

Nathan & Joe



Dear Birthmother,

We're grateful and honored that you would consider us for the placement of your child! Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We are immensely excited for this next phase of our life and cannot wait to finally welcome a child into our family. We have been together for 8 years and are looking forward to growing our family with your help.

Joe's work as a Pediatrician and Nathan's extremely close relationships with his siblings led us early on to realize that having children was very important to both of us.

Joe always hoped to raise his family in Maine, and Nathan was more than happy to move and benefit from the beautiful outdoors, Joe's family nearby, and a thriving, inclusive, and welcoming community.





We met in Washington, DC where Nathan owns and operates his two restaurants, while Joe was doing a public health rotation in medical school. A whirlwind romance led to a multi-year long distance relationship.

In 2019, we moved up to Maine, a place with frigid winters but a warm and close-knit community. All our family and friends were able to join us in July 2022 for the wedding of our dreams, and those who had never visited Maine now understand why we're excited to build our family here.



I grew up in Paris, Panamá, and Washington, DC, and my love for travel, adventure, and culinary exploration started very early. I have carried those passions with me throughout my life, and developed a love of film, dogs, and games along the way. With two successful restaurants operating smoothly, I now have free time to devote to more personal passions and interests: going to the movies, dining out, playing with our dogs whenever possible, game nights with friends and colleagues, traveling, and exploring Maine to broaden my knowledge of, and love for, my new home.

NATHAN



JOE



After spending a few years living in Philadelphia for my Pediatrics training, I'm happy to be putting down roots with Nathan in Maine. Having grown up here, I have a deep love for the four seasons. I like to spend my free time skiing in the winter, and mountain biking and tending to our garden in the summer. I'm fortunate that many of my closest friends from high school and college live nearby, and I enjoy keeping up with them and their growing families.

I love my career as a pediatrician and have a passion for child health advocacy. I devote a good portion of my free time to advocating for policies that support the health of the youth in our communities.

Family is incredibly important to us. We are lucky to have all of Joe's immediate family here in Maine, so we're able to see them frequently. Nathan's family is spread out across Panamá, NYC, Miami, and New Orleans. We get together with Nathan's entire family three or four times a year and enjoy vacationing together whenever we can!





Nathan is a city mouse, and Joe loves the country, so at first, finding the right home was hard. After over a year of searching we found a perfect house nestled on over an acre of land surrounded by woods and nature, but still close to the heart of the city. Our house is warm and cozy with a giant fenced yard and plenty of room to run and play, and we look forward to growing into it as our family expands.



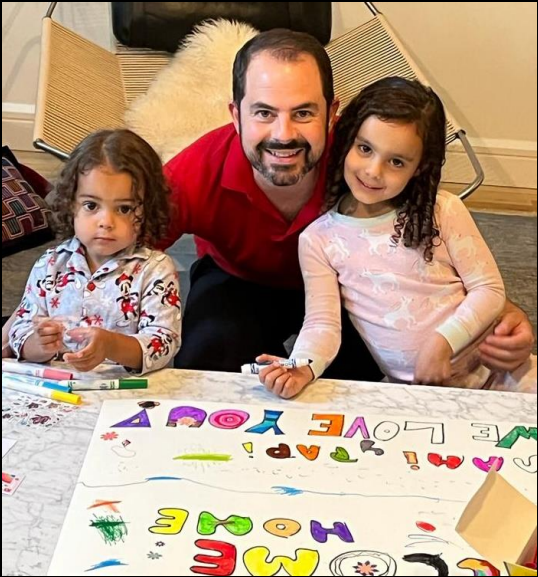




We have a lively and loving home with three dogs and an endless font of excitement and cuddles whenever we walk through the door. We're excited to raise our children with a love for dogs, and pets in general. We want them to understand the important life lessons that come from caring for another being and seeing that investment returned with a forceful love and sense of belonging. Both of us snuggled up with our child and three dogs together on the couch in front of a fire on a cold winter night is the stuff our dreams are made of.



In addition to our nieces and nephews, we are both fortunate to have a group of close friends whose children call us *Uncle* and *Tio*, and with whom we have built loving, trusting relationships. They have helped us immensely in preparation for becoming parents ourselves; not just in understanding how much work and love go into parenting, but also in clarifying what our individual strengths and weaknesses will be as co-parents.





The greatest gift we could ask for is the chance to become parents.

We are excited to provide our children with the opportunity to explore their world with curiosity and enthusiasm, and to encourage them to dream big.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for taking the time to read our profile and considering making us a part of your adoption journey.

-Nathan and Joe