

Molli and Nick

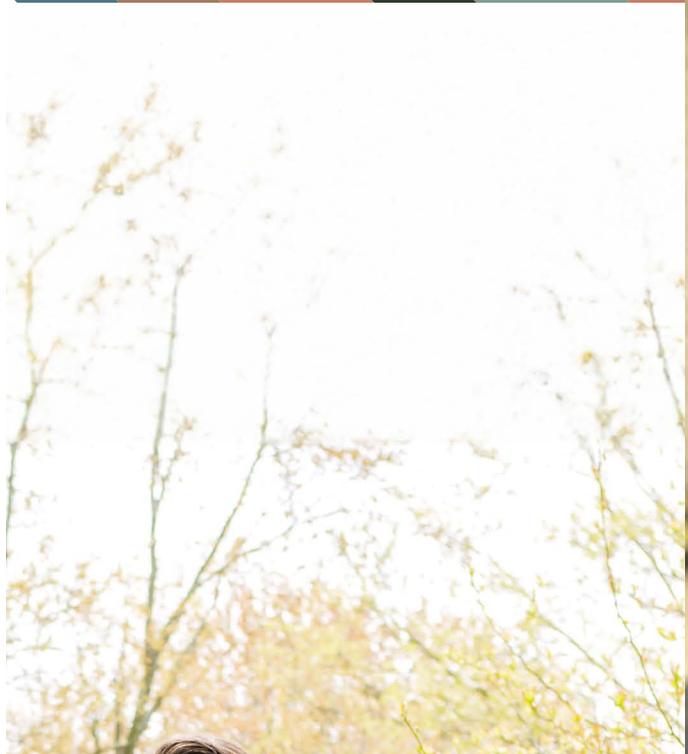


Hello!

WE ARE

**Molli,
Nick &**

our son, Calvin



THANK YOU

for taking the time to get to know us. We hope we will have the opportunity to get to know you, too!



Relaxing on our front porch

We are excited to be at this point in our journey because it means we are being considered to parent a beautiful child through adoption.

We always pictured having multiple children, but after delivering stillborn twins, it was no longer an option to get pregnant again. **We are so blessed to already be called mom and dad to our beautiful boy and look forward to adding to our family again through adoption.**

Biology isn't the only way to grow and love a family and adoption was always on our mind, even before having Calvin. We also believe it's important for a child to know where they come from and have a strong sense of identity. As such, we would welcome you into our lives in whatever way feels comfortable. Thank you so much for getting to know us.

A LITTLE BIT

About Us

We met as many people do these days: on a dating app.

We both share a love of animals, especially dogs, and that was one of the first things that we bonded over. Molli even brought Nick to see a dog adoption event on their first date! Not what Nick expected, but it clearly worked out.



The day we bought our house!

Family snuggle time!



We clicked immediately.

Nick was smitten by Molli's radiant smile and caring personality. Molli knew she could see a life with Nick because of his warmth, kindness, and quick wit. **We were married seven years ago and can't wait to continue building the family we've dreamed of.**

OUR JOURNEY TO

Adoption

When choosing our next step to grow our family, adoption was the obvious choice.

Molli was adopted by her stepdad—a man who has only ever been “dad” from the start. She saw firsthand how being loved by a parent isn’t a matter of biology and we would both be honored to show that to our future baby.

WE KNOW IT'S LOVE THAT MAKES
A FAMILY, AND WE ARE EXCITED TO
WELCOME OUR NEW ADDITION WITH
OPEN ARMS.



INTRODUCING

Nick

By Molli



Nick loves reading to Calvin



Playing with Magnatiles



On one of our first dates, I had a severe allergic reaction to something. Nick never left my side. That's when I knew!

Nick's gentle spirit makes me smile when he enters a room. He's equal parts intellectual and humorous and is so easy to talk to. With Nick, I feel seen!

AS A DAD, NICK IS EXTREMELY PATIENT, WITH A GENTLE TOUCH. He is a very hands-on dad and always ready for whatever new game a 4-year-old's imagination comes up with! I know our second child will adore his daddy as much as Cal does. My heart melts every time I hear them laughing together. **I truly could not have found a more wonderful man to marry and to parent alongside. He just knows how to brighten my day.**

Nick's Favorite Things

Vacation spot

THE BEACH

Place to take a child

ON A (SHORT) HIKE.

Physical activity out in nature is always great and it gives so many opportunities to explore and learn.

Languages

ENGLISH, LATIN, ANCIENT GREEK. I

studied Roman history in school. So, technically I don't speak them, only read them.

Can't live without

A COMPUTER;

smartphones are great, but I've always loved tinkering with computers and I can't stand not to have one around to fiddle with.

Animal

I can't imagine my life without DOGS.

Ice cream flavor

BLACK CHERRY, a great fruit flavor that goes so well with a hot Summer night.

Author you like to read

URSULA K LEGWIN - a masterful author who does a great job asking what if while still engaging the reader

Dream job

AT A BOTANICAL GARDEN working with plants.

Hobby

VIDEO GAMES, especially to relax after work

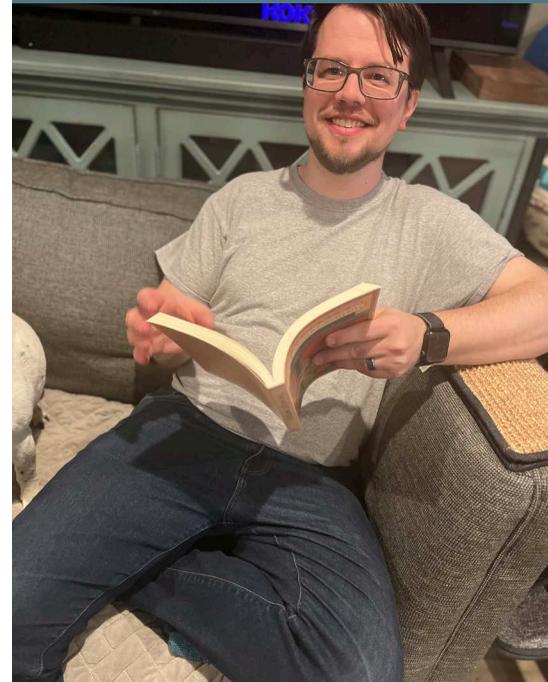
Working on a home improvement project



Nick teaching Calvin about gardening



Enjoying a good book



INTRODUCING

Molli

By Nick



Silly time with Calvin



Snuggle monster!



Molli is my rock,
she never ceases
to inspire me.

She works tirelessly to make sure our son has everything he needs to excel and has no problem building long, elaborate train tracks for our son's train sets. **IT'S SUCH A JOY TO WATCH MOLLI AS A MOTHER.**

Molli loves a good Agatha Christie mystery movie or competition shows like Great Pottery Throwdown, The British Bake-Off, and Top Chef. I admit, I watch with her and sometimes it gives us inspiration for a great family dinner! While she's watching her favorite shows, Molli might be multi-tasking and working on one of her many puzzles. **Her real love though is writing and recently she's published her first children's book with another on its way. Her writing aims to give kids positive ways to think about themselves and the world around them.** I couldn't be more proud to be Molli's husband. Molli deeply loves empowering children and I know how thrilled she is to welcome another member into our family.

Molli's Favorite Things

Accessory

I have two pairs of EARRINGS I always wear; garnet hearts for Calvin and sapphire hoops for our stillborn twins. I'm ready to add another pair!

Musical instrument

MY VOICE! I spent college performing with the glee club I ran.

Seasonal activity

HARVEST FESTIVALS; I love all things pumpkins/squash and sunflowers

Hobby

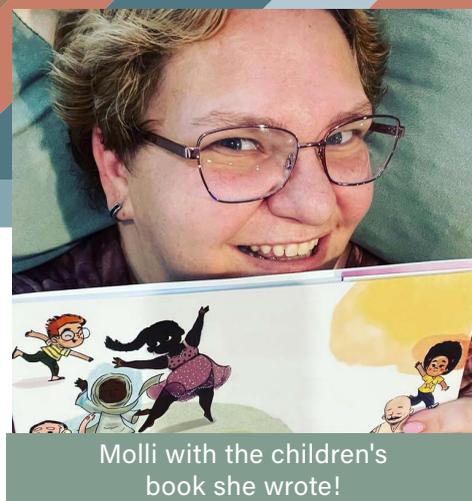
CROCHETING; it's relaxing and creative and I love being able to make gifts for people I love.

Animal

With the exception of college, I have *always* had a DOG or three. They make a home complete for me.

Vacation spot

Anywhere on A LAKE, especially in the fall when the leaves are changing



What you collect

Without intending to, I ended up collecting CANDLES. They are comforting and immediately lift my mood

Author you like to read

AGATHA CHRISTIE is a classic for a reason—she is a master of mystery and as a writer her work inspires me.

Molli cooking a delicious meal



A baking project with Calvin



Crocheting is Molli's favorite hobby



MEET OUR SON,

Calvin

Cal for short!



Weatherman at the park



At the local playground



Calvin and friends at the playground



Cal is an active, sweet, imaginative kiddo who makes up songs all day long.

He loves everything on wheels and dinosaurs--he especially loves his dinosaurs on wheels! He is incredibly social and kind so we know he's going to be so excited for a sibling!



WE LOVE BEING PARENTS to Calvin and are looking forward to creating new memories as a family of 4!

Family Snapshots

Calvin visiting Mollie on a book tour!



Birthdays are a big deal at our house!



Calvin and Nick building furniture



OUR Home

We are in central New Jersey in a great area with lots of nature preserves, family activities, and excellent schools.

We have a huge yard complete with a **PLAY SET, SANDBOX, and FENCED-IN POOL**. In the summer, we love having all the cousins over to play and hosting BBQs with friends as much as possible.

Enjoying our backyard



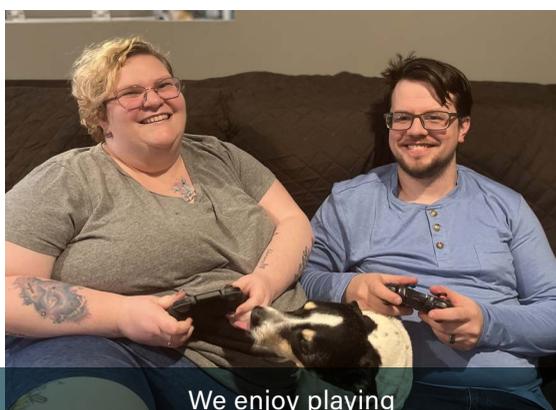
Home sweet home



Molli reading her book at the local library



We love our swingset!



We enjoy playing video games together

In the winter, we love building snow people, making snow angels, and sledding. Our town has a fantastic library with a kid's section and a great playground right around the corner from where we live. The community puts on fun family events throughout the year like Fall Fest, Summer Fair, and Winter Wonderland. We are so lucky to have formed a support system of fellow parents who are always there to help out if we need anything. We absolutely love living here to raise our family!

We Love Animals!

We have three dogs-Harley, Loki and Max-and one cat, Finn. All of our dogs are rescues.

They came from situations where they were abandoned, abused, and neglected but are still the sweetest pups. They are cuddly, happy souls who love belly rubs and table scraps. Our cat came to us from Nick's brother, who moved to Hawaii and couldn't bring Finn along. He's an active cat who holds his own playing with the dogs indoors and out.

ALL OF OUR ANIMALS ARE GREAT WITH KIDS.



Finn



Harley



Max



Loki

MEET OUR

Families

We have excellent relationships with all of our family.

Molli's family lives in North Carolina, and they visit every couple of months. Calvin loves talking with his Bubbe and Gramps on FaceTime multiple times a week! Nick's parents are divorced, but we are very close with both sets of family and are fortunate to have them live near us. Grammy and Pappy love taking Calvin on fun adventures and then having sleepovers at their house. Pop Pop and Grandma Sue live in a big house along with Nick's stepsister and Cal's four cousins, who he adores.



With Molli's family on our wedding day



With Nick's family on our wedding day

In our holiday sweaters



Our family loves holiday time!

We light the menorah and sing songs for Hanukkah and Molli cooks big family meals from family recipes that have been passed down for years. For Christmas, the three of us wear matching pajamas and are ready to add a new little pair to the mix!

We love our extended family!

With Nick's dad, stepmom, and stepsister & her family



Molli with her mom and sister



Calvin and his cousins

Family get-together to celebrate Calvin's birthday!

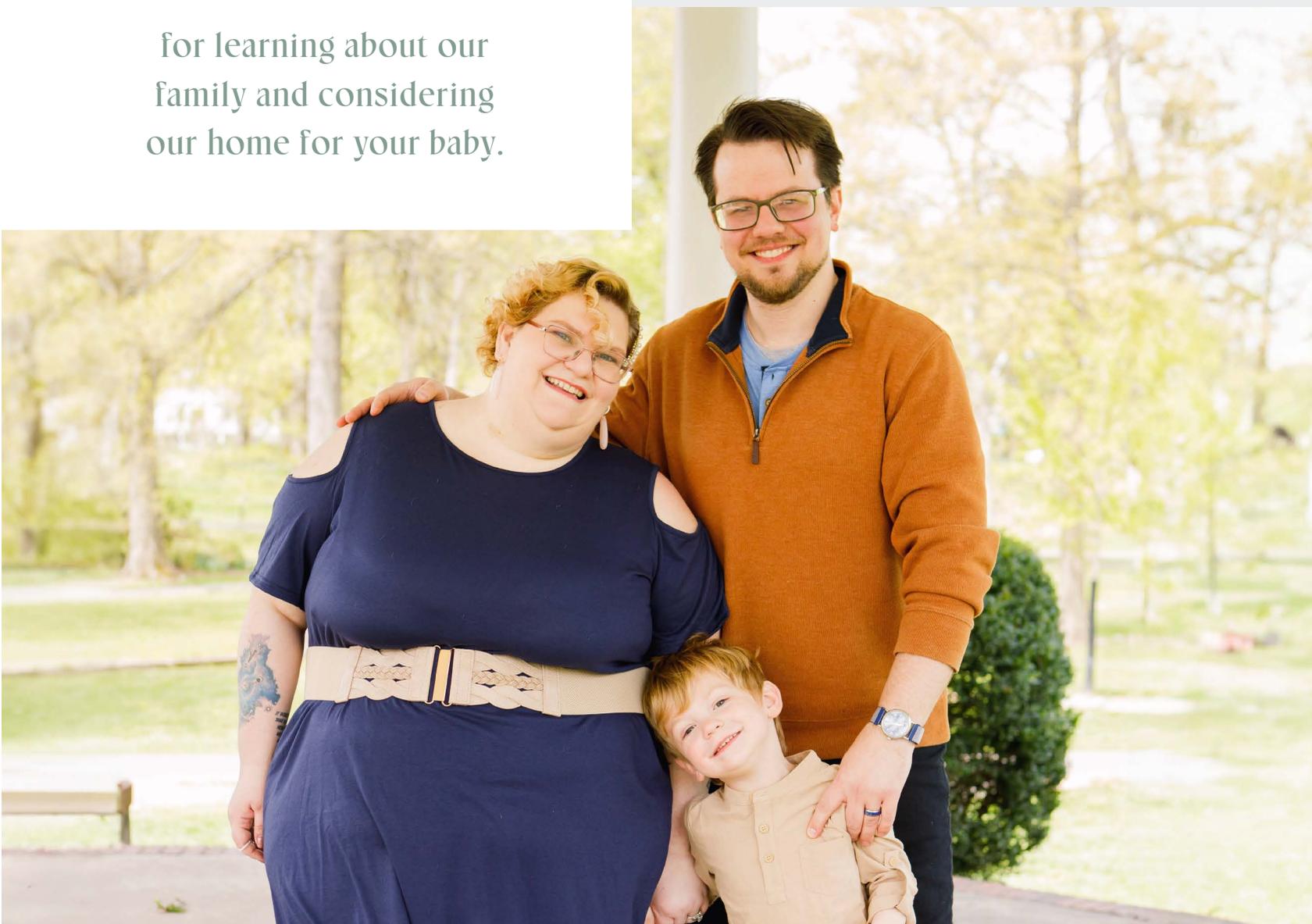


IN CLOSING

Thank you so much

for learning about our
family and considering
our home for your baby.

We can already picture another kiddo running around the yard with their big brother, Calvin, and being showered with affection not just by us but also by all of the family and friends we have in our community.



We have boundless love to share and are ready to welcome both baby and birth family into our hearts. It's important to us that our future child knows where and who they come from so we hope to have an open line of communication with our future baby's birth family. We hope you can picture your baby in our home the same way we can.

ALL OUR LOVE,

**Molli &
Nick**