



***JOSH & SAM***



# Our Family

Sam, Josh, Anastasia, and Viktor

# Meet Sam & Josh



- We met in 2019 when Sam was in pharmacy school and Josh was a pharmacy technician.
- We have been together for seven years and married for four.
- We have two standard poodles.
- We love to travel and build memories.

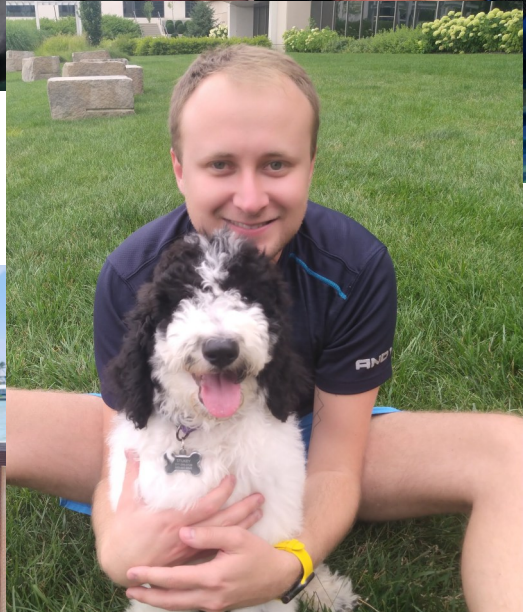
# Why We Want to Adopt!



- We have a **strong desire to become parents!**
- We believe a **family built on love** is stronger than a family based on biology.
- **Josh was adopted when he was seven years old.** We *know* the lasting impact an adoption can have on a child's life.
- Josh has a **strong desire to give the same opportunities** and experiences to a child that he has experienced.
- **Adoption is the right choice for us!**
  - **Adoption is the best and only way** for us to start our family.
  - We will get to experience fatherhood and become a real family!
  - We can give our child a ***safe, loving, and supportive home throughout their life.***
  - We welcome a **child of any sex, any race, or any ethnicity** to our family!



## All about Josh



- I am a kindergarten teacher. I love helping kids grow and learn.
- My favorite hobbies are hiking, playing with our poodles, spending quality time with my family, and travelling.
- My favorite things about Sam are his smile, loving and nurturing personality, and his dedication to our family.
- I value building relationships and developing connection with my family. I love spending time with my nieces and nephews. I enjoy helping others and taking nothing for granted.
- I was born in Russia and was **adopted in 2005 through KidsFirst!**
- Because I was adopted I have a good understanding of it.
- Some of the things I am looking forward to in fatherhood are caring, loving, bonding, teaching, nurturing, and providing.

# All about Sam

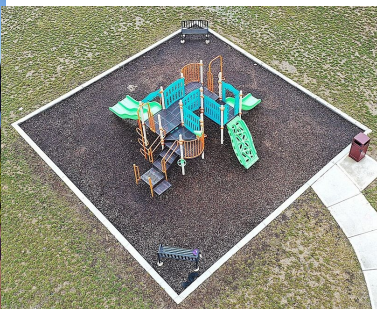


- I am a pharmacist and manage a pharmacy for a local hospital. I love being able to help patients in need and serving those in need.
- My favorite hobbies are **cooking** and home improvement. I love cooking for my family, friends, and coworkers.
- I enjoy going on evening walks with Josh and our poodles.
- My favorite things about Josh are his kind spirit, smile, and his loving personality.
- I value spending quality time together with my family. Christmas and Thanksgiving are my favorite holidays because I get to show my love by cooking for my family and spending time together.
- I was born and raised in rural Indiana. I value honesty, integrity, hard work, faith in God, patience, and understanding.
- Some of the things I am looking forward to in fatherhood are caring, playing together, bonding, developing, and providing unconditional love.

# Our Home



- We built our home in 2021 with room to grow our family!
- We have 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, plenty of space for everyone.
- We wanted to build a home where our child could have a safe place to call their own.
- Our home is in a neighborhood full of young families with children to make friends with.
- We have a big backyard with lots of room to play!
- We live a short walk from the playground.



# Our Extended Family



- Josh's parents have been together over 45 years!
- We live nearby and often visit for dinner.
- We often go to Sunday service together and have dinner after.
- They love being active in their children's and grandchildren's lives.
- Sam's parents have been together over 41 years!
- We visit Sam's parents several times each year and love spending time together at the lake.
- Both sets of parents love caring for their children and babysitting grandchildren.
- Our extended family is excited to welcome our child!

# Home Life

- This room will be the nursery.
- It has plenty of space for rest.
- Our child will have a room of their own.
- Their room will have plenty of sunlight, room for toys, and space for sleepovers with friends when they grow up!



- Sam loves to cook for our family.
- He grew up sitting at the counter watching his mom cook. He can't wait to build memories in the kitchen as a family!
- The kitchen is the heart of our home.
- Sam cannot wait to teach our child how to cook!

# Home Life

- This is where we will eat meals as a family together.
- Meals are a special time to spend where we can bond, share, and create memories as a family.



- The living room is where we can have family game nights together.
- There is room to grow and play together!
- Our living room is where we spend time together as a family.
- This is where we spend holidays together with family.

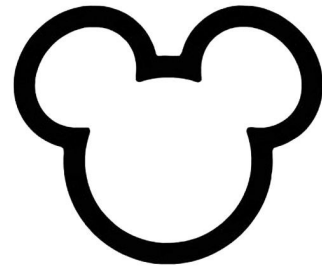
• The living room is a place where our family relaxes and has fun together. We like movie nights with homemade popcorn. We like to play board games together in the winter by the fireplace.

# Family Time Together

There are so many things we cannot wait to do together with our child as a family!



- We both loved going to the playground as children. We will take our child so they can enjoy it like we did. Our child will be able to play with friends at the park and run in the grass.



- We both love the beach. We love taking family vacations to beaches in Florida. We also love Disney World and want to take our child there too! Sam loved the magic of seeing his favorite characters in real life and wants our child to be able to as well.



- Josh loves hiking and being outdoors. We want to share the great outdoors with our child. We are excited to go on family hiking trips together!

# Our Values

- We believe adoption is part of God's plan for our family.
- Our faith is our foundation. It is why we treat every person with kindness and respect.
- We believe in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, and gentleness.

# Our Promise

- We will raise our child to the best of our abilities.
- We will raise our child to love themselves and make the world a better place.
- We will provide every educational opportunity we can to our child.
- We will nurture our child spiritually, physically, and emotionally.
- We will welcome our child with joy into a warm and loving family.
- We will be patient, compassionate, and understanding.
- We will encourage our child to be themselves and pursue their passions.





## THANK YOU

Thank you for reading our story! We hope you will consider us to be your child's adoptive family. We understand the complex nature of an adoption because Josh was an adoptee from KidsFirst. We cannot wait to become parents and start our family! May God bless you! We wish you peace and love.