

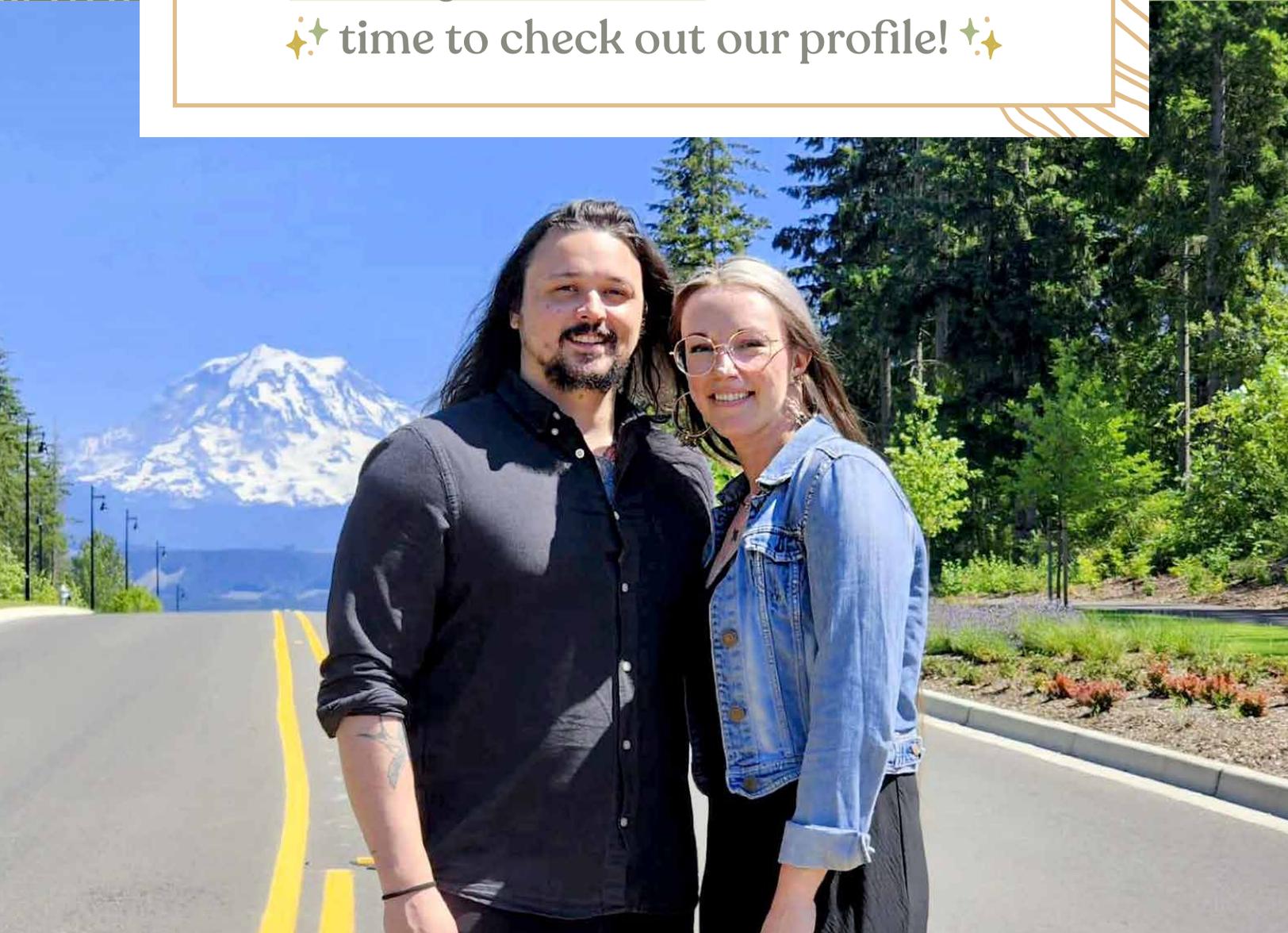


✦ Rachel AND Tom ✦

HELLO! WE ARE RACHEL & TOM



Thank you so much for taking the ✨ time to check out our profile! ✨



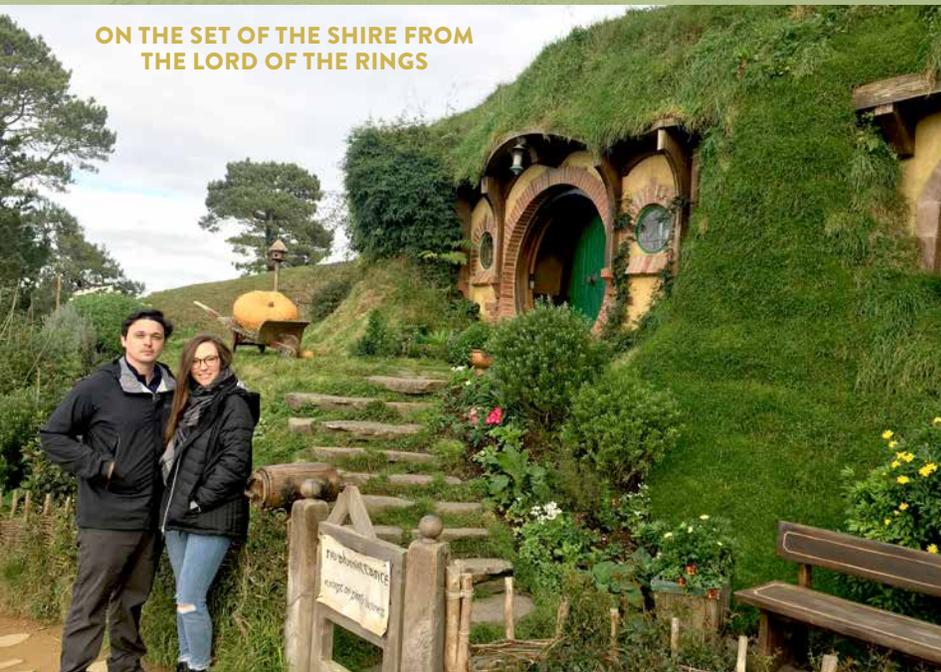
We have been looking forward to adopting a child for nearly a decade.

It's so exciting to finally begin this journey! We understand that every situation is different, and are committed to doing whatever is best for you and your child. Currently, we live in Washington. We bought a house four years ago in a great new neighborhood with an expansive community and wonderful neighbors. Both of us absolutely adore the incredible

greenery; it's such a striking difference from Phoenix, where both of us are from originally. **We are excited to be parents; to help guide and support a child, introduce them to things we are both very passionate about while exploring their own interests as well.** We are excited to take our child on hikes, explore new places, listen to new music, learn new and interesting things about the world, and just enjoy what life has to offer together! Thank you very much for taking the time to read about us. **We look forward to getting to know you and hearing about what makes you happy too!**



WE BOTH LOVE GOING TO CONCERTS AND MUSIC FESTIVALS - HERE WE ARE READY TO ROCK IN DAYTONA BEACH!



ON THE SET OF THE SHIRE FROM THE LORD OF THE RINGS

Our Story



WE MET IN COLLEGE



and have been inseparable since.

On our first date we lost track of time, we accidental stayed on the date for 8 hours! We both have a very dry sense of humor and love to laugh with each other. **Both of us are deeply committed and honest and open with each other, and that has allowed our relationship to thrive over the years.**

About Rachel

✦ BY TOM ✦



EVEN WHEN I'M NOT WORKING ON MY BUSINESS, I LOVE SEWING!

RACHEL IS A



deeply empathetic
and supportive person,

two characteristics that I
absolutely adore about her.

She doesn't simply talk a big game, but she actively tries to live those values in our day-to-day lives – whether it be helping and supporting our neighbors, donating time, money, and food to those in our community, or simply just being there to listen. That extends to how she acts with children as well. **Many of our friends have had children throughout the years, and I've always seen Rachel showcase care and patience when she interacts with them.**

As for leisurely activities, the day-to-day is fairly low-key. Generally, she is snuggling up with a book or crocheting a gift for somebody with the occasional video game session sprinkled in. **Outside of the normal, we both love traveling, trying new food, and going to events like musicals, concerts, and our annual Cardinals/Seahawks football game.**



SEEING MY FAVORITE BAND LIVE!



RACHEL HAS RECENTLY STARTED A GARDEN IN THE BACKYARD!

Fun Facts AND FAVORITES

Vacation Spot

NEW ZEALAND (THE SHIRE)

Place To Take a Child

THE CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Hobby

VIDEO GAMING

Dessert

TIRAMISU

Author You Like to Read

TERRY GOODKIND/AMY HARMON

Dream Job

OWNING MY OWN FASHION BUSINESS

Source of Inspiration

MOVIES, BOOKS, LIVE SHOWS

Ice Cream Flavor

MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP



SOMETIMES I GET TO MAKE COOL COSTUMES FOR EVENTS, LIKE THIS FAIRY TEA PARTY!



ME IN MY FAVORITE PLACE, THE SHIRE, NEW ZEALAND





About Tom

BY RACHEL

Tom is very intelligent, hardworking, and caring.

He is so thoughtful about the things he says and does, and it's incredible to have a spouse that pays such careful attention and is incredibly kind.

We have so much fun together and find ourselves laughing with each other every day. We have a very close bond and I couldn't imagine life without him.

We both have similar interests and love playing video games and watching terrible TV on the couch. In his spare time, Tom loves to play the guitar and the drums and is very musically talented. Both of us have similar taste in music, and share bands and songs back and forth with each other. **Tom is gentle and kind around kids, and really has an knack for making little kids laugh!** He also loves snuggling with our dogs and playing with our kitty on the regular.



TOM AND TJ, THE BEST OF BUDS!

I KNOW HE IS REALLY



looking forward to
giving our future child

all the love and attention
they deserve.

Vacation Spot

BORA BORA

Musical Instrument

GUITAR

Musical Artist

POINT NORTH

Sports Team

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Hobby

DEVELOP VIDEO GAMES

Lunch Box Snack

CHEESE

Can't Live Without

MY WIFE'S HOMEMADE PIZZA

Ice Cream Flavor

HALF BAKED

WE ARE ARIZONA CARDINALS FANS, AND SEE THEM EVERY TIME THEY PLAY THE SEAHAWKS



**HOH NATIONAL
RAINFOREST, OLYMPIA
HIKING TRIP**



**Fun
Facts**



FAVORITES



TOM ENJOYS GAMING IN HIS SPARE TIME



TOM PLAYS GUITAR AND DRUMS IN HIS SPARE TIME

Our Home

WE LIVE IN A GROWING



community in
western Washington,

about an hour away from
larger cities such as Tacoma
and Seattle.

WE LOVE LIVING JUST OUTSIDE OF SEATTLE!



This affords the best of both worlds – we are able to live in a nice, quiet community while still being close enough that a trip into the city by car or train is easily accessible. Our community has installed dozens of playgrounds, skate parks, and other small event locations to provide venues for activities, as well as a club house area where they regularly hold events for holidays such as the 4th of July. We are also lucky enough to have 2 elementary schools immediately in our neighborhood, about a 10 minute walk from the house.

ATTENDING A CONCERT DOWNTOWN



THERE ARE A TON OF



hiking places
near us,

we love seeing the
beautiful landscapes!



Another wonderful element of being removed from the hustle and bustle of the larger cities is we are surrounded by nature. Our community is committed to maintaining forest trails that run through our neighborhoods, and we are about 50 minutes away from Mt. Rainier. We experience all 4 seasons with fairly mild winters and summers and some of the most beautiful fall colors. To top it off, we are only about 3 hours from the beach, which makes for a great day or weekend trip.

ENJOYING A WALK IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



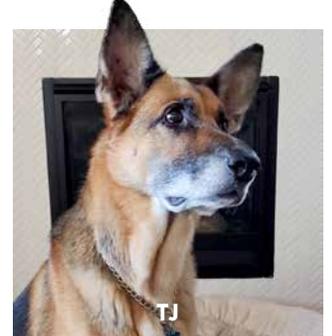
OUR Pets

We love animals, as you can tell with our small menagerie.

Our two dogs, **TJ** and **Leila**, were the first additions to our family. Both of them are goofy and fun, and we love taking them to the park together. **Leopold** is a lovebird that was semi-rescued from a failing pet shop, and is bonded with Rachel. Last but not least, **Spike** is a humane society rescue with half a tail! He is playful and affectionate, and we love him.



LEOPOLD



TJ



LEILA

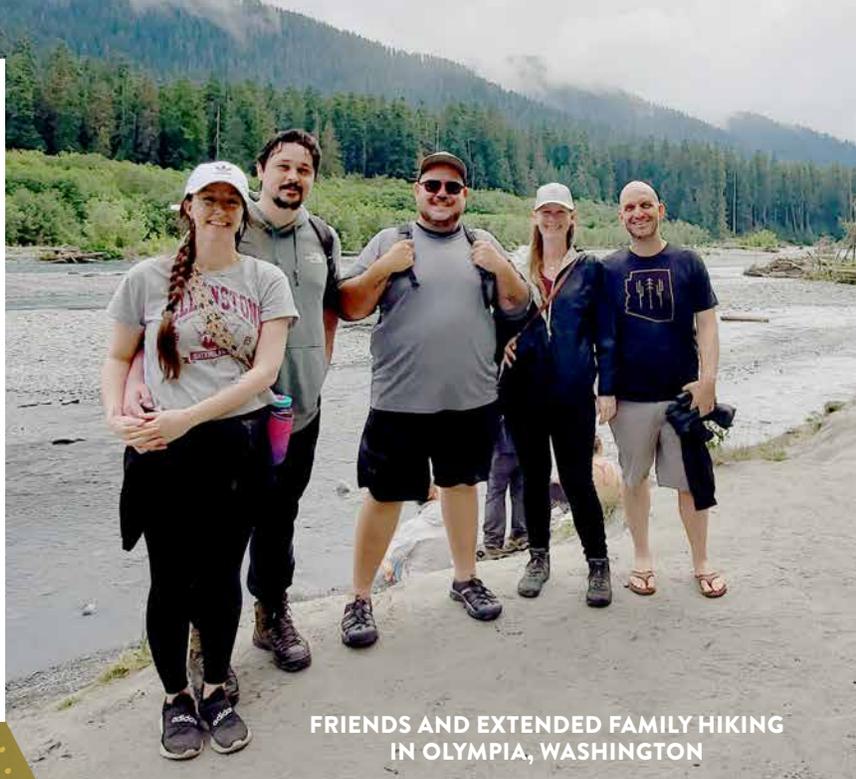


SPIKE

Friends

AND

Family



FRIENDS AND EXTENDED FAMILY HIKING IN OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON



RACHEL'S EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT OUR WEDDING



THREE BEST FRIENDS!



Our extended family is small but mighty, and encompasses both friends and family - specifically Rachel's parents and little brother, and our best friends Lyle and Sierra (who would also be godparents).

Since we live in different states, we have always been committed to finding ways to spend time with one another. We typically have semi-annual trips to visit one another, mostly around holidays and birthdays. We also have family Mario Kart night, where we all get on a call and play Mario Kart together online, which is always a good time.



BEST FRIEND AND FUTURE GODFATHER, LYLE

Lyle is a kind, candid and boisterous personality – the perfect uncle! We each plan an annual trip to visit the other, usually resulting in golfing, hiking, going new places and generally just a lot of laughs.

Sierra is gentle and empathetic, and is the perfect friend for making any activity enjoyable with humor, conversation, and general enthusiasm. Trips to and from her in Massachusetts always result in a trip to a historic town, museum visits, and theatre trips. And we love finding new food to try at all the places we visit together!

Our family may be small, but it isn't lacking in love and laughs in the least.

BEST FRIEND AND FUTURE GODMOTHER, SIERRA



OUR VALUES



We are hopeful to impart empathy above all to our future child.

We value open and honest conversation as well, and hope to create a space where our child feels comfortable and confident

to speak their mind to us in any situation. Both of us also hope to model honesty and integrity so our child understands that these are high valued traits and can learn by our example.

TOM'S FRIENDS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY – WE CONSIDER THEM FAMILY!



WE'D LIKE TO



thank you

✦ so much ✦

for taking the
time to look at
our profile.



We are hopeful that some of the things you are looking for, you've found with us. Ultimately, we hope that you find peace in whatever choice you make as you consider an adoption plan for you and your child.

If you do connect with us, however, we promise to do what's best for both you and your child. We will always honor and respect you as we help your child understand their story. **Both of us are committed to being the best parents we are able to be, and keeping a warm and loving household fit for any child. Thank you again, and we wish you all the very best.**