



Amy + Eric

hello!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us! You may wonder what your baby's future might be like with us, and we'd like to tell you about all the love and opportunities we can share with this special child. We hope that the following stories and pictures will give you a glimpse into our lives and what a supportive family we can provide as well as a loving and secure home for your baby.

We believe that families created by adoption are special and should be honored. Our children will always know their adoption stories and the wonderful way we became a family.



With Love,

Amy & Eric

Our Story



In November of 2009, we met each other while Amy was working at Planet Fitness. After a few interactions, we found out that we had mutual friends. For our first date, we went to Chipotle (which I had never been to) and then went to the movies to see “The Men Who Stare at Goats.” Following a few more dates, we became exclusive and essentially inseparable. Over the course of the next six years, we continued dating - going on a few vacations and several adventures and attending a number of sporting events, concerts and other festivities that we both thoroughly enjoyed.

After dating exclusively for several months, we each knew that we had found the one because we felt incredibly comfortable around each other. Our relationship was (and still is!) playful, fun, exciting, and built on a foundation of love and respect for each other.

On February 13, 2016, I proposed to Amy in front of River Horse Brewing Company, the location of one of our many adventures together. On September 3rd, 2016, we were married at the Buttonwood Manor in Matawan, New Jersey in front of our family and friends. And that was only the start of our wonderful life together!

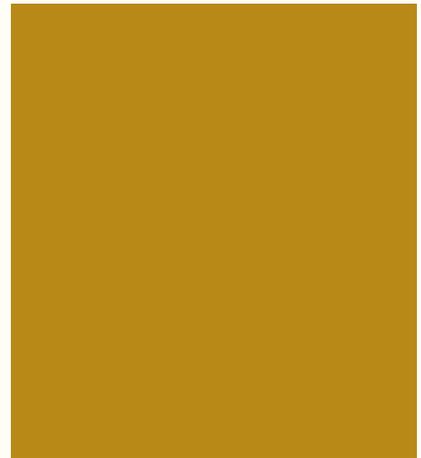


Why We Want To Adopt

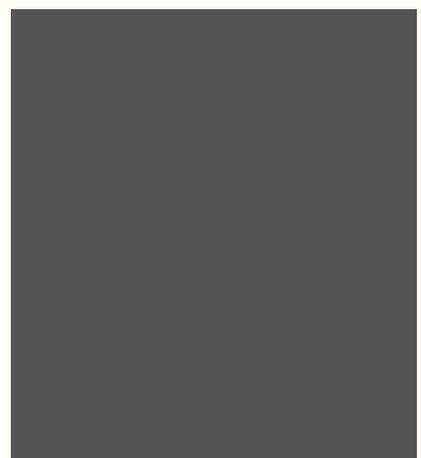
Amy and I have wanted to adopt ever since we were married – regardless of whether or not we were able to have biological children. We lost our son last year due to a genetic condition. It was a traumatic experience, but we were fortunate to have an incredible support system from our friends and family to help us get through it. Following this, we explored the possibility of surrogacy and IVF. However, we feel that adoption is the best choice for us because we know we can provide a strong, supportive household filled with lots of love for a child. We know several adoptive families and adoptees and have seen firsthand how positive and inspirational adoption can be. We know in our hearts we are meant to grow our family through adoption.



Once we adopt,
Amy will be a
stay-at-home
mom.



Eric will take
paternity leave
and extra time
off from work.



"I can't wait to watch our child grow and teach them a variety of skills. From the time that they are young, I want to be the one that cultivates their physical and mental well-being. I also want to be the one to guide them into a unique, independent and strong individual."

Hi! I'm
Amy





I was born on September 9, 1986 in New Jersey. My parents were incredibly involved in my childhood and are still together after 44 years of marriage. My relationship with my parents growing up and today is excellent! I also have two sisters, one older and one younger. During high school, I played a year of competitive basketball, which I continue to enjoy playing today. I received my CDA (Childhood Development Associate) credential in 2016. I am now a homemaker and babysit periodically. Although my parents weren't tremendously religious, I still felt that it was important to go to church and did so with various family members. Nowadays, I don't go to church as frequently; however, I feel that it is important to have some sort of faith and belief system when raising a child and starting a family.

32 years old	5 foot 8 inches	blue eyes red hair	My favorite places are the beach and Disney World.
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Eric says:

"Amy is without a doubt the most loving, thoughtful and generous person I know! She has a huge heart and she loves her family, friends, our dogs and me passionately. She has been dedicated to teaching and mentoring since the age of 14. She has over and over again been thought of an exceptional teacher by the parents of students she has taught. Parents have often said that the children learn a tremendous amount from her academically, and they are also shown an endless amount of love and support. I have no doubt in my mind that this along with her previous experience in childcare will translate into being an amazing mom to our child."



Hi! I'm
Eric

"I want to be a role model for our future child. I'm excited to share my knowledge regarding life, love and relationships with our future child. On top of that, I'm looking forward to sharing my interests and trying new foods, exploring new places and enjoying new experiences together."



I was born on June 13, 1987 in New Jersey. I had a great upbringing, which included both of my parents. I've been lucky to have had a great relationship with them growing up and still to this day! I also have an older sister. We had and continue to have a great relationship. Growing up I played baseball, soccer, ice hockey and lacrosse. Additionally, in high school I was involved in musicals and choir. I currently work as a Regulatory Affairs Specialist at a medial device company. In regards to religion, growing up I was raised Catholic. Although I don't attend church as frequently as before, I still have faith and hope to instill that faith in my children.

32 years old	5 foot 9 inches	<i>brown eyes</i> brown hair	My favorite place to be is Siesta Key, Florida.
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Amy says:

"Eric is an intelligent, hardworking and sociable individual that will do anything for his family! Eric will make a great parent because he is fun-loving, full of wisdom and incredibly responsible. He already has great experience with children, which is shown by the time he spends with our nieces and nephews. Eric consistently goes out of his way to help and support his family. I cannot wait to see him as a dad!"

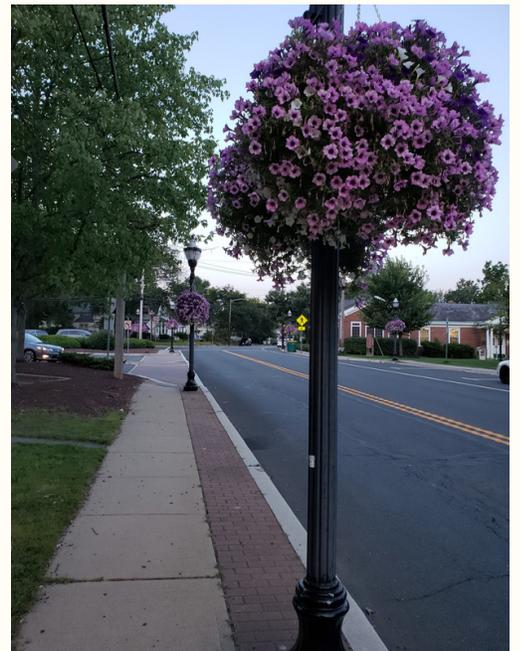
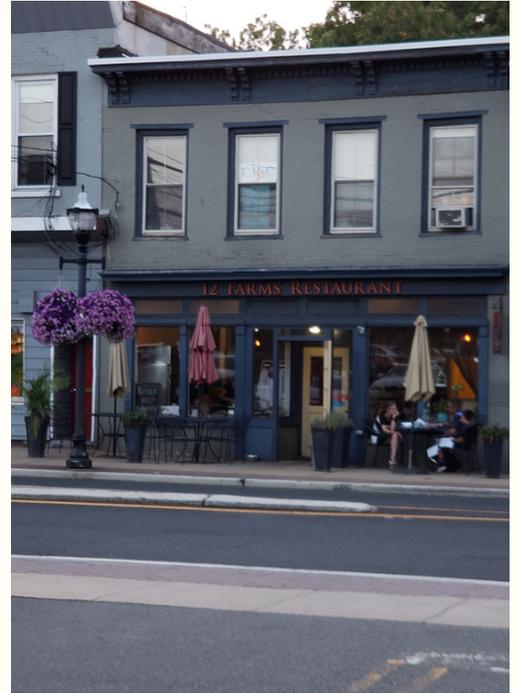
home *sweet* home

We live in a 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom condominium in New Jersey. It is on the lower level and features a living room, dining area, kitchen and laundry room. The 2nd bedroom has been designated as our future child's nursery with the 2nd bathroom right across the hall.



Our home and locations are great (especially for raising a family) because we are close to some of the most highly rated schools in the country, renowned hospitals, excellent recreational facilities, and great community resources. We love to spend time in our up-and-coming downtown area. We plan on taking our child to local activities such as parades, fireworks, farmer's markets and local festivals during holiday seasons. Moreover, we like that our town has such historical charm and is very diverse.

Our Neighborhood



A black and white photograph of a man and a woman walking hand-in-hand on a beach. The man is on the left, wearing a light-colored short-sleeved shirt and shorts. The woman is on the right, wearing a patterned dress. They are walking away from the camera towards the ocean. The beach is sandy with footprints, and the ocean has gentle waves. In the background, there are rocks and a clear sky. Overlaid on the top half of the image is a list of activities they enjoy, with white lines and square markers connecting the text to the background.

Spending time with
family and friends

Going to comedy clubs
and the movies

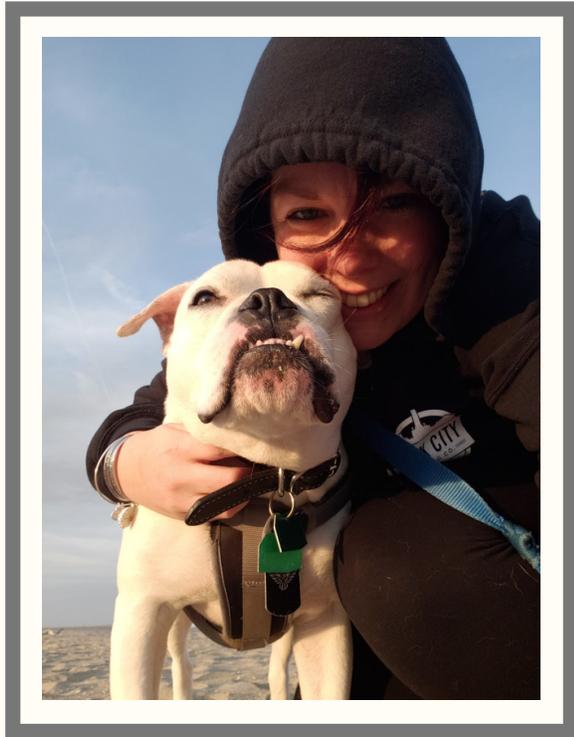
Attending professional
hockey games

Taking our dogs on
walks in our
neighborhood and going
to the beach

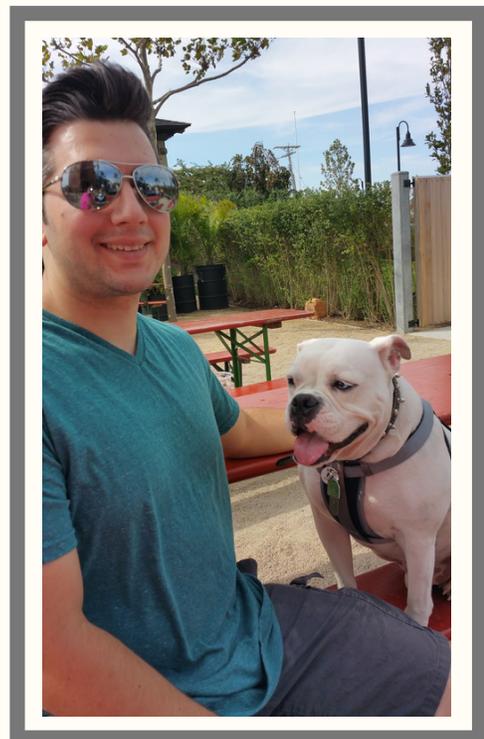
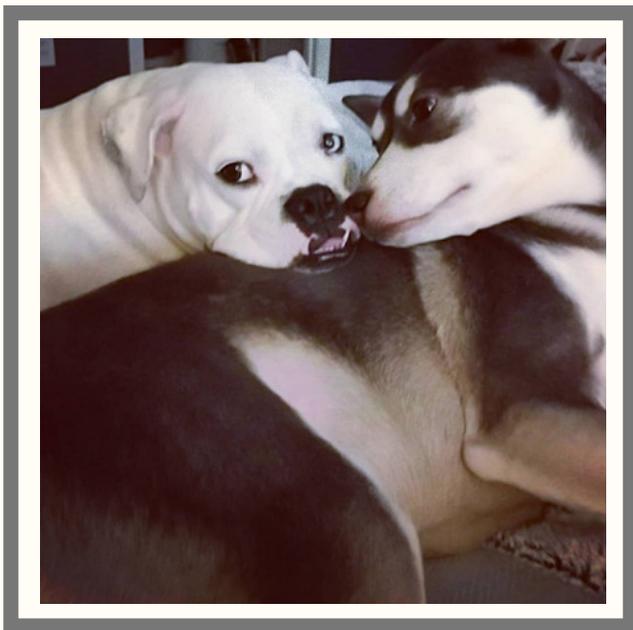
Things We Enjoy



Our Dogs



We have two dogs – Oscar, a 7-year old American Bulldog mix and Abita, a 3-year old Siberian Husky mix. We adopted Oscar from a shelter called New Beginnings in New Jersey in July of 2015, and Abita in June of 2016, from the Husky House in New Jersey. They will be great with children as they have spent time with our nieces and nephews and they have shown great love and temperament around them.





Love MAKES
A
Family

Our Families

Eric's Extended Family

My parents are currently retired and will be relocating to Southwest Florida. I also had an older sister growing up, and we had and continue to have a great relationship. She also lives in New Jersey with her husband and two kids. I have three aunts –two in New Jersey and one in California with my uncle (my mother's brother). Additionally, both of my grandmothers are in their 90's. One of them will be living in Florida with my parents and the other lives with one of my aunts here in New Jersey.

I see my immediate family along with my grandmothers on a regular basis. In addition, we make it a point to see everyone during many holidays throughout the year.

My family is unique because we are quite small yet we are extremely close. We come from German, Hungarian and Romanian background and we incorporate cultural aspects into the food we share at our holiday celebrations.

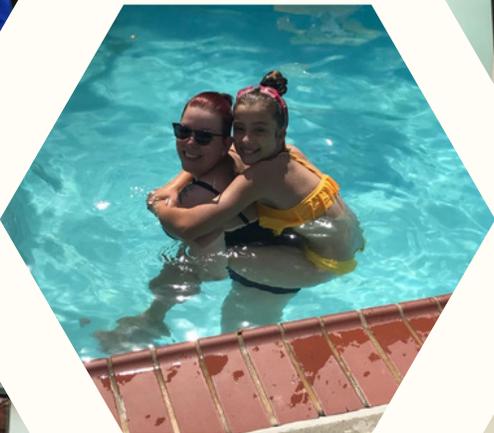
Amy's Extended Family

My parents also live in New Jersey, only 10 minutes away from us! Although they are already grandparents, they are very much looking forward to having the family expand. Because they live so close to us, they will be able to spend lots of time with our future child! My family is very close and talk daily. I also have two sisters, one older and one younger. My older sister lives in New Jersey with her husband and her two kids. My younger sister lives with her boyfriend also in New Jersey.

I speak with and see my parents and two sisters on a regular basis. Since my parents live so close to us, we see them regularly.

Much like Eric's family, my family is quite small; however, we are incredibly close and we spend all of our holidays together.





from our **hearts**

Thank you for taking the time to read about us! We admire the courage it took to give your child the gift of life and your selflessness in making an adoption plan. Your baby is so blessed to have a mother who loves him/her so much. We hope that you feel loved and supported no matter where you are in your journey.

If you decide to make an adoption plan, we promise to respect your wishes for the level of openness and contact you wish to have with your child. We promise to be open with your child about his/her adoption story. We promise to cherish your child with all our hearts and souls and to provide a safe, happy, home and a life with every opportunity possible.

We can provide your child with a loving home, lots of hugs and fun times as well as a good, spiritual and moral foundation to help him/her grow up to be a happy, self-confident adult. We will raise our child(ren) in much the same way we were raised: a positive outlook toward life, lots of encouragement, lots of love, abundant warm hugs, and adoring kisses. We will guide and nurture them to grow, thrive, and become their unique and special selves. We will trust them and give them space to be responsible and make the right decisions. We will show them that even when things don't go as planned, the result can be just as good and usually better. On top of that, we want our children to have fun, positive experiences. As babies, they'll have toys and games that will challenge them physically and mentally in a warm, safe environment. We will encourage them to be creative and work with others, will expose them to all types of music, books, and sports and will teach them how to play ball and swim. Additionally, we will do chores together, take out the trash, mow the lawn, bathe our dogs, sing lots of songs and celebrate holidays. As they grow, we will go to church and volunteer together, will teach them to cook healthy food and eat together as a family.

We will support them when they struggle, applaud them when they do well and guide them when they make mistakes. Last and most importantly, we will love them every day and never let them forget how much you love them.

With love,

Amy & Eric







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