



Eric & Joe

Eric



Joe



As we sit to write this letter we are filled with excitement and emotion. It is often referred to as the adoption journey. This letter, this book, is just one step in a lifetime journey that we have just begun.

Let's start by introducing ourselves. We're Eric and Joe and we are so excited that you have chosen to take a look at our profile. We want to provide a caring, loving, and fun home for a child. We value trust, courage, kindness, and responsibility. Our hope is to exemplify and teach these same values.

We would like to recognize the strength and courage you have had in your journey so far. We'd also like to thank you for taking the time to learn about us and for considering us. This is our first experience with adoption and we hope that this is the first step in growing our family.

Family is very important to us and we look forward to exploring openness in its many forms with you if that is something you want. We are committed to providing an atmosphere of openness that is fulfilling to the child, you, and our family so that all feel supported and valued.

We both come from big families and growing ours would be a dream come true. We thank you for learning more about us, and we cannot wait to learn more about you.

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About Us

We met at the end of 2016, at a New Years Eve party. We were introduced by mutual friends. Our relationship developed in early 2017 when we went rock climbing for our first date. Eric picked the date despite not loving heights. One date turned to two (bowling) and our adventures continued from there. We got engaged in Mexico and got married in 2021.

We bought our house in 2019 and got our dog Pavo from the Humane Society, shortly after. Living in a large city in Minnesota, we are close to a large network of parks and trails that we enjoy exploring. We live close to friends and family and are very excited for them to be a part of our adoption process!

We have enjoyed creating a home together and look forward to welcoming a child into our family through adoption. As a couple, we think that our personalities complement each other. Joe is thoughtful and a planner. Eric likes to be more spontaneous. We think this leads to a loving, balanced relationship and family where we can help a child build the life skills they need to thrive.

We share many interests that keep us busy, especially: the outdoors, cooking, traveling, gardening, biking, and spending time at our family's cabin. We are very excited to show you more about our family, home and interests.

About Eric

I grew up in Wisconsin with my twin brother, Jake. As kids, we were adventurous and enjoyed playing outside and spending time with neighborhood friends.

Family and my school teachers helped me discover a few of my passions: travel, culture, and Spanish. In high school, I was able to travel to Honduras and use my language skills first hand. Since then, I have had the privilege to learn about and visit a variety of countries.

I graduated college in Wisconsin where I studied business and Spanish, even living in Spain for a semester. Shortly after graduation, I moved to Minnesota where I have worked in product development for the last 13 years. Currently, I am a product management consultant. I get to work with new people every day teaching them how to create products!

I love to read; mostly non-fiction and to cook unique new dishes. In the summer, I enjoy biking and attempting to grow veggies and flowers in our backyard.





Eric winning at mini-golf



Relay race in San Francisco



Eric's first garden





Biking in Japan



The fun uncle

About Joe



Joe traveling with his closest friends



Having fun with Joe's family



Joe & his siblings

I grew up in suburban Minnesota, the youngest of three kids. I spent a lot of my childhood playing with neighbors and cousins. I played baseball and was in a bowling league. In high school I was in the marching band.

Many of the values I hold today, I learned in the Boy Scouts. I went on monthly camping trips, backpacking, and canoeing trips. I became friends with an incredible group including my best friend to this day.

I went to a small business school. After college, my career has mostly focused around customer service in varying roles. I am currently a business analyst with a non-profit bank.

My Dad inspired me to start distance running after college. I've completed nine full marathons, so far, as well as countless half marathons and 5k races.

My family is very important to me. I pride myself on being a fun and reliable uncle to my nieces. It's been incredible being a part of their childhood and now as they become adults.

I enjoy traveling, gardening, hiking, trying new recipes, reading, and playing games with friends.

On patrol at the cabin



Training graduation



First bath



Our dog Pavo is four years old. He loves to play in our backyard, run at the dog park, and cuddle on the couch.



We like to spend time at our family's cabin: pontoon rides, swimming, kayaking, and relaxing.





Eric's Nephew (Henrik) and
Niece (Lanie)



Joe's parents
(Barb & Tom)



Joe and his siblings
(Jessie, Nate is singing
behind)



Eric's Dad (Don) and
Stepmom (Kim)



Eric's twin Brother (Jake),
Sister-in-law (Mandy)
and Mom (Cindy)



Joe's Nieces (Ashley,
Bailey, Brianna)

We are close to our immediate families and spend as much time with them as we can.



Both of our immediate families at our wedding



Eric's extended family: fun
and live music



Four generations
(Grandpa Ed, Dad, Eric &
Jake, little Henrik)



Cousins time in Chicago

Half of Joe's extended family



The other half of Joe's extended family



Time with aunts, uncles, and
cousins is important to us.



Our home





Making homemade ravioli



Grilling in the summer



We enjoy cooking and baking because it allows us to learn new things together and try new food.



We try new veggies each year in our backyard garden. Some of our favorites are: tomatillos, peppers, garlic, green beans, and herbs.

We love to see the plants grow and also see what pollinators come to visit. We're always excited when hummingbirds stop by.

How food is grown and caring for plants are important lessons we want to teach a child.



Outdoor fun



We value connecting with nature and enjoy hiking, canoeing, and some winter fun.

Exploring national and state parks, where nature is preserved, is important to us. Understanding and respecting nature will be a priority in our family.



Exploring new places is important to us because we are interested in learning about history and other cultures. Also the food! We love trying new food, local dishes, and unique produce.

History in Mexico



Los Angeles



Relaxing in Miami



We look forward to including a child on our adventures and learning together as a family.

Getting engaged in Puerto Vallarta





Hiking in Colorado

Exploring Peru



Mexico City

Utah wedding



Madrid

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us! We are excited to meet you, hopefully.

