

Rob & Ryan





Hello!

WE'RE

Ryan & Rob from Chicago

Along with
our dog, Leona

Thank you for taking a moment to read a little about us. We know you're making important decisions for your child, and we want to honor the strength and care that brought you here. We're grateful for the chance to share who we are and offer a glimpse into our lives, our home, and the family we hope to grow.

We've always imagined becoming dads and are ready to welcome a child into a life filled with joy, curiosity, and love. Our home is warm and lively, full of people and a dog who can't wait to cheer on a little one. We hope as you read, you can feel our values and our commitment to creating a supportive, happy environment.

We've known our path to parenthood might look different. We love being around kids, and adoption has always felt like a natural choice for our family. Ryan's sister was adopted, and that experience helped shape our hearts for adoption.

Our Story

Our story began the modern way—on a dating app! From our first messages, we realized how naturally we clicked, drawn together by a shared sense of punny humor and values. Our first date was at a Mexican food restaurant. At the time, Leona Blu, our dog, was just 6 months old, and no one can turn down those bright blue puppy dog eyes! Five years later, at the same restaurant, Ryan proposed to Rob as a surprise with poster boards, and we got married a year later in Michigan. We currently live an active life along Lake Michigan in Chicago. **We love the life we have, and we can't wait for the journey of parenthood ahead.**



Lady Gaga concert

Chasing waterfalls in Thailand



Admiring the Eiffel Tower



A sparkling end to our wedding





About Rob

My friends would describe me as thoughtful, smart, a little introverted, and hard working. I grew up in San Diego, and moved to Chicago when I was 28 for work. Family is very important to me, and I am always one who can be counted on no matter what. I look forward to sharing these same values with our child one day.

I work in the federal government as a Supervisor who manages teams that clean up hazardous waste sites in the Midwest. As a public servant, during national emergencies, such as when there is a hurricane or wildfire, I deploy to impacted communities to assist with recovery. I love my stable job and to give back to communities in need.

I have dreamed of being a dad my whole life!

I've seen how much joy it can bring and a deepened sense of purpose in this world. **I can't wait to give our child a loving life and to see how many of my dad jokes are actually funny.**



Our love for animals has taken us to places like this elephant sanctuary in Thailand



BY
RYAN

Rob's devotion to family and friends is something I have always admired. He has a way of making moments feel meaningful, whether it's getting friends together for

a home-cooked meal from his many cookbooks or planning special activities for the season. Rob is the most thoughtful and intentional person I know. His analytical way of thinking shines through in all the best ways; he's a go-getter who can accomplish more in a day than most people do in a week. Even though he works full time, he's always there for our family and his work has a flexible schedule. Around our home he can fix almost anything and never hesitates to lend a hand to our neighbors.

Rob always makes the effort to travel to his family and support his nieces and nephews. When he's with them, he's patient, attentive, and endlessly encouraging. Qualities that also shine when he cares for our dog, Leona. **Watching Rob with the people (and pets) he loves shows me exactly the kind of father he will be.**



A quick neighborhood walk to visit the Harbor



Rec league softball



Uncle Rob

Soaking in the history and architecture of France



Quick Facts About Rob

Favorite singer is
Mariah Carey

Was a band nerd and
played **trombone**
in **marching band**
growing up

Studied **French**

Favorite ice cream is
butter pecan

Loves going **snorkeling**

Favorite place to
take kids is to get **root**
beer floats

Grew up in **San Diego**,
but never went surfing

Has my **dream job**

Likes watching **scary**
movies in the dark



About Ryan

My friends would describe me as compassionate, cheerful, and kind-hearted. I grew up just outside of Green Bay, Wisconsin. This shaped my love for the outdoors and the impact a family can have on a child. Family has always been important to me. My parents would do anything for us and provide us with support in so many ways. I hope to offer the same care and support to a child someday.

Currently, I work for an IT consulting firm where I hire graduate students. My job offers me a great deal of flexibility as I'm a remote worker, which supports a healthy work-life balance. I'm incredibly grateful for this, especially as we consider becoming parents.

For as long as I can remember, I've dreamed of becoming a parent.

The idea of nurturing a child's growth, celebrating their milestones, and guiding them with patience, unconditional support, and humor fills me with joy.



Apple picking, a favorite fall tradition



BY
ROB

Ryan's commitment to family and festive traditions is one of the things I love most about him. He insists that every birthday be celebrated with a cake and

candles, and that Christmas is filled with joyful activities that make lasting memories, such as going to the zoo to see the holiday lights, making cookies, and being surrounded by our family that we love (both humans and dogs). He also loves Halloween and even dresses up Leona who won 1st place at our Condominium's dog costume contest last year. I know he can't wait to make costumes for our child! Ryan is truly so good with kids. **He is always spoiling our nieces and nephews with gifts and showering them with so much love - in typical Midwest fashion.** He also shows up for them, whether it is for their celebrations such as for their school concerts and graduations, but also in difficult times where he helps guide them with a steady hand. This is why I know he is going to be such a good dad, and he's going to win that costume contest with our kid.



Putting the final touches on our Christmas tree



Cuddles with uncle Ryan



Grabbing coffee

A walk in the fresh snow



Quick Facts About Ryan

Die-hard Green
Bay Packers fan.
Go Pack Go!

Favorite children's book
is **The Very Hungry
Caterpillar**

Loves collecting
Christmas ornaments as
travel souvenirs

Enjoys **playing sports**
with friends and family

Favorite musical is
The Lion King

Favorite ice cream
is **chocolate chip
cookie dough** with
brownie pieces

A fall must is **apple
picking** and **apple cider
donuts** at the orchard

Favorite seasonal activity
is baking and decorating
Christmas cookies

Our Home

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Chicago, Illinois

We live in the metropolitan North side of Chicago right next to Lake Michigan. The neighborhood we live in is laid-back and culturally diverse with stunning lake views, tree-lined streets, and has a ton of historic properties. We are steps from the Chicago lakefront parks and playgrounds, beaches, sports fields (including Wrigley Field!), and premier Magnet schools. This area is very safe and kid friendly.

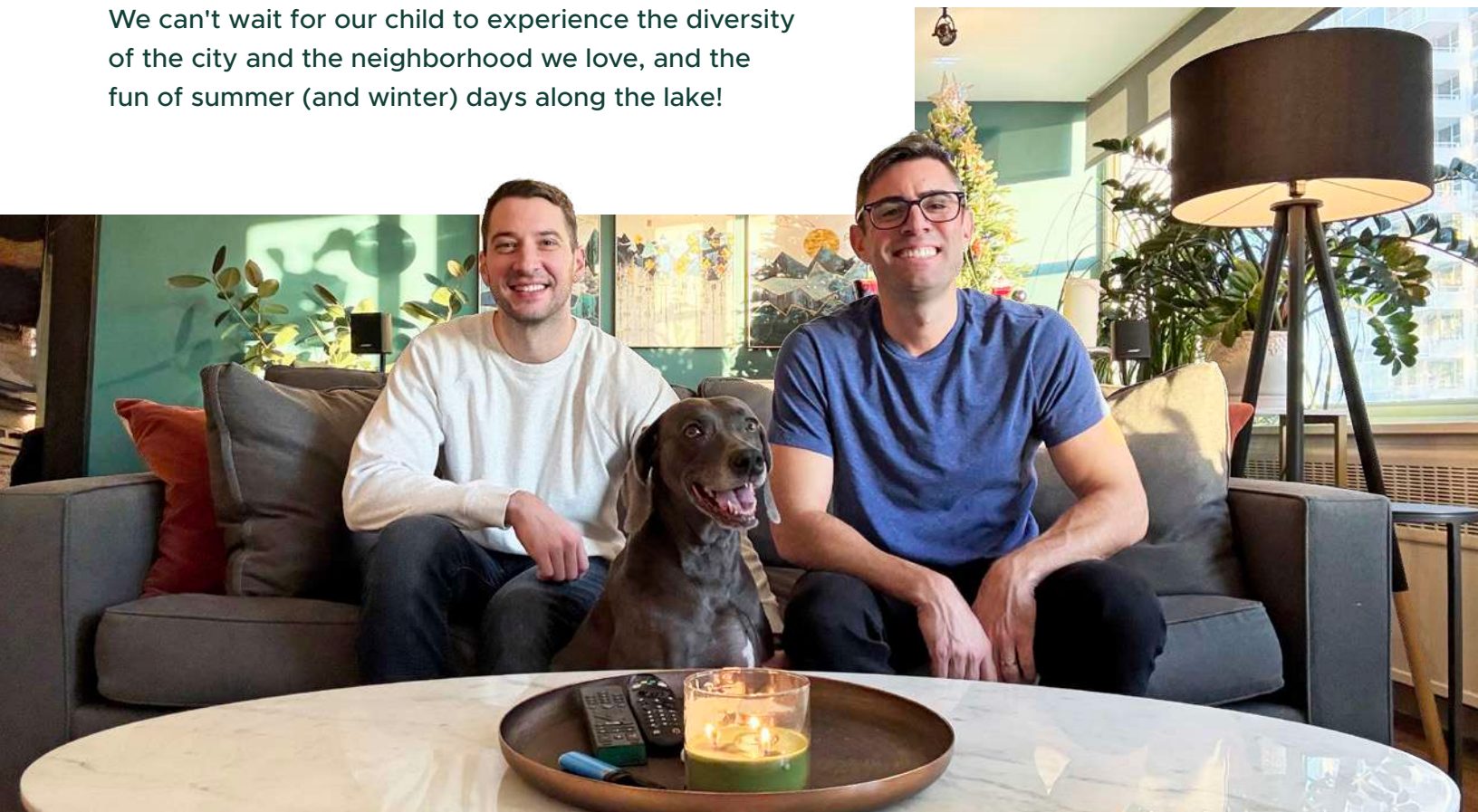
We definitely love to take advantage of it by staying active playing kickball with friends, going to cafes, the dog beach, and street festivals. We live in a large luxury mid-century modern high-rise condominium. When we are not staying inside enjoying dinner, movies, and game nights with friends, we love to spend our hot summer days relaxing next to our spacious outdoor pool, kiddie pool, and BBQ deck. We can't wait for our child to experience the diversity of the city and the neighborhood we love, and the fun of summer (and winter) days along the lake!



Our home along Lake Michigan



Leona's favorite sunny spot



Our Hobbies

Rob loves staying active—he plays softball and kickball in recreational leagues and enjoys taking kickboxing classes. He's also passionate about plants (our home is full of them!), and his green thumb is something we both get a kick out of. Rob is very involved in our community and currently serves as President of our Homeowners Association, a role he takes great pride in.

Ryan is all about anything festive and fun. He loves going to fall harvest orchards, visiting Christmas markets, and curling up with a good rom-com movie. He stays active by weightlifting, taking Peloton spin classes, and going on long walks with our dog, Leona. He's also working on perfecting his cookie recipes.



Boating on Lake Michigan



Rob and his green thumb



Central Park

Pumpkin patch fun



Together, we enjoy spending time outdoors, especially at the lake.

Some of our favorite moments are walking along the harbor with our dog, Leona, or playing tennis on a sunny afternoon. We're big Chicago Cubs fans and love catching games at Wrigley Field. We also enjoy going to music concerts—this year alone we've seen Lady Gaga, Charli XCX, Troye Sivan, and Kylie Minogue! **Travel is another passion we share. We love exploring new cultures and learning from each place we visit, whether it's a historic city or a tropical getaway.** Recently, we've had the chance to travel to Thailand, France, and Bora Bora, and we cherish the memories and experiences from each trip.



We visited Disneyland with family



Ryan's parents exploring Chicago



Loved Ones

Family is at the center of our lives!

ROB

My family is in California, where I grew up. My sister, brother, and I are all two years apart, and all Leos. I even share the same birthday as my younger brother! They currently live in Northern California, and they each have two young kids that we love to spoil. We've been close my whole life. When we were young, we were all in a band together, as adults, we love to travel together with the kids. We alternate celebrating holidays in Southern California at my mom's house or in Wisconsin with Ryan's family. My mom loves to spoil the grandkids. **Last year, we all went to Disneyland, and the kids loved it!**

RYAN

My family is in a small town in Northern Wisconsin, where I grew up. My parents live just a few hours away, so we often visit them for family celebrations or to spend a weekend away from Chicago. I have a sister who is a year older in age who still lives there with her husband and 3 young kids. My parents adopted her before I was born. They enjoy going camping and spending time outdoors. They also live close, so we often celebrate the holidays together at our parents' house when we don't visit California to see Rob's family. **The kids love playing in the yard with Leona!**



Christmas with the kids



Hawaii



Luau with Rob's siblings

Rob's brother and nieces on our wedding day



What Matters Most

Our hope is to create a home where a child feels safe, supported, and free to discover who they are.

We view parenting as a lifelong commitment to showing up consistently, with kindness, love, and empathy. We value respectful, open communication and believe children thrive when they feel heard and understood. One day, we hope to share the importance of treating others with compassion, standing up for what is right, being accountable, and approaching the world with curiosity and respect. We also understand that adoption brings added depth and meaning to the parenting experience. We welcome an open adoption and believe ongoing contact can be a healthy and positive part of a child's life, while fully respecting that the level of openness is the birth mother's choice. We are committed to honoring your child's story, birth family, and heritage, and to speaking openly and lovingly about adoption from the very beginning.





A FINAL

Thank You!

We want you to know that if you choose us, your child will be raised in a home filled with love and stability.

We are committed to providing not only for their needs, but for their emotional well-being—listening to them, encouraging them, and standing beside them through life's ups and downs. We promise to honor your child's story, including their origins and the love that brought them into this world. They will grow up knowing their adoption story is something to be respected and spoken about openly. Through example, we will teach them kindness, resilience, and empathy, and we will help them become someone who treats others—and themselves—with dignity and compassion. **Above all, we commit to loving your child unconditionally and to raising them in a way that helps them feel safe, proud of who they are, and confident that they belong.**