



LIZ AND JARRETT



DEAR EXPECTANT PARENTS,

Thanks for taking the time to learn about us. We hope what we say resonates with you, and you are able to envision the happy, supportive environment we would provide for your baby.

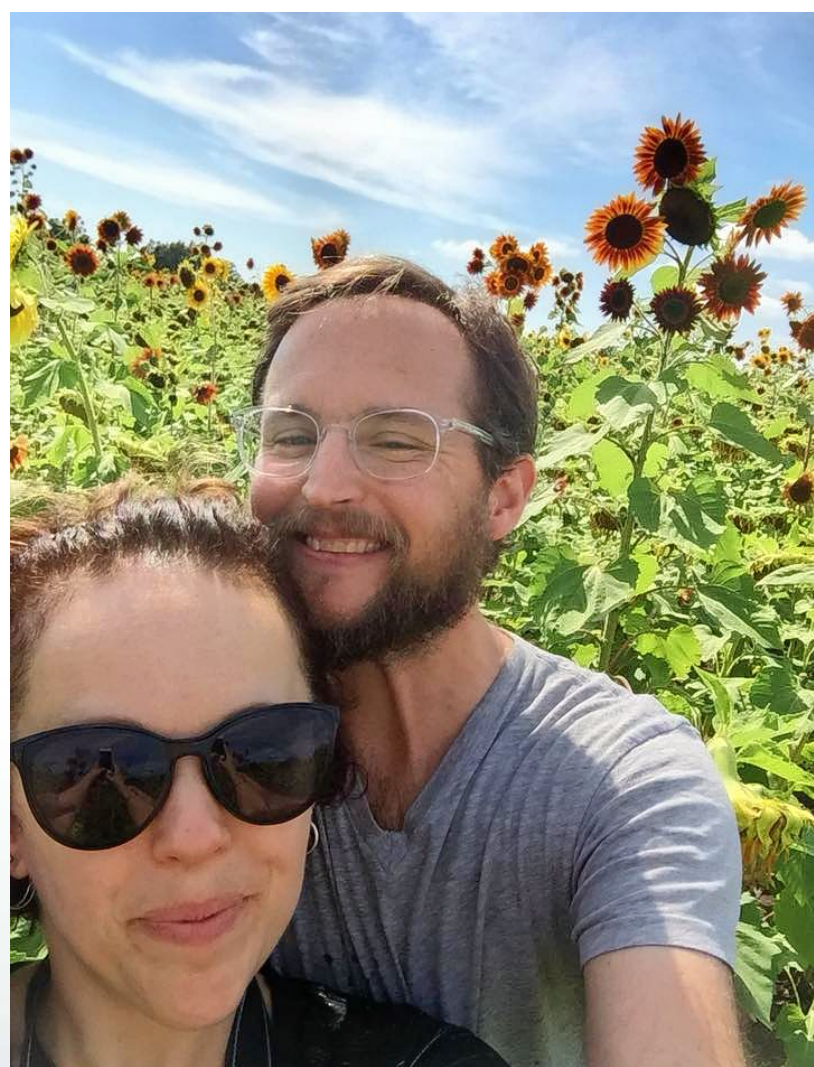
We know that being parents is going to be exciting and challenging, but we're ready for it. We want to guide a child to have fun and explore the world with a sense of wonder. We will teach them as much as we can, whenever we can. Most importantly, we will do our best to help them be loving and respectful human beings.

More than anything, we want what is best for you. We know we want to be parents, but we are patiently waiting. Life can be complicated, and we know that we will make the right connection at the right time. You can be confident that with us, you'll be placing your child in a home filled with love, understanding, and comfort. We hope to get to know you better soon.

Thank you so much for considering us.

XOXO,
Liz and Jarrett







about us

HOW WE MET

We met in high school during Liz's freshman orientation. We liked each other from the start- and had a teenage romance. Although it didn't last til graduation, we knew we would always be there for each other unconditionally.

Our paths separated for a while, but looking back- if they hadn't, we probably wouldn't be where we are today! We stayed in touch through college, in separate cities, other relationships, and life changes.

We eventually got back together and were married in 2014. We have seen each other through highs and lows, all of which have made us stronger and brought us to this place, where we are ready to grow our family. This path toward adoption has already transformed our view of what a family can be, and we are excited to see what the future has in store.

a little about

LIZ

(ACCORDING TO JARRETT)



Liz is intelligent, talented, and I believe she can do anything she sets her mind to. She loves and stays connected with many branches of her family tree, near and far. Buffalo sports teams are in Liz's blood. Her mom was an original Sabres hockey season ticket holder, and Liz is a super fan!

Much like her mom, Liz is the designated photographer for our family, and always has a camera ready to capture the big or small moments of life. Liz had a blast doing a photo shoot with our nephew, Parker, when he was two weeks old.

Liz loves event planning. I'm excited to see what she comes up with for a child's birthday! She has a knack for giving perfect, personalized gifts. As a breast cancer survivor, Liz is passionate about raising money for cancer research. I am so proud of the advocacy work she does in our community.

Liz has amazing patience with kids. She keeps her cool and has an awesome level of calm and comfortable energy. Liz is a great listener. I can't wait to see the mother that she will become.





Selfie with Tig!



Goofy with her godson, Drew.





Matching suits with Trevor



With his sisters Allie and Martha



a little about

JARRETT

(ACCORDING TO LIZ)

Jarrett is naturally serious but loves making people laugh. He is hopeful, loving, and charming. Family is precious to him. When we're driving in the car, he always reaches over to hold my hand. One December day, in high school, we were walking down the street and I was complaining about how cold I was, while Jarrett was not. He matter-of-factly said, "It's only cold if you think it's cold." Jarrett's optimism and mind-over-matter determination stayed with me every day since.

He seeks joy in every moment. Jarrett was a selfless caregiver during my cancer treatments. His steady support and love were exactly what I needed.

In his mid-20s, Jarrett realized the truth about himself, that despite being raised female, he always felt he was male inside. He became who he was destined to be (and always was) and has never been happier! I am incredibly proud to have been with him through it all. I am thrilled to see him become a father.



At the park with Parker!

OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD

Our three-story home was built in 1926. It is a happy place that we've decorated with things that really make us smile. We especially love coming home to each other and cooking dinner in our extra-large kitchen with the radio on (we're known for our love of soft rock). We look forward to teaching a child to love food and create meals with us. For now, we are having a blast raising our young sibling cats, named for two of our most favorite entertainers, Tig Notaro and Trevor Noah.





We have a lot of fun tending our gardens and decorating our outdoor spaces. We love hosting game nights or spending time on the front porch or back patio. Jarrett's sisters (and their families) live nearby so we see them often. Our neighborhood is filled with kids and puppies (and their parents)! The nearby village green hosts festivals and farmers' markets, and a pleasant environment outside our favorite coffee shop!

Our city is experiencing a renaissance and was recently named "America's friendliest city," which we certainly believe. We love walking or biking around the block, downtown, or along the Erie Canal. When out-of-town friends come home, we always have a new place to show them—and they often wonder why they'd ever left! We can't wait to experience our city through a little one's eyes.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Jarrett's whole family at Allie and Krissy's wedding.

Our life is never dull because we are surrounded by wonderful, loving people, many of whom have been in our lives since high school or earlier! We seem to be able to bring people together—starting lasting friendships between people from different areas of our lives.

We see Jarrett's family at least once a week. His mom, or "Gaga" to her grandkids, lives just one town over. Jarrett's dad is a retired Episcopal priest. Our family is still part of a loving, inclusive church community, which preaches "God loves you. No exceptions," which we firmly believe.

We are super fortunate to be part of a family that embraces love and self-expression in all its forms. We are supported and celebrated for who we are, and we do the same for everyone in our life.

Liz lost her mom during college, but she has remained very close to her wonderful Polish-American family. Liz's cousin, Carol, is more like her sister; we celebrate lots of holidays and special times together. Liz's step-family lives in Indiana, and we are very close.

We were beyond heartbroken to lose Liz's Dad to COVID in October 2020. He was the most caring parent and was so excited to be a grandpa again. We will carry his love with us forever.



Liz's Dad, Howard, with his wife Kelly, and Liz's step-siblings Lizzy and Zach. Thanksgiving 2018.



Friends who are family, and family who are friends..



A YEAR IN THE LIFE



We live in an area with four distinct seasons, and we love them all for many reasons!
(We didn't mean to rhyme, but it happened!)

Winter:

The whole family goes to Gaga's house to trim the tree that features almost 800 ornaments! On Christmas morning, it takes hours to open all the gifts Santa leaves us.



Spring:

We love when it warms up! Spring days mean opening up the windows and planting the garden. Many friends and family celebrate spring birthdays—there's lots of cake and ice cream!

Late Spring is also when we get ready for our annual cancer charity bike ride! Each year we try to ride further and raise more money than the previous year!



Summer:

Every June we gather our friends and family to watch the Pride parade. Jarrett's mom has an incredible backyard garden surrounding a pool, perfect on warm afternoons. She loves teaching her grandkids to swim—and we LOVE playing Yahtzee!



Fall:

Liz gets really excited about football and hockey season.

We celebrate our relationship in October (there are 10 days between our wedding anniversary and our "dating anniversary," so we keep the fun going)!



FUN FACTS ABOUT JARRETT



Jarrett mastered diaper changing by practicing with our nephews, Eli and Parker.

His maternal grandparents were friends with Mr. Fred Rogers and Jarrett's 4th birthday gift was to have dinner with him!



He shoots a mean 3-pointer in basketball.

Jarrett is great at organizing and is always ready to help people clean out a closet or put things "in their place."

A LIST ABOUT LIZ

Least favorite food:
Olives

Liz can recite:
The Wedding Singer and
When Harry Met Sally

Most unexpected
accomplishment:
Liz won a speech
competition in 8th grade,
despite extreme stage
fright.

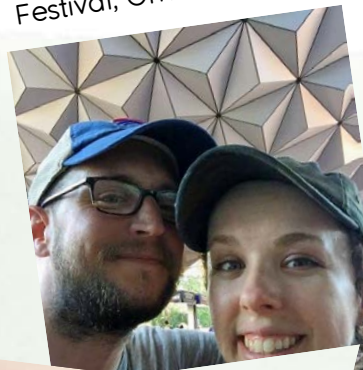
Special talent:
Proofreading!



On vacations, Liz is the navigator while Jarrett is the driver. It's a joy to discover and explore new locations, like visiting the sea lions on the Pacific Ocean. Some of our dearest friends live in New York City, where Liz went to college, so we visit often and find new favorite places every time. We can't wait to see the world as a family!

GOING PLACES

EPCOT Food and Wine Festival, Orlando



La Jolla, California



Glen Falls with our friends from Brooklyn, Kerri and Sam



Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico



Carlsbad, California



Austin, Texas



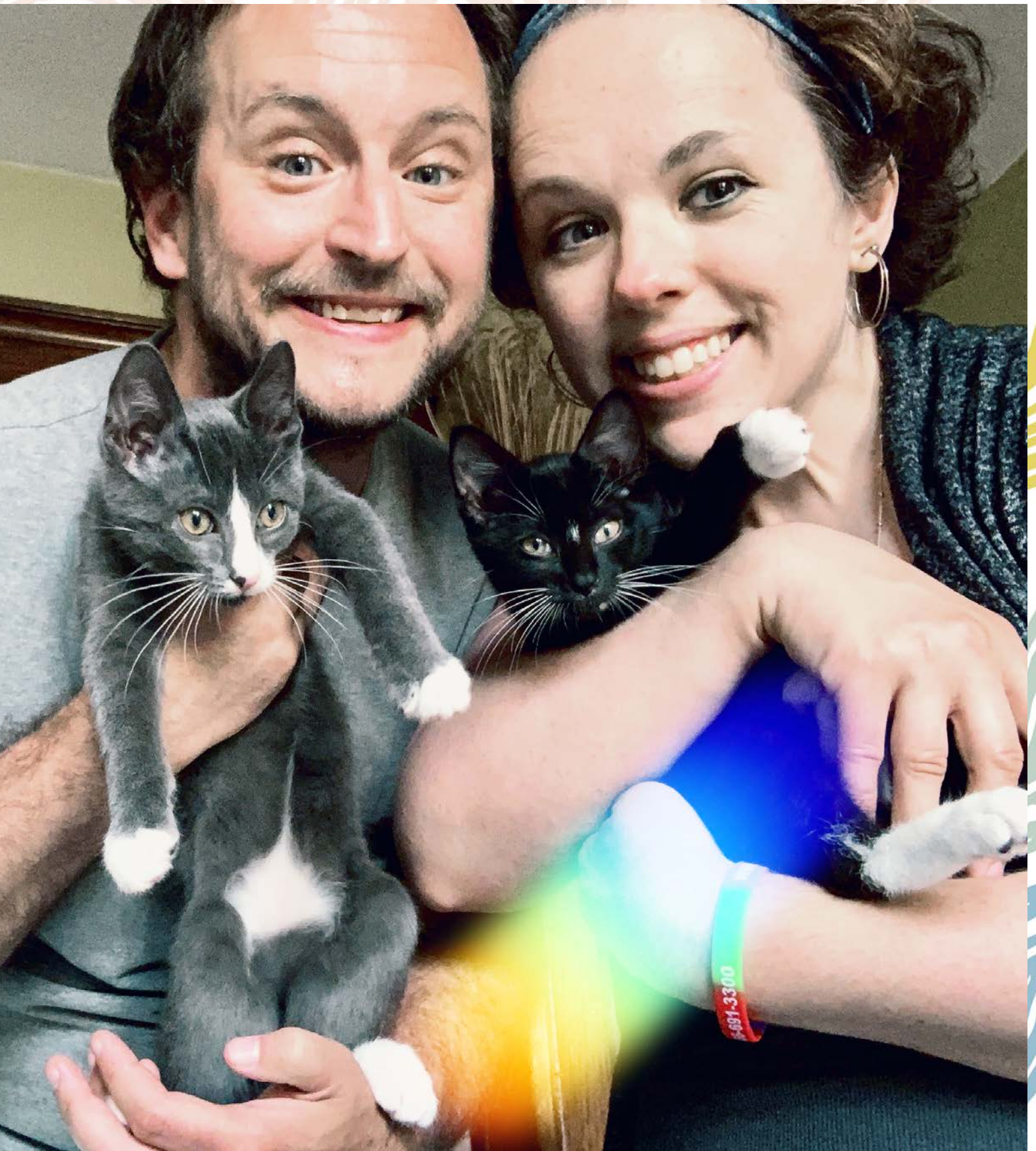
This was one of our favorite dates ever, at Eataly in New York City.

Our promise to you...

We are ready to grow our family! We have entered into this process with open minds and hearts. We are patient and understanding people who truly believe that life will unfold as it should. We don't for a second, take it for granted that we have such a loving community around us who are so excited to help us raise a child, and for that we are grateful. Our wish for all of us is that we discover a real and natural connection that allows you to envision the best life possible for your baby.

We promise we will give your baby a home that is as nurturing, supportive, and joyful as you could hope for. You will always be integral to your child's life, to whatever degree you are comfortable. We are grateful you've taken the time to get to know us. We wish you the best, and we can't wait to get to know you!

Sincerely,
Liz and Jarrett



THANK YOU!



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