

INTRODUCING

*Ross
& Alex*



HEY
THERE!

Thank you for taking the time to read through our profile and consider us as adoptive parents for your child. It takes a lot of bravery and strength to place a child for adoption. We have so much respect for you and we pledge to do everything we can to make you feel comfortable and supported throughout this journey. We've always wanted to be parents and are so excited about the opportunity to bring a child into our home. We look forward to meeting you!

ABOUT US



We're both transplants from the East Coast, Ross from Connecticut and Alex from New York. Coincidentally, we both went to college in Boston, but didn't meet until years later when we were living in Los Angeles. In 2016, a mutual friend wanted to set us up, but before they got the chance, we swiped right on Tinder and the rest is history. We instantly hit it off and began building our lives together. In 2019, Alex proposed at the same hike we had taken on our second date, a place called the Wisdom Tree. We eloped with a small virtual

ceremony in 2020 during the Covid-19 shutdown, and had an in-person wedding with our family and friends in 2022. We share similar interests – the love of healthy home-cooked meals, hiking and exploring nature together, traveling, movie nights, game nights, spending time with family and friends and snuggling our pets. We're both compassionate people who believe in empathy, honesty, good communication, humility, and knowing how to laugh. We made a pledge early on to never go to bed angry and we stick by it.

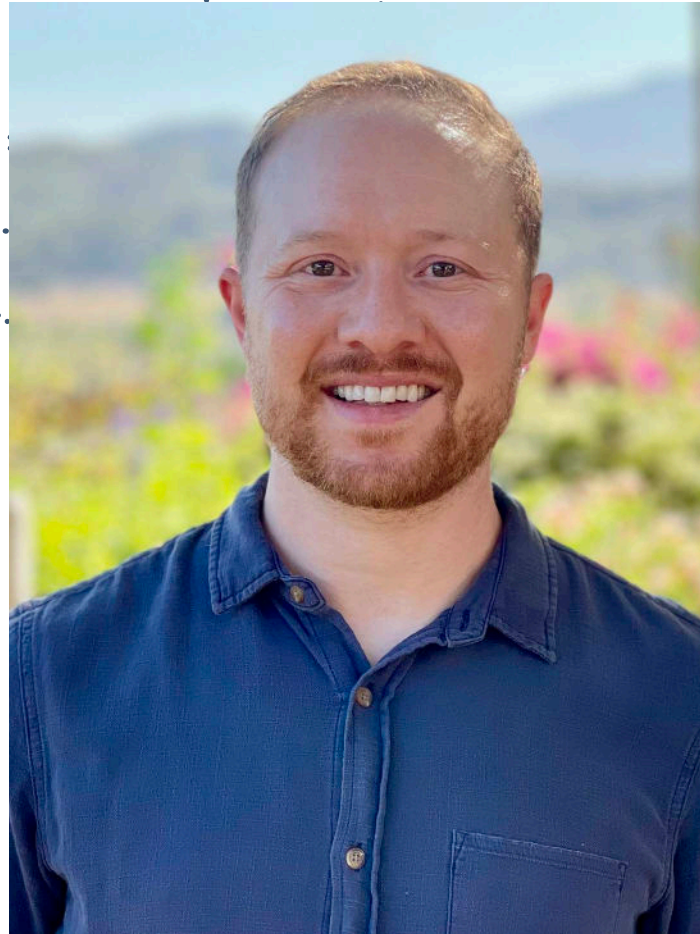


MEET ROSS

by Alex

Ross has been preparing to be a parent his entire life. Raised by two very capable and loving parents, he grew up learning to do anything and everything around the house – from gardening to handiwork. If there is something he doesn't know, he researches and studies until he could ace any pop quiz on the topic. His top priorities are nurturing lifelong relationships with family and friends and making sure people feel taken care of. He provides not only for his family and friends but also for his community by being a great neighbor. I've never worried about facing any of life's challenges with him by my side. I couldn't ask for a better partner and any child would be lucky to have him as a father.

"Ross is one of the smartest, most caring people I have ever met and I can't wait for our child to feel his love." – Alex



MORE ABOUT

Ross

AGE: 36

OCCUPATION: Film & TV Producer

FAVORITE MOVIE: Jurassic Park

FAVORITE PLACE: Anywhere I can be outside in nature. In Los Angeles, my favorite place for this is Griffith Park. My favorite National Park is Zion in Utah.

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Watermelon, Laughter, and Home Depot.

MY PERFECT DAY: Coffee then a hike with friends and our dog Hudson, followed by a home cooked meal, and then watching a movie or playing a game.

MEET ALEX

by Ross

Alex is an amazing partner and friend. He has the biggest heart and is a natural caretaker. He's truly a glass half-full kind of person, always trying to find the good in people and situations. He's very intelligent and happens to be great at math, so he'll definitely be the one to help with math homework in our house. He's an excellent cook and fills our home with healthy and delicious meals. He's very creative and can come up with a meal using any ingredients we have in the fridge to help reduce waste. Together, we balance each other and make a really great team. As a father, he'll shower our child with love and support and will always make sure they're heard. He'll help our child be social, educated, creative, and to have a great sense of humor.

"Alex brings positive energy and perspective into every situation and it's going to help make him a great father!" – Ross



MORE ABOUT

Alex

AGE: 34

OCCUPATION: Digital Marketing Director

FAVORITE MOVIE: First Wives Club

FAVORITE PLACE: Ojai, CA because it's the perfect place to get away from the city and where we were married.

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Fruit, lip balm, and coffee.

MY PERFECT DAY: Waking up and taking the dog for a big walk to get iced coffees and breakfast burritos. Get some stuff done around the house during the day before meeting up with friends for dinner and a movie.

FUN FACTS ABOUT US



Ross' family loves to send us silly t-shirts.

Ross lived in London as a child and has dual citizenship with the UK.



Alex traveled the world singing in a semi-professional chorus from ages 8 to 18.



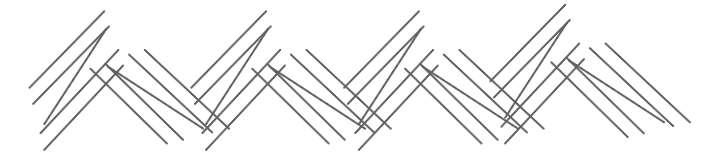
Alex's family owns and operates a summer resort in New Hampshire that we visit every year.



We both love all types of animals and will always pull over to stop at a petting zoo!



We love cheering on the Buffalo Bills with our friends.



Taylor Swift surprised us at our engagement party and played one of our favorite songs.

Ross is an avid gardener.



OUR HOME

and community

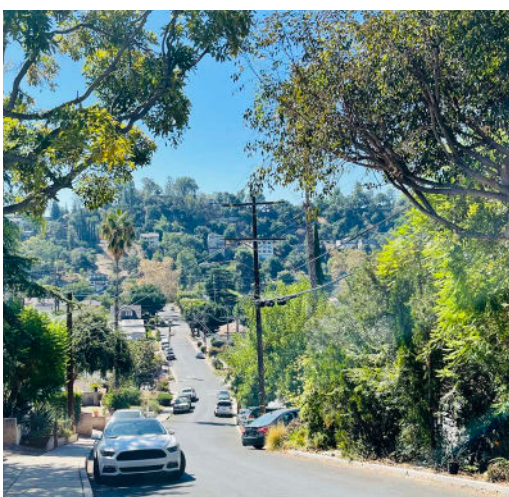
We own our 3 bedroom home in Southern California and spent the past year renovating it from top to bottom. We have a big kitchen to cook and hang out in, a nursery for our future child, and a guest room to host family and friends for visits throughout the year. There's a spacious backyard with a 100-year-old oak tree and swing that our friends' kids love to play in. We know most of our neighbors and they're all friendly, diverse and family-oriented. Our neighborhood is quiet and peaceful, while also being alive with beautiful nature-filled hills and many interesting places to explore. There are great schools, and a park with a playground and community pool, all within walking distance. Restaurants, coffee shops, movie theaters, and a Zoo are nearby too. It's impossible to get bored here.



Our Craftsman home



Our cat Davy, spotted in the kitchen



Our tree-lined street



Our local playground, just down the road

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Most of our extended family are on the East coast in the New England area so we all make regular trips across the country to spend time together. We also talk on the phone and FaceTime often. Every Christmas, we do a two-week, multi-state road trip to see everyone. On Christmas morning, we all come down the stairs singing "Jingle Bells", and it's a tradition we plan to keep going in the generations to come. We love to cook big meals together and each of us has a specialty dish to contribute. Alex's mom is an excellent cook (which is where Alex gets it from!) and she makes a quiche we never stop talking about. We're close with Ross' sister, her husband, and Ross' cousin who lives in London and we like to take trips together. We put together a great guest room that hosts family for visits during the year, and our parents are planning to come for extended stays to be with us more often once we have a child. Last year we hosted our first Thanksgiving and family flew out to join. We're hoping to make that a new tradition!



Exploring Salem with Ross' family



Alex's parents at our surprise engagement party



East Coast winter with Alex's dad and stepmom



Visiting with Ross' British family in London

OUR FRIENDS

We've built a strong group of friends in Southern California that have become a part of our extended family. We're always up for a casual hang night at any of our friends' houses - making food, watching TV and talking about life. We also love to go on group trips together and have traveled to places near and far. Alex's best friend lives nearby and was adopted. He's been there for us from the moment we embarked on this journey. We spend a lot of time with our close friends Mark and Mariana and their two-year-old daughter Raquel, who has become our honorary niece. We love to do arts & crafts projects with her, go with her to the park, and read her stories.



Mud run for the National MS Society



With friends in Lake Arrowhead



Raquel's parents and "uncles"

Our Pets

We both love animals. Ross adopted our cat Davy almost a decade ago after a feral cat gave birth to a litter of kittens under a friend's porch. He's very snuggly/affectionate and loves to explore. He can often be found curled up on the couch or rolling around in the leaves out back.

Our dog Hudson is a lively, loving character with a big personality. We adopted him together five years ago and fell in love with his curious, adventurous spirit. Within moments of anyone coming into the house, Hudson has his ball at their feet ready to play fetch. They're both a big part of our family.



WHY ADOPTION?

We've talked about wanting to become parents and start a family from the beginning of our relationship! As a same-sex couple, adoption is the best way to make it happen. We're ready to bring a child into our home and we're grateful for the expectant mothers considering adoption that make parenting a reality for same-sex couples. We have friends who are adopted themselves (transracially) or grew up with adopted siblings in addition to friends who adopted children. They've all been a great resource and are very supportive of us growing our family in this way. We feel fortunate that our future child will have this network around them as well.



Magic Hour with Raquel's "uncles"

We promise:

- » your child will always have our unconditional love, no matter what.
- » to tell them about where they came from, and to build and maintain strong connections with the cultures that formed them.
- » to honor the level of openness that you want to have and to include you as a part of their story.
- » to provide them with educational opportunities and life experiences.
- » to surround them with family and friends and to make sure they always have a strong support system.
- » to provide a safe and happy home, to teach them practical life skills, and always cook them nutritious meals.



THANK YOU!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for taking time to learn more about us and for considering us to be the adoptive parents of your child. We are ready and excited to embark on this journey and we hope to meet you soon!

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