



JOEL  
& JULIE



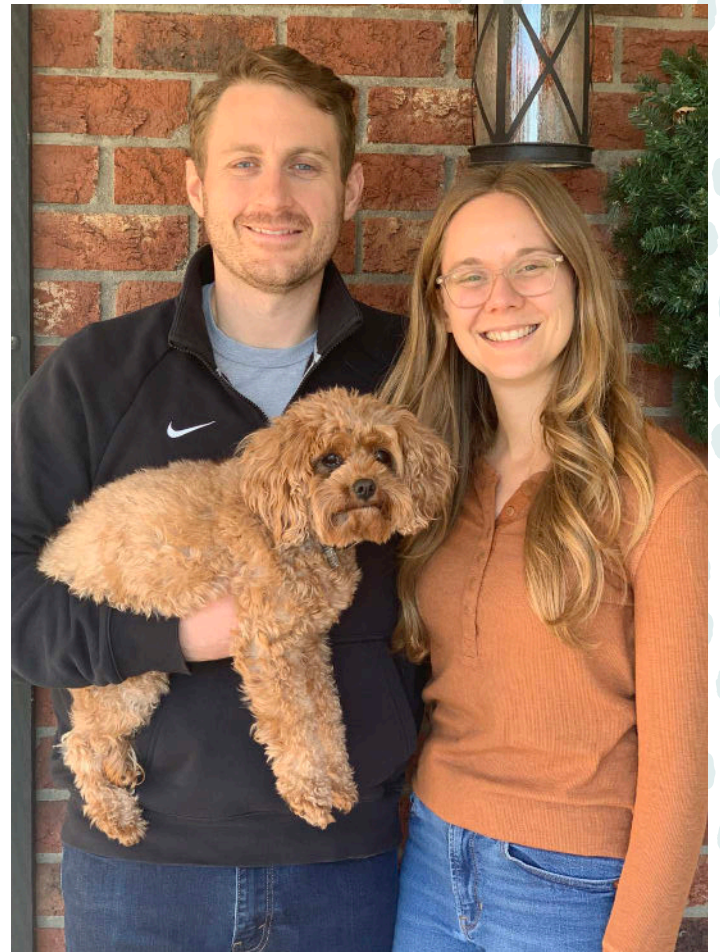
# HELLO THERE!



Thank you for reading our profile! First of all, we want you to know how much we respect you and the difficult decision you are making. We're grateful that you would take the time to get to know us, and we hope our profile shows the love we have for one another so that you can picture the loving environment we would create for your child. Our goal would be to honor your bravery by doing whatever we can to provide for and care for them with all of our hearts.

Thank you so much for considering us,

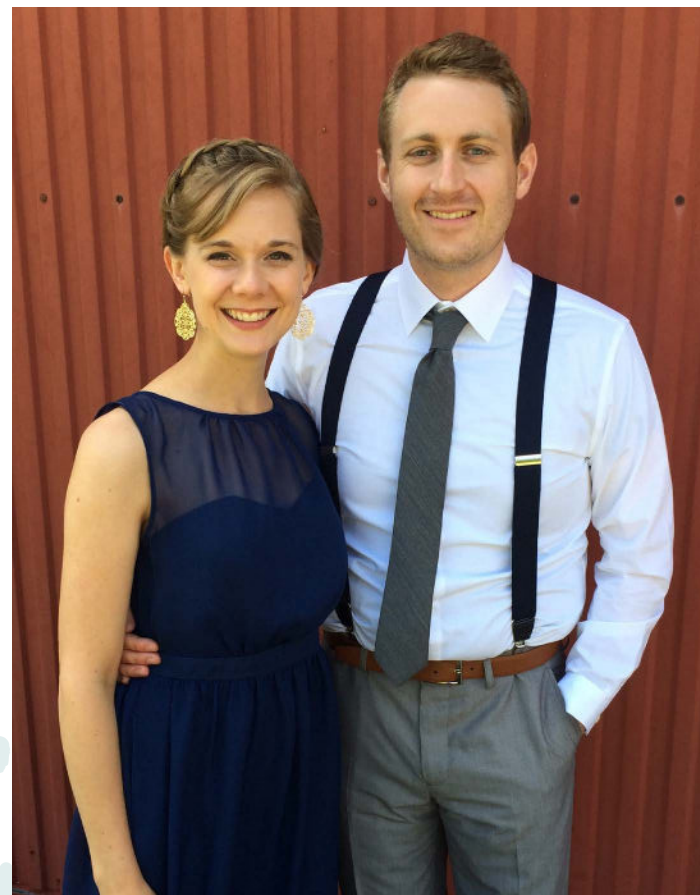
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# Our Story



We met while we were both working at a church. We quickly realized we had similar interests and became friends. After nine months of working together and getting to know one another, Joel asked Julie out and the rest was history. On our first date, we went to dinner downtown and ended up walking around a Barnes and Noble afterward. Later, Joel would end up proposing there! We got married 7 years ago and had the best time celebrating (and dancing) the night away with our friends and family. We have been through highs and lows together, and through all of it, our love for one another has only deepened. We still work together for our jobs, so we spend a lot of time together, and we love it! We're both pastors and our faith is an important part of our family.



*“People describe us as laidback, loyal, and loving!”*



MEET  
**JULIE**

BY JOEL

I don't know anyone who is more thoughtful and plugged into the needs of the people around them than Julie. She often can tell what you're feeling before you can, and her loyalty to the people she loves is limitless. She routinely puts herself fully into the relationships around her.

She is a hard worker, and her resilience is so impressive to me. She's had to deal with a lot of challenges in her life, but she takes it all in stride and keeps going toward what matters to her regardless. She's fun to be around, super smart, and is truly the best friend someone could ask for. I know she's the best friend I've ever had. I know all of these qualities will show up in all kinds of ways for any child who becomes part of our family.



Julie's niece Coco



**Age:** 31  
**Occupation:** Pastor  
**Favorite TV Show:** New Girl  
**Favorite Place:** Anywhere warm and sunny  
**Can't Live Without:** My family & friends  
**My Perfect Day:** A slow morning, quality time with people I love, time to bake or cook, and time outside!

“Intentional, thoughtful, and loving, Julie is always there for you, no matter what!”  
– Joel

MEET  
**JOEL**

BY JULIE

When you talk to Joel, he makes you feel like the most important person in the room. He genuinely cares for every person he meets, gets to know their interests, and can make them laugh. It's often hard to pull him away from conversations or social gatherings! I know he will do an incredible job being present for and caring for any children we welcome into our house.

Joel is incredibly smart and always learning new things, but he's also down to earth. He's selfless and willing to help others out whenever they need it. He's been my rock for the past eight years, and I'm excited to see him become a father and be that for our kids as well.



Reading to the nieces



**Age:** 33  
**Occupation:** Pastor  
**Favorite Movie:** The Dark Knight  
**Favorite Place:** Julie's parents' cottage  
**Can't Live Without:** Julie and a good book  
**My Perfect Day:** Getting a long run in, doing some reading, getting out for a nice walk and catching a baseball game!

“Steady, caring, and fun, Joel is the one you want by your side through all of life's highs and lows!”  
– Julie

# OUR EXTENDED FAMILY



Joel's family is close-knit and enjoys spending time together. He has three siblings and his sister just recently got married. Most of the people in Joel's family are school teachers, so they love kids! They like to visit us in the city and go to plays and musicals, and when we visit them, we like to watch movies and play board games.

Julie's family is warm and inviting. She has two siblings, two siblings-in-law, and 5 nieces, who we love to spend time with. We are very close with Julie's sister, brother-in-law, and their kids and talk with them daily. In the summer, we like to spend time at Julie's parent's cottage!



Sculpture garden with nieces



Twins game with parents



Conservatory with family



Joel's family



Julie & sister Sara



Thanksgiving with Joel's family



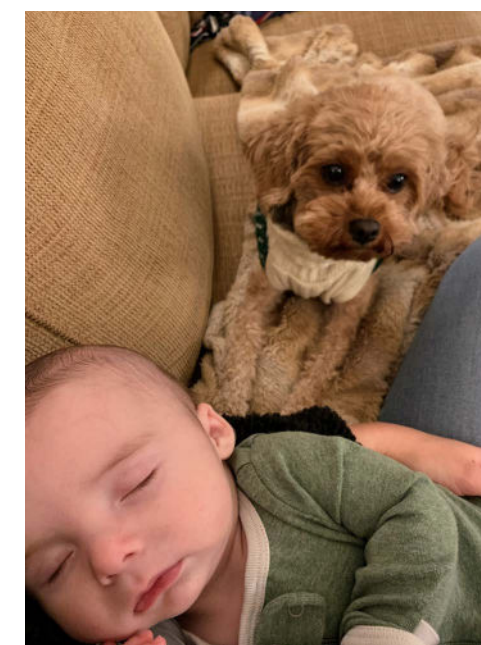
Sara, Craig, & nieces



Julie's dad's retirement party

## OUR DOG, KINSLEY

Kinsley is a five year old king charles cavalier poodle mix, but everyone thinks she is a puppy! She is basically a teddy bear. Her favorite things to do are play, go for walks, and snuggle. She loves children and always looks for the neighbor kids on our walks.



Kinsley loves babies

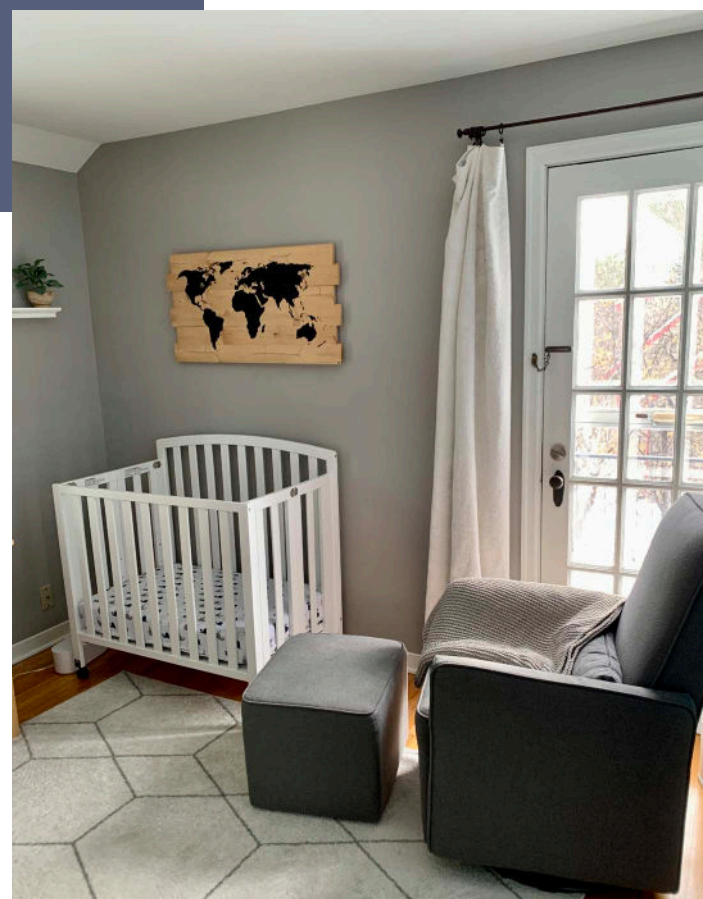
OUR HOME & COMMUNITY



We live in a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house in Minnesota with a nice yard that includes lots of trees, a garden, and a back patio. Our neighborhood is full of young families, and we live within walking distance of our local elementary school and playground. Every summer, we have a big block party with our neighbors that we always look forward to! We also live near a local wading pool, several parks, and a wooded trail that we frequently walk with our dog.



Our sunroom



The nursery



Our living room



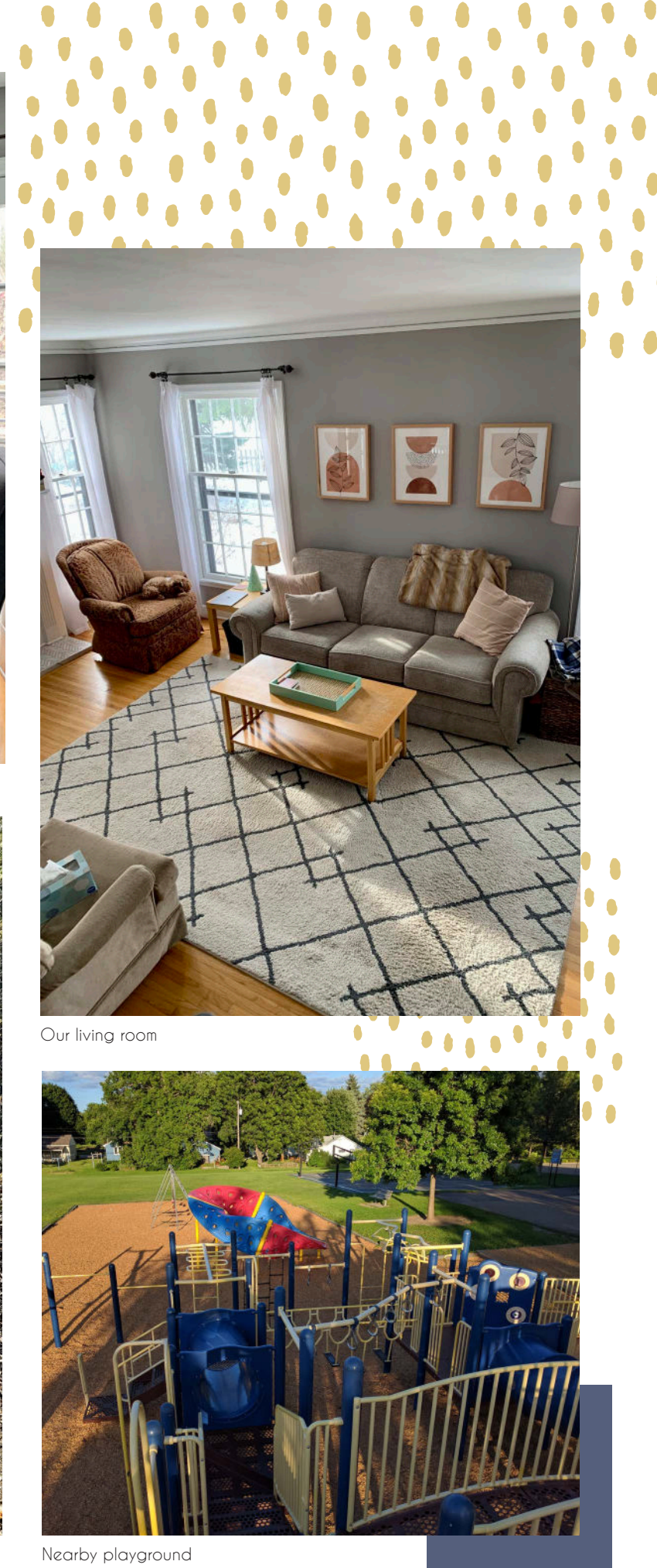
Our home!



Nearby walking trail



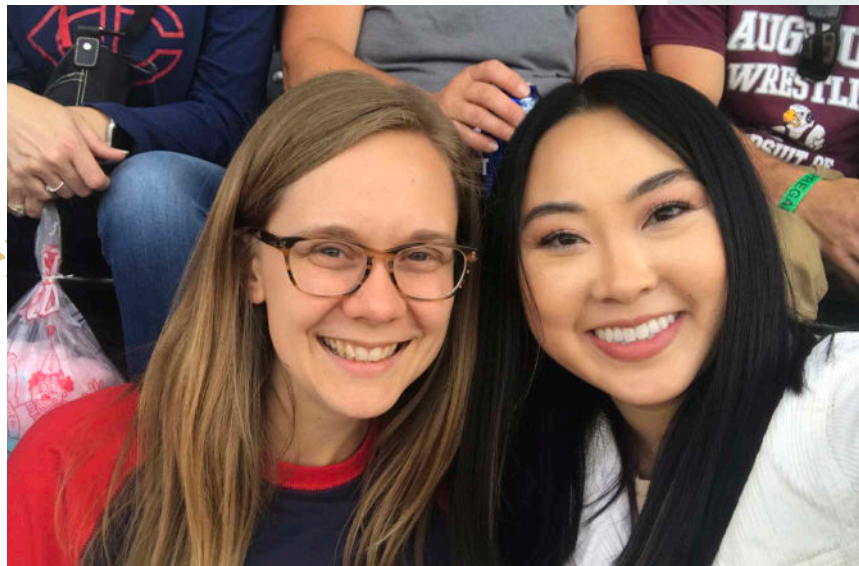
Nearby playground



# OUR FRIENDS



We have an amazing group of friends who we share our lives with and see weekly. In addition to that, we like to play trivia, go to baseball games, and have dinner together. They all have different life experiences and backgrounds, and we learn a lot from one another! Some of them have kids already and all of them are supportive and excited about our decision to adopt.



Julie and friend Katie



Our friend group



Our neighbors



Twins game with friends



Fun with friends

# WHY WE ARE ADOPTING



Both of us have been drawn to adoption since before we met, so it has always felt like the right direction for us! We have friends who are adoptees and friends who have adopted, so it's great to be in a supportive community with people around us who understand the experience.

*“We can't wait to add to our family!”*



# OUR PROMISE TO YOU:

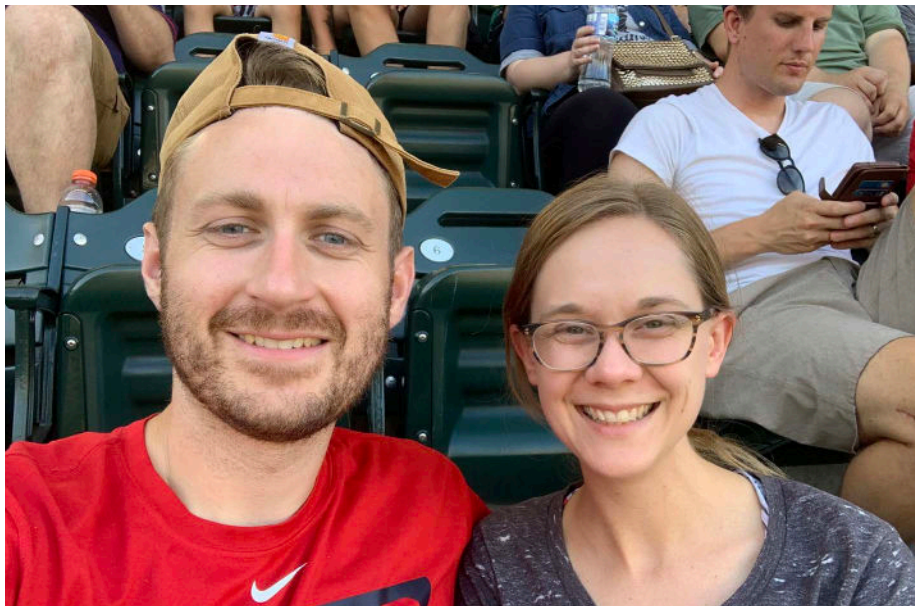
- > We will provide unconditional love to your child.
- > We will care for your child's specific needs and do our best to help them succeed in life.
- > Your child will grow up in an environment of fun, joy, and laughter.
- > We will do everything we can to connect them to their cultural background.
- > They will be surrounded by a community of people who love them!

# FUN FACTS

ABOUT US



Joel loves to run and plays on the church's softball team every summer.



Joel is a huge sports fan and used to work on the staff of his college's football team.



We make pizza together every Friday night.



Julie loves cooking and baking and writes a food blog.



Every summer, we make a bucket list of fun things to do and see, including planting our garden.



Joel is an avid reader and likes to read on our sun porch in the mornings.



Julie is great at music trivia and likes to see her favorite bands live.





# THANK YOU



Thank you for reading our profile! We hope it helped you see a picture of us, our love for one another, and the supportive community that we hope to raise a child in.

Please know that we are grateful for you and the decision you're making. And we would be honored if you would consider us as you consider your adoption plan.

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