



MARYANNE &  
SEAN

# DEAR BIRTHMOTHER

Thank you for taking the time to consider our family!

Adoption brings about many different emotions and we understand that you are making an incredibly difficult decision. We want you to know that we will always respect that you are your child's birthmother and that you will always have a special place in their heart. If you choose us to raise your child, please know that we will work every day to prove you made the right choice in picking us.

Adoption has always been our first choice to start a family, as we have known about our fertility issues for many years. We made the decision to pursue adoption while we were still dating and once we got married we began seriously researching the process. Our hearts are open and we are excited to be on this journey to parenthood together.

We promise to instill good values in your child by teaching them to always appreciate their friends and family and to never stop being curious about the world around them.

Please feel free to ask us any questions that you may have! We will gladly provide you with whatever information you need to help you make your decision.

*Maryanne & Sean*



# OUR STORY

We met over Memorial Day weekend in 2013 through mutual friends and immediately hit it off. Sean was a bit shy at first but a week later we went on our first date. Sean was living north of the city at the time and Maryanne lived in Brooklyn, so our first few dates were all over New York City. One of our favorite dates was spent walking and talking for hours in a park along the Hudson River. Time flew and we ended up being there till the park closed.



Celebrating our first holiday season together in 2013.



New Year's Eve 2014.



At a county fair in 2015.

As our relationship grew stronger, we decided to move in together in Brooklyn. After five years of dating, we got engaged in Prospect Park in 2018. Sean prepared a sweet picnic and Maryanne said yes. Afterwards, Sean had organized a party with all of our friends to celebrate. We were married in September 2019.



At a neighborhood restaurant  
in 2016.



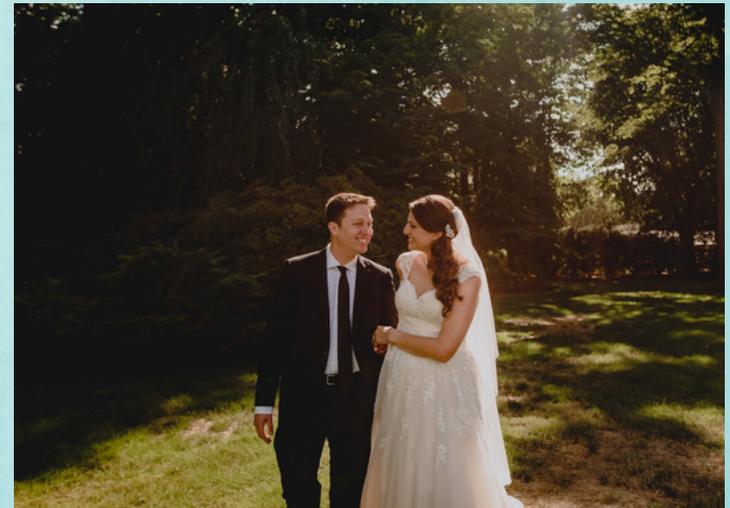
In the Adirondacks in 2020.



At a friend's wedding in 2018.



Right after Sean proposed in 2018.



On our wedding day in 2019.

# A LITTLE ABOUT MARYANNE

WRITTEN BY SEAN

Maryanne is a caring, intelligent, and compassionate person. When we first started dating, I quickly learned that Maryanne is the bedrock of her friend group. She is the friend everyone wishes they had and she loves to make other people happy. Maryanne is always planning fun events, whether it be Christmas parties, picnics in the park, dinner gatherings, or weekend trips away. She has a big heart, which is why she has so many lifelong friendships.

I knew on our first date that Maryanne was special. I remember how easy it was for me to talk to her and we bonded over our mutual love of history, New York City, and crossword puzzles. Maryanne is great at so many different things and is a naturally curious person. She's always picking up a new book to read and loves learning new skills. Most recently, she has taken up needlepoint and also enjoys knitting gifts for friends. We both love to travel and visit historic places. One of our favorite places to drive to is Teddy Roosevelt's house on Long Island.



In Kennebunkport, Maine in  
2020.



At a beach on Long Island in  
2022.

Maryanne works for a media company and has a keen interest in TV. We love to binge new shows together and also rewatch old favorites like The Office and Parks and Recreation.

It was clear as our relationship grew that Maryanne would be a wonderful parent. Many of our friends have children and they love to play with her and have her read them bedtime stories. She is kind, loving and respectful of her many friends and family members.

Maryanne will be a great mother because she has a strong base of values. She is caring, patient and is ready to take on the many joys and responsibilities that come with being a mother. She can't wait to welcome your child into our family!



Maryanne with her friends from high school at our wedding.



By the fountain in Bryant Park.



With our nephew, Ryder, on Passover.



With Riley, Maryanne's best friend's daughter, on her 1st birthday.

# A LITTLE ABOUT SEAN

WRITTEN BY MARYANNE

Sean is a smart, funny, kind, and responsible person. We hit it off immediately nine years ago and have been together ever since. Through the years, Sean has been a constant source of love and support and is the most reliable person I know. He is dedicated to his family, friends, and work as an attorney, and always puts 100% into whatever he sets his mind to.

Sean is extremely organized and loves planning out trips, whether close to home or abroad. He has a knack for picking the best restaurants and I'm always looking forward to our next adventure. Sean and I go with his family to Lake George every summer and I can't wait to continue that tradition with your little one.

Along with traveling, Sean enjoys trying out new recipes in the kitchen, running in the park near our home and visiting with family and friends. Last year we welcomed our nephew into the family and it's been a joy seeing "Uncle Sean" bond with him. Sean has a gentle spirit and endless patience which is why I think he's going to make such an outstanding dad. He also has been known to be a "dog whisperer" and my parents' dog, Bennie, loves following him around the house when we visit.



Picnicking in the park by our home.



A trip to the beach in 2019.

I feel incredibly lucky to have Sean as a partner in life. He never hesitates to pick up the slack around the house and always takes time to hear about my day. One of my favorite ways to unwind is to curl up on the couch together and watch one of our favorite shows or movies. Any Will Ferrell movie will put a smile on his face. I know Sean will be a caring, compassionate, and silly dad and I can't wait to see him in action!



Sean and his friends at our wedding.



Visiting Sleepy Hollow, NY for Halloween.



With Sean's sister, Melissa, and our brother-in-law, Jonathan.



Sean spending time with our nephew, Ryder.

# OUR FAVORITES

## SEAN'S FAVORITE:

- Food: Buffalo Wings
- Vacation Spot: Lake George
- Dessert: Carvel Flying saucers
- Movie: Old School
- TV Show: Curb Your Enthusiasm
- Band: The Beatles



Kayaking on Lake George.

## MARYANNE'S FAVORITE:

- Food: Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Vacation Spot: Italy
- Dessert: Anything chocolate!
- Movie: Back to the Future
- TV Show: The Office
- Band: The Killers



On our honeymoon in Italy.



Dressed as Doc & Marty from Back to the Future for Halloween.

# OUR HOME & NEIGHBORHOOD

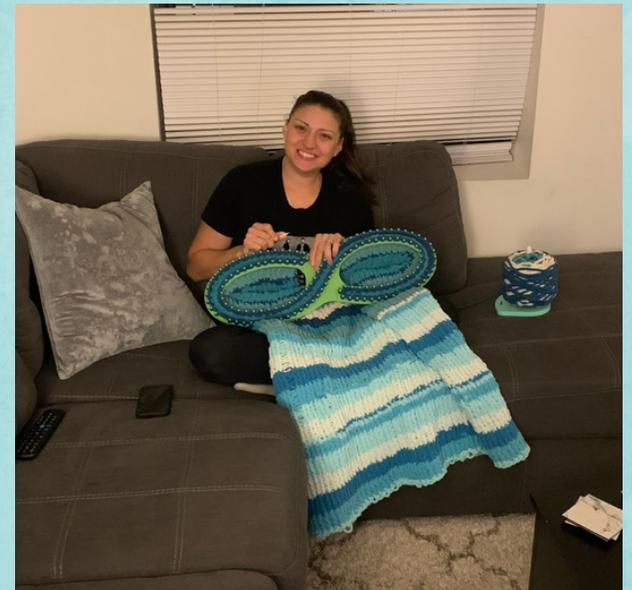
We live in a unique neighborhood, which has a small town feel even though it's in the city. We are lucky to live across the street from a park in a large 2 bedroom apartment. The park has plenty of great activities for kids including playgrounds, ice skating/roller rinks, a zoo, carousel, and tons of open space. Sean loves to run in the park and relax by the lake after work.



Sean cooking in the kitchen.



Hanging out in our living room with our dog-in-law, Bennie.



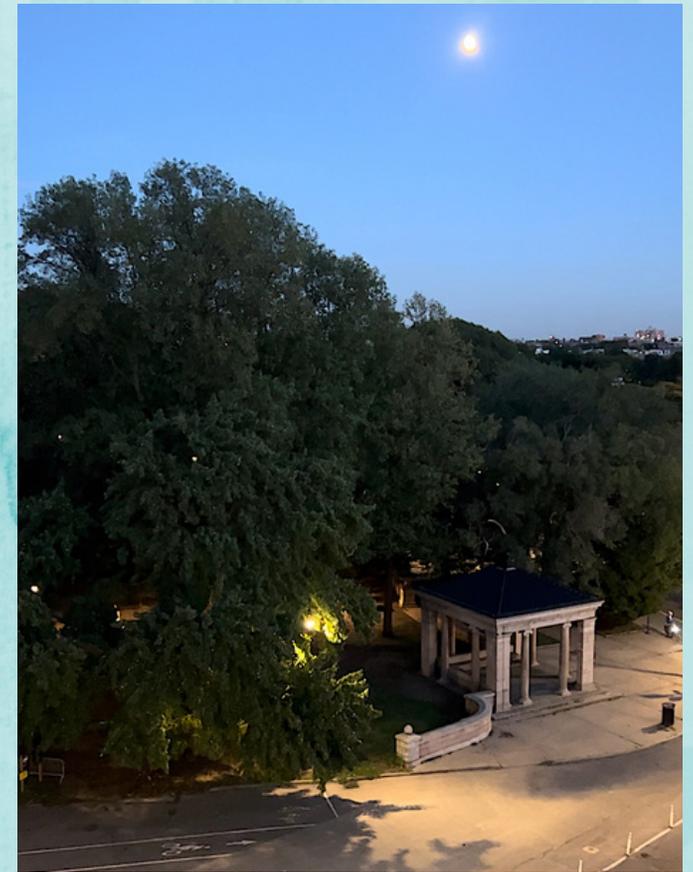
Maryanne knitting a blanket.

Our neighborhood also features many great schools, quality childcare centers, and tons of family-friendly restaurants. An added perk is we also live within walking distance to many of Maryanne's lifelong friends and her parents are only a 20 minute drive away.

Maryanne's job is remote and her company also offers a generous family leave policy. She is planning on taking 6 months off once the baby arrives and is looking forward to that special bonding time. Sean's job is hybrid so he also has the flexibility to work from home part of the week.



Outside of our favorite neighborhood restaurant with Maryanne's Dad and aunts.



The park near our home.



The Lake in the park in winter.

# DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

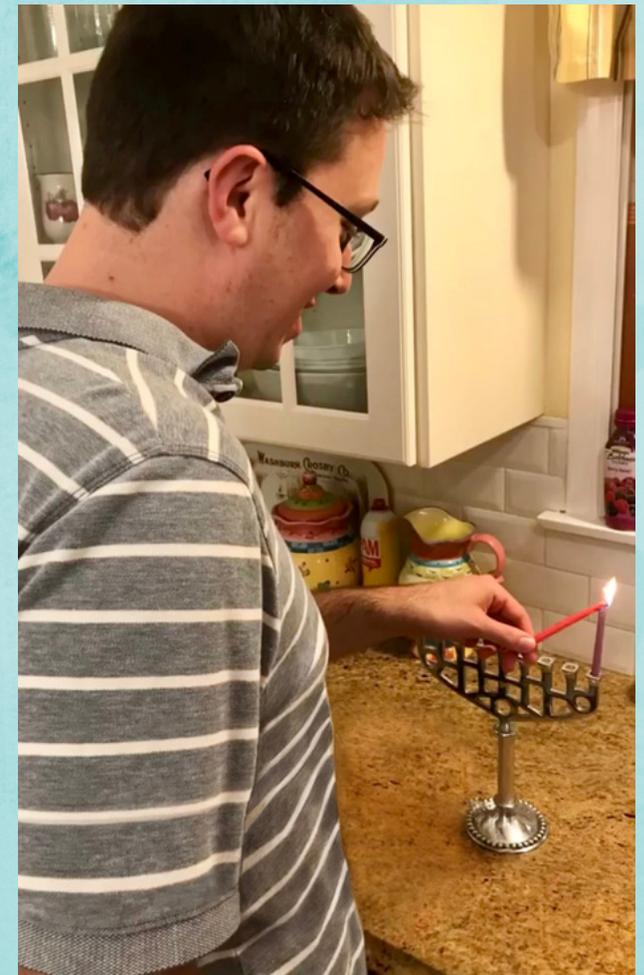
We celebrate both Hanukkah and Christmas -  
double the fun!



Our Christmas tree in our entryway.



Maryanne loves stringing up the  
lights and decorating.



Sean lighting the menorah at his  
parents' house.

# OUR FAMILY

Our community of friends and family are very excited and supportive of our adoption journey. We're very lucky to have so many loved ones close by which makes it easy to get together for family parties and holidays. Maryanne's parents still live in Brooklyn and Sean's parents and sister both live in suburbs just outside of the city.



On our wedding day with both sets of our parents.



Thanksgiving with Sean's sister, Melissa, and our brother-in-law, Jonathan.



Christmas Day at Maryanne's parents' house.



With Maryanne's extended family the day after our wedding.



Sean visiting his grandma in Florida.



Christmas in the city with Maryanne's mom.



Maryanne with both of our moms at her bridal shower



Sean and his sister, Melissa, at her wedding.

# OUR FRIENDS



Sean with his friends from college.



Visiting the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree with Maryanne's Brooklyn friends.



Maryanne with her friends from college.



Maryanne on a trip to London with friends.



Maryanne with her bridesmaids at our wedding.



Sean with his best friend, Zach.



With Sean's friends from high school and all their spouses and kids.



At a local St. Patrick's Day parade with Maryanne's friends.



Maryanne with all her friends on a group trip to Philadelphia.



Having lunch in the city with Sean's friends.

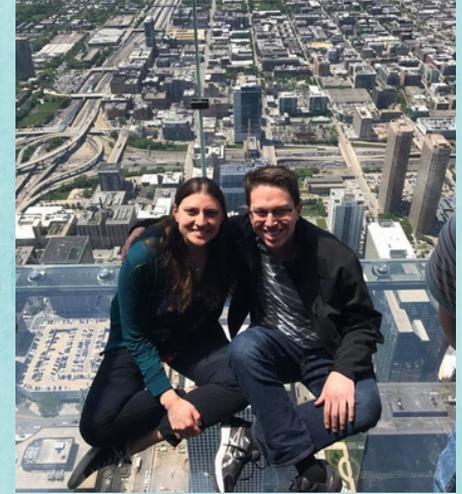
# OUR TRAVELS



At the Parthenon in Athens.



In front of the Trevi fountain in Rome.



On top of the Sears Tower in Chicago.



On the beach in Barcelona.



At the waterfront in Savannah.



On the beach in Florida.



Hanging out by Lake George.



Swimming in Capri, Italy.



In Santorini, Greece.

# THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to learn about our family! If you would like to contact us, you can reach us at 1-347-222-5699. You can also reach out to our attorney, Michael Goldstein, at 1-800-58ADOPT (1-800-582-3678) or 914-939-2134. We are happy to answer any questions you may have and wish you the best of luck on your decision!





