



CHRISTINA

AND

JEFF

TO A VERY
SPECIAL WOMAN



HELLO! WE ARE
CHRISTINA
AND **JEFF**
AND OUR SON, ROCKY!

Before you take some time to learn about us, our family, and our life, we want to say how much we already admire you. As parents, we can't imagine the emotional journey you've been on to this point in regards to this decision. But having the courage, awareness, and conviction to do what you feel is right, no matter how difficult it is, shows how selfless and amazing of a person you must be. We hope to have a chance to meet you one day and tell you that in person!

CHRISTINA WAS ADOPTED HERSELF AS A CHILD, so she has the unique experience as to exactly how to make sure an adopted child is intertwined into the love and fabric of a family. Please know that if you choose us, we'd be the most loving, grateful, and honored parents to your child. They'd be a gift for this world, and we'd treat them as such every single day of their life.

We hope you enjoy reading more about us and our lives, and afterwards, you'll be interested in wanting to get to know us further. We wish you peace, strength, and lots of love as you move forward and through this journey.





So in love!

OUR STORY

As kids we grew up 3 blocks away. We were never friends as Jeff was 2 grades ahead, but as adults we crossed paths again while both being single in the city. Christina was out for a jog and Jeff was walking home with his dry cleaning. We recognized each other, started chatting, and the rest, as they say, is history!

CHRISTINA IS A FULL-TIME MOM, AND JEFF WORKS FROM HOME WITH LOTS OF FLEXIBILITY IN HIS DAILY SCHEDULE. This means we're both always around and there for Rocky's life moments everyday. Whether its dropping him off for daycare, taking him to soccer class, making him lunch, or just watching him play outside with the kids on the block, it's so amazing for both of us to be there for all of it. Your child will have loving, present, full time parents.

AT THIS POINT IN LIFE, ADOPTION IS THE PATH FORWARD FOR US IN ORDER TO EXPAND OUR FAMILY,

which we have been dreaming about for so long. We're blessed to be in a position to welcome another child into our family and home.



Out for dinner

FUN FACTS AND OUR FAVORITES

● CHILDREN'S MOVIE

JEFF: *Home Alone*

CHRISTINA: *UP*

● CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

JEFF: Pizza

CHRISTINA: French fries

● HOBBY

JEFF: Fantasy Football

CHRISTINA: Yoga

● MUSICAL ARTIST

JEFF: The Beatles

CHRISTINA: Adelle

● PLACE TO TAKE A CHILD

JEFF: The beach

CHRISTINA: A carnival

MEET CHRISTINA



BY

JEFF

CHRISTINA HAS SUCH A BIG HEART AND A TRULY COMPASSIONATE MINDSET,

so she's just naturally someone who is "there" for others...

- like the time she was on the phone until 4am with a friend going through a divorce, only to have to be up with Rocky a few hours later. In Christina, your child will always have a support system, sounding board, and someone to truly count and rely on.

To say that **CHRISTINA LOVES DOGS** would be a huge understatement! She even ran a dog walking business for 7 years and single-handedly made an impact on so many lives. I remember during our first week of living together, how she stayed up late baking doggy birthday treats for her oldest clients, Gus and Maverick - Their Mom called the next night to tell her the dogs LOVED the cookies!

No matter what life throws at her, **CHRISTINA HAS THE AMAZING ABILITY OF ALWAYS BEING ABLE TO MAINTAIN HER LIGHT HEARTED DEMEANOR.** Last year when the pandemic closed Rocky's day care, Rocky was upset and scared. So, she immediately engaged Rocky in a dance party in our living room, and his worries just washed away!



On vacation with our two old dogs



Family yoga

JUST FOR FUN FAVORITES

- **SWEET TOOTH PLEASER** - Cupcakes
- **WHO I'D LIKE TO MEET** - Ghandi
- **HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE** - Christmas
- **ICE CREAM FLAVOR** - Blue Moon
- **SUPERPOWER I'D LIKE** - Invisibility
- **VACATION DESTINATION** - Michigan
- **SOURCE OF INSPIRATION** - Family



Christina with her gals



Happy birthday, Jeff!

**JEFF IS
LEGIT
THE
FUNNIEST
PERSON
I'VE EVER
MET.**



On our first date, I asked him what other people would say about him and he told me that they'd say he's the most hilarious one of all his friends. I gave an eye-roll, but eventually he actually had my stomach hurting from all the laughing. His jokes might be a little corny, but perfectly timed and on-point!



Jeff loves sales!



Out for a ride

MEET JEFF

BY

CHRISTINA

ACTS OF SERVICE ARE DEFINITELY JEFF'S LOVE LANGUAGE, and he's always thinking of ways to make people's lives better and easier. During the pandemic, we had close friends who got sick. Within the hour - Jeff was on the way to their house with food gift cards, and toys to help and keep their kids occupied. He's one of those people that will drop anything to help the people he loves.

JEFF IS A VERY HANDS-ON DAD, taking Rocky many places like baseball games, museums, parks, tee-ball and ice cream, or special Daddy/Rocky adventures. Jeff and Rocky love going on bike rides to explore more of our neighborhood. They'll ride to the beach, meet other kids and their Dads at the park, or simply cruise around looking for trucks which Rocky loves.

JUST FOR FUN FAVORITES

- SWEET TOOTH PLEASER - Cheesecake
- WHO I'D LIKE TO MEET - G. Washington
- HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE - Thanksgiving
- ICE CREAM FLAVOR - Rocky Road
- SUPERPOWER I'D LIKE - Ability to fly
- VACATION DESTINATION - Greece
- SOURCE OF INSPIRATION - My mom



Jeff and his two best buds



Making pizza



Pool fun!

THE KITCHEN IS THE HEART OF OUR HOME.

It's where we bring our family together and share memories and experiences. Pizza is our all-time favorite meal together (homemade or delivery), and Christina and Rocky love baking cookies.

One time Rocky sneezed right in the batter - we all started cracking up immediately! And YES, we still baked/ate the cookies :)

WE LOVE BEING OUTSIDE. Between walks with the dogs, going to the beach, playing or watching sports, or dinner on the deck - it's all great! **But our favorite is visiting one of the many parks in the area.** Earlier this summer there was a family hula hooping at a park, and Rocky wanted to try. They gave him one and showed him how to do it...his first hula hoop! Your child will certainly have a chance to experience lots of activities and memories outdoors!

THE FUN SIDE OF LIFE!

WE SHARE AS A FAMILY

WE LOVE LEARNING, TOGETHER.

Christina has a degree in childhood education and we're always working with Rocky on new things, helping him to learn and use that brain of his! Rocky (and Jeff) especially love building things - at Rocky's last birthday, he insisted on assembling all of his new toys himself!



Staring contest



Go Cubs!





At the pumpkin farm



We love the water!



No, this is our couch!

OUR DOGS LAKE HOUSE

AND CITY

ADD SO MUCH TO OUR LIFE!

WE'RE DOG PEOPLE! We have 2 kid-friendly pups, Leo and Leavitt. They are best friends and love to snuggle. They also love Rocky, and vice versa – the 3 of them share toys, chase each other, and eat snacks on the couch. They bring so much joy and love to our home!

EVERY SUMMER WE GO TO THE SAME LAKETOWN FOR VACATION. We enjoy the beach, many kids activities, restaurants, and fun water sports. When Rocky was 2, we took him to his first petting zoo there. He was OBSESSED and giggled every time an animal licked his hand or made a noise .

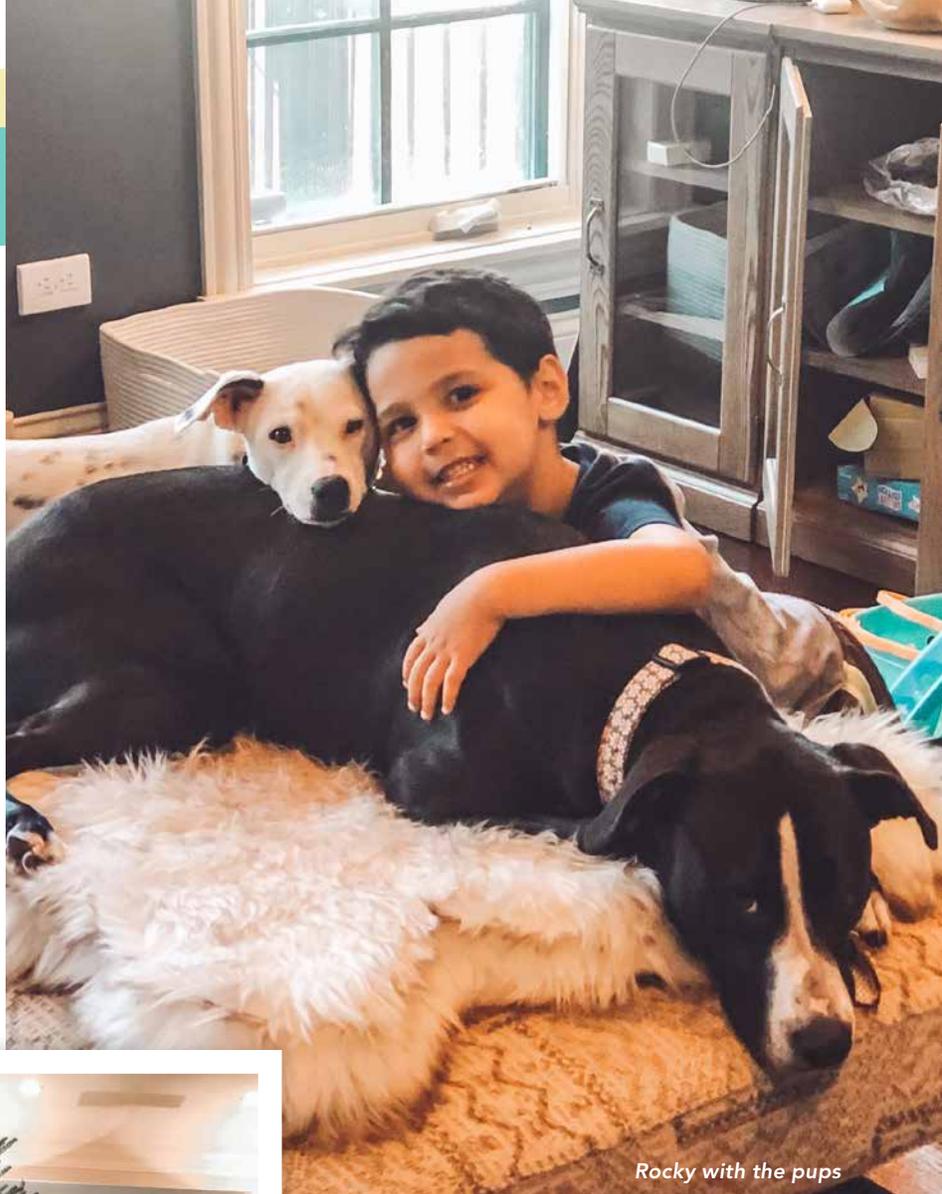
WE LOVE THE DIVERSITY THAT A BIG CITY BRINGS. We were both raised in a very diverse town, and it was a critical part of our upbringing. To this day some of our best friends are of a diverse background. It's important to us to expose our kids to lots of different types of people, cultures, foods, and ways of life as well.

MEET ROCKY

THE BIG BROTHER-TO-BE

Rocky is obsessed with cars and trucks, so we build little parking lots with him in the basement, go to the train museum, and fill his room with books and posters of construction vehicles. This summer, we've even been driving around the city simply looking for construction sites so he can watch the vehicles at work, which he loves to do! Rocky is right around 3 years old and also loves playing dress up, sports, toys, being goofy, arts & crafts, cooking with mom and dad, telling jokes, and playing with kids in the neighborhood. Your child's interests and passions will always be encouraged and supported.

ROCKY IS JUST THE SWEETEST BOY, and is super thoughtful of other people. His best friend is James who lives down the street. Recently, James fell and skinned his knee, and immediately Rocky helped him up, asked if he was OK, and held his hand as they walked back home. He really loves looking out for others. **Your child will absolutely have a loving big brother to look out for them.**



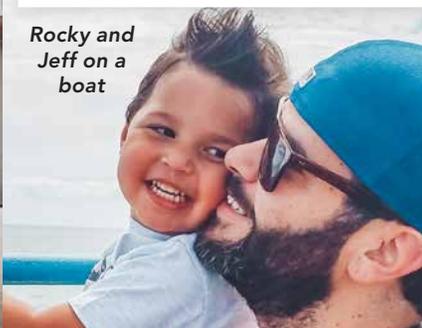
Rocky with the pups



Decorating the tree



Cheese!



Rocky and Jeff on a boat

A SWEET NOTE ROCKY AND OUR FUTURE CHILD

A month ago we started reading him books about being a big brother, and those are now his favorite books! He asks for them every night and even talks about them during the day.

A close sibling relationship is what we'll foster and encourage between Rocky and your child.



We have a warm and cozy home that was made to fill with family. It has tons of space for your child to grow including a dedicated playroom to create and play in. **We love that your child and Rocky's bedrooms will be right next to each other so they'll always be close even when they're sleeping, or for those late-night silly sibling shenanigans.**

OUR BLOCK HAS 50+ CHILDREN who are all growing up together. Every day there's a group of kids playing outside. The 2 activities of choice this summer were water balloon fights (which we often host), and scooter races up and down the block. We also have an epic block party, and even do "Monday Night Dinners" with all the families where we eat together outside during the summer. We're so blessed to have such great people and friends nearby.

With our community, you can feel the sense of belonging and security like being in the suburbs, while still having the advantages of a big city. **Our school district is also one of the top rated in the city, and only 3 blocks from our house.** Parents are very involved in the school and there is quite a feeling of togetherness.

OUR HOME, BLOCK & COMMUNITY



Rocky with kids on the block



At the park



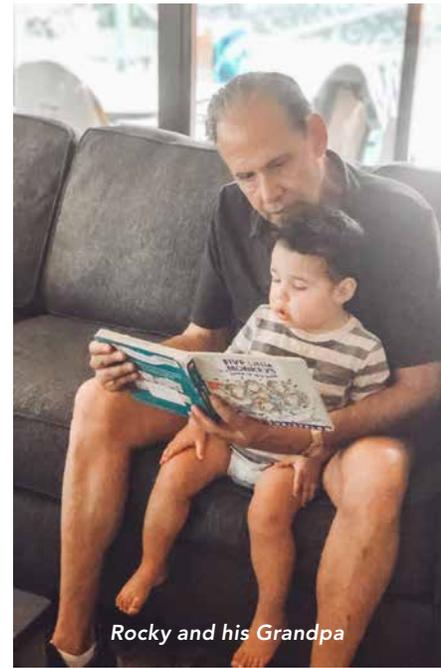
Hangin' on the deck

KID STUFF IS ALWAYS HAPPENING!!!





Family brunch!



Rocky and his Grandpa



ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY...

THAT'S WHAT WE LIKE TO CALL OURSELVES



Family cooking class



Rocky and his grandpa at a Cubs game

Jeff with his brother and dad





OUR FAMILY

MEET THE PEOPLE WE TREASURE

If you choose us, in addition to an awesome big brother (Rocky), your child will have three grandparents, six aunts & uncles, and one cousin - all very close by!

**WE LOVE
SPENDING
TIME TOGETHER**

AND WE ARE VERY CLOSE!

- **BBQING IS A PASTIME WE LOVE AS A FAMILY.**

We usually have everyone over at our house and cook/eat dinner together outside. This summer we barbecued at least 10 times together, and Aunt Shelley would often bring homemade sourdough bread or yummy dessert.

- **WE ALSO LOVE TAKING TRIPS TOGETHER, especially for a long summer weekend at the lake.**

It's great that everyone lives close by to make coordinating easy.

- **OUR FAMILY IS PLAYFUL.** We even break into the occasional snowball fight in the winter. This was Rocky's Aunt & Uncle's idea as they started it last year while babysitting Rocky!

- **EXPERIENCING HOLIDAYS TOGETHER IS A FAVORITE OF OURS.**

For Christmas, one of our favorite things over the past number of years has been collecting ornaments to commemorate life moments and memories - like the ornament last year which was a picture of our first home. We also always have grilled cheese and tomato soup for dinner for tree decorating!



OUR HEARTFELT THANKS

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much for taking the time to read about us, our family, and our life. We can't imagine how difficult and surreal of an experience this must be for you, but feel you must be courageous, compassionate, and caring to go through this. **Without having even met you, we feel you're amazing!**

If you choose us as the adoptive family for your child, PLEASE KNOW THAT WE WILL LOVE HIM OR HER FOREVER AND EVER. And while we are committed to raising our family with values, respect, and love - we will also place an extreme amount of focus on the unique experience of being adopted for your child. **WE WILL MAKE SURE THEY KNOW HOW TRULY SPECIAL THEY ARE, AND HOW THEY MADE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE, SIMPLY BY BEING BORN.**

FINALLY, WE ARE EXCITED TO EXPLORE A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU MOVING FORWARD, and the type of interaction you desire to have as your baby grows.





WHAT WE PROMISE

- We will **LOVE YOUR CHILD** unconditionally
- We will **FOSTER AND ENCOURAGE** their unique interests
- We will **EMBRACE AND CELEBRATE THAT THEY WERE ADOPTED** + their culture
- We will protect your child from all harm while also **ALLOWING THEM THE ROOM TO EXPLORE THE WORLD**
- We will **TEACH THEM** to be compassionate, kind and thoughtful



WE WILL MAKE SURE YOU'RE ALWAYS A PART OF YOUR CHILD'S LIFE

THANK YOU

WE HOPE THIS IS THE START OF
SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

CHRISTINA & JEFF

