



ANTHONY & NILS



OUR NOTE
TO YOU



WE CAN'T
WAIT TO
GROW OUR
FAMILY THROUGH
ADOPTION
AGAIN





HELLO

so nice to meet you

First and foremost, thank you for taking the time to learn about us while you are educating yourself about the options available to you and your child. The fact you are even considering these options truly speaks volumes about how much you love your child.

We are Anthony and Nils and we are both very excited to grow our family again through adoption. As a gay couple we always recognized that our path to growing a family could not take the traditional route. We discussed and educated ourselves about our options and our conversations always returned to adoption. **Adoption has touched us greatly with our daughter and we recognize the importance of open communication and transparency. We are excited to continue to grow and learn with a new family member.**

As you approach the coming days, weeks and months that lie ahead, we know that you will be considering a lot of tough decisions and we are truly grateful for your consideration. **We just wanted to let you know that whatever you decide is best for you and your child, we fully support your decision.**

We look forward to learning more about you as you navigate through this process.

best wishes
ANTHONY & NILS

this is our STORY

Our story began like many modern day romances -- online! Anthony and I (Nils) met through match.com in February 2011. Our first date was supposed to be just a casual coffee date. However, it ended up lasting all day. Once we started talking, we couldn't stop! The connection was instant, and we bonded over how much we shared in common with one another. **We both come from immigrant families, speak Spanish with fluency, have our masters degrees and have a general interest and curiosity for the arts. From that first moment on, a wonderful relationship began to develop.**

In the summer of 2012, we got engaged at a summer camp in upstate New York where I (Nils) had been working. We have been married now for 8 incredible years and absolutely love doing life together! In our free time we enjoy going on family bike rides and exploring parks in our neighborhood. Kaia loves to read, draw and most recently has started painting. We enjoy conversing about life and the world!

We complement each other so well. I (Anthony) am very steady, analytical and concrete. Nils is creative, intuitive and emotional. **The balance of these traits has helped us in our marriage, and has equipped us to the best parents we can be.**





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why we are
ADOPTING
again!

From the very beginning, we always knew we wanted to start a family and that was a “deal breaker” for both of us when we were looking for our life partners. With all we had in common, it was a tremendous joy to discover that we also shared the desire to have children be a part of our life someday.

As family oriented people, we truly love being parents. Being a gay couple, however, we have always recognized that our path to parenthood would not take the traditional route. As such, we had to navigate and educate ourselves about the different options available to us. **Our conversations always came back to the possibility of becoming a family through adoption, and we realized with immense clarity that our hearts were incredibly excited about this path, which led us to our daughter, Kaia.** Growing our family is something we are very passionate about, and we are excited and hopeful to grow our family through adoption again!



**GROWING OUR FAMILY
THROUGH ADOPTION AGAIN
IS SOMETHING WE ARE VERY
PASSIONATE ABOUT.**

**WE ARE EXCITED + HOPEFUL
TO BECOME PARENTS TO
ANOTHER CHILD!**



meet
ANTHONY



Hobbies/interests:

Cooking, Broadway shows, reading, learning new things, yoga

Friends describe me as:

caring and loyal

Favorite movie:

The Wizard of Oz

Interesting fact:

I love smooched faced dogs--bulldogs, English bulldogs, frenchies, pugs etc.

GROWING UP: I grew up in Lynbrook, New York on a quaint local block where I built many close friendships with neighboring children that have lasted all my life. I attended a catholic school, which is where my interest in theater and the performing arts blossomed.

OCCUPATION: As a kid, I was always good at math and I sort of fell into a payroll position in my first job at a grocery store. Little did I know that it would shape my career path as an adult. Today, I am a payroll manager at a biomedical research university in Manhattan, and I also specialize in international taxation.

When a child joins our family, I will be able to take paternity leave.



I LOVE BEING A DAD

Since a very young age, I knew that I wanted to be a parent. I've always loved interacting with the children of my friends and family. **What I love most is that everyday is a brand new day with a child, full of wonder! I can't wait to see how our daughter interacts and builds a bond with a new sibling.** I can't wait to share my love for cooking, baking, creating and also my love of theatre, especially Broadway with another child. Mostly, I look forward to learning and sharing in the talents that emerge in our child as they develop.



meet NILS

Hobbies/interests:

Hiking, attending art and cultural events, going to concerts, playing games, interacting with others, and eating good food

Friends describe me as:

creative and friendly

Favorite Movie:

Sister Act

Interesting fact:

I am a second degree black belt



GROWING UP: I grew up in the Pacific Northwest and am Chilean and German American. I speak both Spanish and German fluently. Growing up, I loved spending time in nature and wide open spaces.

OCCUPATION: Previously, I worked as an art teacher, and then an Office Manager at a busy independent private school in Brooklyn. **Ever since Kaia's arrival I have fallen in love with our child and have since become a full time stay at home Dad and loving every minute of it.** I continue my artistic pursuits, love making art and finding interesting opportunities to share my talents with the world.

I LOVE BEING A DAD²: Being a stay at home Dad is an ongoing learning process. Since Kaia's arrival I have fallen in love with being a full time stay at home Dad. I continue to nourish and pursue my love of making art and find interesting opportunities to share my talents with the world. **Being Kaia's Dad has really taught me to listen to her and be able to understand when things are working well for us and when they might need some adjustments. Staying home with her has allowed us to bond and allowed me to share with her many of the things I enjoy about the world.**

BEING A DAD² IS A DREAM COME TRUE

I am constantly looking for opportunities to walk her or be outside with her as I enjoy the outdoors and want to instill this appreciation for nature in her as well. **My enjoyment for music has increased since we enrolled her in weekly Music Together classes where I get to play instruments and fill her ears with my vocals and together learn songs we can then sing together.** In our new house we have an art studio that we use to paint. We have been known to break into a family wide dance and groove session.



ONE OF MY
PAINTINGS





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in Nils' words

“Anthony is a very warm, patient, loving, inquisitive, sensitive, compassionate and genuine person. He has a really great capacity for reading people and situations and his mastery of analytical skills aides him in his ability to tackle various obstacles. **Anthony also has a joyous and relaxing nature that is easy to be around.** His cumulative baby care knowledge and confidence with infants and small children has been a real asset. Observing him helped me be more comfortable with the daily care of our daughter. His guidance and help gave me the confidence to be the stay at home Dad. **His impact can be see in the comfort with which Kaia interacts with others and is easy going and friendly with new people.** He frequently embodies ‘baby whisperer’ skills.”

NILS

in Anthony's words

"Nils is a very loving, compassionate and emotional individual. He has an intuitive nature that is an amazing quality when interacting with other people. **He is creative and loves to try new things and think outside of the box.** Watching Nils grow into fatherhood has been a wonderful experience. **He loves to share his creative energy with Kaia, whether in music class, reading and creating stories and most recently exposing her to painting, which she absolutely loves.** He is very patient and attentive to her needs and you can see that he loves being a father."



**"ALL THESE QUALITIES
MAKE HIM A GREAT DAD."**





our HOME

**We live in Long Island, New York, in a spacious 3 bedroom home.
Our house is colorful, warm and inviting.**

We live in a 3 bedroom home in Long Island, New York, which we recently purchased. **Our home is a balance of being a sanctuary to relax and recuperate from our active lives while also maximizing the enjoyment of all the diversity and activity of our area.** We enjoy hosting social gatherings with friends, knitting, stamp collecting, taking peloton classes, playing games, listening to music and podcasts, and watching movies.

We love living close to Manhattan. Once things return to normal, we enjoy jumping on the commuter train to find ourselves in the middle of a fast paced, energizing city. However, our Long Island enclave feels like home. **Full of great schools, very friendly and community-centered neighborhoods, and a multitude of parks and programs for families.** On a weekend you can find us going on a family bike ride, playing at the pool, or at the playground. We love to take a trip into the city to check out a museum or spend our day at the zoo!



meet our daughter

KAIA

Kaia is caring, inquisitive, energetic, and adds so much joy to our lives!

Kaia is very caring and enjoys the company of others. She loves to interact with most kids her age or a bit younger. She loves both to follow along and to take the lead. If in a situation where kids are not really striking her fancy she is happy to entertain herself, however Kaia enjoys engaging other kids and has developed friendships with many children in the neighborhood.

She will be a wonderful big sister!





meet our

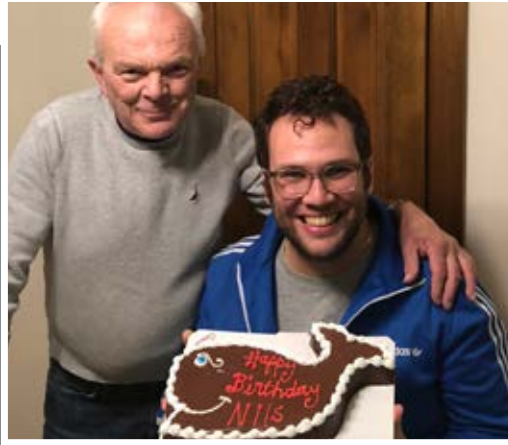
FAMILIES

Anthony's Family: I have a large extended family that lives nearby in Long Island, Staten Island, Brooklyn, New Jersey and some further away in California. My older brother is married and lives in New Jersey. My parents, Rose and Tony, are a huge part of our lives and will be very involved in our children's lives. **They love being grandparents!** We see them almost every week, usually on Sundays. We enjoy eating together and playing Italian card games. My family is Italian American and we enjoy cooking traditional meals and attending a wide array of social and extended family gatherings throughout the tristate area that often include a big 21 person family Italian style dinner!

Nils' family: My parents live in Portland, Oregon and we try to see each other at least once a year. I have an older brother who is married with two kids and lives in Hawaii. We enjoy seeing the boys at least once a year, if not more. **We love traveling to Hawaii to visit and spend time together, and we also meet up in Portland or on the west coast for family gatherings.** During the holidays, we usually travel out to the west coast to spend time with my family. **My family is very supportive and excited for us as we embark on a new adoption journey.** During the pandemic, once my parents were vaccinated they made multiple trips to come visit Kaia. We have daily facetime calls so that Kaia and her west coast grandparents have the opportunity to nurture their bond. Once we both got vaccinated we were able to travel with Kaia to see her Hawaiian cousins and my brother and sister-in-law. All of whom are very excited to meet and get to know her and look forward to meet her new sibling.



OUR FAMILIES ARE SUPPORTIVE AND EXCITED FOR US AS WE EMBARK ON ANOTHER ADOPTION JOURNEY!





in our
FAMILY...

We love to travel to far off and distant places and to see as many of our relatives in far off places that we can. So that time and space does not keep us from showing our love to those we care for.

We love the beach, and love to take Kaia to our local pool! We love to commune with nature, swim, play in the sand and hear the relaxing sounds of water splashing on the shore. We love to take family bike rides and walks in neighborhood.

We like to spend time together, so that no matter what is going on in the day to day we can be there for each other and connect to enrich our lives and share and enrich meaning.

We love to eat well, we love to have family meals at the table where we can eat, share and interact with each other.





BEFORE YOU GO

we want you to know

Thank you once again for taking the time to learn about us and we hope you were able to get a glimpse into the excitement that we have as a family as we grow through adoption! **If you choose to move forward with an adoption plan we would be honored to offer the following commitments as loving parents to a child:**

- **Family** - we both hold and cherish our families near and dear to our hearts, both immediate and extended. We share meals with each other nightly, weekends and holidays and we look forward to keeping this tradition with our child.
- **Education** - we both are grateful for the education and exposure that we received and we look forward to exposing our child to enriching educational programming.
- **Cultural Diversity** - we are committed to exposing our child to a neighborhood and city that contains a rich cultural and diverse history.
- **Community** - we are committed to instilling a sense of social responsibility and understanding the importance of supporting a cause whose outcome is not immediately known and beyond one's self.
- **Talents and Hobbies** - we look forward to cultivating and supporting our child's talents and hobbies as they emerge throughout their lifetime.
- **Travel** - as you can see from the photos, we love to travel - near and far and we look forward to sharing that with our child. Nils' parents live in the Pacific Northwest and his brother and family live on the beautiful islands of Hawaii. We are so excited to share with our child our favorite hikes in Oregon and our favorite beach in Oahu. In addition, we have family in Europe, South America and beyond that we look forward to visiting.
- **Honoring our child's story** - We believe it is so important that our child knows their unique story and how it all started and unfolded with the greatest form of LOVE. Their family might not look like everyone's but it's equally as special and that their family will include you!

We understand that the options you are learning about are tough to consider. As a couple, we find what works best for us when faced with tough decisions is to have a honest conversation with each other about what lies ahead. We also trust our feelings and emotions that we encounter as a result of these conversations and believe that the best outcome will always present itself.

We are confident that will be true for you too.



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