



Josh & Emma





## dear expectant parent

We are Josh and Emma. We have been married for 3 years and together for 5 years. We are so thankful to you for taking the time to learn more about us and consider us as potential parents for your child. While we can't even begin to fathom how difficult this decision must be for you, we deeply appreciate and understand that adoption is a relationship formed out of love- the love a birth parent has for their child and the love that an adopting parent has for the same child and the expectant family.

We hope that the following pages give you a peek into our life and the life that we want to offer your child. We are ready to become parents and have so much love to give.



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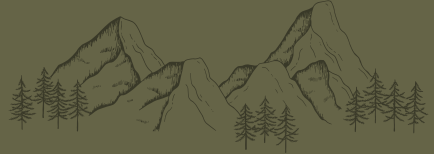


# about josh



Josh grew up on the East Coast in the Washington DC area. He went to a prestigious military school (by choice!) for both middle and high school before being accepted into a high ranking Military Academy for college. After graduating, Josh served 4 years in the Army before retiring and moving to California. Josh now works as a Project Manager for a construction company.

Josh is the most fun-loving, kind and genuine person you will ever meet. Josh is the kind of person who will try anything once, he loves adventures and seeing the world. He often talks about his dreams of sharing his many hobbies with future children.



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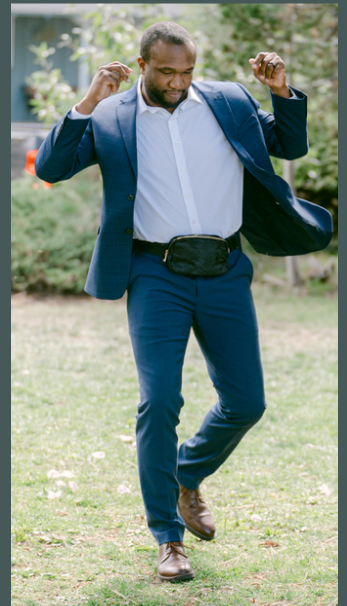
**Occupation: Project Manager**

**Favorite Food: Pizza & Sushi**

**Can't Live Without: Emma (and pickles)**

**Favorite Kid's Book: Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site**

**Favorite Music: Beyoncé, country**





Weekend projects



Deep sea fishing



Disneyland!



Fun at the lake

# about emma

Emma grew up in a farming community, enjoying the life of a small-town girl. Having grown up in a town of less than 300 people, she learned the value of fostering personal relationships at a very young age. She went on to obtain a degree in dance and discovered her passion for early childhood education which she then turned into a successful career as a preschool director. She has touched the lives of so many lucky children and has made leaps & bounds improving the school curriculum in her schools & community. Emma is the kind of person who can walk into a room and make people instantly feel safe, at home, and loved (and she makes the world's best chocolate chip cookies). Emma is selfless and will always look for ways she can care for those around her. She spends her free time taking trips with her husband, taking their dogs on walks, and spending time with her family.



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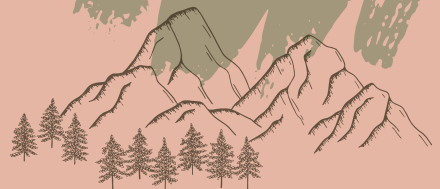
**Occupation: Preschool Director**

**Favorite Food: Thai & Sushi**

**Can't Live Without: Josh (and fuzzy blankies)**

**Favorite Kid's Book: Rainbow Fish**

**Favorite Music: Beyoncé, country**





Emma and a friend's baby



We love a beach vacay



Weekend dog cuddles

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# OUR STORY

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We met online. Josh joined the site after moving to California and Emma joined to see what the online dating hype was about! We had our first date at a local park. Josh was a total gentleman, asking to hold Emma's hand. Emma was nervous, but in awe of Josh's calming personality and fun-loving demeanor. And the rest is history! We spent every weekend together adventuring, trying new foods, watching movies, and staying up all night talking about our hopes and dreams. After dating for a little over a year, Josh proposed to Emma on Christmas day in front of Emma's parents and Josh's mom.

Of course, Emma said yes, and we started planning our perfect day. However, as they say, if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans. COVID changed the plans that we had for our wedding. While many engaged couples decided to postpone their weddings, we decided that we wanted the marriage more than the wedding. With that in mind, we decided to have a small ceremony in a backyard. We pride ourselves on our relationship. Before we were married, we created a marriage contract that outlined what we wanted out of our marriage. We have committed to each other that our marriage is one that will endure and truly last a lifetime.



# our dogs



Jax

Jax is a poodle mix. He is 10 years old and is a very mellow dude!

He loves taking naps on the couch, going to the beach, and going on walks. Jax loves kids and used to come to Emma's preschool while she taught. He learned pretty quickly that going to school meant eating the goldfish crackers the kids dropped!

Artoro is a fun loving, cuddly fluff ball. He is a Spanish water dog and is 7 years old. He loves swimming, going on walks and playing with other dogs. He is very easy going and loves everyone who he meets! People frequently comment how much he looks like a teddy bear.



Artoro





baby's room!



We live in a small neighborhood with lots of families in California. We love being able to walk to town when we want while also enjoying the quiet of our community. Our street has a playground that is a very short walk from our house. Neighborhood kids frequently ride their bikes to the park to play after school. Our town has parades that we go to for the 4th of July and for Veteran's Day. We love riding our bikes into town to see a movie or for summer ice cream dates!



# friends & family



Emma and Josh's immediate family



Emma's sister  
& brother-in-law



Emma's parents



Josh's extended family





Josh's extended family



Emma's godparents



Josh's mom and godmother



Emma's friends



Emma and Josh's friends & their kids

# our beautiful life



# why we're adopting



Adoption was always in our plans. We thought that we might try to have a biological child but after having a couple miscarriages, we decided to pursue adoption as the first avenue to expand our family. Being parents is what we feel called to do and what we want most in this world. We strongly believe that love makes a family and we have lots of love to give!

# fun facts about us!



Josh's favorite part of being in the Army was jumping out of airplanes

Emma taught hula dance and loves the Hawaiian culture

Emma collects children's books and has a collection of more than 100 books

Josh enjoys Brazilian jiu-jitsu as one of his many hobbies



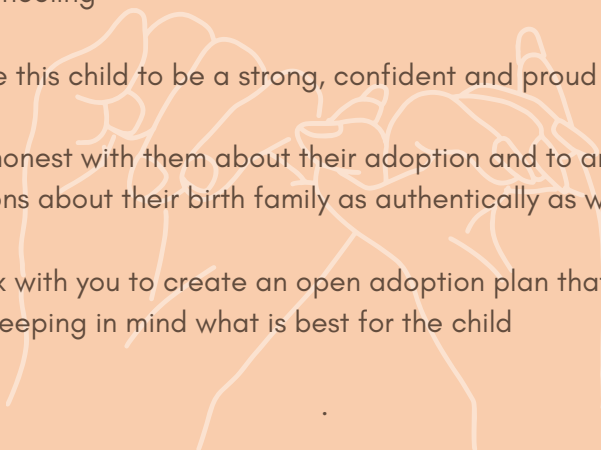
Josh and Emma love the mountains and make frequent trips to the snow



# our promise



- To raise this child with true unconditional love and acceptance
- To show this child the world and expand their horizons as much as we can
- To give them the absolute best education and to be active parents in their schooling
- To raise this child to be a strong, confident and proud black child
- To be honest with them about their adoption and to answer their questions about their birth family as authentically as we can
- To work with you to create an open adoption plan that works for both of us, keeping in mind what is best for the child



# thank you



Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our family. We can't imagine how difficult this decision must be for you and we are honored that you are considering us as parents. We would love to talk with you and answer any questions that you may have.

We wish you and your baby many blessings.

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