



BRENDAN & JASON

DEAR BIRTH PARENT,

We are thrilled to think that at this very moment, you have chosen to review our profile book. Writing to the potential mother who might grant us the privilege of raising and loving her child, is both humbling and frightening. This is and will always be the single most important letter we will ever write we and can only hope that through mere words, our gratitude to you is evident. We cannot imagine that any words could truly express just how grateful we are.

Throughout this book, we hope to provide you with a story of our lives, the love we share and the love around us that your child would be embraced into. We are Brendan and Jay. We have been together for a little over eleven years but have known each other for over twenty. As the years went by, a friendship grew. Then one day, Jay asked Brendan out on a date - we have been inseparable ever since.

They say opposites attract and for us, it couldn't be more accurate. Jay is more outgoing and driven whereas Brendan is more reserved and lighthearted. We balance each other perfectly. Despite some of our differences, what we do share is our desire to grow our family. So much so that it was a topic of conversation on our very first date. We were quick to realize that we would be together forever and slowly began putting together the puzzle pieces of our lives.

We are thrilled and eagerly wait for the final piece to complete it - your child. Your child will know unconditional love and never doubt how precious their presence in our lives is to us. So, thank you... truly. Thank you for taking the time to get to know a little bit more about us.



Jay admiring animal prints on cruise ship



Morning Yoga on a beach in California



Jay being silly in Hawaii



About JASON

Written by Brendan

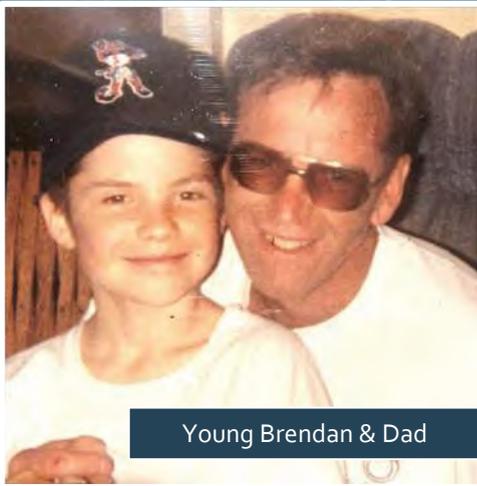
What can I say about my love, Jason. First off, everyone calls him Jay. He is about as real as it gets and it's nearly impossible for him to fake anything. With Jason, what you see is what you get. It's absolutely refreshing and one of the many qualities that drew me in. He's funny and without trying, he is generally the center of attention at events and social gatherings. He is extremely loyal to those he loves and protective by nature.

Jay has a thirst for knowledge. If he doesn't know something but has even the slightest interest, give him an hour or two and he'll be an expert in it. His drive to succeed started at a young age securing him an education at one of New York's more prestigious High Schools – LaGuardia for Music and Arts. As an artist, he graduated from FIT and now works as a Senior Design and Construction Project Manager.

To know Jay, is to know his love for nature – this is something we share. In his spare time, he tends to the many gardens on our property, goes hiking (anything outdoors really), paints, cuddles with our dog and two cats, or is spending time with family and friends. Above all, in good times and bad, he is present. He is my rock and my other half – we like to refer to each other as our matching puzzle piece. As a father he will be everything to your child mentioned above, and more. He will be your child's rock – outshining all others. He will be dedicated and loving and fiercely loyal to your child's wellbeing.



Jay enjoying family time in Brendan's Mom's backyard



Young Brendan & Dad



Brendan pumpkin picking



Brendan being silly at family wedding

About

BRENDAN

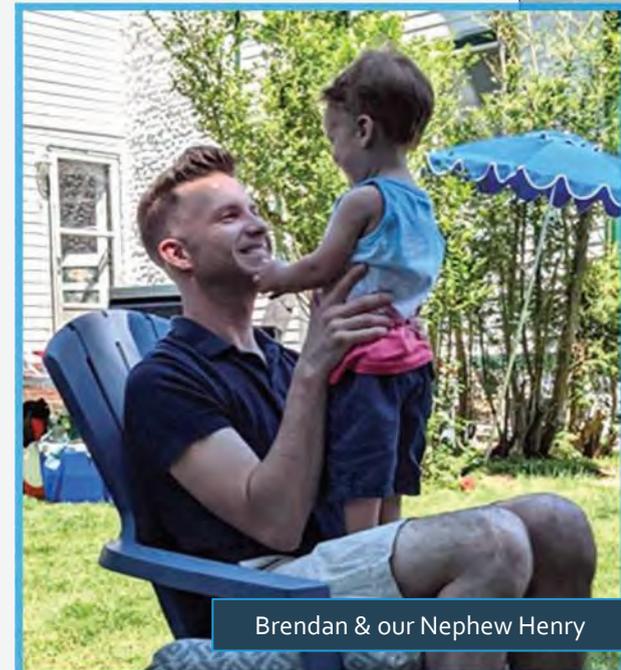
Written by Jason

Brendan is gentle by nature. He is a kind and caring person, someone who can always find the best in people. To know Brendan is to know his family. The youngest of 4 children and one of 45 first cousins, his childhood was filled with family and adventure.

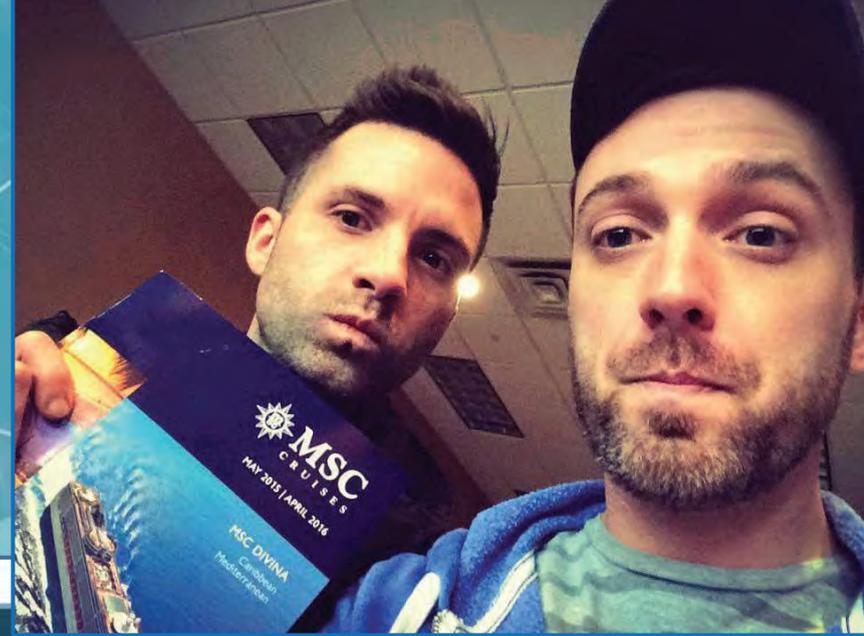
On the surface like the ocean itself, there is a peacefulness to his nature. There is a calmness and stillness in the way he approaches things. He balances me and those around him.

Brendan and I share a love for nature and the outdoors in general. Like myself, he is also an animal enthusiast – if he could own a farm filled with all the animals he wanted, we’d own our very own zoo. He is the type to stop to help an injured animal on the side of the road or assist a friend with their animal care – his first job was an animal specialist at a pet store, and he also went to a specialized animal care program in high school. Brendan also enjoys a good book, writing, singing and any chance he can to dance, he takes. He can come across shy at times but once you get to know him and he opens up, he can be a bright light in a darkened room.

As a father, Brendan will be your child's go to person. He will be the father who knows just what to say to make your child feel better – I’ve seen it with his nieces and nephews. His caring nature screams “I am meant to parent and do it well”. He will love your child with every fiber of his being, and I can't wait to witness the bond that I know your child and my loving husband will share.



Brendan & our Nephew Henry



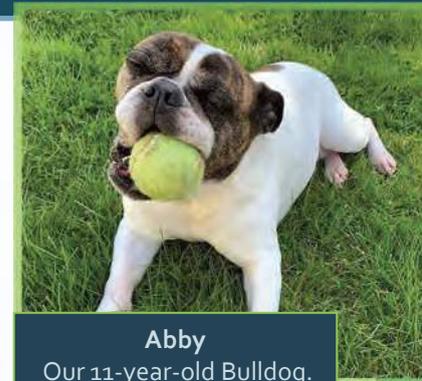
THE STORY OF US...



We met through mutual friends. Jay brought out the silly in Brendan, while Brendan's kind nature brought a sense of peace and calm to Jason. Our seemingly different personalities balanced each others well with our ying and yang personalities. We realized we had much in common. We both love nature, we're animal enthusiasts, and share many common life goals. The piece that really connected us and sealed the deal was our desire for a family with children.

Within months of dating, we introduced each other to our families. Jason's outgoing quick-witted personality fit right in with Brendan's equally outgoing siblings and cousins. Brendan was a welcomed addition to Jays smaller family unit. He and Jason's mother are extremely close – speaking so often one would think they have been the best of friends for decades.

After two years of dating, we moved in together, sharing a two-bedroom apartment with our dog Abby, and began building our lives together. Saving for a home to call our own and raise children in, we spent the years in our apartment saving money and domesticating. When the time was right, we found the home of our dreams. Before moving to our home on Long Island, we rescued Paisly and Luke, two domestic long hair cats.



Abby
Our 11-year-old Bulldog.



Paisly & Luke
Our 4 year old balls of fluff



SURROUNDED BY PUMPKINS

Jay Proposed ...

On October 18th, 2015, our 4-year anniversary, we went pumpkin and apple picking with friends. It was an annual tradition and a regular day until, Jay proposed. The rest is history.



EARTHDAY 2016

We Married ...

On April 22nd, 2016, on the shore beside a lake, surrounded only by immediate family, we tied the knot. Brendan's cousin Alisa, officiated our wedding.

Our connection to nature is what bonded us instantly and we couldn't think of a better day every year to celebrate our love than EARTH DAY.





Animal Selfie with Mom



Brother, sister in-law, nephew & Mom



Bobby's family



Ray, Brendan, Jays Mom, Jays Brother, Lauren, Jay & Stephanie

JASON'S FAMILY

Jason was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. Jason is 10 years younger than his sibling, Billy. He attended the La Guardia High School of Music and Art in Manhattan, the "FAME school", majoring in Art. His brother is now married with a child and planning on a second one.

Jason's parents Jayne and David, separated when he was 2. They both remarried wonderful people when Jay was in high school. His stepfather, Bobby has three children, all of whom have become family. There is not a family function that Jason attends when he is not asked when he and Brendan will be bringing a little bundle of joy that they can all dote over. So much love is waiting for your child.



Mom & Stepfather Bobby



Brendan, Jason and Lauren



Dad & Step-Mother Patti



Brendan and his Siblings



Brendan with his siblings & Dad



Brendan's Mom & Stepfather Rich

BRENDAN'S FAMILY

Brendan was born and raised in Queens, New York and is the youngest of four siblings. His sister Kerry is the oldest, followed by Kevin Jr. and Brian. Brendan's siblings are all married and have children. Brendan now has five nephews and three nieces. Sadly, Brendan's father Kevin passed in September of 2009. His Mother Kathleen remarried. His step-father Rich is more than just a step-father. He was a friend to his father and when his father passed, Rich stepped up and became the father figure to the family. He is an amazing grandpa to Brendan's nieces and nephews. The whole family is eagerly waiting for Brendan and Jason to bring your child into this family to love and spoil.

Brendan also happens to be one of forty-five first cousins. His father was one of eight children, and his mother is one of four. They find time to see each other often and are equally as excited to welcome your child into this never ending growing tight-knit family.



Kevin & Kelly ,Riley & Teagan



Sister Kerry & Husband Danny



Brian & Danielle with Brian JR & Sadie



Brendan's First Cousins



Jay's beloved eighty-year-old magnolia tree



Front yard view of our home

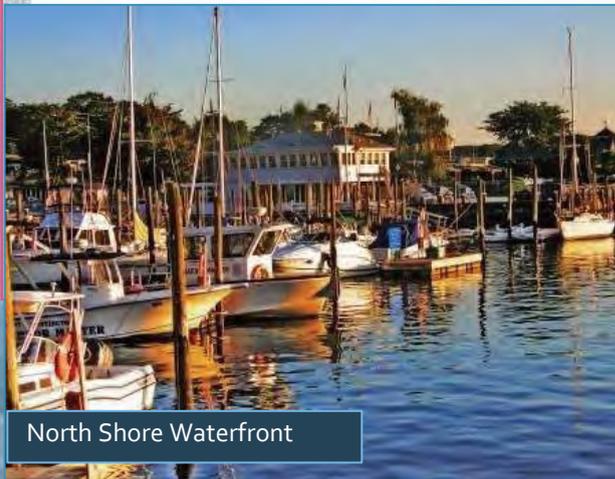
WELCOME TO OUR HOME...

We live in a four bedroom, two story home on a quiet block in Long Island, New York. There is a large park within walking distance with a full playground and baseball field. The town we live in has a little of everything. Known for our old trees, in the more residential areas you feel like you're in the mountains.

The village is a five-minute drive with a diverse selection of restaurants, shops and activities for all ages. A short drive from the village and you're met with the shores of the Long Island Sound.



Decorated for Halloween



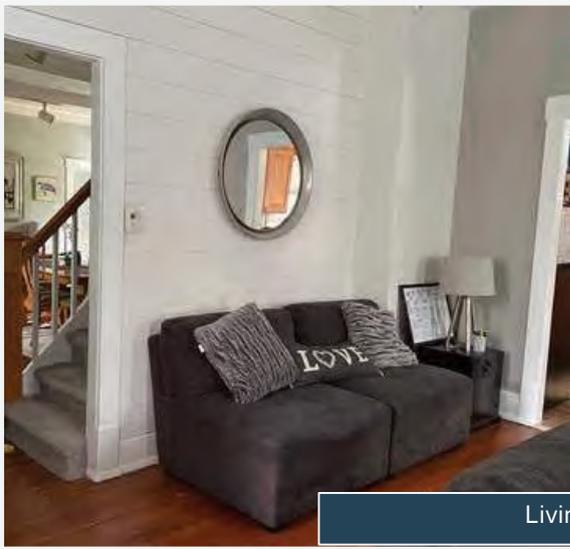
North Shore Waterfront



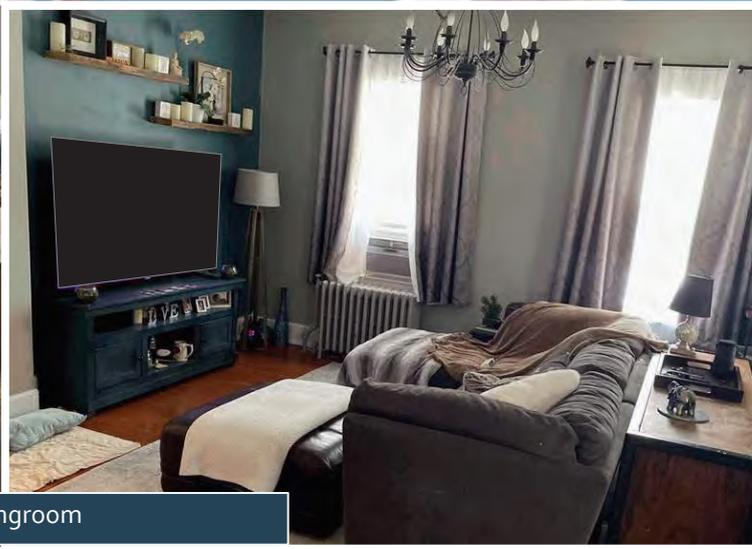
Village's annual Holiday festival



We love snow days!



Livingroom



Our Backyard

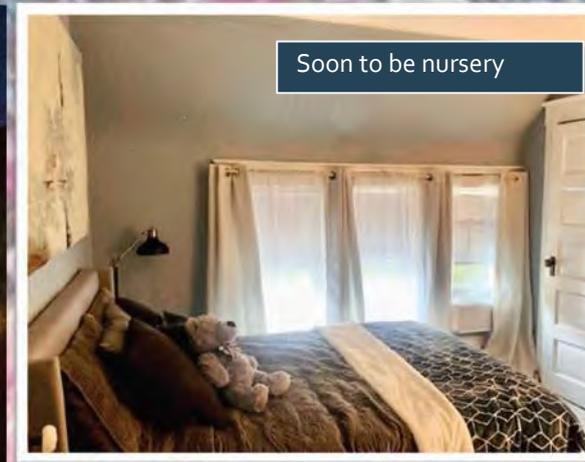


We live on a quarter-acre lot and have a large yard for your child to play in with multiple gardens to appreciate.

Spring and Summer are our favorite seasons as we love tending to them. Gardening was something Brendan and his Father spent time doing together when he was young. We look forward to sharing the same type of experiences with your child.



Backyard - 4th of July



Soon to be nursery



Dining room decorated for the Holidays



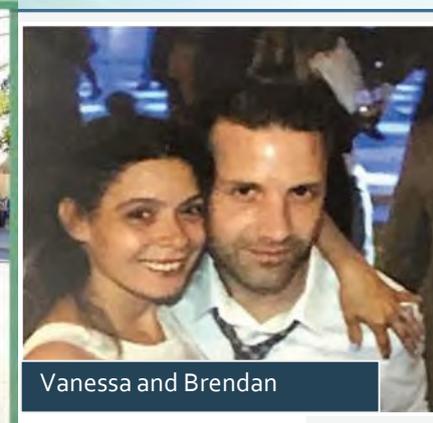
Jay and Daphne



Jay and Naia



Kat, Naia and Anthony



Vanessa and Brendan

OUR FRIENDS...

Growing up in a small family, Jay formed strong and unbreakable bonds with his friends, who we consider to be family.

Brendan grew up surrounded by siblings and cousins where his best friends really are his brothers, sister and cousins.

Regardless of blood, we both feel that family is not just those related to us but the people we share unconditional love with. We are blessed to have such a large family and wish to share the joy with your child.



Philip, Val and Jay at New Years



Brendan & Cousin Heather



Vanessa, Bash & Toni



Us with Val, Kat & Anthony



Will & Nikki with Shannon

WE ARE ADVENTUROUS ...

MUCH OF OUR TIME IS SPENT OUTDOORS...



Hiking in the Woods

We both love animals and exploring nature. We spend as much time as possible outdoors and connecting with the world around us. On weekends, if we can, we just get in the car and go. There are always adventures out there, and we are open to finding them.

Adventure Park Obstacle Course



We Love Camping & Kayaking



Abby loves Nature too



Horseback riding with friends in upstate, NY



WE ARE NATURE LOVING...

YEARLY CAMPING TRIPS

We go camping with friends regularly in the summer and fall. It has become an annual tradition we always look forward to. It has become more exciting as our friends are building their families and our trips gain additional children in attendance. We cannot wait to include your child in this group of friends that are more like Family.



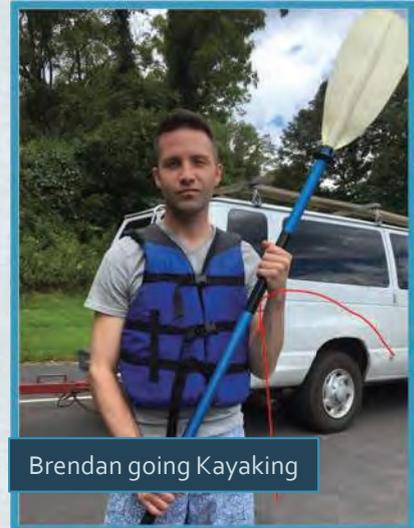
Setting up camp at Little Pond



Nick cooking at campgrounds in the Pocono's



Phillipe, Val, Josh, Jay and our camp guard



Brendan going Kayaking



Friends relaxing after nature hike in Little Pond



Jay, Val & Alexis canoeing



Rafting with Josh & little cousin Mel

THE PLACES WE GO...



Brendan IFLY'ing on cruise



Family Cruise's

FAMILY VACATIONS

Jay's mother, Jayne, has made it mandatory we have a family vacation once a year. It started the year we got married with a cruise. A few cruises and trips to exotic places such as the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, St. Martin, Bermuda and Jamaica.



Bahamas with Lauren and Ray

SIGHTS TO SEE

FLORIDA

We visit Brendan's cousin Heather and her sons in Florida as often as possible. Heather is not only Brendan's cousin but, they are the best of friends. Visiting each year as a family is something we always look forward to.



Key West Road Trip



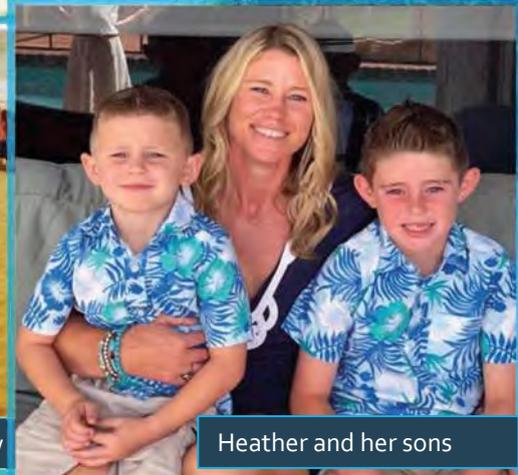
Jay's family



California Coast Road trip



Brendan & his nephew



Heather and her sons

WE FIND FUN...

Our lives are filled with love and laughter. Any opportunity to smile with those we love, we take. If there is a dance floor, someone is dancing. If there's a backyard, we're playing games in it. When all else fails, a random photo shoot with a friend sounds fun!



Backyard Fun w/ Jay's Family



Sunday Brunch with Friends



The Great Jacko 'lantern Blaze, Jay & Kat



Brendan, his brothers & stepfather



Mini Golf - Domino Park Brooklyn



Jay & Daphne - ATV Tour



Jay playing with Nephew Henry



Brendan & Riley



Jay & Naia

LITERALLY EVERYWHERE...

Silly is staple in our vocabulary and home. We focus on what truly matters – living life to the fullest with the ones we love. We find that in doing so, we can conquer the more serious things in life with a smile on our faces, but with the seriousness it requires. It's a balancing act we have slowly perfected.



Renaissance Fair with Kat & Naia



Jay & Daphne in Ibiza



Brendan & Sadie

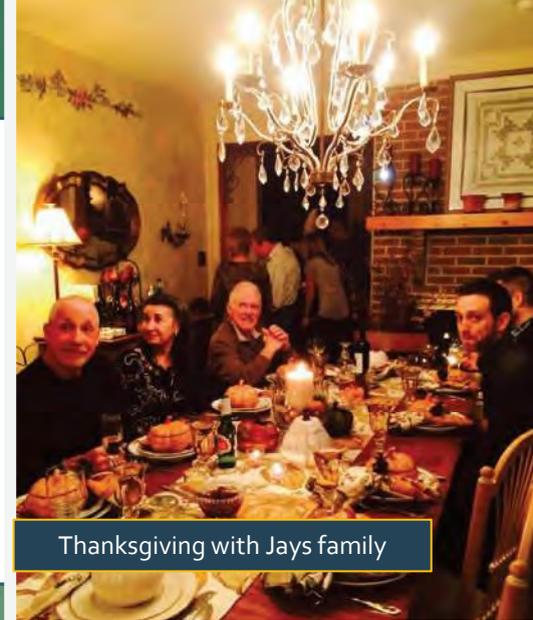
CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS ...

The 4th of July at our house each year is our biggest celebration when we merge all our friends and family. This past year we also threw a Halloween party for our nieces and nephews and plan on making it another annual tradition.

There is not a holiday, birthday or life event we do not share with friends and family. At our home, we also started to host a small gathering of immediate family members on Christmas Eve. Your child will be part of all this fun!



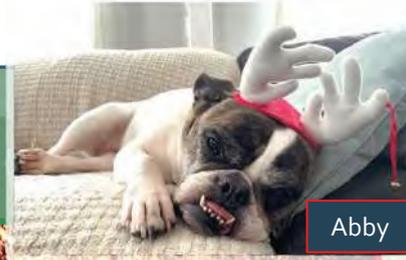
July 4th at our house



Thanksgiving with Jays family



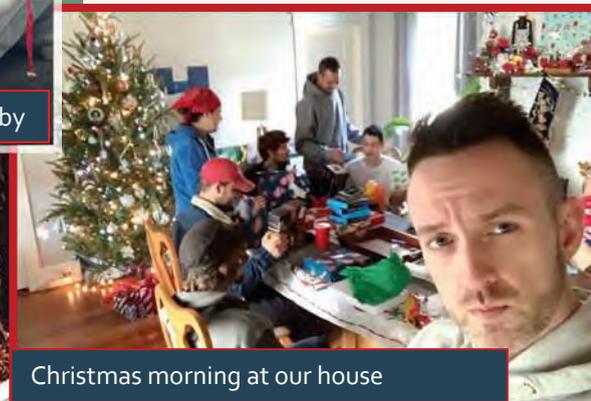
Halloween – Our House



Abby



Christmas with Brendan's Family



Christmas morning at our house



CREATING A LIFETIME OF TRADITIONS...

We feel blessed to have such amazing friends and family. There is not a day that goes by that one of these fabulous people don't put a smile on our faces. From birthdays to weddings and everything in between, we celebrate with the ones we love.



Mother's Day - Jay's Mom



Brendan



Game Night Fun with Brendan's Family



Jay's Mom's Retirement Diner

Celebrating Birthdays



Val



Daphne



Frankie's Wedding – Brendan's First Cousins

BUT OUR **PUZZLE** IS STILL MISSING A PIECE ...



YOUR **CHILD** TO **LOVE** & SHARE IT WITH.

THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to look through our booklet and get to know us a little better. We tried our best to provide you with as much of who we are in these pages and would be thrilled if you chose to get to know us even more.

One thing that cannot truly be expressed through words and pictures, is just how truly loved your child would be in our family. Being parents has been a lifetime dream for us both. We will not take the responsibility of parenting lightly and promise your child would always feel loved and valued. We promise to be honest with them about how they became part of our family and will always support continued contact with their birth family – should you wish.

If our booklet has interested you at all, please do not hesitate in contact our adoption agency ***Forever Families Through Adoption*** by phone or email.

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