Molly David







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WE ARE



EAMILY TRIP TO TORONTO

THANK YOU for taking a moment to get to know us as you think about this incredibly important and brave decision.

e want you to know that if we are given the privilege to bring another child into our lives, we will love, cherish and nurture him or her with all our hearts. We want to grow our family because we have more love to give. We are also very close with our parents and loved ones and everyone is looking forward to this chance.



You might say that for us, it was love at first slice. We met almost 8 years ago at a friend's pizza dinner party.



While it took a few months to start dating, we both knew pretty quickly that the other possessed special qualities that we had both been looking for in a partner.



CELEBRATING BEN'S BIRTHDAY









s a couple, we complement each other perfectly. We have completely tossed aside traditional gender roles – we both contribute equally to making our home a comfortable and happy place. While Benjamin may only be four, he, too, is expected to help contribute in small ways by picking up toys, bringing his plate to the sink and using kind words (i.e., please and thank you). We believe in leading by example so that our son – and any other child we bring into our lives – learns by seeing and by doing.

we LOVE TO travel

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We like to take family vacations mostly to new places and to visit friends and family that we don't get to see often. Since Benjamin was born, WE'VE BEEN TO ARIZONA,

WISCONSIN, TORONTO, and a few other places. We can't wait for the ability to travel again!





olly gives 100% to everything she does, as evidenced by her incredibly successful career with a healthcare innovation company, that she has been with and helped grow for more than 13 years. She is kind with infinite patience and compassion for those around her.







BAKING PIES WITH BENJAMIN



THIS OR THAT?

Call OR Text • CALL

Big party OR **Small gathering** • SMALL GATHERING

> Beach OR Mountains • BEACH

> > Tea OR Coffee • TEA

Cats OR Dogs • DOGS



- Hobby Music
 Vacation spot
- Anywhere we can get away
- Holiday Thanksgiving
- Children's book Oh the Places You'll Go
- Movie genre Romantic Comedy
- Dessert All desserts!
- Place to take a child Park
- TV show Schitt's Creek





avid is thoughtful, curious, and passionate about helping others. From his early volunteer work with families and their children to starting his legal career in child advocacy and his

ongoing work with the United States Navy, his goal in life is to improve the lives of others.

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BEN AND DAVID TAKING A WALK



THE SHARK FAMILY

 Avid IN TORONTO





- Vacation spot Anywhere new
- Sports team Chicago White Sox
- Holiday Sabbath
- Children's book Little Engine that Could

- Movie genre Sci-Fi
- Dessert Peanut Butter Chocolate Ice Cream
- Place to take a child
 Park
- TV show The Office



We live in northeast Ohio in a quiet neighborhood.

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Our house is on a corner so we see our neighbors frequently and Ben has become the Mayor – saying hello to everyone who walks by when we play in the front yard. Our home is very kid-friendly with a large playroom off the kitchen and a second play area downstairs. In the kitchen, kid plates, utensils and cups are in a cupboard at floor level so that kids can get their own plates or cups and feel part of the dinner prep process. We are fortunate enough that each child gets his or her own bedroom.

There are a number of state parks, farms, and playgrounds in our area. We're also members of the local zoo, which is the perfect size for a morning-long excursion in the spring, summer or fall.

David and I are both very active in our community. Through the daycare Ben attends (and any future child will, as well), we have made many new friends and have created a bit of a parent village for ourselves, even if that village is mostly virtual during the pandemic.









ΜΕΕΤ

⇒ Benjamin

Benjamin is our 4-year-old biological son. He is incredibly curious, asks a lot of questions, and wants to know about the world around him. He loves to draw and build things with his blocks or Magnatiles. He's both helpful and very compassionate. He's quick to hug someone when they're sad and will say 'sorry' if he makes a mistake.

Because he's so curious, we love taking him to playgrounds, museums and outings like apple or blueberry picking. During the pandemic, we learned that baking is fun, there is no toy in the world can compete with an empty cardboard box and a big imagination, and sometimes it's ok to just veg out and watch a movie. It's brought us much closer together as a family.





olly comes from a very close Lfamily. Her parents and sisters also live in the northeast Ohio area and we see them weekly. We have Friday night dinner at her parent's home every week. Ben calls Molly's mom "Mamas" and her father is called "Bapa" and he's close to both of them. He often spends



BEN AND HIS COUSIN GRACE ARE BFFS!

the night at their house and loves his time with them. Molly's sister Eden has a fur-baby named Lambeau (a 90 lb 'gentle giant' yellow lab) and her sister Abby and brother-in-law, Jeremy, have a 9-year-old daughter, Grace, who Ben calls his 'sister-cousin'. He also likes spending time at their house and is especially close with them.

Family

is incredibly important to us.





MOLLY AND GRACE

Molly also has a large, extended family of about 50+ aunts, uncles, cousins and cousins' kids. Molly and her cousins have an ongoing text chain and frequently talk on it to keep each other appraised of what's going on in their lives. When we do get together, there's a lot of laughter, music, and children running around. It's a circus but the best kind!



BENJAMIN WITH HIS GRAND PARENTS



WITH ZAYDE SHELLEY

Religion is an important part of our lives. We are moderately observant Jews, which means that we celebrate the major holidays and attend services on the Sabbath a couple times a month.

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And while Ben and any new child we welcome into our life will be raised Jewish, they will also be raised with strong values so if their life takes them on a different path, they will still have the values to make good decisions, treat others with respect and question the world around them.



PASSOVER 2020

avid is an only child, but his mother and stepfather recently relocated to Ohio so that they could be closer to us and have a more consistent relationship with Ben. He calls David's mom 'Babute' and his stepfather Zayde Shelley (Zayde means

grandfather in Yiddish). David's biological father is no longer living.

Beyond our biological family are some of our closest friends who have been in our lives for decades and who are non-biological aunts and uncles to Ben, invested in his growth and people we know we could call upon at a moment's notice if we ever needed help.



WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST ON YOUR JOURNEY. nce again, we thank you so much for taking the time to learn about us and considering us to be part of your journey. We hope that we gave a small glimpse showing what kind of family we are - one that would welcome you and your child with open arms, open minds, and open hearts. We wish you all the best in making the right decision for you and we hope to meet you soon!

🤿 Molly, David, and Benjamin 🗧

