



Johnathan
& Bobby



Dear Friend,

Hi there - we are Johnathan and Bobby. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to introduce ourselves and thank you for considering us in your adoption plan. We appreciate the significance of the decisions you are making and admire your courage in doing so.

This booklet won't give you every detail of our lives, but we hope it gives you a strong sense of who we are. We prepare dinner together every night while singing our favorite songs. We love cozying up on the couch for movie nights with our two pups. We love the opportunity to go on a weekend roadtrip or travel to a new place we've never seen. Above all else, we create memories together and with others that are built on friendship, love, and trust.

We feel humbled and honored to be considered by you and can promise that if given the opportunity, your child will feel the same unconditional love, joy, endless laughter, and support that we have experienced throughout our lives.

With love,

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ABOUT US



We met in the summer of 2015 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. One of our mutual friends knew that we would hit it off, but it took online dating for us to officially meet. On our first date we talked about our love of food, travel, and similarities in our upbringings. There was an immediate and undeniable connection. Shortly after that first date, we knew we would be a good match for the long run because we shared the same values and ambitions for

life. Some of these shared values include honesty, being kind to others, having a sense of humor, and knowing when to say you are wrong. We wanted to build meaningful careers, see the world, and grow a family together. In the spring of 2016, Johnathan got a job opportunity in Arizona, and we started building a life together out west. We were married in Mexico in 2020, witnessed by 80 of our closest family members and friends.



ABOUT BOBBY

in Johnathan's words

Bobby was born in New York, in a small town in Long Island. He has always been an athletic, smart, and competitive person. Whatever Bobby has put his mind to, he has done well at. Bobby is one of the most compassionate people I know. He has a heart that is big and constantly tuned into the needs of others.

I knew I wanted to spend my life with Bobby because I knew he would make me and everyone around him a better person. Despite the fact that he is 9 years younger than me, he teaches me ways to better myself daily. Bobby has dreamed of being a father to a child for as long as I have known him and I'm eager to share in that journey with him.

“Bobby is a deeply sensitive person and tuned into the feelings of others.”

- Johnathan



Bobby with friend's daughter



MORE ABOUT

Bobby

OCCUPATION: Operations Director

FAVORITE BOOK: The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

FAVORITE PLACE: San Pancho Beach, Mexico

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Johnathan and Frank's Hot Sauce

MY PERFECT DAY: Laying on the beach with the sun shining, reading a good book.

ABOUT JOHNATHAN

in Bobby's words

Johnathan has lived all over the United States, but has made Arizona his home for most of his life. He is intelligent, kind, and driven and I admire how he approaches and accomplishes all of his life's pursuits. When he hits roadblocks either professionally or personally, he uses his incredible mind to find solutions that are thoughtful, inclusive, and fair.

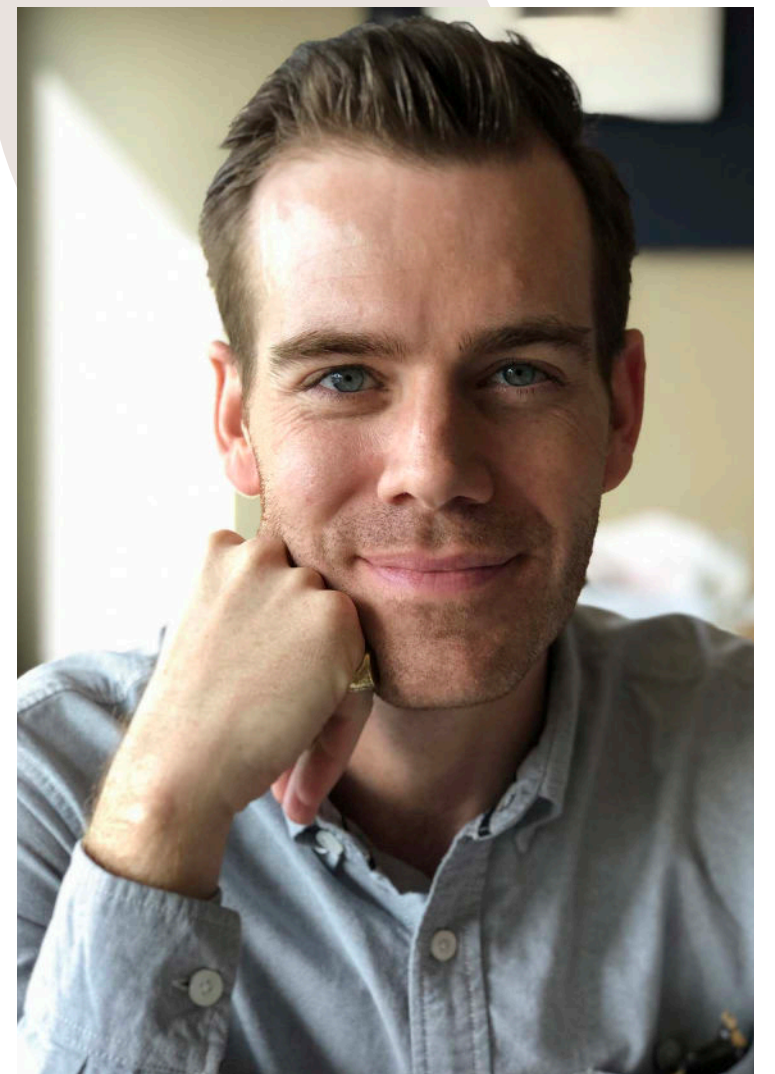
Johnathan's positivity and excitement for life are infectious and this is evident by the network of loving, fun, hardworking, and ambitious friends and family he has built and brought into our lives together. It is so exciting for me to think about how much our child will learn and grow throughout his or her life with Johnathan as their parent.

“Johnathan lights up every room he enters.”

- Bobby



Johnathan with friend's daughter



MORE ABOUT

Johnathan

OCCUPATION: Executive

FAVORITE MOVIE: Sound of Music

FAVORITE PLACE: San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT: Bobby, Good food and good friends

MY PERFECT DAY: Skiing on a warm sunny day.

OUR HOME

and community

We are currently building a home in the suburbs of a large city in Arizona and plan to move in before the end of the year. Our home is in a safe, family friendly neighborhood, tucked into the mountains with beautiful views of the desert and hiking trails off our backyard. Our home will have outdoor spaces to take in nature, watch the sunset, and gather our community of family and friends.

Our current home (while we build our new home) is a nearby townhouse that is cozy and ready for a child. There is outdoor space to enjoy the sunny weather and nearby parks to go for daytime strolls.



Neighborhood stroll with pups



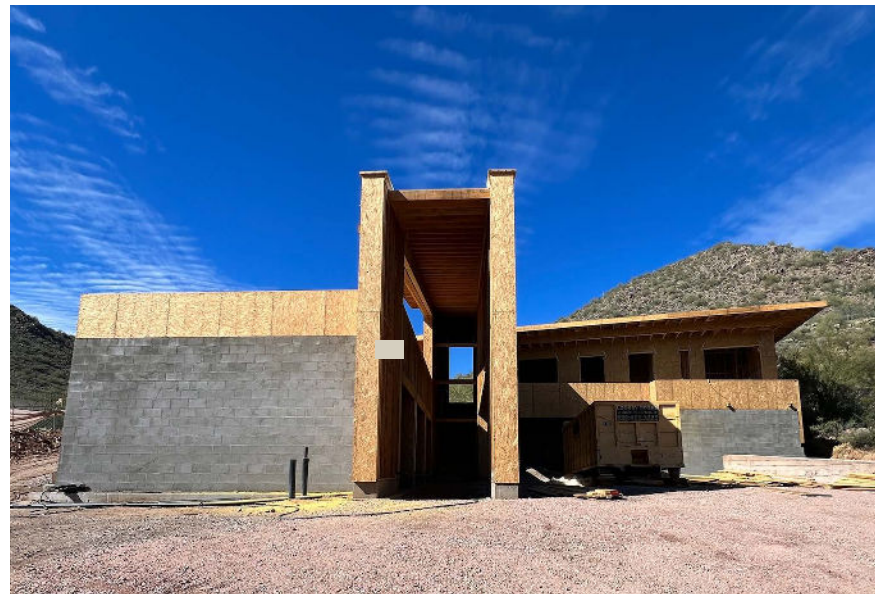
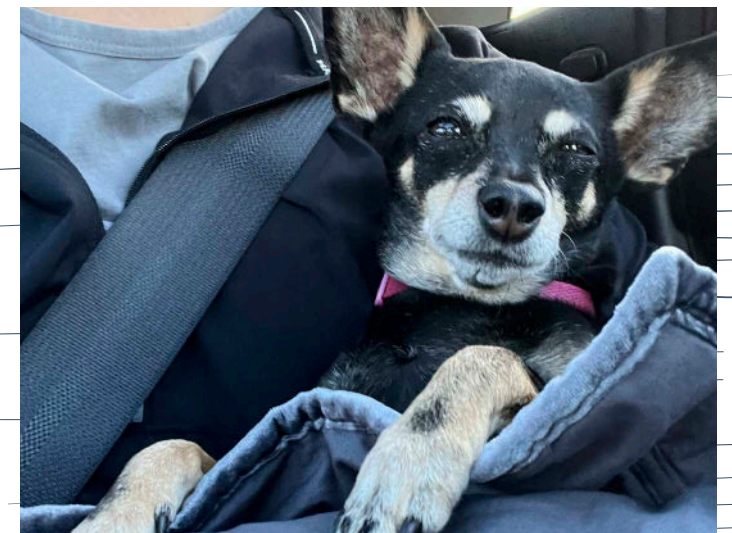
Local pickleball courts



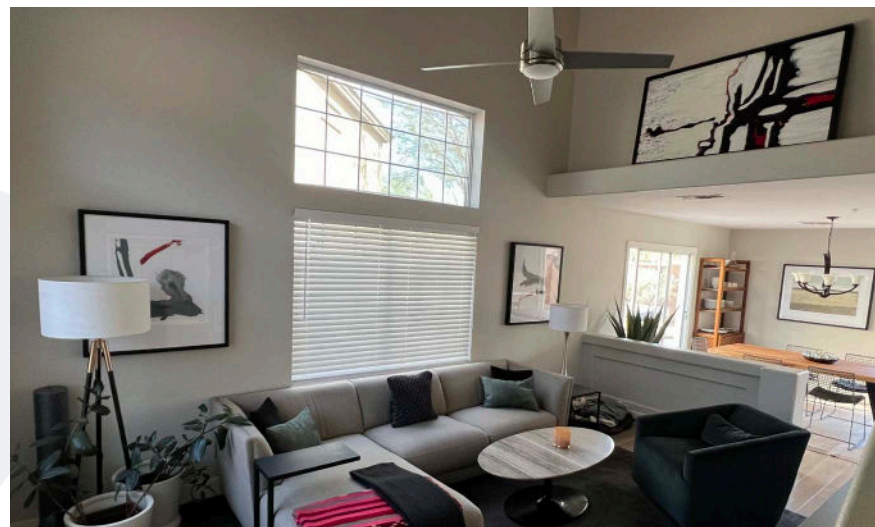
Local community center

OUR DOGS

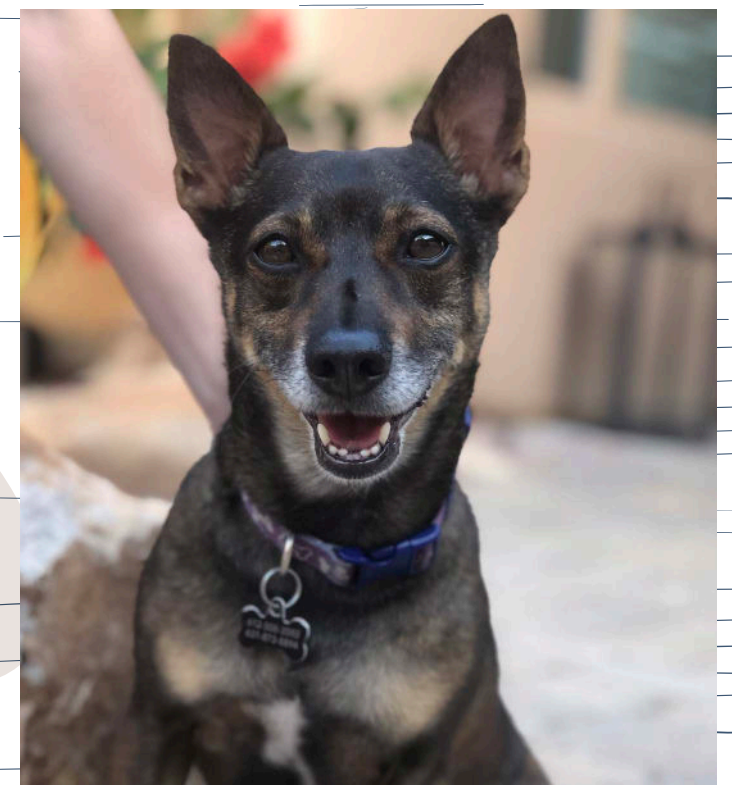
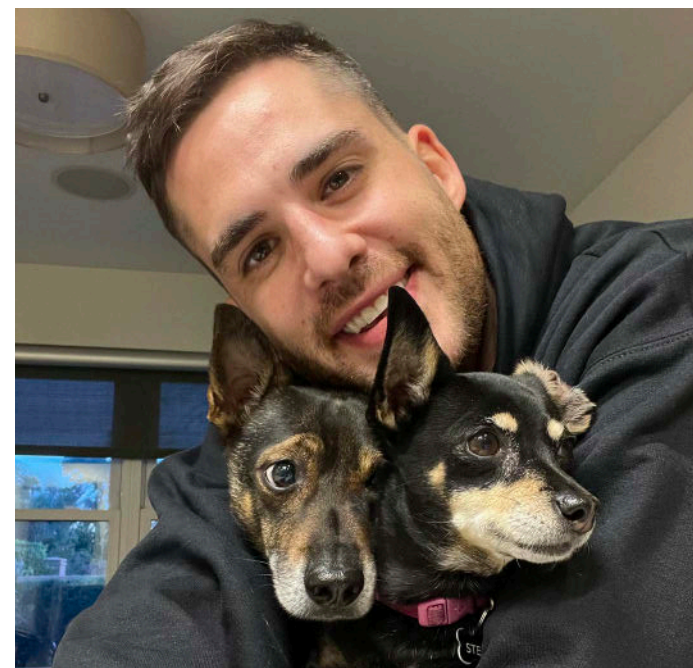
We have two small chihuahuas named Hopper and Stella and they are around 10 years old. They love to burrow under blankets and snuggle during movie nights, go for long walks, lounge in the sun, and follow us wherever we go. They have stinky breath, but we love them so much.



New home under construction



Current home living area



OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Bobby's family: Bobby's parents and sisters live on the east coast, but visits between the east coast and west coast are frequent and always filled with fun. Each July, Bobby's family comes together in Delaware to enjoy the ocean, indulge in endless hours of board games, and celebrate each other's successes. Bobby's mother values creating memories through experiences and has passed this down through her children.

Johnathan's family: Johnathan's parents, sister and brother-in-law, and niece (with a little boy on the way in June of 2024) all live nearby in Arizona. Johnathan's extended family is large and diverse (and a ton of fun!); he has over 20 cousins, some biologically related, and some related through adoption. Most summers, the cousins unite for a big beach reunion in Washington state, where Johnathan's family has a beach cabin.



Bobby with his sisters



Brunch with Johnathan's family



Thanksgiving with Johnathan's family



Bobby's family at our wedding



Johnathan's cousins in Washington

OUR FRIENDS

We have a diverse group of friends from all over the world, from different walks of life. The friends we have today are people we have met throughout the course of our lives - in school, work, and through other social activities. These are friends we travel with, friends with growing families, and friends who share our values. We choose to spend time with friends who are funny and live life to the fullest. We value our friendships and work hard to maintain them.



Johnathan with friend Bianca



Pool hangs with NYC friends



Play date with friend's daughter



Bobby with friend Katherine



Bobby with college friends



Johnathan with dad & friend Jeffrey

WHY ADOPTION?

Since the early days that we met, we have spoken at great lengths about how we would like to adopt a child and grow our family. Johnathan has two cousins that were adopted and we also have many friends with adopted children, so we have spent a lot of time listening to and learning from them. In having these conversations, we have learned how important it is to provide a safe and nurturing environment where a child can grow, thrive and feel unconditionally loved, and we feel strongly and passionately that we can provide this environment. As a same-sex male couple, we feel that adoption not only fulfills our desire for parenthood, but allows us to also contribute to creating a more inclusive and compassionate society where every child has the opportunity to experience the love and security of a family.



“Our unique family is built on love, adventure and learning.”

- Johnathan & Bobby

We promise...

- » to love your child unconditionally, celebrating their uniqueness and supporting them through every triumph and challenge
- » to provide a safe, stable, and nurturing home where your child can feel secure and free to explore the world around them
- » to encourage and support your child's interests, passions, and talents, providing them with opportunities to learn, grow, and pursue their dreams
- » to create the space for your child to know you and the story of their origin
- » to honor and celebrate your child's cultural heritage and background, ensuring they feel proud of their identity and heritage
- » to provide your child with a strong educational foundation that will empower them to reach their full potential and pursue their aspirations
- » to create a life for your child that is fun and full of adventure

FUN FACTS

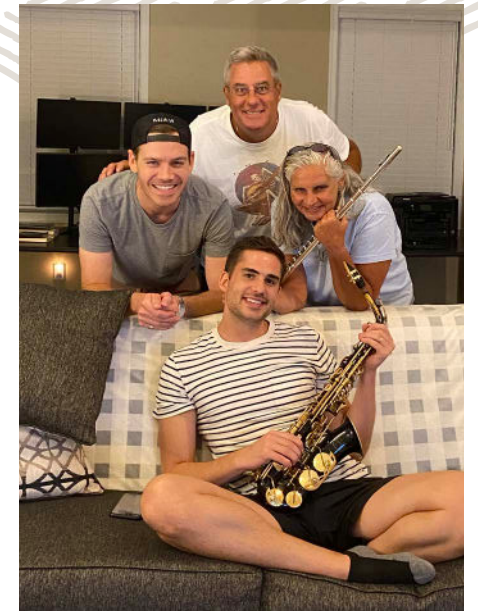
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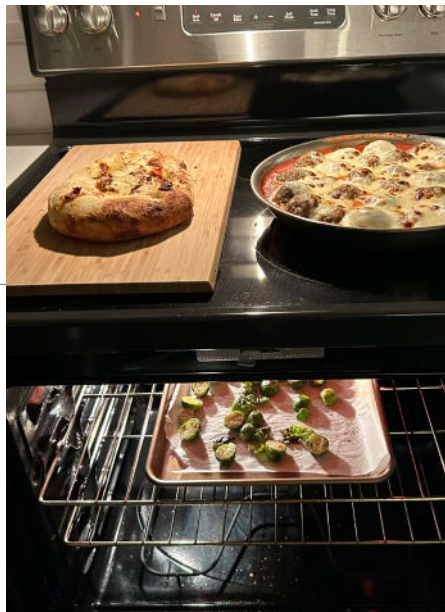
Johnathan dreams of owning a pet goat one day

Bobby played the saxophone throughout grade school and still knows how to jazz it up for an audience every once in awhile



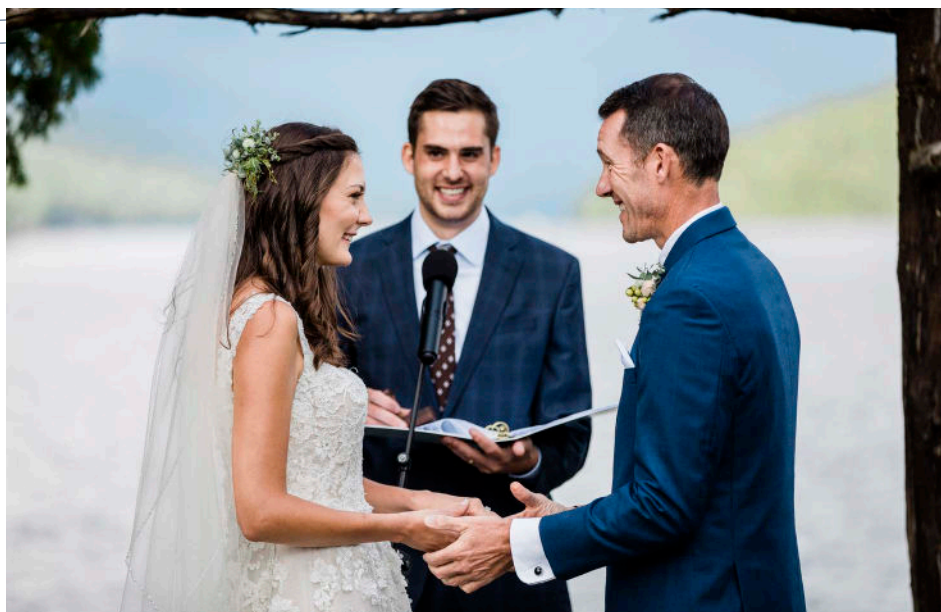
Jazz night with Bobby's parents

Johnathan is an excellent cook and is constantly on the lookout for fun new recipes



Bobby is a licensed wedding officiant and most recently officiated his best friend's wedding in August of 2022

We love spending time in Mexico and are always planning our next Mexico destination



Bobby officiating best friend's wedding



Pickleball with Bobby's parents

We love to go to the local parks and play pickleball

Thank you!



Thank you for considering us as the future parents of your child. We understand that the decision you're facing is incredibly difficult, and we admire your courage in considering adoption for your child. We want you to know that our hearts are filled with love and excitement at the thought of welcoming a child into our home. We believe that every child deserves a loving and supportive family, and we are committed to providing a warm, nurturing environment where your child can thrive. We are eager to embark on this journey of parenthood, and we are grateful for the opportunity to potentially be the loving fathers for your child.

With Love,

Bobby & Johnathan