



Doug &  
Tyler





# dear mama

We're Doug and Tyler (and Roland)! Thank you for considering us in your adoption plan. We both love being parents, and we look forward to welcoming another child into our family. Our son Roland came to us through adoption, so we understand what a gift it is to be chosen to be fathers.

If you choose us, your child will be raised as a member of a loving family in a home that is safe, creative, and fun. We discuss adoption openly and honestly, so your child will always know your love brought them to us.

Thank you again. We can't wait to meet you!

*Doug, Tyler  
+ Roland*



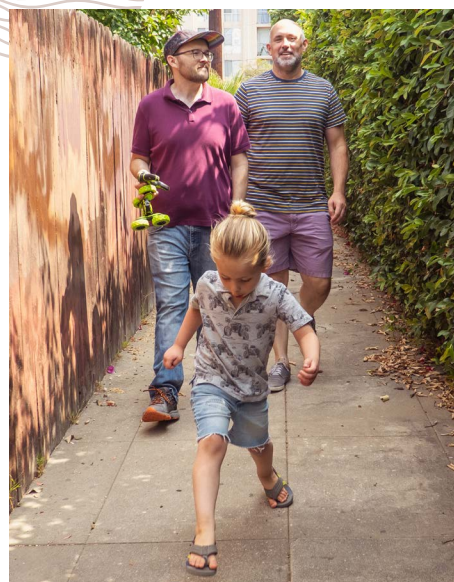




# our story



We met on the job! Our friendship blossomed into a relationship, and we had our dream wedding in January 2017 – complete with our favorite drag queen performing the ceremony! Roland joined our family six months later when, as we like to say, we all adopted each other. Our family is always up for an adventure, whether we're out exploring the real world or just living vicariously through a book. We love movies, books, and music, and we have a strong preference for funny and irreverent stuff. The only thing we're really serious about is family, and we can't wait to add to ours.



“ We love being Dads, and Roland is very excited to have a sibling! ”





# meet doug

(by Tyler)

Doug keeps me laughing, and as much as I try to return the favor, no one makes him laugh more than himself. He's a constant inspiration, always on a journey of self-improvement (although I think he's pretty good as is) and on the hunt for a new challenge. That's how we ended up with a display case full of race medals. Obstacles don't deter him... in fact, during his knitting phase I once watched him calmly unravel the same sock three times before finally finishing it. Conversations with him are never boring. He's a wonderful Papa to Roland, always happy to get on the floor and play but also able to make Roland feel validated as he figures out the world around him. In short, Doug's the best husband and co-parent I could ask for!



More About

*Doug*

**OCCUPATION:** Television Editor

**FAVORITE MOVIES:** Little Shop of Horrors, Moulin Rouge, Lord of the Rings (too many to pick just one!)

**FAVORITE PLACE:** Paris, France or Florence, Italy

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** Roland, Tyler, and Coffee

**MY PERFECT DAY:** Starting the day with a 6 mile run, getting coffee with Tyler and a donut with Roland, maybe a nap, and then watching a movie.

“Doug is funny, thoughtful, supportive, and encouraging. Put it together, and it makes him one great father!”

*-Tyler*

# meet tyler

(by Doug)

Tyler has music in his soul and marches to the beat of a different drummer. By that, I mean I sometimes catch him singing “You Oughta Know” in the style of Count Dracula with dance moves to go with it. Tyler is from Tennessee and still retains enough of his accent that he says “cain’t” instead of “can’t.” Tyler loves all sorts of music, from Dolly Parton to RuPaul, but especially good bluegrass. Tyler loves to cook everything from scratch. Tyler has a big heart and is an amazing, fun, silly father. He gives Roland a great example of how to love and appreciate people, and to cut his own path in the world. I see so much of him in Roland, and I look forward to being dads to another child with him.



More About

*Tyler*

**OCCUPATION:** Television Producer

**FAVORITE MOVIES:** Harold & Maude, Hello Dolly

**FAVORITE PLACE:** Home

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** My family, Golden Girls... and a kitchen

**MY PERFECT DAY:** I would cook breakfast for Doug & Roland. Then we'd eat lunch at a nice restaurant, see a matinee, and come home to throw a dinner party.

“Tyler is a sweet, patient, creative, smart, musical, funny, perfect dad!”

*- Doug*



# meet roland

Roland is a curious, brave, silly, sweet kid who loves to solve problems. He loves dinosaurs, dancing, movies, machines, riding his bike, and reading books. His imagination knows no bounds, and he will commandeer storytime if he doesn't agree with the tale we're spinning. He loves to build houses, towers, & trains out of anything he finds around the house. He is an adventurous eater and likes anything with a strong taste. In fact, he insisted on vinegar at his latest birthday party... for his cake.

Roland is very excited to become a big brother, and he's already told us in great detail how he'll take care of a new baby and all the things he will teach them (starting with how to do a cartwheel).

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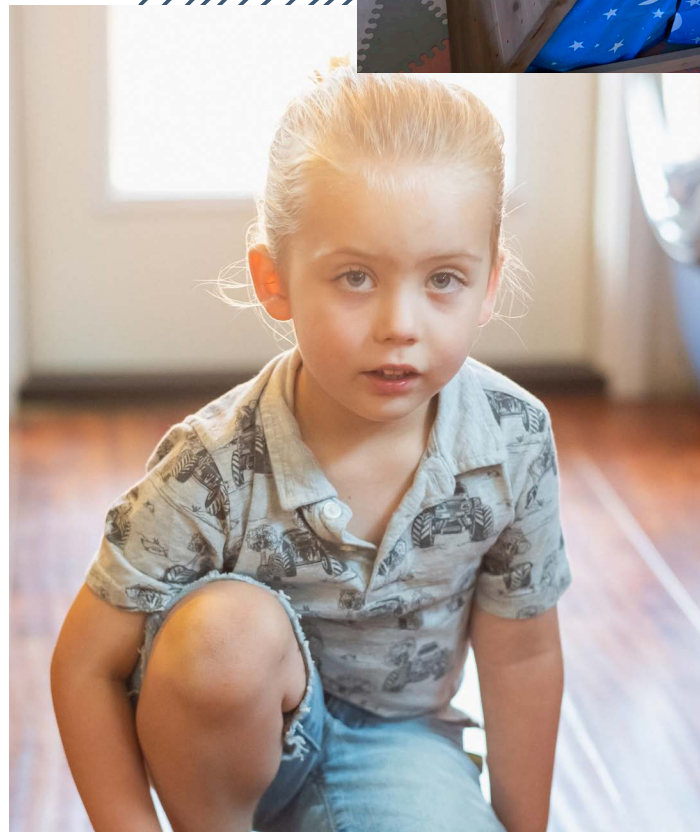
*Roland*

**AGE:** 4

**OCCUPATION:** Choreographer / Stuntman / Engineer

**CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** Dinosaurs

**MY PERFECT DAY:** Helping make breakfast, going to the park, eating lunch at the restaurant that gives him fruit AND french fries on the side of his grilled cheese, watching a movie, and staying up late.



# fun facts about *Our family*



We all love going to Monster Truck rallies. Roland's favorite truck is Megalodon, the giant shark.



Tyler's favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because it kicks off a month of Christmas music. Doug's favorite holiday is Halloween.

Doug and Roland both speak Spanish.



Roland and Tyler read fantasy novels together every night. Roland's favorite is "The Hobbit."



Doug has run multiple marathons. He's probably training for one now.



We met while making a TV show, and Roland is named after our favorite character.



Doug and Tyler work from home together... and are still happily married.



“ I love our family! ”

- *Roland*



# our family & friends

Since we aren't California natives, our family is spread out all over the country in Washington, Maine, Tennessee, and Georgia, so we travel all over! We have one nephew (12 years old), two nieces (6 and 10 years old), and two godchildren (5 years old and an infant). Everyone's excited for a new addition to the family!



Grandma Susan and Roland



Roland and Baby Mio

We have a large network of close friends in Southern California that have become our chosen family. Doug's childhood best friend (of over 25 years) lives nearby with his wife and three kids, and Tyler's best friends from college are all in the area. Our friends include everyday professionals but also range from children's programming directors to party clowns, so we're never too far from custom balloon animals or educational puppet shows. Roland goes to a small, tight-knit, diverse daycare, so he's already bringing his own friends into the mix.



Aunt Michelle and Roland



Doug with niece Jordan



Roland with friend Paloma



Tyler with niece Jordan



Roland walking with Josephine



Roland, Aunt Diana, and cousin Elysia



Roland's best friend Violet



# our home & community

We live in a fun, diverse neighborhood in Southern California that has a lot of family-friendly businesses and natural parks nearby. The zoo is just a short drive away! We own our home and spend a lot of time making it our own. When we're not waiting for a fresh coat of paint to dry, our house is a display of things we love... our bookcases are overflowing with a mixture of children's books, fantasy classics, and cookbooks... so we do a LOT of family reading. Our walls are covered with quirky art, treasured keepsakes, and family pictures.



# our pets Junior, Liza + Doralee

We share our home with three furry bundles of love, our dogs Junior (12 years), Liza (1 year), and Doralee (just a puppy). Tyler rescued Junior running across seven busy lanes of traffic in 2010. He's a master cuddler and greets everyone with love... unless they're squirrels. Liza was born at Roland's daycare and came to live with us when she was four months old. She's still got that puppy spunk, and she's the ringleader if ever the dogs are up to no good. Doralee was rescued from our local animal shelter when she was just eight weeks old. She's still growing, but she's already two pounds of pure personality. All three dogs love people, especially kids!



Roland and Liza



All three dogs together!



Doralee, Tyler, and Roland



Junior



# why adoption



We have one amazing son who came to us through adoption, and our family mantra is that we all adopted each other! As a same-sex couple, we always planned on adoption as the way to create our family. We also value the relationship we have with our son's birth mother. We believe it is important for him to have a connection to his family of origin and hope for the same for any child we adopt (and who adopts us)!

“Being an adopted family has brought us so much joy, and we can't wait to welcome a new child into our hearts.”

## our promise as dads

- Create a supportive and stable environment.
- Make family a priority.
- See our children for who they are, not just what we want them to be.
- Acknowledge our children's feelings and be able to talk about them openly and honestly.
- Teach our children to discover and follow their passions.

## thank you!



Thank you so much for taking the time to get to know us! We know you're making a difficult decision and doing it out of love. We hope that we are the kind of fathers you want to parent your child, and we promise that, if you choose us, the home your child grows up in will be one filled with love, laughter, fun, and acceptance. We also promise that your child will always know they were brought to us by a birth mother who loves them and wants them to have the very best.

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