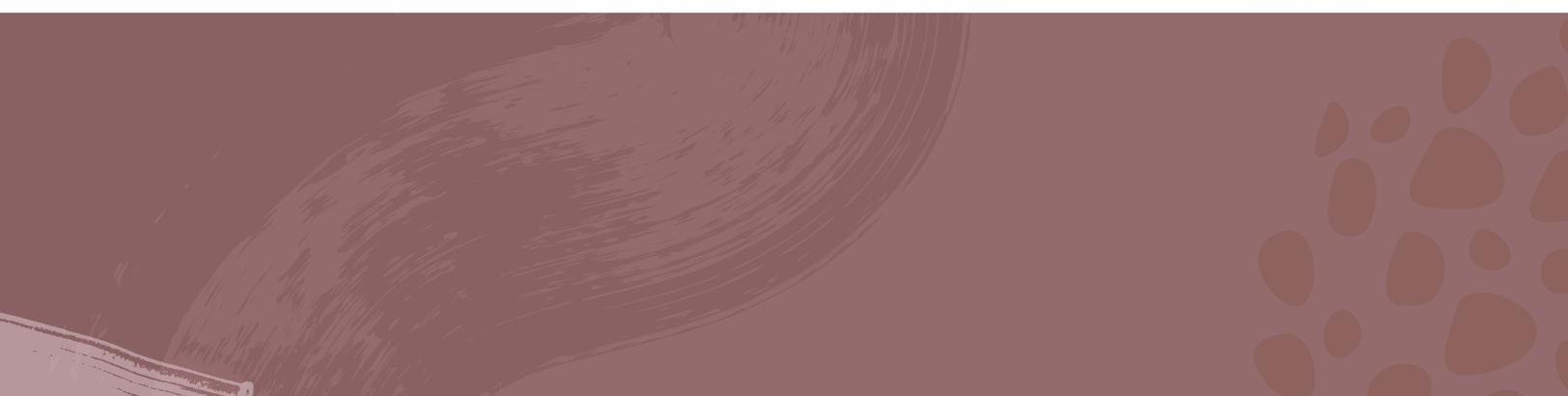


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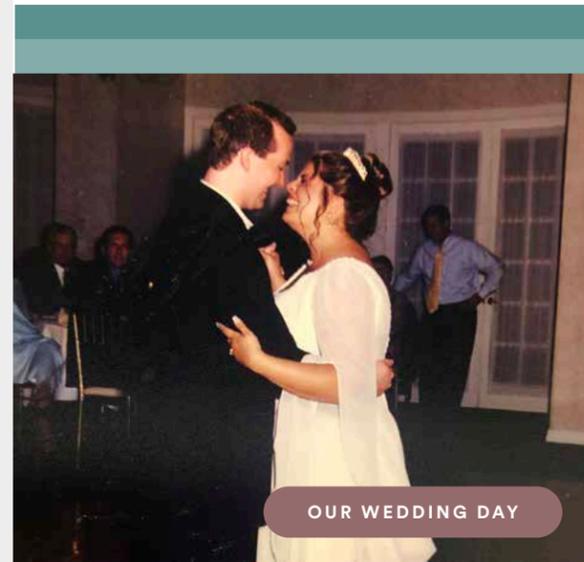




HELLO! WE'RE

Jess & Chris

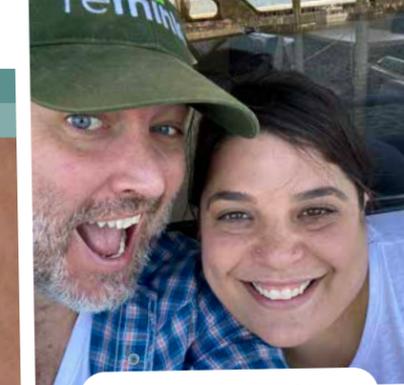
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OUR WEDDING DAY



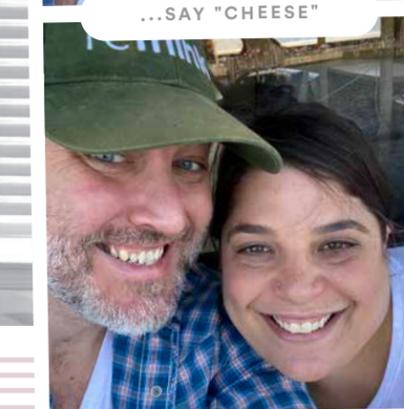
CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY!



ONE, TWO, THREE...



...SAY "CHEESE"



NICE TO Meet you!

We met when Jess was a sophomore in college.

Chris had become very close with Jess's older brother (they remain best friends to this day) and one weekend Jess came home for a visit and the rest, as they say, is history. **We dated for five years and got engaged on Christmas Eve 2004.** Jess was so surprised she threw the ring back at Chris, but of course said YES!

We are a fun-loving, creative couple.

We have always known that our journey to have a family would be through adoption.

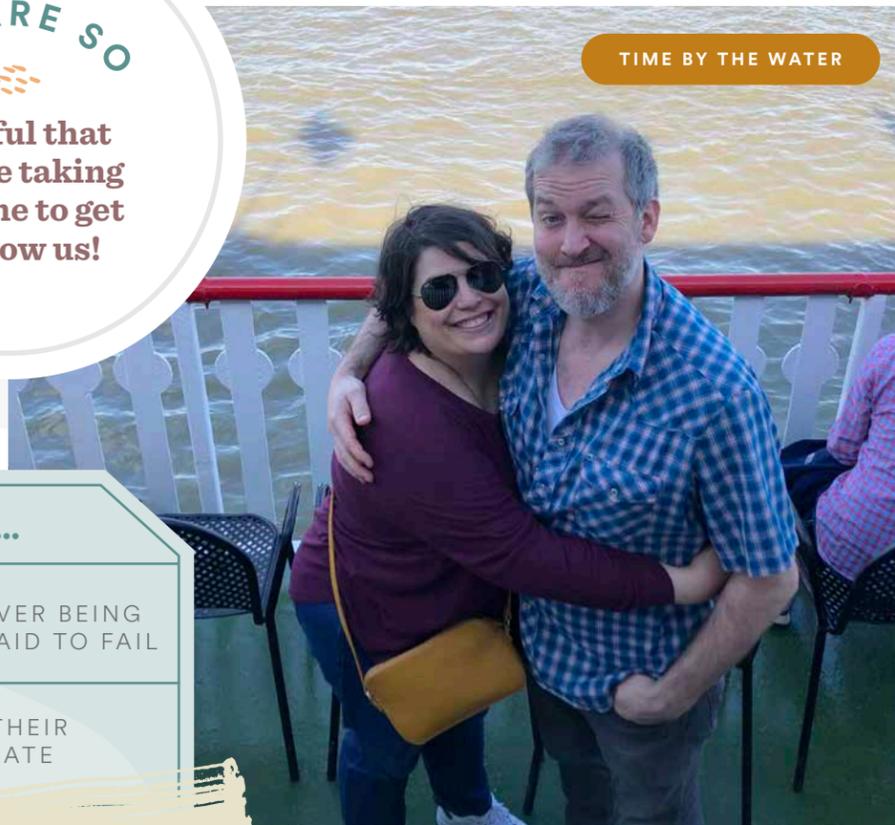
with Gratitude & Thanks

JESS & CHRIS

WE ARE SO

grateful that you are taking the time to get to know us!

TIME BY THE WATER



FIVE THINGS THAT MAKE US HAPPY

JESS

Our dogs

Entertaining

Traveling

Reading

Chris :)

CHRIS

Our dogs

Pizza

Playing music

Riding my bike

Jess



We will teach our future child...

COMPASSION & EMPATHY

THE IMPORTANCE OF ART

NEVER BEING AFRAID TO FAIL

THE WILLINGNESS TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY & OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE

After we got married, we moved to Brooklyn and we have been living here ever since.

We love to laugh and travel and can't wait to expand our family. We have a warm and loving home that is always filled with a lot of laughter and good friends and family. **We promise to provide a loving and supportive home for our child** and will work hard every day to be the best parents we can be.

About Jess



Do what you love

Jess works for an animal welfare non-profit as their Director of Events. She plans and executes large scale fundraisers and galas to help the organization raise money to fund its mission. Jess works remotely from our home in Brooklyn.



AT A RESCUE EVENT!

MARCHING WITH FRIENDS



COLORING WITH OUR NIECE

FAVORITES

Actor or Actress
KATE WINSLET

Animal
DOG

Athlete
PATRICK EWING

Author
JONATHAN FRANZEN

Can't live without
SELTZER

Childhood Activity
SINGING

Children's Book
THE GIVING TREE

Children's TV Show
FRAGGLE ROCK

Game
UNO

Dessert
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

Jess was born in Mount Vernon, a suburb of NYC and moved to the Hudson Valley when she was 13.

She spent a lot of time during her childhood singing and participating in her high school's drama club.

Jess studied Theatre and Women's Studies in college. After moving to NYC and adopting their first dog, Stone, Jess discovered a new passion for animal welfare. She currently works for one of the largest animal welfare organizations in the country.

Jess has spent the last ten years volunteering for a grassroots dog rescue in Brooklyn. She was lucky enough to travel with the organization to the rural south in 2018 and help rescue 20+ dogs and transport them up to Brooklyn to find their forever homes. Jess can't wait to share her passion for animals with our son or daughter and looks forward to the day they can volunteer together.

WITH OUR NIECES & NEPHEWS



FAVORITES

Actor or Actress
JOAQUIN PHOENIX

Animal
DOG

Athlete
SERENA WILLIAMS

Author
RICHARD WRIGHT

Can't live without
COLD BREW ICED COFFEE

Childhood Activity
PLAYING MUSIC

Children's Movie
STAR WARS

Children's Book
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Game
NINTENDO

Dessert
VANILLA ICE CREAM



IN THE STUDIO

PERFORMING!

Do what you love

Chris is a musician, engineer, producer, and part owner of one of the largest recording studios in NYC. He plays the guitar, piano, bass, and drums and has been

recording music since he was a teenager. Chris has a very flexible schedule and will be spending part of the week as the primary caregiver for our son or daughter.

Chris was born in Long Island and moved to the Hudson Valley when he was 12.

As a young child he studied classical piano. As he grew up, his interest in music deepened. Chris spent most of his adolescence teaching himself to play guitar, furthering his passion for music, and playing in bands. He has known since he was 15 that he wanted to make music his livelihood. After moving to NYC, Chris built his own recording studio which he owned and managed for ten years. Four years ago, he became part owner of one of the largest recording studios in the city.

Chris loves to cook and can't wait until our child is old enough to spend time in the kitchen with him. There is nothing we love more than to host our friends and family at our home in Brooklyn, especially in the warmer weather when we can hang out in our backyard.



HOMEMADE PIZZA WITH OUR NIECES!

About Chris



MEET OUR
Village



JESS WITH HER MOM AND DAD



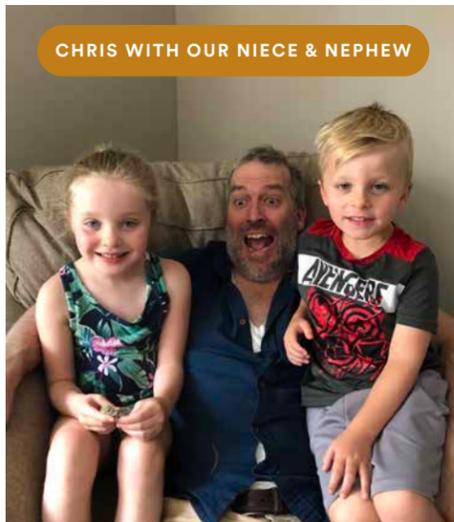
WITH JESS' BROTHER AND HIS WIFE



SPENDING TIME WITH CHRIS'S ENTIRE FAMILY!



WITH JESSICA'S FAMILY



CHRIS WITH OUR NIECE & NEPHEW



BEACH TIME WITH OUR NEPHEWS



COOKING WITH OUR NIECE



OUR BACKYARD



THE STUDIO

OUR
Home

We've lived in Brooklyn, New York for the last 14 years.

We love our home, which we bought several years ago. **Our favorite place to hang out at home is in our backyard, which Chris designed and renovated when we moved in.** We even have a heat lamp so we can use the yard well into the fall. Whether we are hosting friends and family, or we are having a quiet weeknight meal, just us, we spend as much time out back as we can. **Chris also built a small in-home studio** in our finished basement so that he has flexibility to work from home and work on his own artistic endeavors.

We have two rescue dogs. They are both wonderful with kids and have been around our nieces, nephews, and our friend's kids since we first adopted them.

Stone, our older dog, is 11 years old. We adopted Bill last summer and he is 2 years old. Stone likes to spend most of his days snoozing in the bay window in our living room, while his younger brother loves nothing more than to play with his favorite toy.



BILL



STONE

A FEW OF OUR
thoughts about parenting

We want to encourage our child to be an empathetic individual who understands the importance of giving back to his or her community and others who are less fortunate.

Chris wants to instill a love art by sharing his passion for music and literature with our child.

We also want to foster an environment where our child is always free to be who they are and are never afraid of making a mistake or failing. Jess also hopes to teach our child compassion through her love of animals.

Our hope is to have an open adoption as we believe that is what will be best for our child. We will always talk to our child about their adoption. It will become a proud part of our family story. We want them to know that we chose this path to having a family.

For fun...

In our free time, we love spending time with our nieces and nephews.

Whatever we do with them we do our best to be thoughtful, present, generous, understanding, patient, and encouraging. We want them to know that they are their own people and that we see them for who they really are. That's how we'll raise our children, too. We also both love to travel and can't wait to do that with our newly formed family.

Thank You!



We are thankful that you have taken the time to read our profile today.

We'd love to hear from you!

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We realize that we can never truly understand this situation from your point of view, but believe you are considering a brave and courageous decision. **We have not come to the decision of adopting because we have no other way to have a family. We decided early on in our relationship that our journey to have a family would be through adoption.** We have taken the time to focus on our relationship and to build an immense support system that will act as a foundation for this new adventure.

If this is something you want, too, **our hope is that we have some level of ongoing relationship with you—and you with us and your child—after the adoption occurs.** What this looks like will depend in large part on your needs and desires. We are open to discussing what works best. We are open to any questions you might have for us and look forward to meeting you.

