

JOSH & TRISH

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♥ adoption in our life

Adoption is a meaningful part of our lives. Josh is adopted, as is his sister, Sarah, and Trish's siblings, Ronnie and Jenna. Our best friends also adopted their daughter, who is a big part of our lives. Because of this, we are surrounded by people who truly understand adoption and openly share their experiences. Josh's parents even founded a support group, Parents of Internationally Adopted Children (PIAC), offering guidance and connection to families like ours.

We have strong, loving connections with our siblings and each other's siblings. Their adoption stories have given us unique insight into what it means to be adopted, how to approach conversations with openness, and how to navigate adoption-related experiences throughout life. Both our parents and siblings have shared their excitement, happiness, and support for us as we begin this journey, which makes us feel deeply encouraged and loved.

We are blessed to have family and friends who will surround our future child with understanding, belonging, and unconditional love.

♥ our home & neighborhood

We live in a small, welcoming Pennsylvania community where kids play, neighbors chat, and families feel at home. Our local schools are strong in academics, arts, sports, and student well-being, and we love being near playgrounds, basketball courts, and family—my sister is a short walk away, with other relatives nearby. Fall walks among vibrant leaves are a favorite tradition.

Our greatest shared joy is Woodstock, our gentle seven-year-old pup. Caring for him has taught us patience, attentiveness, and the heart of parenting. He's happiest on hikes, camping trips, and neighborhood walks, but just as content cuddling close. Always loving and wonderful with children, Woodstock fills our lives with laughter and comfort—and we know he'll be the best "big brother" to a little one.

♥ our favorite adventures

Adventure is one of our favorite parts of life together. We love road trips, hiking, camping under the stars, and staying in cozy cabins or even on working farms with animals. One of our dreams is to visit all 63 National Parks—we've already made it to 14! Some highlights include hiking Logan's Pass in Glacier National Park, seeing the Grand Prismatic in Yellowstone National Park, eating donuts on Pike's Peak, lobster rolls in Maine, and a jeep ride through the Rockies.

Our favorite trip so far has been to Key West. We flew into Fort Lauderdale, drove through the Keys, fed tarpon at Robbie's, visited the Turtle Hospital, and stopped at the Dolphin Research Center. Sunshine, music, and laughter made it unforgettable—simply enjoying life together.



OUR PHOTOS



more about Trish

OCCUPATION: Special Education teacher

EDUCATION: Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and Elementary Education; Masters in Education

RACE: White

RELIGION: Catholic

SPORT: Baseball (Go Phils!)

FOOD: Grilled cheese and tomato soup

HOBBY: Hiking with Woodstock and Josh

FAMILY TRADITION: Santa on the fire truck on Christmas Eve

MUSICAL GROUP: Third Eye Blind and Andrew McMahon

MOVIE: *Big Daddy* and *Mulan*

DREAM VACATION: Ireland

HOLIDAY: Halloween

TV SHOW: *Parks and Rec*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: English

BOOK: *Noisy Nora* (Children's book)



more about Josh

OCCUPATION: Senior Security Technician

EDUCATION: Bachelor's Degree

RACE: Asian

RELIGION: Catholic

SPORT: Baseball (Go Phils!)

FOOD: Cheesesteaks with fried onions

HOBBY: Camping with Trish and Woodstock

FAMILY TRADITION: Christmas day family games/trivia

MUSICAL GROUP: Andrew McMahon and Noah Kahan

MOVIE: *Stand By Me*

DREAM VACATION: Japan

HOLIDAY: Halloween

TV SHOW: *West Wing*

SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: History

BOOK: *Into the Wild*



OUR FAMILY & friends



We are so blessed to come from families filled with love, laughter, and constant support. Both sides are very close—we share holidays, Sunday dinners, and lean on each other through life's ups and downs. Trish's parents, Ron and Margie ("Nanny" and "Poppy"), adore their four grandchildren and our pup, Woodstock. Josh's parents, Robert and Terry ("Pop-pop" and "G-mom"), love being grandparents to three. Together, our families have blended into one big, joyful circle, and they can't wait to welcome another little one.

Our siblings mean the world to us. Trish's siblings, Ronnie and Jenna, and Josh's sister, Sarah, are kind, dependable, and always by our side. All three were adopted, which makes their support on our adoption journey especially meaningful. Being "aunt" and "uncle" brings us so much joy—we treasure watching soccer games, dance recitals, and band performances, and celebrating each milestone together.

Family traditions are the heart of our lives—from Christmas trivia and pick-up soccer with Josh's family to St. Patrick's Day parties and big Christmas gatherings with Trish's. Surrounded by extended family and friends who feel like family, we are reminded daily that love and loyalty are what truly make a family.



OUR LETTER

to you

Dear Birthmom,

We want to begin by saying how deeply honored we feel that you are considering us as adoptive parents for your precious baby. We cannot fully imagine the weight of the decision you are facing, and we want you to know that we see your strength, your love, and your courage in even exploring this path.

As we begin this journey, our hearts are filled with excitement, hope, and readiness. After walking through years of infertility and loss, we are more hopeful than ever about the future and grateful beyond words for the chance to grow our family through adoption. We know this process is built on immense trust, and we do not take that lightly.

Please know that we will never forget the role you play in this story. Your baby will always know that their story began with your love and sacrifice. We feel so blessed to even be considered and want you to know that, should you choose us, we would devote ourselves fully to providing a life filled with love, laughter, safety, and opportunity.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for thinking of us during such an important and difficult time. We are truly grateful, honored, and humbled.

With love and gratitude,

♥ *Trish & Josh*



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