child is exposed to diverse cultures & perspectives
- ♥ Provide your child with the resources and tools that they need to be successful in whatever they choose
- ♥ Model a healthy, supportive marriage & relationship, and always act with respect - even when we disagree
- ♥ Make all decisions with your child's best interest in mind
- ♥ Instill in your child the values of compassion, kindness & generosity
- ♥ Provide your child with the resources and tools that they need to be successful in whatever they choose

*Our hearts are with you,
Brooke & Joey*

THANK YOU

