

BROOKE *and* PAT





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# Bear Mama,

Thank you for taking the time to read our story. We are extremely humbled to have the opportunity to have our book shown to you for your consideration. **We know that this journey can't be easy for you, but we want you to know, that you are strong and brave for putting the needs of your child first.**

As you flip through each page, you will see a snippet of our lives over the past seven years together and our excitement to become parents through adoption. **This is the greatest privilege we can hope for.**

Our hope is that the next chapter of our story together includes growing our family through adoption so we can create new memories and traditions. **Family is one of our greatest values and we look forward to an open adoption as well as a lifelong relationship with you.** Our hearts cannot thank you enough for your consideration!

*all our love,*

**Pat + Brooke**



## *Finding Each other!*

We both grew up playing soccer at a young age and met each other on the soccer field in 2017. We continued playing on co-ed teams in Baltimore and were invited to a team by mutual friends. As the season unfolded, so did our relationship as we became good friends and found that we had a lot in common. **We married in October of 2020 in beautiful Maryland!**



## *Our Hearts for Adoption*

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We have always dreamed about having a family that included children. After struggling to get pregnant, we pursued IVF and fertility treatments for over two years. Every treatment was initially successful, but the pregnancies ended in early miscarriages. We have four daughters in heaven.

The challenges of unexplained infertility brought us closer together. We believe we were destined to build our family through adoption. Our marriage is stronger than ever, and we cannot wait to become parents and love a child through the gift of adoption!





*written by Pat*

## Meet Brooke

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I met Brooke in Baltimore, where we often spent time together with friends. **What immediately attracted me to her was her bubbly personality.** She was always smiling, ready to laugh, and have a good time.



*The basics*  
**Career:**

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*Product Designer*

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**Hobbies:**

*Yoga*

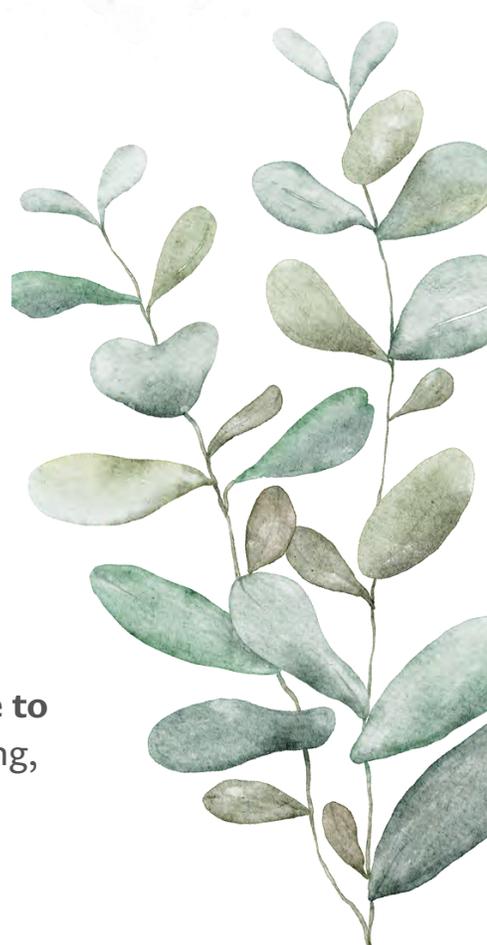
*Playing Soccer & Kickball*

*Irish Dancing*

*Indoor Planting*

*Crafting & Interior Design*

*Making Cotton Candy*





*Volunteering at a Nursery School*



## *Brooke as a Mom*

“ Brooke has long-dreamed of becoming a mother. I know that she is going to be an amazing mom! She has a motherly instinct and always knows what to do. ”

Brooke is an incredibly driven person and passionate about her career. Brooke went back to school in 2021 to get her Master’s degree. **She works from home as a product designer for a big fintech company and creates apps and digital experiences to help people with their finances.** Her job is flexible, which will be so helpful when it comes to raising a child.

Children bring out her brightest smile. Brooke babysits for families in the area. **She loves to do crafts, go to the park, read books, and make up silly games with the kids she cares for. She can’t wait to be able to do these activities with her future child!**



*The basics*  
**Career:**

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**Security Engineer**

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**Hobbies:**

*Playing Guitar and Drums  
Golf, Softball, & Soccer  
Smoking Brisket & Meats  
Watching Football Games  
Playing Frisbee with Jax*

*written by Brooke*

## Meet Pat

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I remember seeing him for the first time on the soccer field. Before we even spoke, **I remember him standing out for his athleticism and how fast he was on the field.** He is truly so talented at soccer!



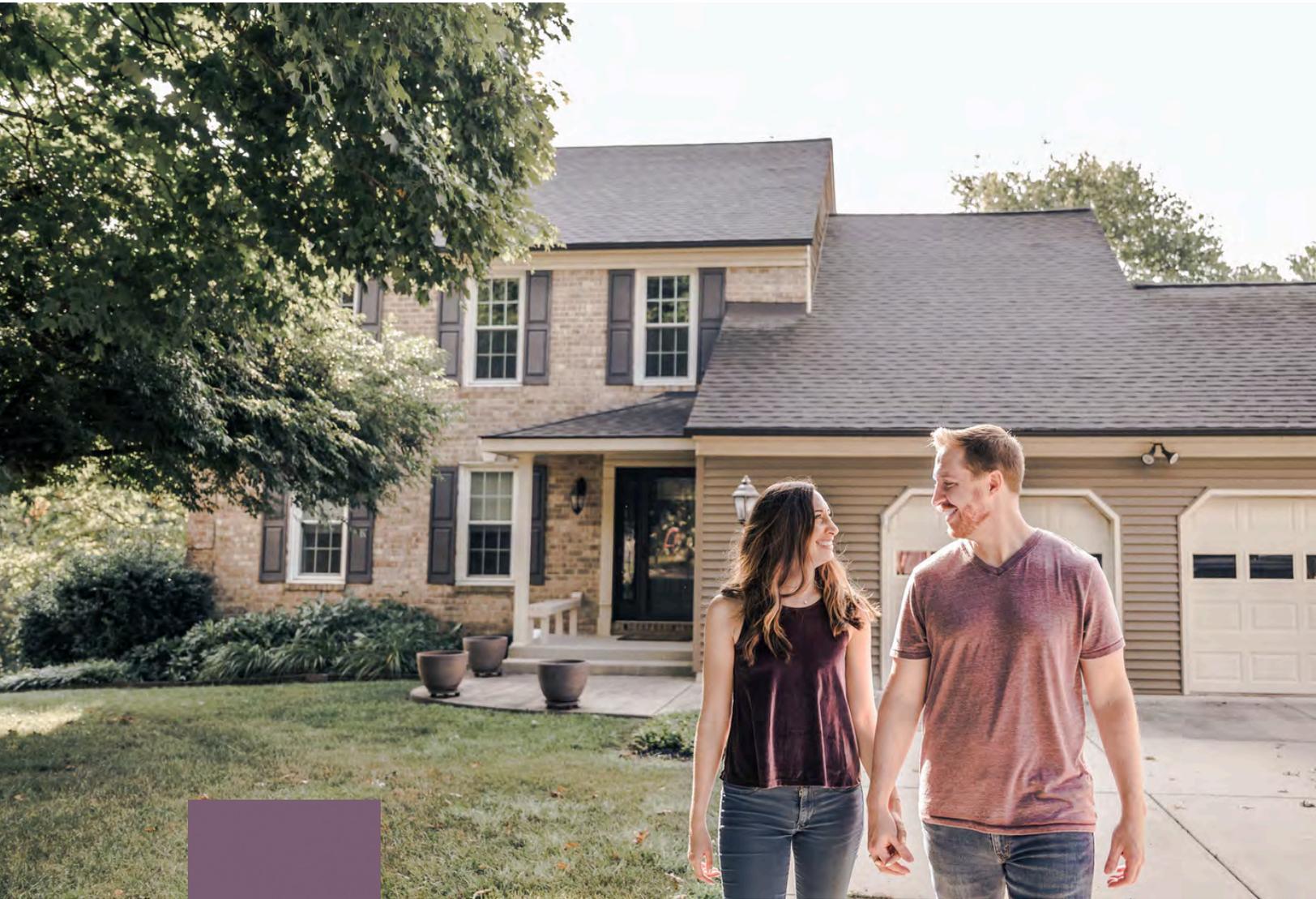


## *Pat as a Father*

“ I know that Pat is going to be an amazing father. I’m excited to watch him share his talents with our kids one day. ”

**What really drew me to him was his kind heart. One of the first times we hung out was when our friend had just purchased a home. The home was a fixer-upper, and Pat volunteered to help him tear out the walls and renovate. He is always willing to help a friend or family member and is very loyal and true to his word.**

I am so proud of Pat for building his career over the years and one that he enjoys. **He is such a hard worker!**”



# home

*this place that we call ours...*

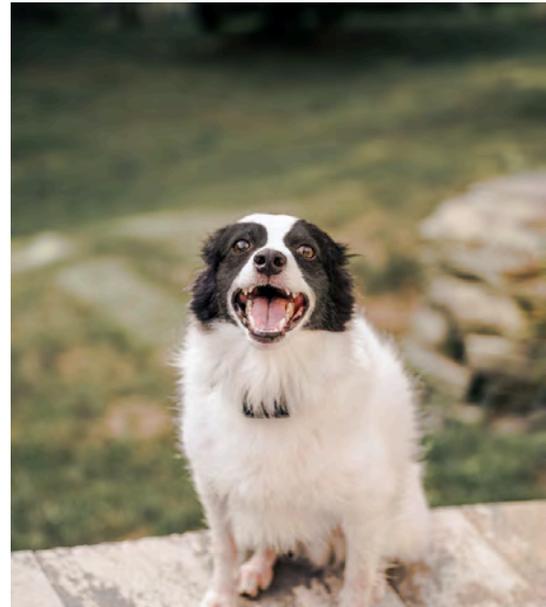
**We live in beautiful Maryland in a five-bedroom, four-bathroom house. We specifically purchased this house in 2022 to raise a family.** Our home is in a quiet court and has a large and peaceful yard that backs up to trees and a creek.

Our neighborhood is known as one of the best places to raise children! It is a very safe community, and the schools are top-rated. **There are so many things to do in our town and lots of friends to be made.**

**We get over five months of paid leave and will be home full-time caring for our baby. Our moms are retired teachers and look forward to being a great part of their grandchild's life.** They will care for our future child once we return to work. We are so lucky to have an amazing support system to care for our future child!



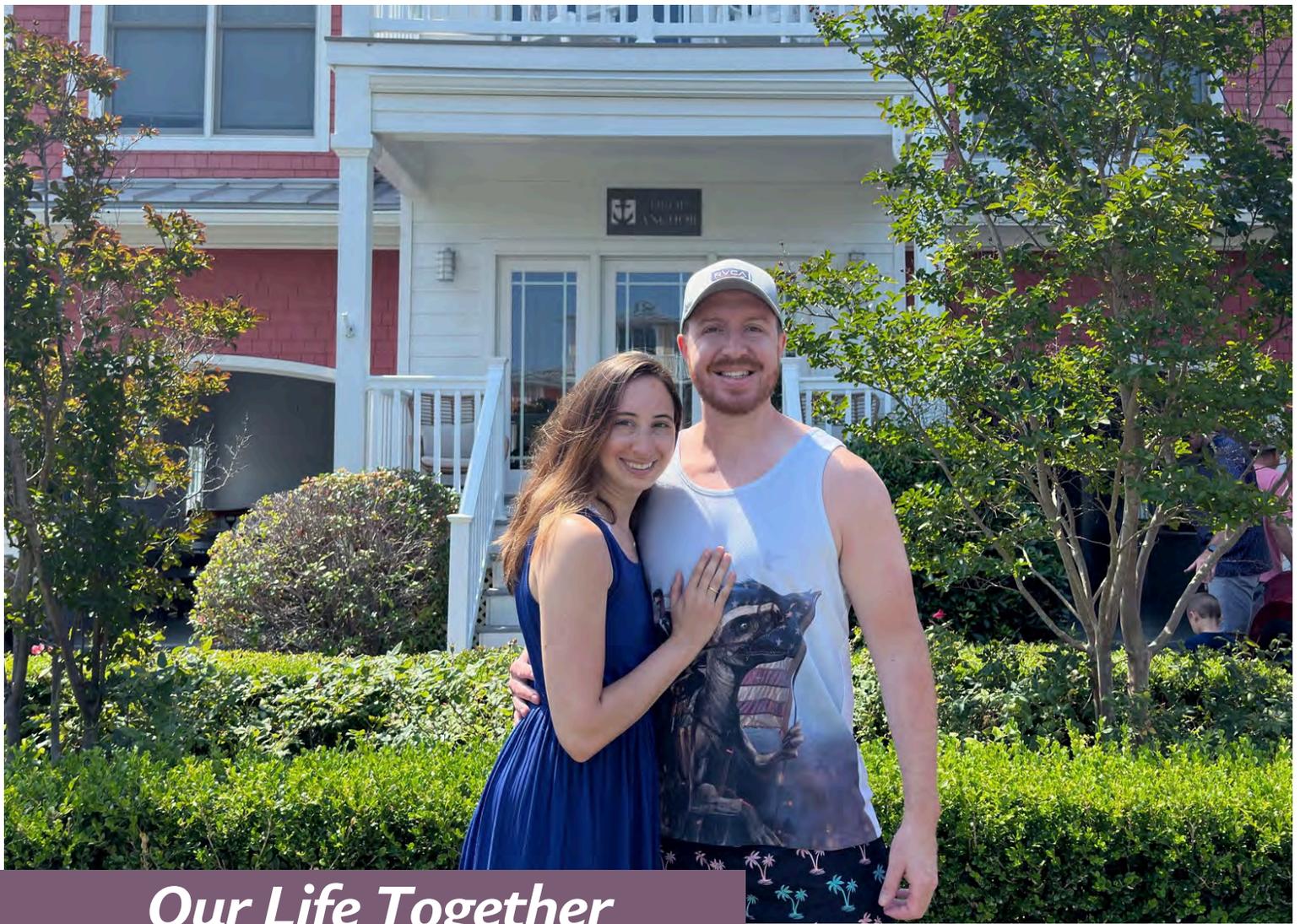
Our dog, Jax, also known as Jack-Jack, is a Mini Australian Shepherd mixed with other breeds. He was named after Jack-Jack, the baby in The Incredibles. Jax knows about 20 commands including kiss, spin, kick, dance, and “Chihuahua” and can communicate by pushing voice-record buttons. He is great with kids and loves playing hide-and-seek and frisbee.



“Our family is a circle of strength, love, and connection – joined *together* by the heart.”







## *Our Life Together*

We love traveling and creating memories with our family. Some recent trips we went on include:

- **Jamaica**
- **Puerto Rico**
- **Cabo, Mexico**
- **Cape Charles, Virginia**
- **Pensacola, Florida**
- **Los Angeles, California**
- **Europe Trip to Belgium, Paris, and London**

**We can't wait to create**  
memories as a future family!

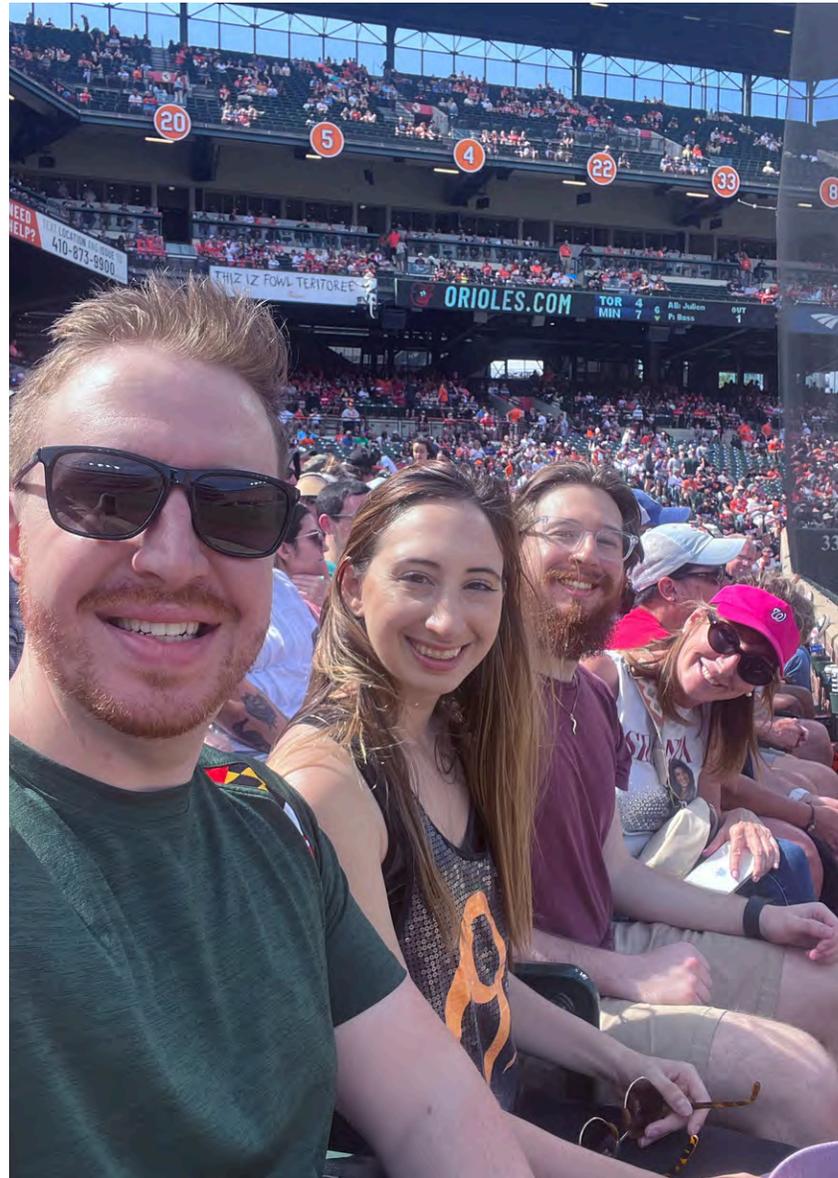




# Meet Our *family*

**We are very close with our family and enjoy spending quality time with them.** We enjoy going to Orioles baseball and Ravens football games, hosting BBQs on our patio, taking local trips and vacations, and getting together for the holidays.

**Most of Pat's family resides nearby in Maryland.** He also has some family in Florida and California where we enjoy visiting.



## *Our Favorite People*

**Brooke's immediate family lives ten minutes away.** Her family is also nearby in the Washington, DC area as well as New York.

**Our families have been our rock and center of support through our journey to parenthood and they are so excited that we are adopting, especially our nieces and nephews!**



## *Our Friends and Community*

**We are fortunate to have a strong, supportive community of friends. We have maintained close bonds with childhood friends and enjoy getting together every few weeks. We love hosting BBQs, attending sports games, going to local concerts and shows, dining out, and traveling with friends.**

**Over the years, we have also formed several other close-knit circles, including friends from college, work, local sports teams, and our neighborhood. We take great joy in watching our friends start families and look forward to play-dates with our children in the future.**

**“We all look forward to  
play-dates with our children in the future!”**

*our friends are very*

*supportive of our adoption journey  
and can't wait to love on our  
future little one!*







# From our hearts to yours

We appreciate you taking the time to read our book and learn more about us and our hearts. **Please know that we support you in this hard decision and are praying for you, your child, and your family.**

**Should we be the chosen family, we promise to provide a nurturing home where your child will be surrounded by love, joy, laughter, and lifelong memories.** We will encourage their talents and cheer them on every step of the way, just as we were raised.

We hope you can find comfort in knowing your child would be **entering a life with a big supportive family filled with unconditional love and endless opportunity.**

Your love will always be a part of their story.

*with love,*  
**Pat + Brooke**



