Joshua & John

Hello from New Jersey!

Welcome to our adoption profile! We are Joshua and John, a couple hoping to grow our family through adoption. We have been together since 2022 and look forward to sharing the love, laughter, and joy that already fill our lives with a child. Our home is full of kindness, plenty of laughter, and the occasional dance party, and we are fortunate to be surrounded by extended family and close friends who are excited to support us as we become parents.

We have immense respect for you as you consider adoption as one of your options for you and your baby. We understand that this is a deeply personal decision, and, regardless of the path you choose, we hope you feel supported and respected throughout your journey.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We hope our profile gives you a meaningful sense of who we are as individuals and as a couple, the loving community of family and friends who surround us, and the kind of parents we hope to become. We envision raising a child in a home rooted in love, understanding, stability, and support.

If you feel a connection, have any questions, or would simply like to learn more about us, we would be grateful for the opportunity to hear from you.

We approach this process, and any conversations we may have with you, with humility and gratitude.

–Joshua & John

Our **Story**

We first met in 2022 when Joshua was temporarily living in Los Angeles, a city John had called home for 14 years. During our first date, Joshua told John that he was planning to have children and that John would have to be on board to get a second date. With enthusiasm, John agreed. It didn't take long before we were spending all of our time together. After a year and a half of dating, Joshua proposed in 2024 at the same spot where we first met. We got married in a small ceremony in Alaska in 2025, with the unwavering support of our parents.

The most important parts of our lives are our family, careers, and experiences (in that order). We spend a lot of time throughout the year with each other's families, whether it's "just because," for major life events, or for the holidays. In the past year, we've gone on a two-week cruise with John's parents, celebrated Thanksgiving with three different parts of Joshua's family, and been at the hospital for two of our parents' major surgeries. We also spend a lot of time with friends who feel like extended family.

We are both thankful for fulfilling careers that also provide us with balance. John loves his job as a publicist at an entertainment company. John's job leans into his love for pop culture and everything Hollywood. Joshua loves his job as a life and career coach at a big law firm in NYC. Joshua's job leans into his love for people and helping them be their best.

We love to travel together often, both for leisure and work. Some of our fun trips include a road trip through France and trips to Alaska, the United Kingdom, Mexico, and Central America. We often get the itch to experience new cities and better understand the world and people around us.

Although we love to travel, we also love our home in Ridgewood, New Jersey, which is about an hour outside the city. It's where we find daily peace away from the busy city. We are enamored with our welcoming and warm community, with its many young families, countless social activities, and several parks throughout our town. Our home and our town are our safe haven.

AT A GLANCE

10 Things to Know About Us

- Both of us grew up in New England but have lived all over, including New York City, Boston, Los Angeles, and Mississippi. This has allowed us to gain new friends and experience different cultures along the way.

- Our careers are fulfilling, and we get to do very different things! Joshua has been a teacher, lawyer, and career/life coach. John has been a TV producer, celebrity assistant, and publicist.

- We love to spend time with our families. When we're not visiting them at their respective homes, we've taken them on trips to Alaska and on a cross-continental cruise through the Panama Canal together.

- Dinnertime is spent together eating different things! Throughout the bulk of our relationship, Joshua and John have had very different eating habits, from Joshua starting as a vegetarian and becoming a full vegan, to John never meeting a cheeseburger he didn't love. To this day, we eat together nightly but usually cook different meals, with the occasional crossover.

- It's a Peloton household! Joshua loves to work out and passed his love of the Peloton on to John (who is currently on a 155-week streak!). Working out is good for our health and something we try to stick to as much as possible.

- Walks! It's the best way to see the world. We both enjoy spending time walking together, whether it's in the city, in the suburbs, or in another country. It may sound simple, but this may be our favorite activity to do together.

- Our faith. We were raised Catholic and still attend church. We're proud of our religion, but it's very important to note that we respect everyone's beliefs, whatever they may be. Our primary goal is to provide education and support to the child we hope to adopt, enabling them to explore different cultures, beliefs, and ideals with our guidance and values.

- TV! As much as Joshua would love to live in a home without a TV, John relishes it (it's part of his career, after all!). We watch everything, from reality to comedy to drama. Joshua loves the History Channel, and John gravitates toward Bravo.

- Traveling! Have we mentioned that we love to travel? We've been lucky enough to visit Alaska, Seattle, Dallas, Boston, Michigan, Florida, Colombia, and Chicago, to name a few. We are fortunate to have been able to visit so many places.

- Giving back! Joshua has taught John the importance of recycling, composting, and treating the world with care. John has taught Joshua the importance of generosity to friends and family. We want to lead by example and continue to volunteer, donate, and give back to our community whenever we can.

Joshua and baby Billy smile for the camera.

A little Easter fun with Joshua's friend Natascha and her two children, Billy and David.

About **Joshua**

At the heart of who I am is a belief that people deserve to feel seen, supported, and loved. This belief has shaped my personal and professional life in ways that I feel deeply connected to.

That instinct shows up most naturally in my personal life, whether I'm reaching out to friends to check in on them or bringing my extended family together for a Thanksgiving celebration that's long overdue. It's that same desire to show love to the people around me that draws me to the idea of becoming a father and parenting a child.

Professionally, the desire to support people led me to transition from practicing law to working as a life coach for attorneys. I now support attorneys through some of life's most demanding chapters: high-pressure careers, personal loss, and the weight of it all at once. Whatever someone is facing, my goal is always to make them feel like the most important person in that moment.

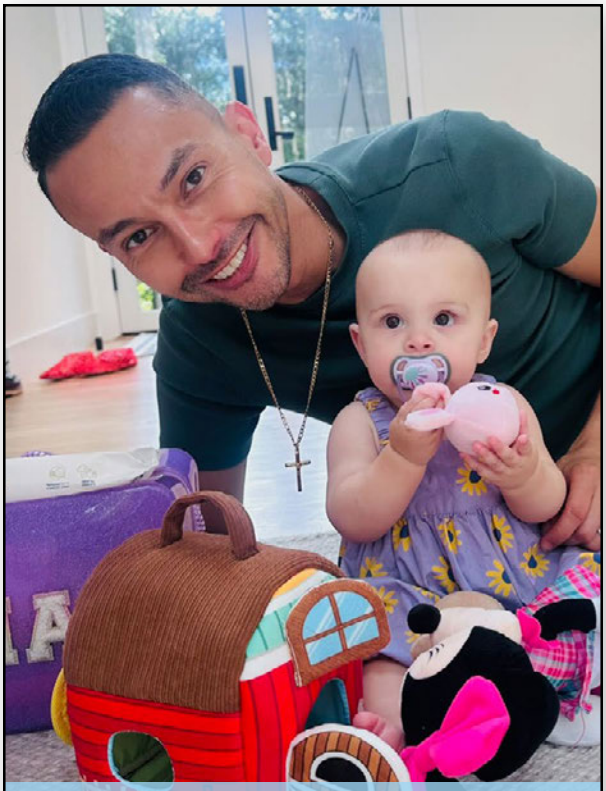
When I need to recharge, I turn to the two things that ground me most: nature and good company. There's something that fills me up about watching flowers bloom in spring or trees change color in fall — and even more so when I'm sharing that moment on a hike with someone I care about. Whether it's a spontaneous lunch break, a dinner party at home, or a long trail hike with John, a family member, or a friend, those connections are what restore me and remind me why people matter so much.

As written by John:

Joshua is the one his loved ones can ALWAYS count on! He was built to be a dad! In fact, on our first date ever, he said, "I want to have kids, and if you don't want to have kids, then bye!" ... okay, maybe that wasn't exactly how he phrased it ... but you get the gist!

I can't thank my lucky stars enough for putting him in my path, and some days I'm still in disbelief that he wants to go through this life with me.

Becoming a parent is a dream for him (and a dream for me, too!). Joshua has always wanted to have a big, boisterous family, and he absolutely deserves it. He's loving, he's caring, he's kind, he's smart, he's supportive, and he always wants to do his part to make the world a better place.



Baby Maya (our friend's daughter) says hello during a play break with John.

John rings the bell during a quick work break.

About **John**

I dream big, and I always have! My parents, who are everything to me, instilled in me from a young age the belief that hard work could lead to anything I wanted to be — and I still hold onto that belief. The support that I have received has propelled me into a career that I am so extremely proud of. They also gave me the ability to speak fluent Portuguese, as well as English. I consider being bilingual to be one of my "superpowers!"

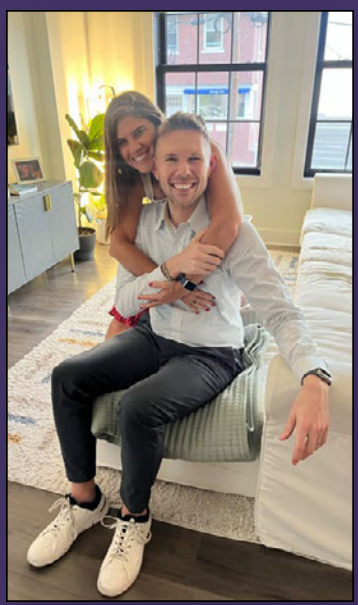
Entertainment and pop culture have always been my passion, and it's not lost on me that I'm one of the lucky ones who gets to do something that I truly love and work with people who inspire me.

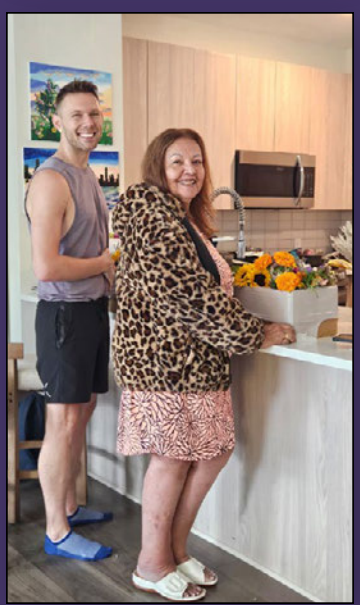
On top of all that, I've learned that, for me, life is nothing without the people in it. I am so thankful for my husband, my family, and my friends and for their love and support. And it's my goal to always return that love and support to them. I want to be the friend and partner they call for advice, laughter, and adventures. I want to be there for them through all of life's twists and turns. And that's the kind of father I aspire to be. Above all, I want the child we hope to adopt to feel cherished and loved. I want them to know that they can always count on me for absolutely anything and trust me with anything they need.

Additionally, I want Joshua to know that, as his partner, we are embarking on this journey together. He can rely on me to co-parent the child we hope to adopt. As parents, we will both love our child unconditionally and be proud of them.

As written by Joshua:

John makes everyone's life feel so vibrant. He is one of the most fun, energetic, and loving people I know. John can connect with anyone he meets — he can chat about a TV series from any decade, a singer from any genre, or a shared love for particular food chains. There are so many days when I come home to John performing a one-man concert featuring the latest pop song, followed by a recap of the latest Real Housewives episode. John also makes a point of maintaining strong connections with his friends and family through phone calls and conversations about their shared interests. What this has shown me is how smart John is — he is able to absorb so much information so quickly and turn his knowledge into genuine connections with others.





Our **Home**

We are thankful to call Ridgewood, New Jersey, our home! We've been living in this quaint suburb of the New York City metropolitan area since the fall of 2024. The village of Ridgewood is truly one of New Jersey's hidden gems, featuring picturesque streets lined with cafés, small businesses selling a variety of treasures, and a plethora of restaurants offering cuisines from around the world. In fact, Ridgewood is so quaint that all retail stores are closed on Sundays, and visitors are hard-pressed to find any major chain (like McDonald's) in town, much to John's dismay and Joshua's delight.

Our two-bedroom apartment is located in a beautiful, new building. The building features a gym, a rooftop, and even a lounge area where we are able to relax or play a few rounds of pool. The building also sits right next to the train station, allowing us to quickly get into Manhattan for work and for fun. Aside from the location, we picked this area to be our home because we have two friends living just a five-minute walk away.

Our favorite thing about Ridgewood is the community itself. It's a gorgeous place to simply walk around, featuring beautiful homes to admire and parks where deer and bunnies roam freely. Thankfully, we have everything we need here — from our church to three different grocery stores.

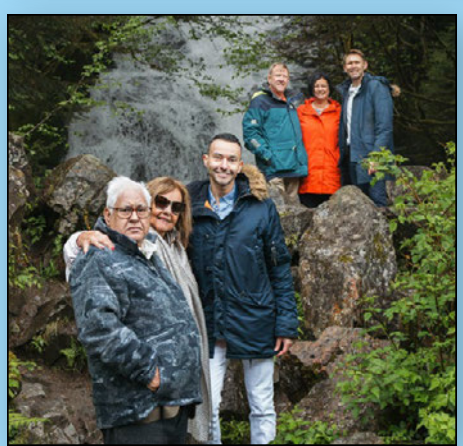
As we both have roots in New York through our work and our friends, Ridgewood's proximity to the city allows us to take advantage of all that New York City has to offer — from museums and restaurants to Broadway shows and much more. New York City may be many things ... but boring is never one of them, and living so close to one of the world's most famous cities is not something we take for granted.

Our **Family**

Family plays a huge role in our lives, and we spend a considerable amount of time with each other's families. We tend to get together with our families during the holidays, but also several other times throughout the year.

John is very close with his immediate and extended family. He talks with his mom daily — he might talk for two minutes to simply check in or for one hour sharing stories. John's phone is constantly pinging with new texts from his aunts and sisters. John's parents and two of his aunts live near each other in Florida, so there's never a trip there without seeing all of them.

Joshua also cherishes family. He is always looking for more ways to bring his family together, as they live in different states — including Florida, Massachusetts, and Michigan. Always wanting to strengthen those family bonds, Joshua has started reconnecting with his many great-aunts and cousins whom he saw yearly as a kid.



Our **Friends**

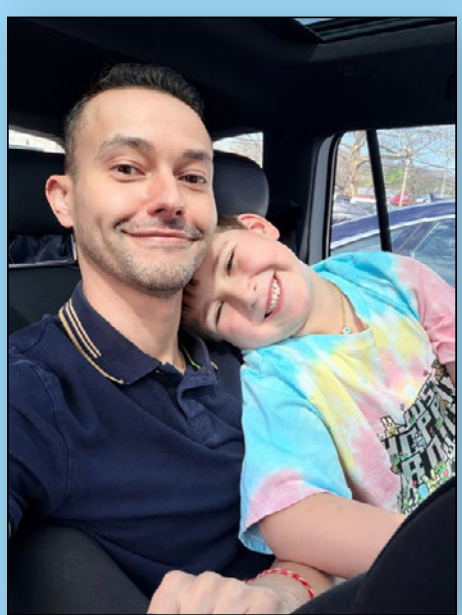
We have large and strong circles of friends, both as individuals and as a couple.

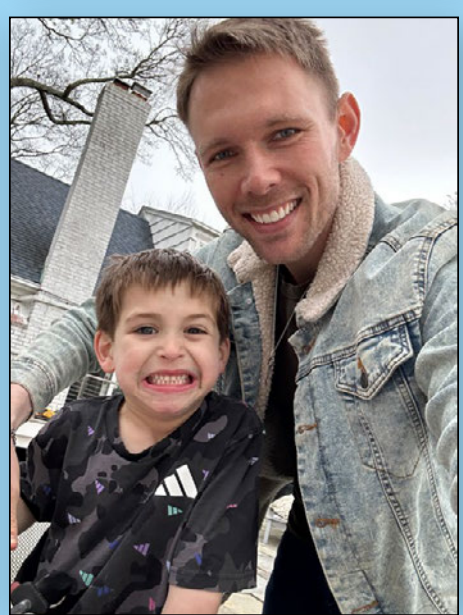
After we got married in a small, parents-only ceremony in Alaska, it was also important to us to celebrate our commitment with the people we love and to have their support as we began this next chapter together. So, we gathered with about 100 close friends and family members in New York City to celebrate our marriage.

John has friends dating all the way back to elementary school whom he keeps in touch with. Some of his closest friends are people he met in college and at prior jobs, and they've never stopped being friends. John's friends are so excited for our adoption journey and can't wait to share in the joy.

Joshua has friends dating all the way back to high school, and those friends are considered family. Joshua also has many friends from law school and various jobs. Joshua's best friend also lives in the same town as us in New Jersey, which makes it easy to have them over for movie nights or dinner. Many of Joshua's friends are parents of infants, and they can't wait to have playdates when the two of us welcome a child into our home.

We are so fortunate to be surrounded by so many loving friends and family members.





Joshua's Fun Facts

Occupation: Life & Career Coach

Hobbies: Meeting New People; Volunteering; Plants/ Gardening; Working Out; Traveling; Urban Planning; Learning New Skills (Like DJing)

Places: New York City; Paris

Foods: Vegetables; Cake

Music: EDM; House; Any Remix

John's Fun Facts

Occupation: Entertainment Publicist Focusing on Documentaries and Reality TV

Hobbies: Pop Culture (Film/TV); Concerts; Dining at Any & Every Restaurant or Fast-Food Establishment; Traveling; Reading; Spending Time With Friends & Family

Places: Los Angeles, California; London

Foods: French Fries; Cheeseburgers; Pizza

Music: Madonna; Mariah; Cher; Kylie; & Britney — The Great Divas of Our Time

With Love,
John + Joshua

Our **Gratitude**

Thank you for reading our adoption profile and taking the time to get to know us. We respect how deeply personal and emotional this journey may be for you, and, regardless of the decisions you make along the way, we hope you know that your voice is the most important one in this process.

If you decide to make an adoption plan and select us to parent your child, we promise to provide them with a home filled with warmth, joy, and love. Your child will know their story, grow up with a strong and stable family foundation, and never have to question how deeply they are loved.

We hope our adoption profile has given you a meaningful sense of who we are, as well as the extended family, friends, and community who surround us with love and support. We also hope it has helped you understand how we hope to love and raise the child we may one day adopt. If you feel a connection and would like to reach out, we would be grateful for the opportunity to get to know you.

–John & Joshua

Contact **John & Joshua**

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