
Joseph & Joseph

Our Journey Begins



The Joes

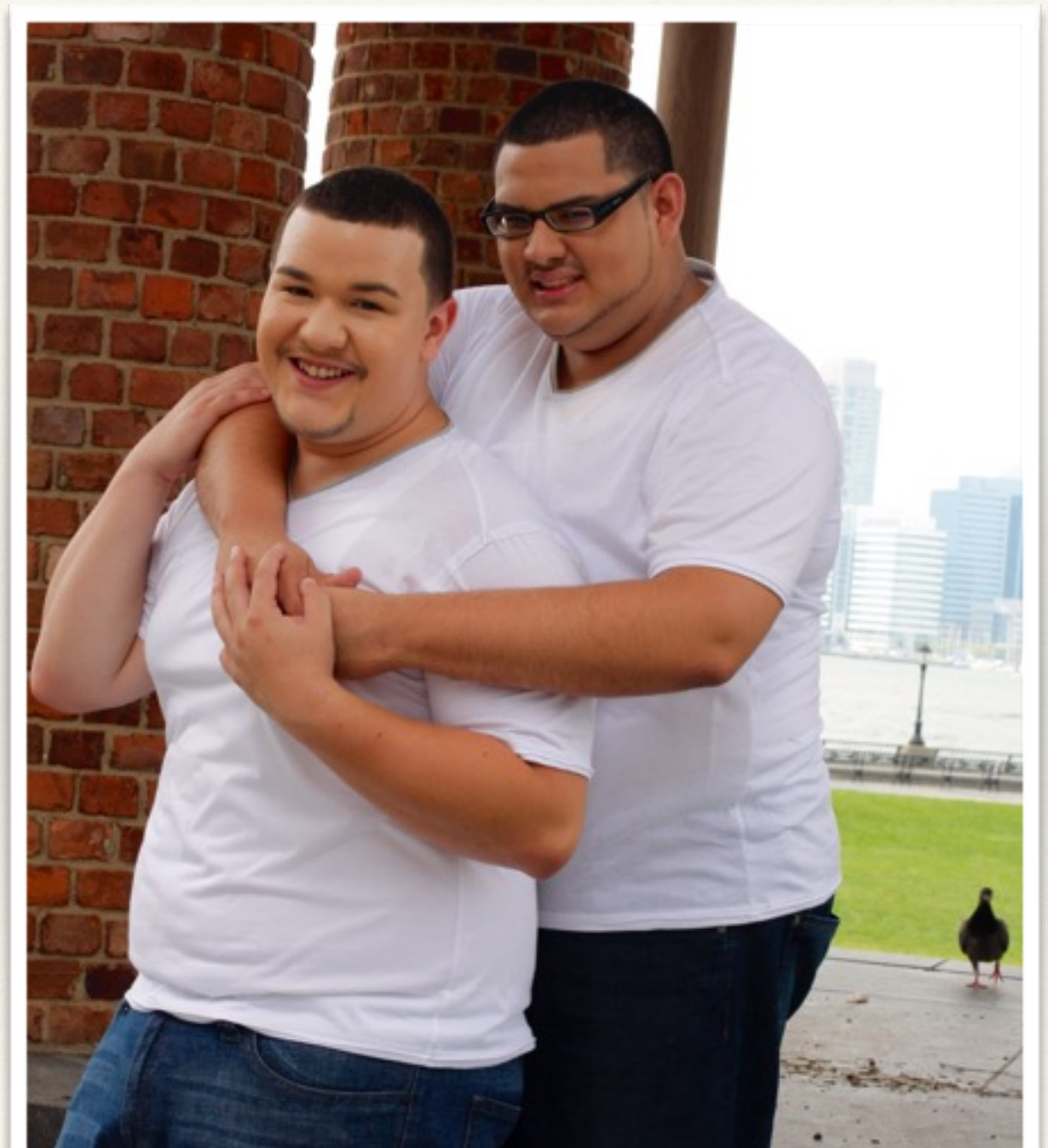
Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you for taking the time to get to know who we are. We believe that everything happens for a reason and that every person we come across in life is someone we are meant to meet.

Choosing to read our letter was meant to be and we hope you will become a part of our lives/story.

We are “The Joes”, well at least that is what everyone calls us. We actually have the same name... I know crazy right? We are Joseph A & Joseph E and with your blessing our journey to begin a family through adoption can begin.

We have been married since 2012 but have been together for much longer.



Joseph A & Joseph E
Battery Park, NYC

Our home is filled with love and happiness and our three (3) extremely friendly dogs, Lily, Tommy & Mia who are ready for our new addition.

Your decision is an incredibly difficult one and we would like you to take comfort in knowing that if we are chosen we would love, celebrate and cherish your child as our own.

We would love to be the family that you are looking to entrust your baby with and we are hoping that getting to know us through our letter will ease the difficulty of this decision.

Warm Hugs & Tons of Love,

- Joseph A & Joseph E



Our Home Est. 2014



Lily, Tommy & Mia

It Was Fate...

We met in 2007 at a hospital while visiting a mutual friend who had just given birth to a baby boy. We soon realized we have a lot more in common than just our names and have been inseparable since.

We both were born and raised in the suburbs of New York. We both spent our childhoods playing with the kids in the neighborhood, at the local park and at the school yard. Even though we lived in the same city, we did not meet until we were adults.

We grew up in Christian households that helped mold us into the respectful men we are today. We continue to keep our faith alive as adults.



Six Flags Great Adventures



Hibachi with our nephew Viktor



ATVs in Puerto Rico

We love the same music, respect art, enjoy each other's company and we both love to travel. We have traveled to Mexico, Puerto Rico and Ecuador, (where Joseph E.'s family originated) and throughout the United States.

Road trips have been a big part of our summer with weekends at Ocean City, Maryland and the beautiful beaches of Miami, Florida.

Joey (Joseph E) loves the Pool while Joe (Joseph A) prefers the beach. We love spending time in the water, especially with our friends and family.



Epcot at Walt Disney World



El Yunque Jungle, Puerto Rico



Joey, Xio, Rosie & Joe in Puerto Rico



Joey swimming with a dolphin in Mexico



Fresh Bananas in Mexico



Mexico Family Vacation



Joseph E. is the President and Joseph A. is the Vice President of our tax business.

We both had full time jobs and decided to take the risk in 2008 to start our own business.

Now, we both work full time in our offices where we have been able to build a big clientele, have been able to hire staff and have recently expanded to another location.

As business owners we are very involved with our community and participate in various community events such as Toy, Food and Coat Drives during the holidays as well as sponsor a little league baseball team.





Rockefeller Center, NYC

Holidays are our favorite time of the year. We go to NYC and attend the colorful parades.

Going to Rockefeller Center and visiting the giant christmas tree was and still is our favorite part of Christmas. There is no place like NY during Christmas time.

Celebrating with family is the best part of Christmas. We truly cherish the time we spend with our Family!



Lily, Mia & Tommy waiting for Santa



Joe & Mami Epi



2015 Annual Christmas Photo

Our Mom

A big part of our lives is our Mom (Joseph E.'s Mother) Estilita. Since moving into our home, Estilita has been our biggest supporter in our journey to start our family. She lives with us and is a constant source of comfort and support.

Estilita is looking forward to her first grandchild. Mom plans to retire and spend every moment she has giving all of her love to your child.

She is obsessed with our dogs and call them her “grandchildren”. Other than being full of love, she is also a fabulous cook. She prides herself on cooking for Thanksgiving & Christmas.



Joey & Mom



Thanksgiving Feast



Wedding Day

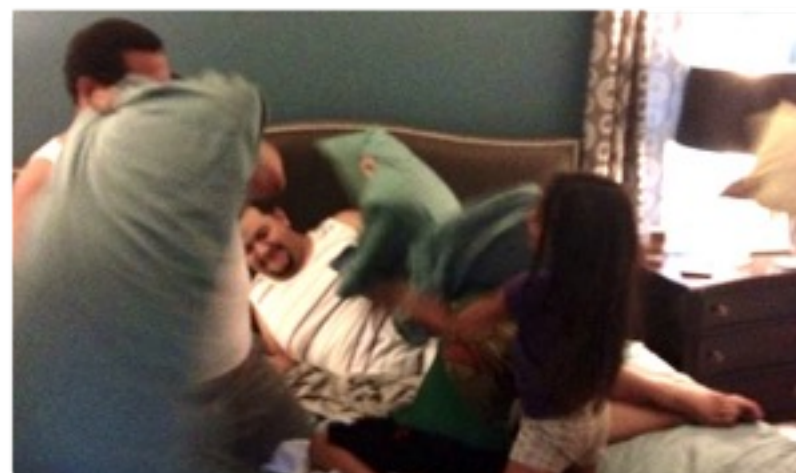


Joe's Gatsby Birthday Party

On any given summer afternoon, we can have upwards of ten boys and girls running around the backyard and splashing in the pool. The kids love coming to their Tio's (Uncle's) house for weekend sleepovers, movie nights and fun barbecues. We celebrate each and every child that we are lucky enough to have in our lives.

We Are Uncles

We are blessed to have so many children in our lives who call us "Uncle". With so many children in our family its hard to differentiate nieces and nephews from cousins and second cousins. Our friends have also blessed us with plenty of nieces and nephews who cant wait to have a cousin to play with and chase around the house. We know they will be very helpful as well.



Sleepover Pillow Fight



2015 Secret
Santa Christmas
Party
at Tio Joe & Tio
Joey's House

{These kids have
stolen our hearts}



Joey, Joel, Joe & Emily
Pool Time Shenanigans

Joel, Emily, Viktor, Vinny, Vicki, Poshy, Alyssa, Kenny, Kevin, Stephan, Katie & Gianni keep us busy with birthdays, baptisms, first days of school, moving-up days and trips to the toy store. They have prepared us for having a child of our own.

Having so many children around us bring us so much joy and happiness and reassures us everyday that we are ready to start a family. We cannot wait to cherish and celebrate your child.

It would be a dream come true to have the ability to share our love with your child.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Movie Night with Emily & Joel



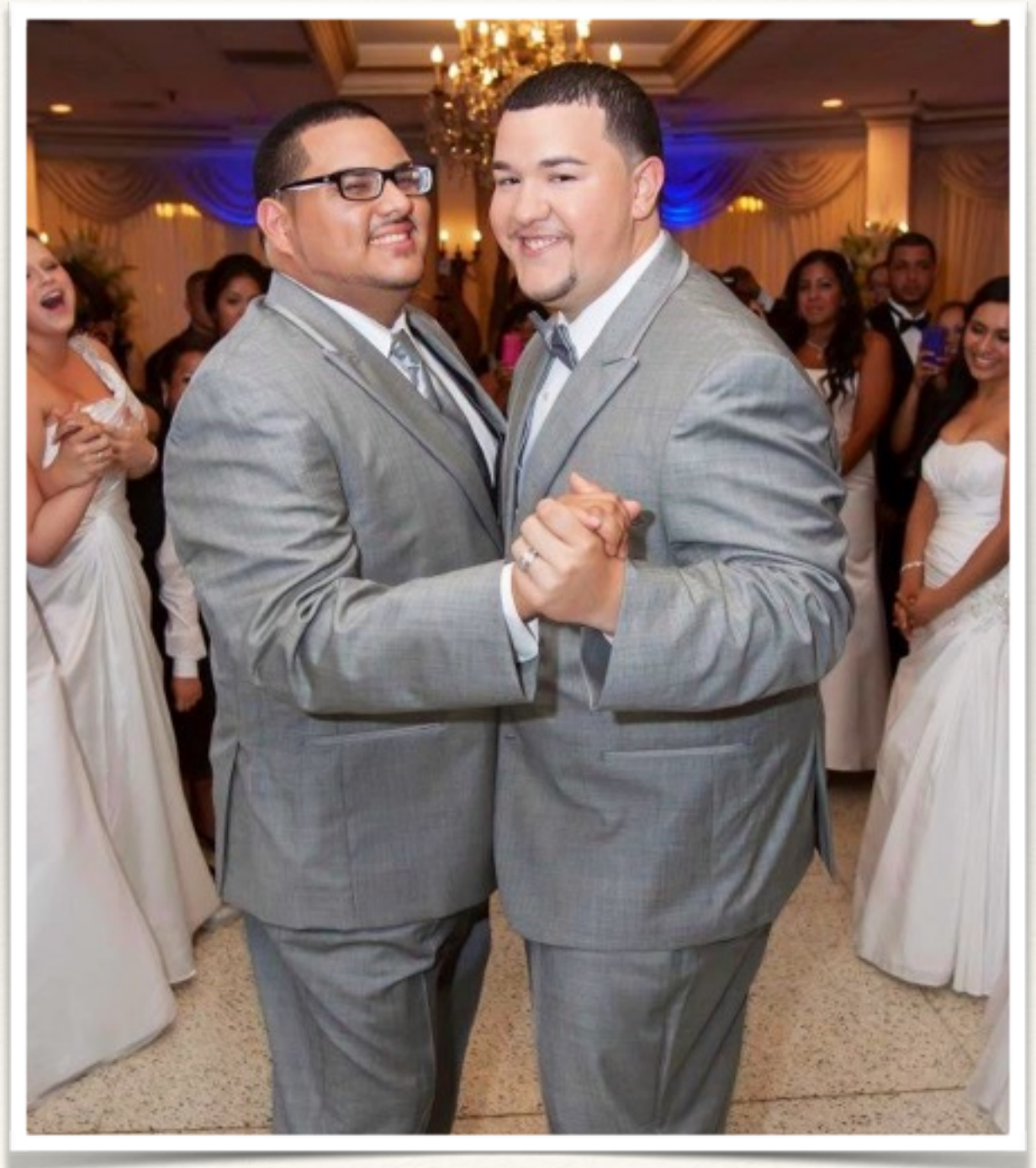
Viktor, Poshy, Emily & Joel at our Engagement Party

Our Wedding Day

We have to say, our Wedding Day was pretty magical. We felt that this was not just a moment to celebrate our love but a moment to celebrate those who have loved and supported our relationship from the beginning. We planned our wedding for a year together.

We had so much fun. Joey's Mother, Estilita, walked him down the aisle while Aunt Emily represented Joe's mother in heaven and walked him down.

We had a beautiful ceremony facing the water and in front of a beautiful gazebo. We said our "I Do's" in front of 150 of our closest family and friends. That night you felt the love from wall to wall. It was a celebration of family, friends, hope, peace and, most importantly, love.





Untermeyer Park
{Our Favorite Place}



*Our Family is a circle of strength;
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love.*

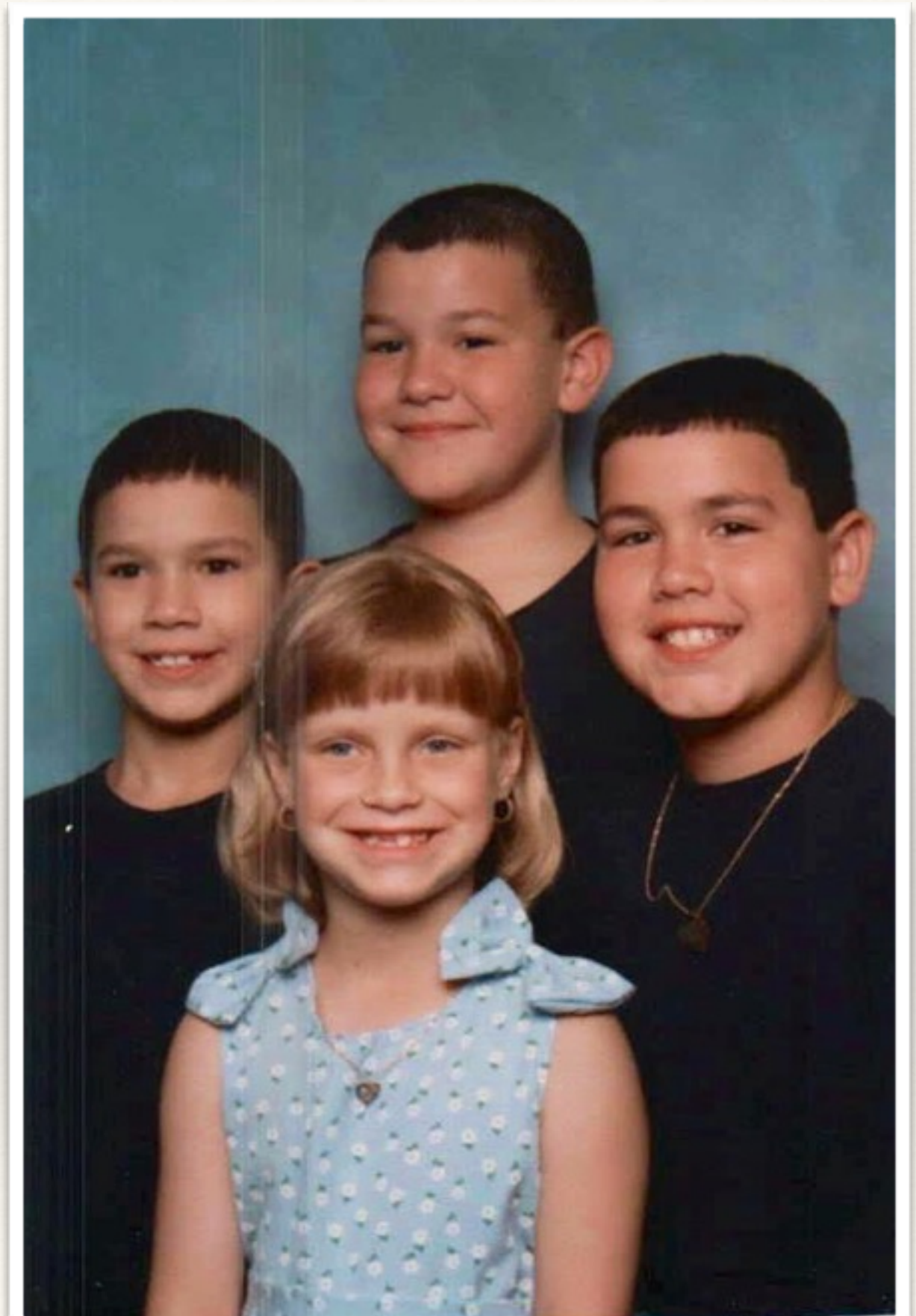
Joseph A.'s Family

My childhood was full of fun, love, adventure and family.

Growing up as the middle child, I always had someone to look up to, as well as someone to stand up for.

We lived in a very big city in Westchester, near a wooded area where we would play hide and seek and hunt for hidden treasures.

My brothers and sister were my best friends. They showed me what it is to have fun even if it was just playing in the dirt.



Jeremy, Me, Junior & Brianna
{My Siblings}



Joe with his Ninja Turtle Bike

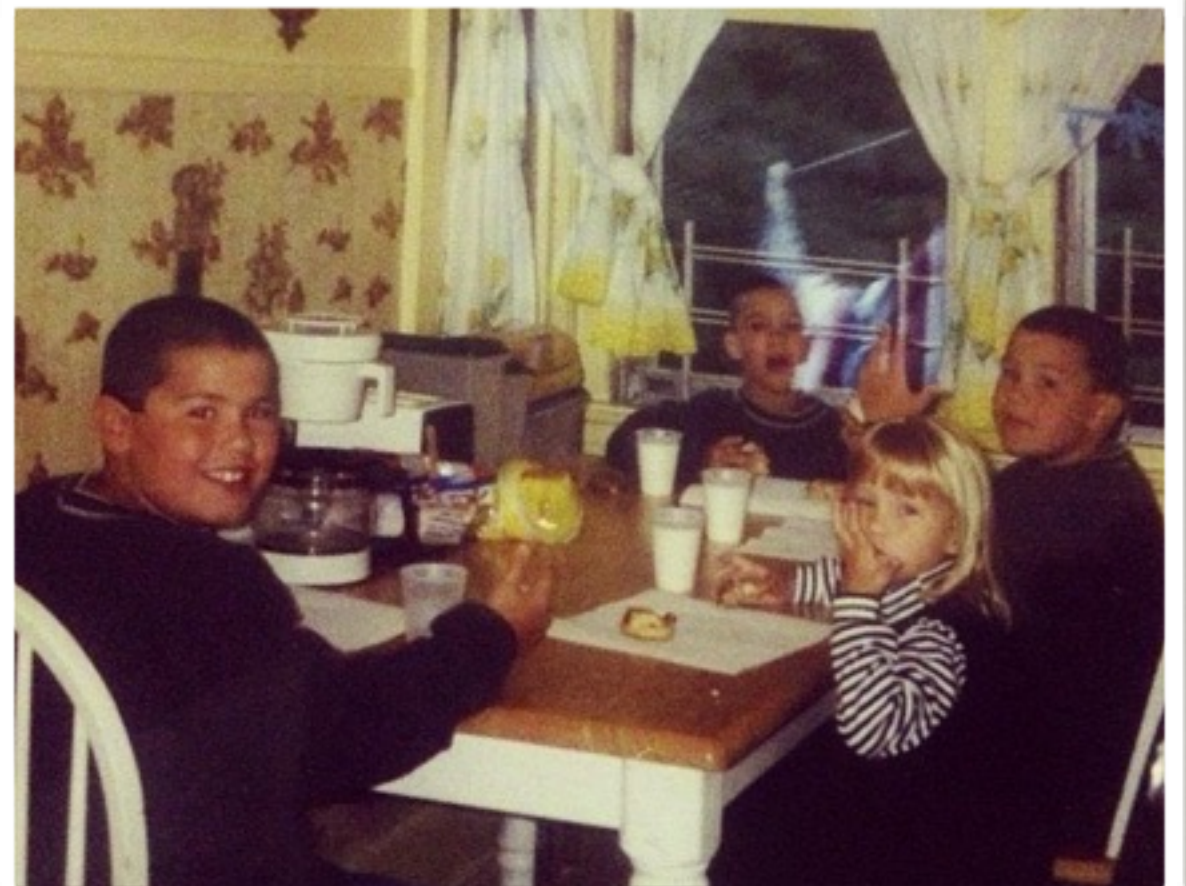


Joe's 2nd Birthday



Joe as Ring Bearer at
Titi Mildred's Wedding

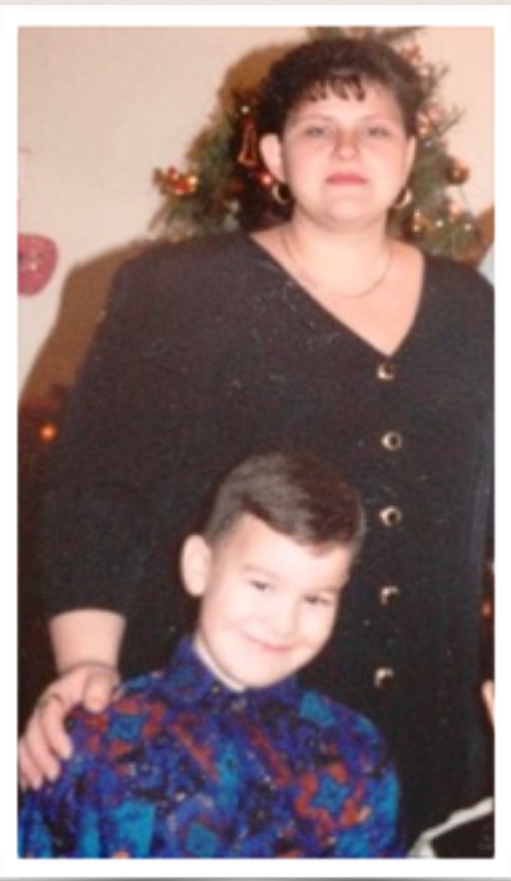
One of my
favorite memories
growing up was
camping at State
Park, swimming in
the big lake and
roasting
marshmallows in
front of a cracking
fire that we built
ourselves.



Enjoying Milk & Cookies
Junior, Brianna, Me & Jeremy



Upstate New York
{Junior, Jeremy & Me}



Me & Mom



Cheese!

We didn't have much but we had each other. In addition to camping trips in Upstate New York, we took road trips up and down the East Coast as a family.

My mother passed when I was very young. My favorite memories of her were going to Bingo Night on Wednesdays in the basement of our local church. I even won "Bingo" a few times. She always would let me yell Bingo!

Dad worked two jobs to provide for us when mom got sick but he always made time for our class trips to the local farms and the aquariums. Dad really loved everything to do with baseball. His favorite team (which became our favorite team) is and always will be the Yankees.



Mama & I at my
Gatsby Birthday Party

Family is and has
always been a
very important
part of my life.

My family is
extremely excited
to be apart of our
adoption and
looks forward to
spoiling our sweet
bundle of joy!

Making Puerto Rican Pasteles With The Family



Mama, who wouldn't let us call her Grandma,
would always host all of the holiday festivities. Our
aunts & uncles would spoil us with presents.

With our cousins, we would stay up to midnight on
Christmas Eve waiting patiently to open our gifts.
Waiting to midnight on Christmas Eve is a tradition
that in our home we still celebrate today.

Mama was the one who taught me how to cook.
She is a strong Puerto Rican woman who is the
matriarch of the family. She taught me all about my
Puerto Rican heritage. She taught me how to make
traditional Puerto Rican Pasteles which were her
specialty.



*Family is a link to the past
& a bridge to our future.*

Joseph E.'s Family

My family has always been an important part of my life. I grew up in a Catholic home with a single mom who showed me the values of hard work at a young age and a Grandma at home that made sure the family was feed and taken care of.

I guess you can say Mom was “Mom and Dad” and Grandma was my second “Mami”. They were a team and that was my favorite part. Mom was a businesswoman; she owned a catering business, which developed into a restaurant. She was a great sales woman but an even better mom.



Mom, Joey & Mami Epi





My Favorite Aunt Fresia

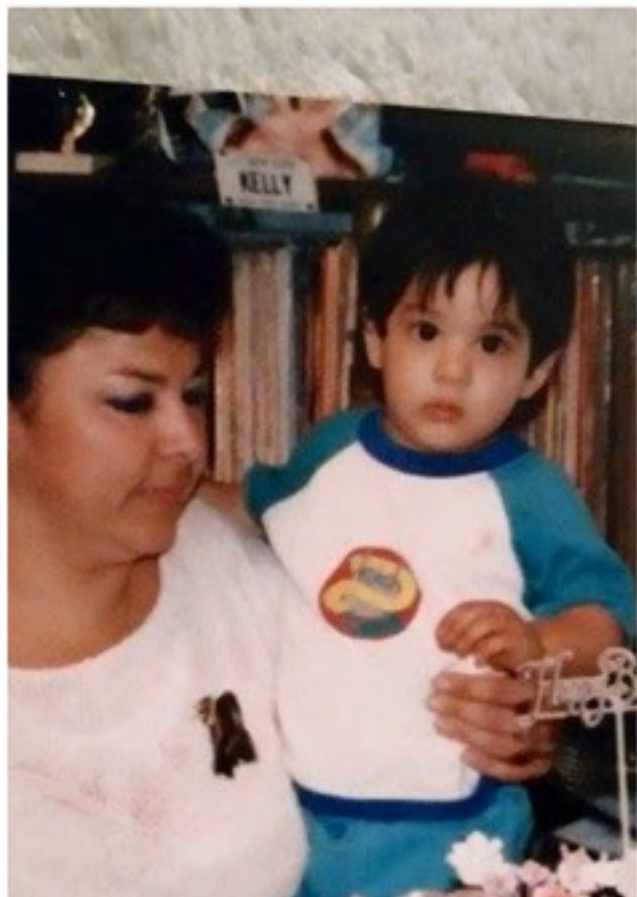


My Baptism with Mom & God Mom Angela

She taught me a lot about business, money, cooking and my Ecuadorian heritage.

My most favorite times with her were on her days off and holidays when she made my favorite meals and we would spend all day together.

As an only child, mommy was and still is my best friend.



Mom & Me



Meeting Cousin Kevin



Joey at 2 Months



Family Road Trip To Florida



My 5th Birthday at Disney

Since Grandma lived with us my uncles, aunts and cousins where always visiting and helping out in the family business.

My most favorite memories are the family trips where five minivans traveled down to Florida and all 16 of my cousins got together to play and have fun.

Coming from such a big family I never felt alone. The majority of the family lived just outside of NYC so there really was no escaping them.



My Family... My Home



Watching the Radio City Rockettes

The presents on Christmas would reach wall to wall and even though they were not all mine, it was exciting to see everyone bring presents for each other and stack them up high. It would take hours to pass out and open gifts. Christmas is still my favorite time of the year.

Grandma's Birthday Party



Baby Showers, Weddings, Birthdays and Holidays continue to be a huge family reunion and I can't wait to welcome a baby to all this love. They are so excited for this moment to come, especially my mom.



Joey's 1st Christmas

Home Sweet Home

We both came from working class families where our parents didn't own any type of property and to be the first in our families to do this is very fulfilling.

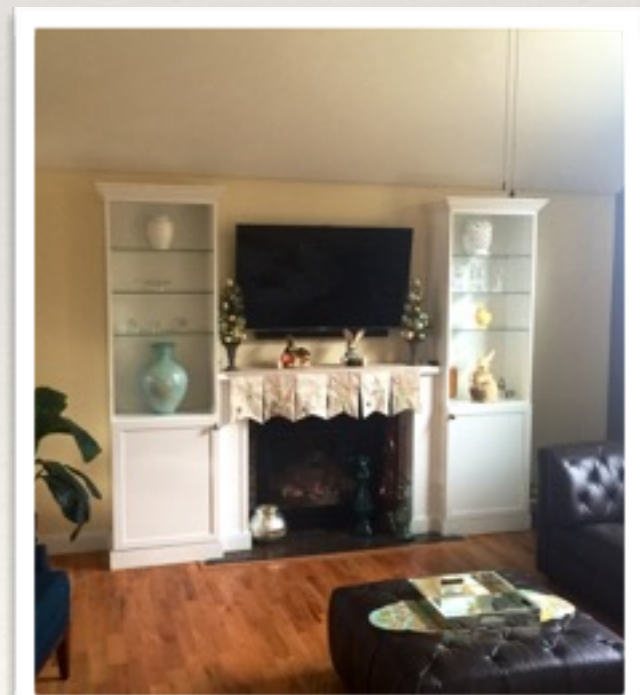


Joe in the Garden



Christmas Morning Breakfast

What attracted us the most to our home and community was the access to a great school district. Our home is located on a cul-de-sac where the neighborhood children ride their bikes and rollerblades.



Our Living Room During Easter



Our First Thanksgiving as Homeowners

Our families love our new place, especially the little ones. Our home is filled with warmth, love and memories. We are excited to create new memories in our home with a child who we will love to no end.



Our Backyard & Pool

We have parks close by where we take the dogs for a walk around the lake and go on boat rides with our nieces and nephews. Tommy, Lily and Mia also love having the large backyard to run and chase each other in.



Soon To Be The Baby's Room

Thank you for considering us. We know this is an extremely difficult decision that you will soon have to make. Entrusting your child to us will be such a blessing not only to us but to our family.

Our journey has been amazing, we have found love which is rare. Especially with someone who shares your name. As parents we will provide a stable home filled with happiness, family, stability and most of all love. We are excited for this next part of our journey. Becoming Dads this will be our most rewarding part. As Dads we will teach your child respect, honesty, love, compassion and how to be a good person.

This path that we have chosen has lead us to you and your child. We believe that all things happen for a reason and that we are chosen to provide a loving home for your child. Our world is about to change and we are ready for such change.

We will provide your child with an environment that will feed their imagination and creativity. A family that will provide them with support needed to live a good life and a happy life. We will be there to guide your child through any obstacles that they encounter.

Our plan is for one of us to be a stay at home parent, while the other one works. The beauty of owning our own business is that we have the flexibility of spending as much family time as possible. Your child will know about how brave you were and how much we respect you, for you will always be his or her mother. We look forward to meeting you before or after placement, however you feel comfortable. We look forward to share pictures and updates on how your child is growing and experiencing life.

Your child will be loved unconditionally and guided through their journey with our support and the knowledge that this difficult decision that you have made was done out of the purest and selfless love for your child. A love that will never end and a love that will always allow you to be connected if not physically but spiritually.

We wish you Blessings, Love and Happiness in your future and we applaud your bravery. Your decision is a symbol of bravery which if we are chosen, we will forever honor it.

—The Joes



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