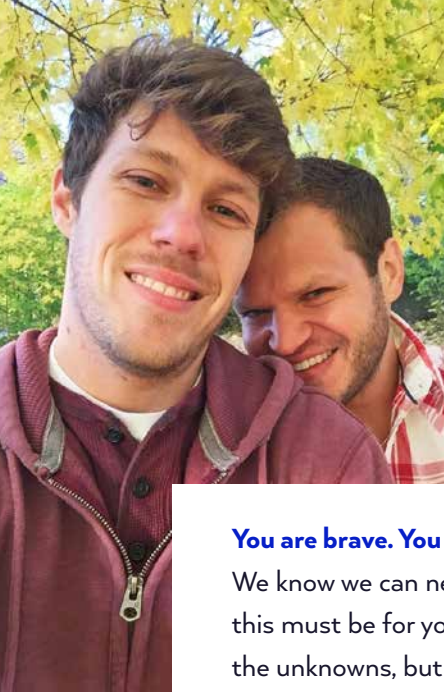




NATHAN
+ PATRICK





Hello

WE ARE

PATRICK + NATHAN

FROM

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

You are brave. You are strong. You are courageous.

We know we can never understand how hard this must be for you as you navigate so many of the unknowns, but we hope your intuition and determination guide you along your path. We are truly grateful to share our story with you.



OUR *Dream*

FROM THE DAY WE MET, WE SHARED A **DREAM** OF BUILDING OUR FAMILY THROUGH **ADOPTION**.



We have complete respect for you in taking the time to reach this decision when it all feels right and like a perfect fit for you. Our adoption journey can be shared to the capacity we are all comfortable, recognizing this want may look different for everyone. Our primary focus will always be what is in the best interest of your child, and we will forever value you and your expectations of an open relationship.

Words cannot express the joy we feel or how to thank you for possibly choosing us to love, to nurture, to grow our family. Now, let's get to know each other a little better, go ahead, read on!



WITH GRATITUDE

N + P

READY FOR A FAMILY WEDDING

Love ON LAKE MICHIGAN



ABOUT US

We met in 2013 while attending the same law school in Boston, Massachusetts. It was truly love at first meeting – boy met boy, we laughed, we danced, we fell in love. Fast forward, we married in 2016 and moved to Chicago in 2017. Chicago has been an endless dream and has afforded the stability we knew was important before taking this next step in becoming parents. **We are both practicing government attorneys, Nathan working for the City of Chicago and Patrick working for Cook County.** We own a single-family Chicago bungalow in a quiet, hugely diverse northside neighborhood.

Things THAT MAKE US HAPPY

NATHAN

- ▶ My husband
- ▶ Sunshine (literally can't get enough!)
- ▶ Indoor plants
- ▶ Coffee
- ▶ Running

PATRICK

- ▶ My husband
- ▶ Family
- ▶ Dogs
- ▶ Volunteering/ service
- ▶ Good food!

FLOWERS IN BARCELONA



We
LOVE TO
TRAVEL AND
EXPLORE
THE WORLD.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S HOUSE IN GALENA



PATRICK'S GRADUATION DAY



BEST DAY EVER! OUR WEDDING

We both come from military families, Patrick himself serving in the US Air Force during his college years. As a young child, Patrick even spent time living in foreign countries, including Panama. Nathan is an avid runner and has completed 8 marathons, including 2 international in Berlin, Germany and Tel Aviv, Israel! **We are excited to share our love of adventure with your child.**



About

NATHAN

BY PATRICK

NATHAN, MY LOVE, MY HUSBAND, MY PARTNER, MY PERSON.

Nathan is every one of those and so much more. From the minute I met him it was his smile that melted my heart as it still does every day. Behind that smile is a person whom with I have shared seven years of awesome adventures. He makes everything so much more fun including grocery shopping and painting walls! He supports everything I want to do, even when I try to build things or do home improvements that may not turn out perfectly. **This is all to say that Nathan is the one person I was looking for my entire life and I am lucky to have found him.**

NATHAN AND THE BOYS



NYC MARATHON

NATHAN WILL BE A
WONDERFUL FATHER!

- YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO **LEARN**
- ▶ I'm an 8x marathoner
 - ▶ I have traveled around the world in 100 days
 - ▶ I have jumped out of an airplane, twice!
 - ▶ I'm a 10 year vegetarian
 - ▶ I enjoy quiet nights and thunderstorms



BARCELONA LUNCH

Want to see Nathan ignore the world? Put children in front of him. He just has a way with children. Sort of like he can speak their language! He enjoys playing with and interacting with all the younger children in our family rather than adults. He tells me such great stories from the

time he was working with children at a group home and even still remembers some of the individual children that made a wonderful impact on him. I know he is going to be the best parent and I cannot wait to see the joy raising children will bring to him!

About PATRICK

BY NATHAN

PATRICK, THE NEVER-ENDING BUNDLE OF ENERGY!

Patrick is always smiling and always puts the needs of others above his. I'll never forget our first interaction involving a half smile, a wink, and definitely a laugh, that lead me to wanting to know more. Over seven years later, that half smile and wink get me every time. **He's confident, outgoing, and determined in everything that he does.** They say you've found the one when they absolutely complement you, well, I definitely found him.

PATRICK'S STEP DAD HELPING HIM

GET READY ON OUR WEDDING DAY



PREPARING A FEAST FOR NATHAN'S BIRTHDAY



Patrick is passionate about helping others and absolutely adores family. You can't help but smile when you see him interact with his nieces and nephews – he's a total kid at heart! When he's not cooking up a feast in the kitchen

or FaceTiming with his friends and family, you'll find him doing arts and crafts, reading, or cuddled up with our pups watching something on TV. Oh, and when he speaks Spanish, it's just the cutest thing! He's a definite keeper!



PATRICK IN GREECE

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE
PATRICK AS A DAD!

YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO

LEARN

- ▶ I was in the US Air Force
- ▶ I met President Barack Obama
- ▶ I've lived in a foreign country
- ▶ I ran for local political office
- ▶ I ride a motorcycle



TRAVELING WITH OUR NIECE ABBY

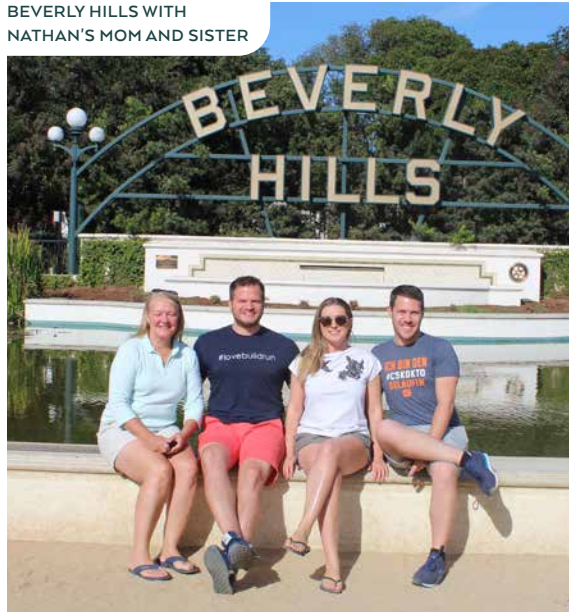
OUR LOVED ONES



PATRICK AND OUR NEPHEW MAVERICK

Family is central to our relationship. Despite the distance, our families are ever connected through social media, FaceTime, and traveling to be close. If there's an important life event, we're there and they're here! Family encompasses so much more, including close friends who have opened their hearts and homes to sharing in our everyday lives. We totally believe it takes a village!

BEVERLY HILLS WITH NATHAN'S MOM AND SISTER



Important Lessons

WE WILL TEACH OUR FUTURE CHILD

- ▶ Ambition
- ▶ Selflessness
- ▶ Structure and routine
- ▶ To be themselves and find their own story
- ▶ To enjoy life

WITH PATRICK'S DAD AND GRANDMA



WITH NATHAN'S FAMILY



PATRICK'S FAMILY has Irish and Spanish origins and his nieces and nephews call his parents Yaya and Papa. From a young age, Patrick learned the Spanish language – the gift of language we cannot wait to share with your child. Some of Nathan's favorite recipes are traditional Spanish dishes. **NATHAN'S FAMILY** has mostly German and Eastern European origins. We look forward to creating new traditions of our own. **If there is something that is unique or important to you and your family, we'd like to share that with your child too!** Holidays are rarely spent apart, and we cannot wait to welcome your little one into our family.



PATRICK'S SISTER AND FAMILY



NATHAN'S FAMILY AT OUR WEDDING

NATHAN'S BEST FRIEND AND MOM

SUPPORTING HIM DURING THE NYC MARATHAN



PATRICK WITH HIS MOM



PROUD DAD ON GRADUATION DAY



Welcome to

OUR
HOME
AND
COMMUNITY

WE LOVE HOUSE
PROJECTS,
GARDENING, AND
YARD WORK!



NATHAN'S SUNROOM
SANCUTARY

WHEN WE BEGAN
LOOKING FOR
OUR FOREVER
HOME, FINDING
A QUIET, SAFE,
AND DIVERSE
COMMUNITY WAS
AT THE TOP OF
OUR LIST



WELCOME!

Our northside bungalow is a large, single-family home perfect for raising children, entertaining friends and family, and having those quiet nights indoors. For Patrick, it's all about the kitchen. He loves cooking and hosting others. For Nathan, it's all about the Zen space he's created in our sunroom, filled with plants and good oxygen (at least according to him!).

Our neighborhood is a complete reflection of the importance we place on the value in diversity – filled with neighbors of all ethnicities and races.

Chicago has been a true gift with its endless activities from its varying cultures to its shopping, its museums, being a complete foodie heaven, and the festivals that change throughout

the seasons. Having lived in Florida, these seasonal changes were a must for Patrick! We absolutely love being outside and taking our pups on adventures – parks, forest preserves, the Lake Michigan coast – you name it, we're there!

OUR PETS ▶ There is nothing quite like being greeted with an endless tail wag! Animals have been an important part of our lives and we currently have two dogs and one cat. Beamer and Brody are like two peas in a pod and are the sweetest, playful pups. Bowtie kitty is quite the shy character and definitely picks his favorite on his terms of course.



Brody

Beamer



Bowtie



IN
CLOSING

Phew! That was lot of information to read through! This selfless journey you are on is incredibly brave and tough decisions may still lay ahead. We support you. We know that you will make the absolute best decision for your child – and maybe

that's us! **We promise you this, your sweet little one will be surrounded with love and grow with a family that will encourage self-identity and an understanding of their story and what makes them who they are.**

THANK You

Thank you for allowing us your time to share in our dreams.

WITH GRATITUDE

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