

# OLIVIA & BRIAN





# hey mama

WE'RE **SO EXCITED** TO MEET YOU

Thank you for spending some time getting to know us. It is humbling to be considered as adoptive parents for your child. We commend you for the courage you possess in pursuing this action, and know it comes from your love and desire to give your child the happiest life possible. Please know that this is our goal as well. If chosen, we will provide a safe and loving space for your child and strive to help him or her fulfill all their aspirations. We hope to share with you as your child experiences their dreams. We wish you strength as you go through this process and hope you find peace as you search for the perfect family for your baby.

**Olivia & Brian**

# our story

FATE WAS SUPER SERIOUS ABOUT  
GETTING US TOGETHER

We officially met at a meeting for a project that our company volunteered each of us for, but that wasn't how we started dating. First, we matched on an online dating site, though neither of us took the initiative to communicate. Down the line, some coworkers tried to set us up, but again that didn't go anywhere as Brian thought it might be weird to date a coworker. The final straw was years later when Olivia's father ran into his old friend who happened to be Brian's uncle. Through chatting, they connected the dots that we worked for the same company and were both single and a light bulb went off. These men played match-maker and insisted that we connect. Olivia emailed Brian letting him know about the connection and after some emails back and forth, he asked her out to dinner, where fried pickles and a pizza were shared, and we marveled over how much we had in common. That was six years ago, and we have been on an amazing journey together ever since.



# why we're adopting!

Having biological children was something that we knew would be a challenge for us from early on. While we did pursue fertility treatments for a time, we always had adoption in our hearts. The obstacles we faced together in this process made us stronger as people and as a couple. We've also learned that when one door closes, another opens, and trust that this journey will provide new relationships and rewards. Brian's aunt and uncle had faced similar challenges starting a family, before adopting their daughters from China. Getting to regularly spend time with them, we were quick to see that **love is more than DNA**. We look forward to learning how our paths have brought us together.



**WE'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE PARENTS!**

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# Olivia



## THE BASICS

- I grew up outside of Boston, Massachusetts, an **only-child** to a letter-carrier father and office-manager mother
- Our family motto: **Work Hard & Be Kind** is one I continue to live by to this day
- I love being **creative**- learning calligraphy a few years ago, I do all the invitations for my friend's and families' special events
- I have always been a huge **lover of animals**

## FAVORITES

Season: Fall

Movie: Good Will Hunting

Food: Mac & Cheese

Book: Cutting for Stone

Hobby: Bird-watching

## WHAT I DO

I work in planning & procurement for a golf company that is just a short car ride away. I currently work from home three days a week and go into the office two days a week, but my schedule is very **flexible** and I am able to adjust for anything that may come up- be it appointments, school events or any key life moment!



## MORE ABOUT OLIVIA *(in Brian's words)*



Olivia is the most selfless and caring person I've ever met. She is truly passionate about helping those around her (animals and people!). As an only child, she is very close with her parents. Their relationship was built through constant love from an early stage- a trait she will pass on in our family.

I am so impressed with her intelligence and professional achievements. She continues flourish as a demand planner in the footwear (and now, golf!) industry. Her talent as a "planner" carries into our everyday lives whether it be a vacation, weekend adventure, or upcoming social event Olivia's preparation always makes it a success. This is one of many valuable traits that when shared as a mother will help any child on the path to success and happiness.



Olivia brings great balance to our lives. Knowing the importance of taking time to relax, she loves reading, beautifying our home with her design vision, or reaching out to a friend with a personalized note using calligraphy which is amazing! She finds the most joy in caring for the nature around us, constantly supporting our wonderful wildlife from rabbits to birds, She maintains bird feeders, baths, and homes around our yard that attract an amazing array of feathered friends.



Most importantly, Olivia provides an abundance of love. She is an amazing wife, my best friend, and will be an incredible mother. I trust her with everything, knowing she will always do what's best for me and our family. In short I love every minute I get to spend with her, and can't wait to see her share her amazing gifts as a person with a child!



MY WIFE IS SELFLESS, INTELLIGENT & STRONG

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# brian



## T H E B A S I C S

- I was born in Boston, the **oldest of 4**, and raised with a strong Christian **faith** which has guided me in life
- I was a D1 college athlete and continue to stay **active**- I've completed 4 marathons!
- I'm always on the move and love spending time **outdoors**
- I am active in the **addiction recovery community**; proud to have bettered myself through recovery and supportive of others on their journey

## F A V O R I T E S

Snack: Pickles (& pickle juice!)

Dream vacation: Alaskan cruise

Saint: St. Sebastian (courage)

TV Show: The Office

Place to take a child: Zoo

## W H A T I D O

I manage the purchasing department at a fire protection company, currently splitting time between the office and home. As the oldest of 4 children I gained lots of experience caring for little ones as an adolescent and young adult (my brother is 11 years younger). Being raised by a full-time Mom, I place value on a child having a parent always there. I plan to reduce my work hours and take on the role of **caretaker** for our future child. I believe love and attention are key elements to building a safe, caring environment that allows a child to grow & thrive.





## MORE ABOUT BRIAN

*(in Olivia's words)*

Brian is extremely dedicated. He grew up in a family of runners and went on to compete in cross country & track in college. He tries to squeeze in a run most mornings before work to start his day off strong, which usually means he is up and out before the sun has risen. Not wanting to leave Theo out, he brings him in the running stroller so Theo is able to enjoy the wind in his face.



Brian has been sober for over 4 years now, and through his own recovery, he has found a new passion in helping others to get healthy and find happiness in their lives. I am so impressed by his drive and commitment to this journey. It reminds me that life's journey isn't always smooth, but sometimes the bumps along the way make us stronger.



Brian always feels most accomplished with tasks that take effort and time to yield rewards. Creating and tending a robust vegetable garden each spring/summer is a chore he relishes. From simple tomatoes and cucumbers, to banana peppers, basil and even eggplant, his garden continues to grow each year. His passion for helping things grow is contagious.



MY HUSBAND IS HARD-WORKING, DEDICATED & CARING

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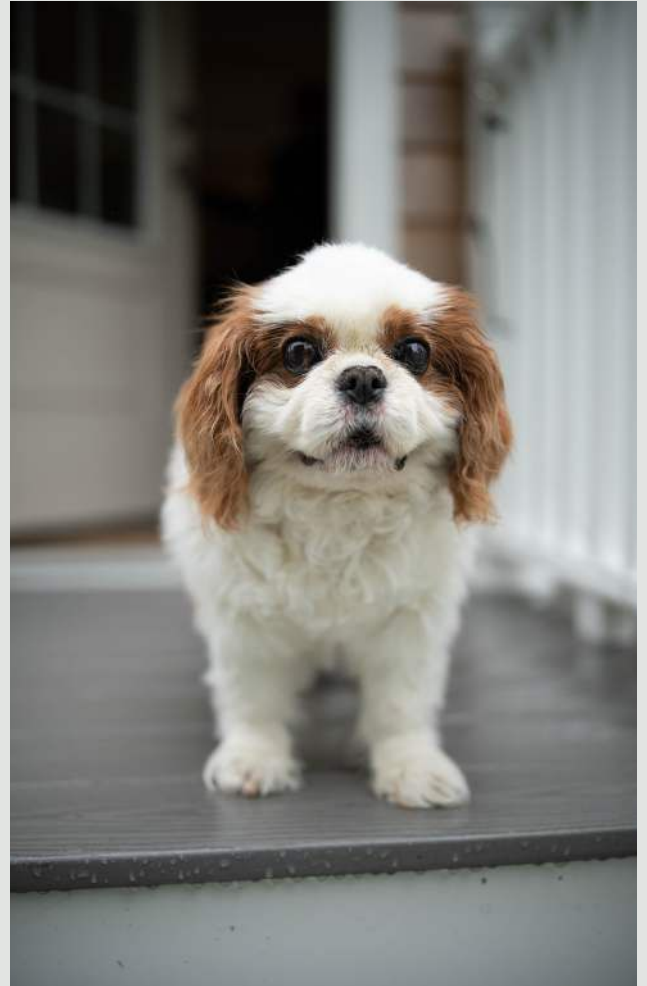
# theo

## THEO IS OUR 12 YEAR OLD CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL

Theo is the **neighborhood mascot**, and loves to sit on the front porch to greet folks walking by. He loves people (more than he is a fan of other dogs) and has always been a **favorite of kids** with his **sweet and patient temperament**. Recently, our neighbors 18-month old daughter has become obsessed with Theo! Perhaps it's their similar size, but they love sitting together outside in the yard.

Theo is unique in that he was **born deaf**, but has adapted to his surroundings by using his big beautiful eyes to navigate this world and show his love for us. This small limitation doesn't hold him back as he loves doing everything with us- even joining on the recent RV trip to Niagara Falls!

A favorite outside activity is going on runs with Brian utilizing his new **jogging stroller**. Theo brings so much love, happiness, and fun to our lives, and will do the same for the child we welcome to our family.





# OUR FAMILY

**Our family is close by.** Olivia's parents are 20 minutes away, and Brian's family is less than an hour. We love getting together as a family often, celebrating birthdays, holidays or cheering on one of Brian's cousins in a sporting event. It's been a family **tradition** to celebrate the Kentucky Derby together, all betting on which horse will win and wearing silly hats to cheer them on.

We spend lots of time with Brian's family **by the pool** at his sister's house. Theo wasn't a big fan of the pool at first, but has learned to enjoy it. The last time we were there, Theo got so comfortable in Brian's arms in the pool, that he fell asleep! Brian stayed in the pool longer than he would have wanted (turning into a prune) because he didn't want to disturb Theo's slumber.

**Our family has been blessed by adoption.** Brian grew up with two cousins who were adopted from China. While Amy and Julie didn't have the opportunity to know their birth parents, as they matured they were encouraged to explore their Chinese heritage to share with the extended family. At our annual Yankee swap it has become well known not to gift clocks, as they symbolize "time running out". Adoption brought not only two wonderful cousins to share experiences with, but also introduced new traditions that wouldn't otherwise be part of our family.





# our hobbies!

**TRAVELING** - we love to visit northern New England during early fall to see all the beautiful foliage and eat apple cider donuts

**COOKING** - our favorite dish is pesto pasta with fresh basil & tomatoes from our garden

**READING** - we have a big family of readers, and we all compete in an annual reading challenge for most books read

**EXPLORING OUR NEW TOWN** - beach, bike paths, farms, duck ponds, restaurants; we are still checking things off our list!

**KAYAKING** - we love getting in weekend exercise while enjoying the beauty our coastal town offers

**BINGE-WATCHING SHOWS** - we cycle between 6 different streaming services. Our most recent favorite was Ted Lasso

WE WOULD DESCRIBE OURSELVES AS  
**ACTIVE HOMEBODIES**

# this is our home

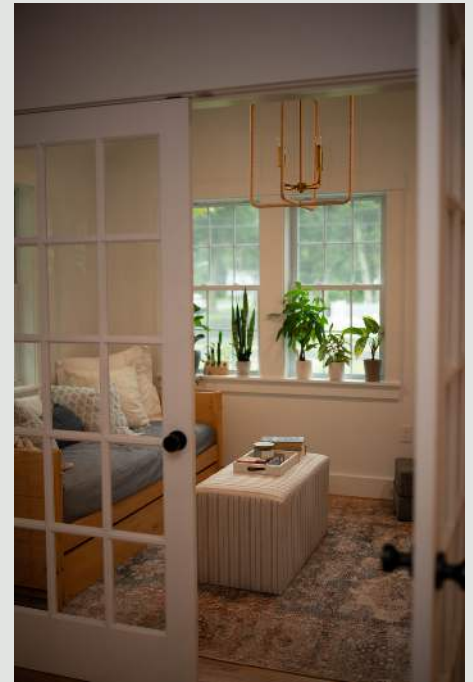
We live in a 3 bedroom 2.5 bath **home** in Rhode Island...



We moved from Massachusetts to Rhode Island last year to be closer to both of our jobs & Olivia's parents.

Our home has a front porch with Adirondack chairs, a good-sized yard for running and playing, a garden where Brian is proudly growing his own bounty of vegetables, and a deck where we grill out and eat meals in the warmer months.

Inside we have a couple of cozy spots to cuddle up together and unwind, including this sunroom which will become the playroom!



# our neighborhood & community

We live at the entrance to a wonderful neighborhood full of other families who have **young children** (including two families who have built their family through **adoption!**).

The neighbors have been so welcoming from the moment we moved in, inviting us to the annual **block party** where we got to meet everyone.

It was at the block party that we learned we are in a **designated Halloween neighborhood**. Kids come from all around to trick-or-treat, and we barely had enough candy to give out last year- something we will not let happen again!

We chose this town because it is a **top-rated school system** in the state. The elementary school is just one block away and the bus stop for the middle and high schools is right in front of our house.

While we most enjoy our homes' **proximity to the beach** and local farms, we are also only 15 minutes from Providence and one hour from Boston.







A LETTER

# we promise

FROM US

To **love** your child unconditionally

To **give** your child every opportunity for a great education

To **support** their aspirations & talents

To **teach** values of love, honesty & hard work

To **honor** their heritage, culture & all the beautiful pieces that created who they are

To **share** their experiences with you

WE WILL ALWAYS WELCOME YOU  
INTO OUR LIVES AND OUR FAMILY



# thank you!

We thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about our family. We can't imagine how much strength this decision takes and are extremely grateful for you considering us. If chosen, we would look forward to maintaining contact with you by sharing photos and updates, based on your comfort level.

**WE APPRECIATE YOU TAKING THE TIME TO LOOK AT OUR PROFILE!**

We would ensure that your selflessness will be shared with your child and they would know how much love you have for them. Our prayers, love and thoughts, will be with you and your baby regardless of which path you choose in this journey.

WITH LOVE  
**olivia & brian**