



Tason + Sharon



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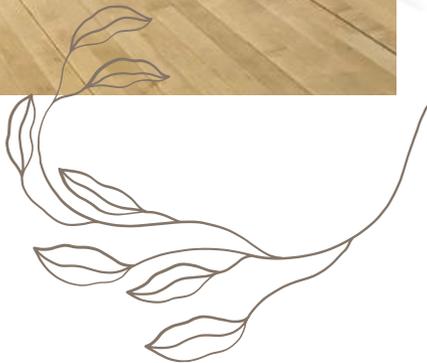
We first want to thank you for considering us to be part of your story. You don't know us yet, but we hope that this book can be the beginning of you getting to know our family, and what kind of parents we could be for your precious baby. You'll quickly see the love that we have to share and the experiences your child would have as an instant part of our family.

We could not possibly fully imagine how you are feeling right now. Even considering adoption for your child must bring up so many emotions for you and be a very difficult decision.

We are so excited at the possibility of getting to know you, learn about what is important to you, and what your dreams and goals are for your child's future. We don't know you yet, but we have so much respect for you and the decisions you are considering making. We hope that we can walk through this difficult journey with you.

with great love, Jason + Sharon

Adoption is so much. It is selfless, sorrowful, courageous, loving, and compassion. It is the truest act where a mother puts the needs and well-being of her child above all else, including her own heart. It was said best that adoption is love not rejection.



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our story

We met in July 2007 while training for a marathon. We soon realized that we were more than just friends and fell in love. After a few years of dating, we were married in September 2011. We still share our mutual love for running. We've both ran races together and cheered each other on from the sidelines.

Our marriage has succeeded because of the way we balance each other out. Sharon is passionate about life and Jason is patient and supportive. We are there for each other and determined to support one another, raise each other up, and bring levity when life throws obstacles in our way.

We continue to build on our relationship together everyday. Before starting a family, we always went out for a weekly date night, which included dates to the movies, hiking the local mountains, glass blowing, taking dance classes (badly), painting (also badly), and of course - our favorite - trying out every ice cream parlor in the town. Since starting a family, we have had to change it up a bit and keep most of our dates at home. Jason now makes a nice dinner while Sharon is in charge of desserts. The night is topped off with either a movie at home or a game of cards (Sharon is currently 203-17 in Gin Rummy!).

BEST COOK Jason

COFFEE DRINKER Jason

CHOCOLATE LOVER Sharon

ENJOYS DRIVING Sharon

why adoption

We are unable to biologically continue growing our family, but we know that we have more love to give and hope to welcome more children into our home through adoption. Most recently, our best friends (both of us were in their wedding and live within minutes from us) brought home their daughter through adoption. They have been so supportive of us through this whole process and seeing their pride and love with their daughter is heartwarming. On the other side of adoption, one of Jason's groomsmen was adopted by his parents. Having some of our closest friends touched by adoption as adoptive parents and adoptees, has solidified our commitment to adoption.





Sharon

through Jason's eyes...



Sharon has always been determined, no matter what the situation or task, she will put her whole heart behind whatever she is doing. She is always there for those she cares about and will fight for those that she loves. She is also hilarious and is always able to lighten the mood with a funny comment or impromptu game of peek-a-boo. It is no doubt that people are drawn to her.

Sharon works as a meeting and events manager. In her job, she has planned and traveled to meetings across the country, as well as in Greece, Peru, Galapagos Islands, Turkey, and Israel. Sharon gets to work from her home office and gets off early in the afternoon to spend time with Asher, taking him to swimming lessons, the park, and on other adventures. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, reading, scrapbooking, and baking. She is also an accomplished athlete having run marathons all over the county, including the Boston Marathon. Sharon's favorite thing now is spending time with Asher and meeting up with her best friend for playdates with her son.

Compassionate. Adventurous. Selfless.



Fun facts

- > *Height: 5 foot even*
- > *My hair is out of control curly*
- > *Green Eyes*
- > *Favorite color: yellow*
- > *I grew up bilingual, speaking Polish with my family.*
- > *Favorite T.V Show: Friends and Grey's Anatomy*





Jason

through Sharon's eyes...



Jason is caring, loyal and does whatever is needed to make sure his family is taken care of. He is calm, patient, and level headed. He can make people laugh when they are mad or lift their spirits when they are sad. He's been telling dad jokes for many years now and laughs at all of his own jokes, even when they aren't very funny!

Jason started his career as a trial lawyer and is an in-house attorney and executive for a software company. While demanding, this job affords him the opportunity to have Fridays off to spend with Asher. Together they go to the zoo, gymnastics class, and get coffee with Grandpa.

In Jason's free time, he loves running, cooking, and traveling. Jason even finds time to coach a local high school cross-country team, which is fun and rewarding for him. His favorite runs now are pushing Asher in the jogger to the park or to the nearby stables to look at the horses and tractors.

Dedicated. Fun-loving. Kind.



Fun facts

- > Height 5'7"
- > Blonde Hair
- > Blue Eyes
- > Favorite color: green
- > Favorite team: U of A Basketball
- > Favorite Race: Boston Marathon





Asher



Asher was born in 2018 and has a smile that will light up the room. He is full of life and laughs. He cannot get enough of the outdoors, loves the park, playing in the sand box, and going on walks to check out the trucks in the neighborhood. When inside, he loves reading, playing with cars and trucks, coloring, music, and bath time. His favorite things are the dogs, spaghetti and meatballs, and of course... his blankie. While he might be a bit shy at first, Asher brightens up everyone's day.

FAVORITE BOOK Little Blue Truck

LOVES High-fives

LOVES Dogs

FAVORITE FOOD Spaghetti

FAVORITE TOYS Cars & Trucks

LOVES Park & Slides





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our happy place

Our home has four bedrooms, a play room, and a large backyard with a gated pool. The playroom is where we spend most of our days. There is a play kitchen, coloring area, puzzles, slide and ball pit, and too many toys! When we aren't in the playroom, you can find us enjoying the backyard. We have a large grassy area to run around in and a sitting area with a sandbox and outdoor toys. We also enjoy the pool during the summer time playing splash games and doing swim lessons.

We live in a quiet neighborhood in Arizona. During the summer, the local golf course puts on a fireworks show for neighbors and during the holidays the neighborhood transforms into a holiday light competition. We are within walking distance to the grocery store and local restaurants, as well as a huge park and mountain hiking trails. We often ride our bikes and run to the park.

We want nothing more than to make each day special and adventurous for our family.

Though we love being at home — we also love to travel! Our love for adventures has taken us all over the world together from Alaska to Iceland, San Diego to Bermuda, and Boston to Italy. We can't wait to continue sharing our love of travel and adventures with another child and teach them all the world has to offer, including the many different cultures and traditions.

our pets

We have two dogs Hailey (Labrador) and Zoey (Puggle). They could not be more different — except for their love of walks — but they are for sure best friends. Hailey is a big cuddler. It is common to find Jason, and sometimes Asher, cuddling up on the floor napping with Hailey. Hailey loves to get up with Jason and help him get Asher up in the mornings too. Zoey enjoys the outdoors, running, and helping to put Asher to sleep. If Zoey does not come in time for story time, she will scratch at the door until she gets to join in! They are amazing dogs that have joined in raising our family.







our families

Sharon

My parents, Babcia (which is Polish for Grandmother) and Grandpa Barry, live close by and we see them often. They are very loving and have supported my brother and I in our unique lives and taught us to embrace life to the fullest. I have learned a lot from my parents, including my sense of adventure and embracing local cultures, my passion for life, and how to be a great partner to Jason. My parents are also the most welcoming people and wholeheartedly welcomed Jason into our family.

Babcia is a retired Spanish teacher and watches Asher when we are at work and will watch our future child as well. Her love for teaching has allowed Asher to grow so much! He is already learning Polish and Spanish. Babcia also makes each day as fun as she can with trips to music class, gymnastics, the library and the park, or creating art projects to bring home to us.

Grandpa and Asher share a special relationship. They both light up when they see each other! Grandpa loves taking Asher outside to play with his trucks, play in the rocks, and teach him how to BBQ. Babcia and Grandpa are also so supportive of our adoption. They look forward to welcoming another grandchild into the family. We live near Babcia and Grandpa, so we frequently meet for Sunday dinner and outings in addition to birthdays and holidays. Asher loves seeing his grandparents, so we are very fortunate to be so close by.

My brother, Geoffrey, and his longtime girlfriend recently moved to South Carolina to complete his medical residency where he is training to be a surgeon. My brother and I are close in age and still remain close friends. While we love joking with each other, like the time Geoffrey told me to go the opposite direction on my first day of high school, or when I filled up his car with shredded paper in college, we know that we are there for each other when in need. He is also a great uncle and godfather to Asher. The two of them love to be rough and tumble and play sports together. While Geoffrey is far right now, Asher loves his weekly FaceTime calls with his Uncle Geoffrey and Aunt Kelly.

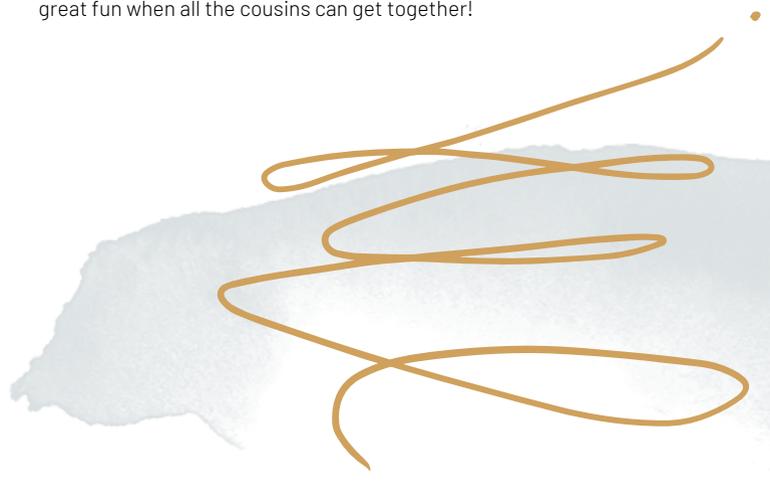
Jason

My whole family also lives nearby, including Grandpa Jim and Grandma Lois, my one brother, two sisters, six nephews and a niece. My parents are retired, yet they have their hands full with many grandkids! They are always excited to host large family get togethers at their house, so we see family often.

My dad loves golfing and teaching all of the grandkids how to play. He is also supportive of his children and grandchildren. He still shows up to help clean up a fallen tree after a storm at one of our houses or to cheer on his grandkids at their baseball games. Grandpa Jim's commitment to his family was a driving force behind my "family first" perspective and my drive to be a better man.

My mom cherishes her grandkids. She loves getting on the floor to play trucks, build Lego houses, or color with them. She does everything in her power to keep them safe and make them laugh!

My siblings and I remain close and not a week goes by without us talking. My brother, Steve, lives the closest and comes over to swim with his son during the summer. Before starting their families, we vacationed together and were even the best men at each other's weddings. My oldest sister, Marci, is the creative independent type. She enjoys celebrating life's accomplishments and hosting elaborate themed birthday parties for her kids. My other sister, Sharon, has three boys that love everything about Asher. While they are a little older, they do not let that stop them from making time for him and teaching him all of the new things that they learn. It is great fun when all the cousins can get together!





Dear Santa

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My Christmas List:		
TRUCKS, PLANES,		
TRAINS (AKA G.I. JOE)		



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our traditions

Holidays and traditions hold a special place in our home. Our favorite family holidays are Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thanksgiving is packed with family time starting with a Turkey Trot (yes, we are one of those families that runs in the morning), a huge family breakfast where any of our family members might show up, and then another huge meal with our closest family friends.

However, nothing shows our love for the holidays and traditions more than during Christmas time. We decorate both the inside and outside of our house. Jason loves to bake holiday cookies to exchange with our neighbors, and Sharon gets creative in wrapping presents. We go to see Zoo Lights, the Nutcracker, the North Pole Experience, and drive through the neighborhoods with the best lights. Christmas morning is spent seeing if Santa came, a homemade breakfast, and family photos in our matching pajamas.

Our absolute favorite tradition (one that we started when we were just dating) is to pick out an ornament of places that we traveled to for our Christmas Tree. We get to remember these adventures one-by-one as we decorate the tree each holiday while we laugh about shivering together after snorkeling in freezing water in Iceland or remembering our strolls through Florence holding hands. Asher has started to share in this tradition of picking out ornaments (currently a starfish reindeer from San Diego), and we look forward to sharing this special tradition with another addition as they grow.

We have learned a lot in the past few months about each other and what makes us — us. There is nothing more important to us than family and growing closer each day. The best part of our day is waking up with our son, reading stories, and bedtimes; it's the little things in life.

Truth be told, we are powerless when Asher grabs our hands and takes us to look at a cool truck he has, watch the bunnies outside the window, or leads us to his favorite spot to read a book. We also love laughing and having adventures, even if that means not leaving the house all day. For Easter this year, since the egg hunt was cancelled, we held our own in our backyard and watched in such joy as Asher ran around the yard finding eggs in the grass, bushes, and his sandbox.





We promise you...

Our struggles to start and grow our family have made us appreciate that families come in many forms. While we don't know you yet, we can make you the following promises:

First and foremost, your child will always be loved and will become an instant part of our family. We firmly believe that a family is built on love, not DNA. Second, we will always speak highly of you and your decisions. We know that this may be the most difficult decision you will ever make, and will be made out of love for your child. Moreover, we promise to always tell your child about you, your culture and beliefs, their adoption story, with your love and sacrifices that made it a reality.

We will always put our children and family first, above all else. We will make sure the days are full of as much love and fun as possible. We will always make time to listen, comfort, and celebrate victories. We will try to provide our children with the best opportunities, education, and adventures. We promise to stop to appreciate the small things, like reading a book or giving a high-five. We will foster their passions and support them in their struggles. They will always be loved.

Thank you again for considering us! We hope to speak to you soon!

Lots of love, Jason, Sharon & Asher

Appreciate the small things in life, celebrate successes, learn from your setbacks, and don't be afraid to laugh at yourself.



Thank you!