



STEPH & CHAD



HELLO -

AND THANK YOU FOR BEING STRONG



SKI TOWN USA AKA
OUR HOME TOWN

A SPECIAL NOTE TO YOU

We can't imagine making a decision for your child based on several pages of photos/text but have tried to be as transparent and real as we can. We have felt ready to build our family and become parents for some time now but faced difficulties and heartbreak in our process to do so biologically as we are both pathogenic carriers for an extremely rare genetic condition called Adams Oliver – Type 2. We are hopeful who we are as individuals, a family and our lifestyle and values will resonate with a very special person(s) who will forever hold a deep place of respect and gratitude in our hearts. We know we won't be the right fit for everyone. We hope to define how open the adoption is with you and would like to honor whatever is the most comfortable for you.

THANK YOU for taking the time to get to know us.

- Chad & Steph

WE ARE

STEPH & CHAD

LEISURELY FAMILY STROLL



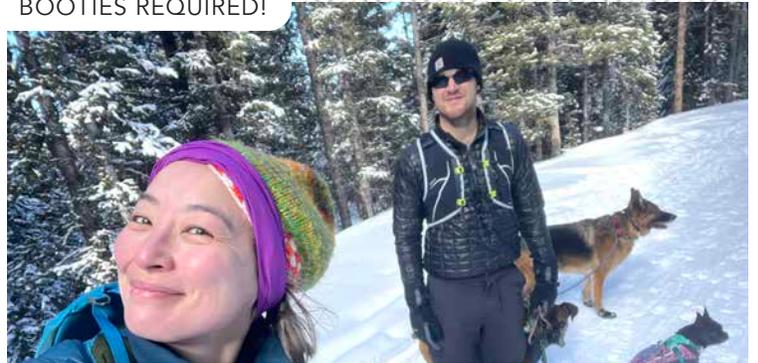
A FEW OF OUR FAVORITES

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Steph: "The Big Orange Splot" by Daniel Manus Pinkwater and the "BFG - Big Friendly Giant" by Roald Dahl

Chad: Harry Potter series by JK Rowling and the Hobbit / Lord of the Rings trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien

BOOTIES REQUIRED!



A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE HOT SPRINGS DINNER



PLACES TO TAKE A CHILD

Steph: Mountain steam engine train ride, skateboarding and bike parks, and flower fields

Chad: Large lakes, natural forests and mountains just steps from our home

ALL DRESSED UP



HOW WE MET

SUNNY IN ITALY

DOUBLE TROUBLE

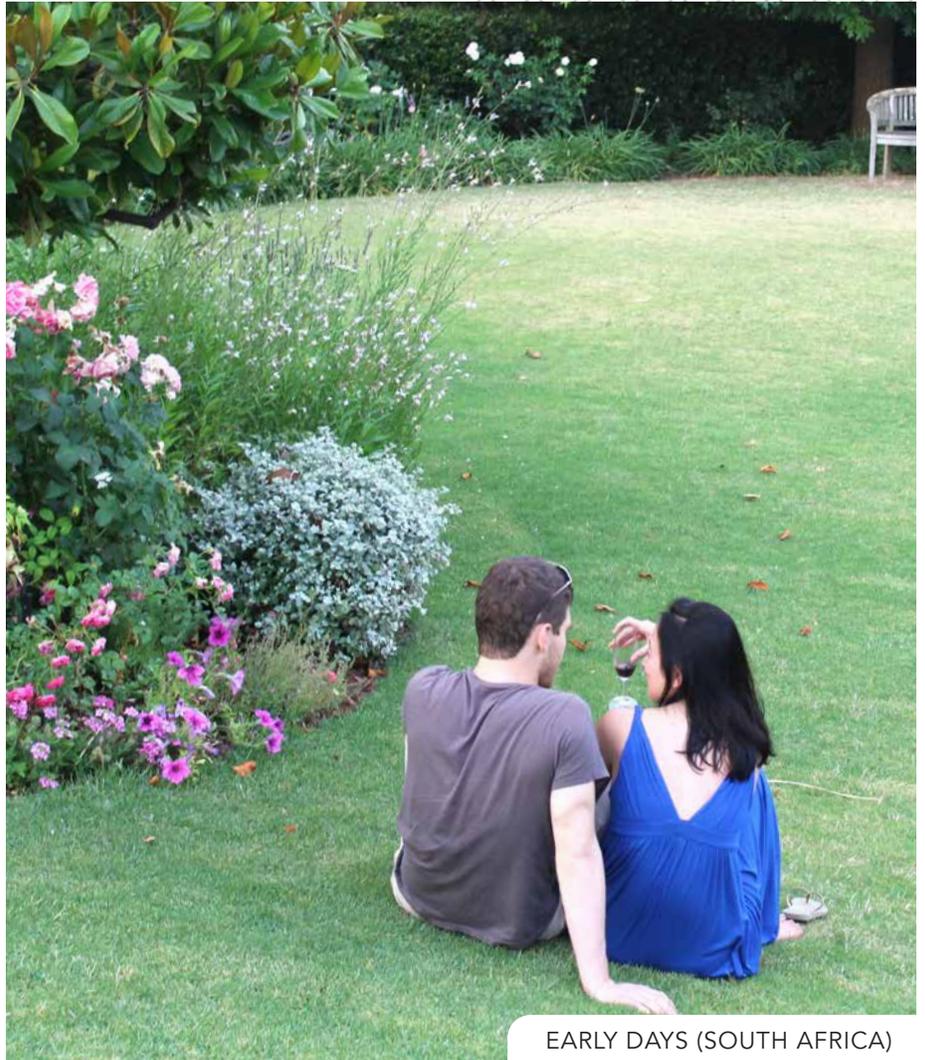


We first met in NYC in 2010 by the school library's printer - Steph was frantically printing out an assignment before class to meet a deadline. She only just noticed Chad trying to start up a conversation as she grabbed the printout and ran to class. A year later, on a swelteringly hot and humid summer day, Chad saw Steph and her father dragging furniture/boxes into the apartment building across the street and ran over to help with the move. Classmates became neighbors, friends, then fell in love!

We subscribe to the idea that the whole can become greater than its individual parts - we know this requires consistent work, mutual support and presence. Gosh, this seems so cheesy to say but we deeply love each other and despite our quirks (Chad wears the same thing every day as you may pick up on in our photos; Steph allegedly makes cat sounds during her morning stretches in bed) can't imagine life with anyone else.



MR. & MRS. RUDOLPH (AND LITTLE SANTA)



EARLY DAYS (SOUTH AFRICA)

ABOUT OUR LIFE TODAY

LOVE & FRIENDSHIP

WE ARE FIERCELY LOYAL TO OUR FAMILY (INCLUDING OUR 3 DOGS, EXTENDED FAMILY, AND CLOSE CIRCLE OF LONG-TIME FRIENDS).



We have been together for over a decade and through the ups and downs that is life have been committed to putting in the work to continue to better ourselves as individuals and as a couple.

We are not only best friends but also now colleagues as we started a business together. While still very much being 'I's and having our own opinions and perspectives, we love being a 'We'!

WE SEE OURSELVES AS EQUAL PARTNERS OF A TEAM AND TRULY ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY!



MEET STEPH BY CHAD

My favorite thing about Steph is how devoted she is to her close friends, family and me. She's the one friend/partner that can always be counted on to be there. Her smile is so deep and warming you never question if it's genuine, and her easy booming laugh is 100% guaranteed to put you in a better mood.

Steph has excelled in many areas of her life but she was born to be a mother. In part because of her loyalty and in part because of her empathetic, fun-loving and nurturing nature. Steph naturally understands and connects with others. Our friends' children gravitate toward her and "Auntie Stepho" is always the most popular adult at a party. Her friends say she's always laughing, quick-witted, generous, grounded and a little bit dorky.

**FAVES
&
FUN
FACTS**

Ice cream flavor - Rocky Road from Baskin-Robbins

Can't live without - Donuts, coffee, daily morning meditation, leg warmers, design magazines and close circle of longtime girlfriends

Language(s) spoken - Fluent English and Japanese, dog ESP and limited French

What does a perfect day look like - Piping hot coffee, gratitude meditation, a hike with my dogs, reading an engaging book, dinner grilled by Chad and eaten on the patio, Rummikub or Trivial Pursuit with friends and/or family, evening yoga, hot shower then ZZZ

Steph collects - Knowledge on random topics, holiday decorations, and crock-pot recipes

Sports - Tennis, Pickleball, Skiing, Kayaking, Hiking/ Trail-running and Snowshoeing

SAY DOG CHEESE BISCUIT!



TWO SEASONS FOR STEPH: SKI-SEASON AND SUMMER

STEPH AND JAPAN

Miyu's (Steph's Japanese name) Japanese heritage, upbringing and culture is very important to her - I have been lucky enough to travel to Japan and experience the traditions she holds so dear.

STEPH ACQUIRES ACCESSORIES FROM HER TRAVELS (NECKLACE IS FROM PERU, SCARF FROM TIBET AND EARRINGS FROM BELIZE!)



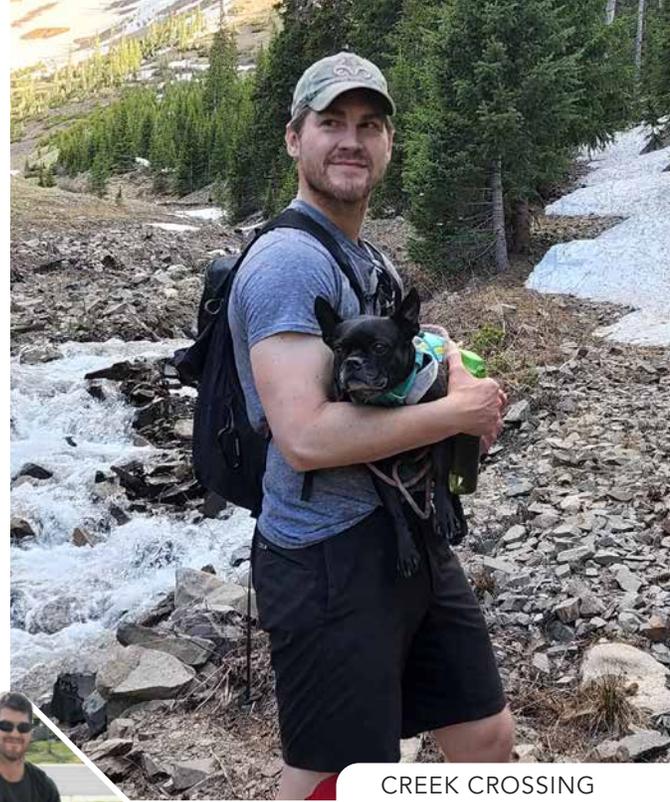
LOOKING FOR SNACKS IN TUSCANY



MEET CHAD BY STEPH

I love that Chad wakes up early and will not only let the dogs out, empty the dishwasher, make me coffee but will also shovel our three neighbors' driveways in addition to our own. He generously gives the gift of time to others on a daily basis - I find that extremely thoughtful.

When Chad is playing with our friend's children he has a look of sheer joy and delight on his face. He isn't routinely emotive so to think that one day we may have a child who can bring a daily sparkle to his eye fills my heart.



CREEK CROSSING

LANDSCAPING

CHAD'S WORK AND FATHERHOOD

After two decades of a successful corporate career, we decided to start a company so he could structure his own schedule, work from home and pick our ideal geographical location for raising a child. **CHAD WANTS TO BE A PHYSICALLY PRESENT AND AVAILABLE FATHER** - we are lucky enough that at this point in our lives we can design our external environment to support our priorities. His friends say he's determined, honest, loyal, mischievous and a secret softie.



FAVES FUN FACTS

Dessert - Dark Chocolate, fresh berries, vanilla ice cream with whipped cream on top!

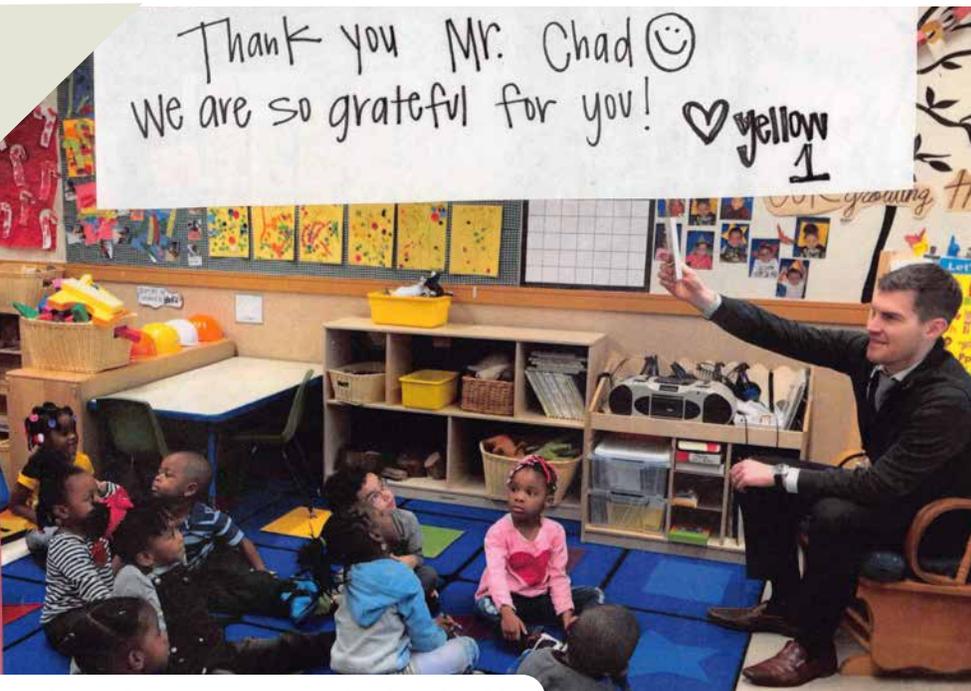
Hobby - Fishing, hunting, hiking, trail running, holiday decorating and amateur native plant gardening

Musical artist - Classic Rock n' Roll & Johnny Cash

Can't live without - our dogs, sunshine, a grill, a home gym, the countryside and Gatorade

Vacation spot - Yellowstone (next on the list)

Thank you Mr. Chad 😊
We are so grateful for you! ♥ yellow 1



CHAD'S WEEKLY READING TO A CLASS

SCARY MONET-
CARVED BY CHAD



HALLOWEEN
IS CHAD'S
FAVORITE
HOLIDAY





COOLING OFF BEHIND OUR HOUSE

WE LIVE IN A THRIVING TIGHT-KNIT LOCAL COMMUNITY OF OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS, who enjoy various activities in our Colorado wilderness wonderland.

HOME & ADVENTURE

WE LOVE OUR LIFE IN COLORADO, WITH MOUNTAINS AND PLENTY OF ADVENTURE RIGHT OUT OUR BACK DOOR, LITERALLY!

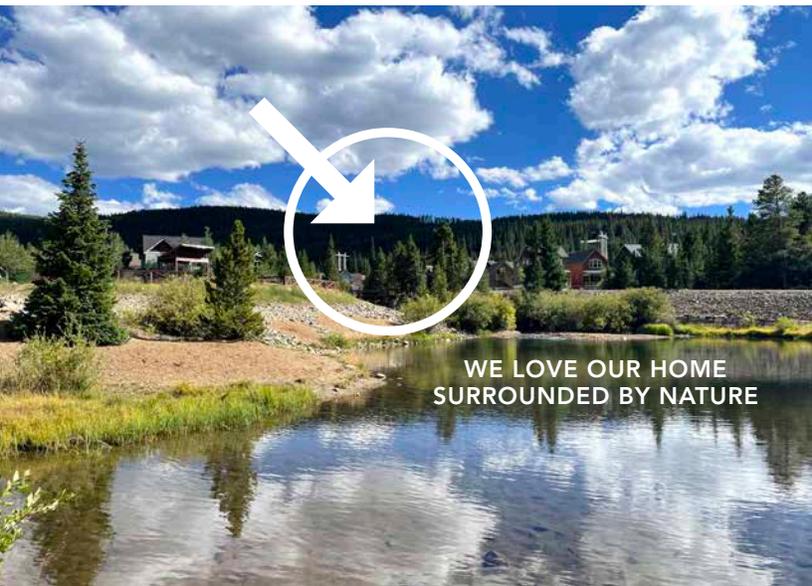


OUR DINING ROOM



Our neighborhood is adjacent to a National Forest but we have public services – town water, electricity, and fiber wifi!

There are 100s of miles of trails, a mountain bike park, an equestrian center, sledding hills and a ski resort right outside our door. Children and family dogs play, bike, and skateboard in the street as there isn't much traffic. We also share our neighborhood with foxes, moose and bears (oh my!). The local police conduct a Moose-loop patrol every morning before school bus pick-up times to ensure the sidewalks are clear!



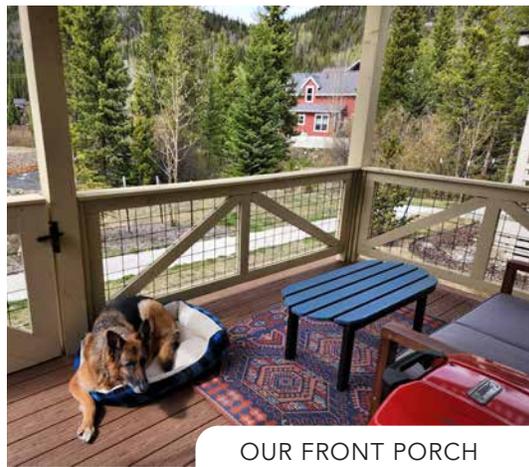
WE LOVE OUR HOME SURROUNDED BY NATURE

LOCAL VISITORS



NIGHT CRAWLERS

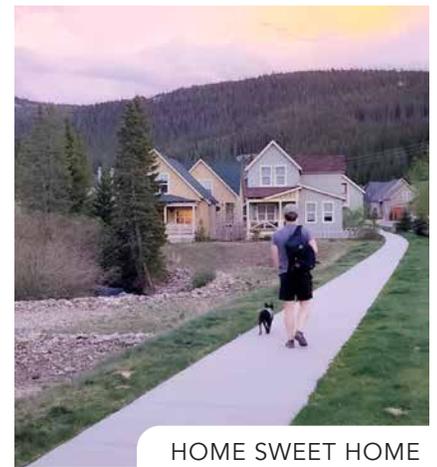




OUR FRONT PORCH



OUR LIVING ROOM



HOME SWEET HOME



OUR FURRY BUNCH

MONET

AXL

BELLA

MONET (9 - lil' mutt) is the OG of the pack – she is energetic and has become Steph’s winter hiking companion. We get many comments from passing hikers/cross-country skiers who aren't used to seeing a little dog in full gear running up the mountain. She was named after the painter by Chad who was taking an online art course at the time.

AXL (7 - Boxer)– Does not like snow. He farts a lot. Has a taste for goose poop and wool gloves. He’s also a lovebug, jumps up on all fours like a jelly-bean, loves everyone and thinks he’s a 75lb lap dog. We weren’t planning on having 3 dogs but we fostered Axl and fell in love with his pure-hearted nature.

BELLA (7 - GSD). Bella loves the snow but tries to hide when it's time to put on her booties. She makes any hike look effortless and is always herding us hoomans back and forth. Bella is quite vocal, likes to kiss babies/toddlers if allowed, loves whipped cream and chomping on ice-cubes. She takes her treats so gently and sweetly (She does not fart!)



OUR JAMAICAN WEDDING DAY



A HANDFUL!



STEPH AND HER SIBLINGS



EASTER LUNCH



CHAD AND HIS PARENTS

LOVE & OUR FAMILY



HUGS FOR FRIEND'S DAUGHTER

CHAD: I am the oldest of three boys – we all played football, wrestled in the barn, played baseball in the back yard, fished and went hunting. I am closest to my younger brother Tyler and we enjoy sharing time together partaking in the same activities we enjoyed as kids and mastering our respective BBQ smokers. My mom loves all animals - we had a pet raccoon that she saved once who had a broken leg. My father can fix anything and works at an American car manufacturer's plant. My parents are going on their 43rd year of marriage.

STEPH: I am the eldest sibling as well - my sister lives in Tokyo, Japan (where I was born) and my brother lives in NYC (where Chad and I met). We relish our semi-annual sibling trips where we always hit up a concert to get our dance on before exploring the local cuisine as lovers of food :) My mother is vibrant and social - she's either dancing, cooking chef worthy meals, playing paddle tennis, or singing in the church choir or karaoke with her friends. My father is kind, cerebral and terrible at board games - he amuses us with his jokes and stories. We are celebrating our parents' 50th anniversary in Hawaii (where they met) this year!



RAISING A LITTLE ONE

We try to appreciate the small moments of daily life, celebrate kindness (and holiday decorating), and live in the present (easier said than done sometimes in these high-tech times). Having ready access to nature seems to assist us to live our values and we hope to foster the deep connection and appreciation we have for the outdoors with a child.

We would like to serve as our child's biggest cheerleaders and engender a "You can do anything if you put your mind to it" mentality. We will encourage exploration, question-asking, and problem solving, and will invest our time and resources to help a child actively figure how his/her world works.

WE WILL GIVE AMPLE HUGS AND AFFECTION, BE PRESENT AND SUPPORTIVE WHEN BIG EMOTIONS ARISE, AND PROVIDE CONSISTENCY AND STABILITY.

LOVE WILL ABOUND.



ADOPTIVE FAMILY INFORMATION SHEET

WIFE

NAME: Stephanie Connolly
EDUCATION: Masters (MBA)
AGE/DOB: 41- 9.23.1980
RACE: Two or more races
EYE COLOR: Hazel/green
HEIGHT: 5'7"
HEALTH: Excellent
RELIGION: Spiritually inclined

HUSBAND

NAME: Chad Landrum
EDUCATION: Masters (MBA)
AGE/DOB: 40- 8.7.1981
RACE: White/Caucasian
EYE COLOR: Green
HEIGHT: 6'1"
HEALTH: Excellent
RELIGION: Christian Upbringing

DATE AND LENGTH OF MARRIAGE: 5.4.2013, 9 years

CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY: 0

INTERESTS AS A COUPLE: Hiking, showshoeing, skiing, kayaking, decorating for holidays, staying active and being outside

DESCRIPTION OF HOME: Our home was built in 2016 – it's a 4 bedrooms/3 baths house with small fenced backyard and a covered porch overlooking the creek - the latter is our favorite place to bundle up with hot chocolate and gaze at the stars.

CHILDCARE PLANS: We have our own business and both work from home. We have intentionally created flexibility/time to allow us to be physically present and available parents. Steph is able to take off as much time as she would like to be a full-time mom.

OPENNESS WITH BIRTH FAMILY: We hope to define how open the adoption will be with the Birth Family and would like to honor whatever is the most comfortable for them.

SOMETIMES WE LEAVE THE MOUNTAINS!





CLOSING THOUGHTS & OUR THANKS

Our hope is to raise a confident child who is assured in her/his own voice, skin and place in this world. The values we hope to impart are: empathy/kindness to all living beings; a vibrant inner life; the reward of hard work and integrity; and the power of laughter, nature and music. Perhaps this is a lofty goal but we will ceaselessly work to give your child the best life we know how and if we are hitting roadblocks in some arenas will tirelessly seek information, solutions and/or ask for help until we can ensure your child has the best chance of happiness and success in this life.

WE WANT TO MAKE YOU PROUD AS WE FEEL WE CAN NEVER FULLY EXPRESS OR RECIPROCATE THE GIFT OF REALIZATION OF A FAMILY YOU HAVE GIVEN US.

