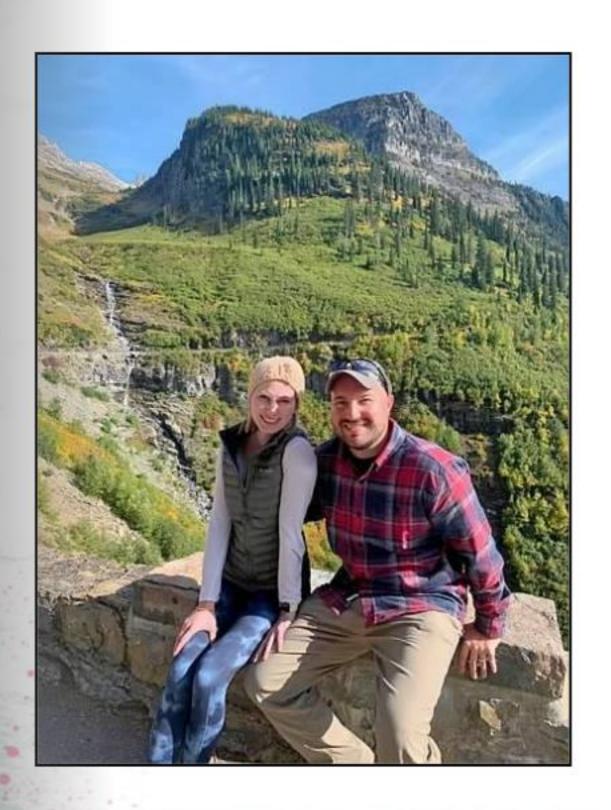


Sara & Josh



## Hi!

Hello, we are Sara and Josh. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. Our hearts are filled with admiration for the selfless choices you are making. We hope this book gives you a sense of who we are and the love we can offer your child.

It is our deepest wish that what you see will inspire feelings of hope and encouragement as you consider us to be the parents for your child.

# About Us

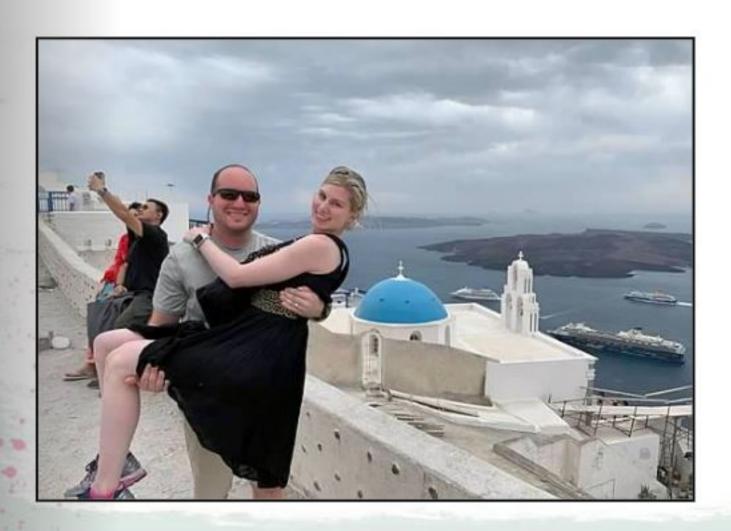


We met in college in 2011 when we were living in the same dorm and both serving as resident assistants.

Josh was kind enough to help Sara with changing lightbulbs, unclogging drains, and killing bugs. We got to know each other, started dating, and the rest is history! We've been married since 2017. We have a very supportive relationship. Through honest communication and constant support, we continue to make each other better every day.

We love traveling and experiencing different cultures. We've been on several vacations to other countries with family and friends. One of our favorite places that we have traveled in the United States is Glacier National Park for both the beauty and wildlife sightings. We also love going on cruises. We would love to share these adventures with your child in the future.





We have good careers in healthcare and finance, and we have worked hard to build a stable and comfortable life for ourselves. When we aren't traveling, we like to spend time with family and friends at a cookout or just talking and relaxing in the backyard. We also like to go walking at the community park or take a group exercise class at the YMCA where there are activities for children like swimming. sports and summer camps. We also enjoy lazy days when we can relax on our back patio with our dog, cook at home, or snuggle on the couch and watch a movie.

### About Sara

The first thing that comes to mind when I think about Sara is how caring and loving she is every day. Sara is someone who will go above and beyond for the people she loves, such as when she helped plan her dad's surprise 60th birthday party. Her love is on display not only at home but also at work when she takes care of her patients as a physical therapist.





Sara will be an amazing mother. Her patience, compassion, and empathy are just a few of her amazing qualities. Sara brings out the best in people. She makes me a better person every day, and she will help raise a child that will make a positive difference in the world.





When we first got married. Sara barely knew how to boil water. Now she is a fantastic cook. I remember shortly after we got married, she would go to her grandmother's house for cooking lessons. She was willing to put in the work, practice, and get better. Sara's work ethic and drive are second to none and that is something I admire.

#### Sara loves:

- Going to the park and walking the dog
- Wearing pink and going to the gym
- Pizza and Cheeze-Its
- Researching trips and adventures
- Clothes shopping
- Family dinners with her parents and grandparents

### About Josh









My first thought when I met Josh was, "He's so nice." He has a way of making everyone he meets feel welcomed and at ease. I don't know someone with a bigger heart.

I often think Josh was meant to be a dad. When he is surrounded by his nephews and cousins, his playful and silly side comes out. He loves creating games and playing outdoors. He recently came up with a game involving a ball and a bucket. The kids were amazed at how little was needed to have fun! Kids of all ages love and adore him.

Josh is one of the most giving and hardworking individuals I have ever known. I appreciate his work ethic and find it admirable how he wants to give back to our community. He enjoys purchasing and donating items for the food pantry every month. He believes in "paying it forward" in return for the blessings and opportunities he has been given.

Josh is also great at celebrating life. He makes people feel special and gives them the individual time they deserve. He plans vacations, family visits and gatherings to make sure everyone has a great time, and he really puts their happiness first.

Josh loves:

- Camping and hiking
- Volunteering and giving back to the community
- Daytrips and traveling
- Spending time with friends
- Country music concerts
- Coffee





# Our Home

We live in a small town outside of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. We enjoy the fact that we are close enough to the city to enjoy delicious restaurants, live music, and community events. At the end of the day, we enjoy the ability to leave the city and return home to our quiet neighborhood.

Our back patio

We bought our home one year ago with dreams that it would give us room to grow and provide a great place to raise a family.

One of the things we enjoy about our home is the ample outdoor space and yard.

We enjoy having cookouts in the backyard with family and friends. Our yard is perfect for kicking a soccer ball or throwing a frisbee. We also live beside a common area that is a nice addition for throwing a ball further distances or running around.



Our backyard





Home at sunset

#### Splash pad





Fun slides at the pool

# Our Community

We are in a great school district. We are only three minutes from a huge 1,100-acre community park that has a pool, splash pad, playgrounds, and paddle boats. We are excited to spend a lot of time at the park with your child.

There are also many attractions and museums for children to explore. Some of the popular ones include Kaleideum Children's Museum, Nido Qubein Children's Museum, Greensboro Science Center, and historic Old Salem.

In addition, there are many local activities such as bowling, roller and ice skating, mini golf, and trampoline parks. We look forward to sharing these experiences with your child.



Quick day trip away



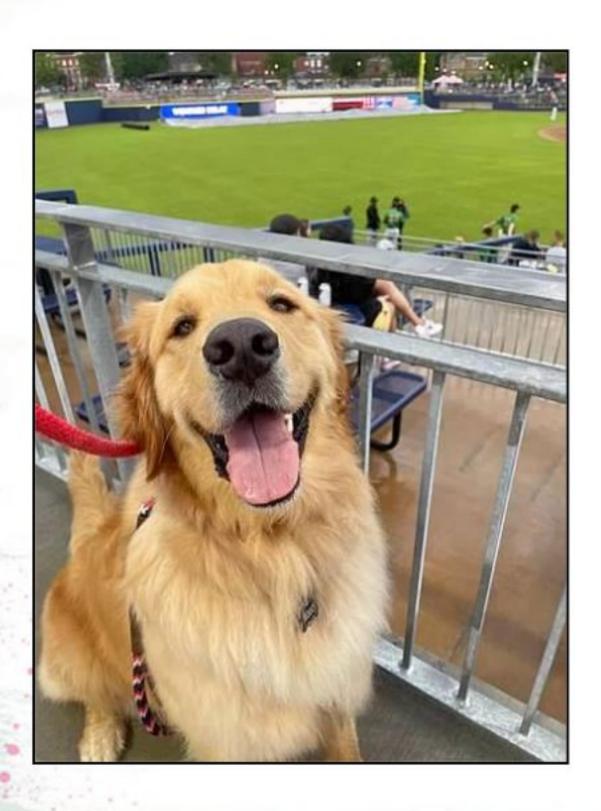
Children's museum



Local fair



Our Minor League Baseball team



## Meet Woody

Our golden retriever Woody is a goofy four-year-old who loves playing tug, going for car rides, and sneaking treats from family members. He joined our family when he was seven months old and we have been inseparable ever since.

While he hasn't had a lot of exposure to little humans. he has had some and did great! He is very inquisitive and is a very loyal lookout. He's ready to be a big furbrother and to share lots of kisses.









## Family

We are very fortunate to have a strong support system in both of our families. Sara is an only child and grew up near Winston-Salem. We live across the street from Sara's parents and less than 10 minutes from her grandparents. Her parents are very excited and hopeful for their first grandchild. Josh was born and raised near Albany. New York and is the oldest of three kids. Most of his family are in upstate New York, but they are anxious to come down to visit and babysit. We make regular trips up to visit his family each year.



Sara's parents



Josh's sister



Sara's aunt & uncle



Josh's dad & sister

Josh's cousins



Sara's godparents & parents

#### Walk to end Alzheimer's





### Guy's golf trip

### Friends

We are also blessed with a great group of friends who are like extended family to us. Josh's best friend of over 20 years moved from New York to North Carolina and we see him often. Sara's best friend since 3rd grade recently purchased a home in the same neighborhood as us and we get to enjoy each other's company weekly.

When we get to spend time with our friends, we enjoy anything from a quick exercise class at the YMCA, a casual dinner together, or listening to music outside while we catch up on life. Sara's best friend has mentioned how she hopes to be a godmother.

#### Josh's friends





Sara's best friend



5K mud run with friends



Breast cancer awareness party with neighbors

### Travel

We love to travel with friends and family, and we would love to share our travel experiences with your child. Traveling allows us to meet others, learn about other cultures, and reminds us to appreciate life.

We have traveled domestically and internationally. Some of our favorite places include the National Parks. Italy, Croatia, and Disney World! Our first trip together was by cruise ship, and it continues to be our favorite way to see the world. We promise to share our passion for travel with your child.



Family cruise to Croatia

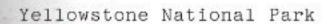


Amalfi Coast











Asheville, NC



Santorini, Greece

## Thank you

Thank you again for getting to know us a little better. We hope that we gave you a peek into the amazing life we can provide for your child. We promise to cherish this child every day and to provide a life filled with love. family, and fun adventures.



We will love your child unconditionally.

We promise to give your child an incredible upbringing that will hopefully lead them to become a confident and kind person.

We will devote ourselves to showering your child with affection and providing them opportunities through education.

We will teach them to find joy and encourage them to seek happiness.

We will be patient, compassionate, and cheer them on as they discover their passions and talents.

They will know that you are the first page of their amazing story.

We promise to do all we can to help your child grow in every way.

Josh & Sara