



Carol & Jeff



Dear  
**Birth Mother**



We are so grateful that you've decided to learn more about us, as you make such a critical decision about the future for your baby.



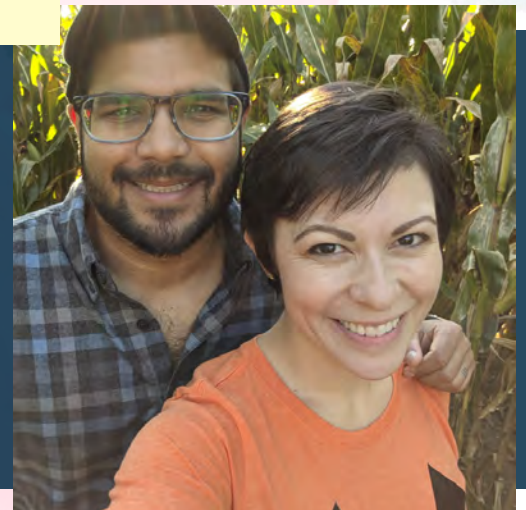
Adoption has always been our first choice when planning how to grow our family. Carol is an adoptee, born in Colombia, and we love that she can share elements of her experience with our future child.

We are also looking forward to sharing our cultures - and celebrating yours so that your baby always knows where she or he comes from.

*We can't wait to meet you!*

We have so much respect for your strength and courage, and while we cannot understand how you must feel, please know that our hearts are with you - and your baby - throughout your journey.

Our home is a warm and safe place, full of love and laughter. We hope that this peek into our lives will help you feel at ease.





## About Us

We met in college and have been married 11 years - and it feels like every day there has been laughter.

We both come from multicultural families. We love to celebrate that, and value diversity in our lives.

Jeff works as an engineer, and Carol is in digital marketing. We both work partially from home, and we really enjoy the flexibility that gives us. We spend our free time with our pups, enjoying the outdoors, and seeing friends & family. And on weekends in the fall, we are always cheering for the Buffalo Bills!

## Our Faith

We both grew up Catholic and we practice our faith by going to weekly Mass on Sundays, praying together, and even running a 5k as part of a church fundraiser! We believe God has a plan, and we trust that His plan for us will guide us in growing our family and nurturing our future child.



## Family Values

We will teach our future child that...



...all people deserve respect



...learning is a lifelong process



...we have to take care of our planet



...we can solve anything together



...family can mean many things

# Jeff

through Carol's eyes




One of the first things I noticed when I met Jeff was how I instantly felt at-ease when I was with him. He is a wonderful combination of smart, loving, and absolutely hilarious. He brings out the best in everyone around him.

No matter the situation, Jeff stays steady. On our wedding day, right before our first dance, I got nervous and said "I can't do it! I'm nervous - I forgot all of my steps!". He told me to take a deep breath, looked into my eyes, and said "it's going to be just fine" - and he was right. When we danced, it felt like just the two of us. We've been partners ever since.



He's my champion

## Favorites

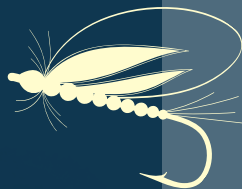
- Sport to Watch: All of them!
- Food: Pancakes 
- Movie: Indiana Jones
- Activity: Fly Fishing (he's so good!)



Ready to rock at any time



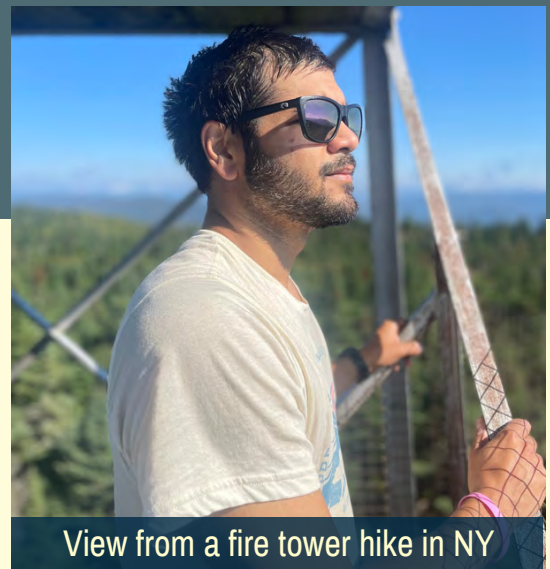
Striped Bass in Maine



Something you **may not guess** about Jeff...

He loves musicals! For one of our first dates he surprised me with tickets to a local play.

'Dinner & a show' is one of his favorite things to do on special occasions!



View from a fire tower hike in NY



My seaside dinner buddy



# Carol

through Jeff's eyes

The very first thing I noticed about Carol was her warm smile...closely followed by her sense of adventure. She is always up to try something new (like blacksmithing!), go to new places, and continue to learn...she is never, ever bored.

She has a passion for wellness & fitness, whether at the gym or in the great outdoors. One of my favorite things we've done together was go whitewater rafting, biking, and hiking all in one day!

Carol is also one of the most emotionally strong people I know. She's a problem solver, hard worker, and mentor to many - always willing to help and fight for the ones she loves.

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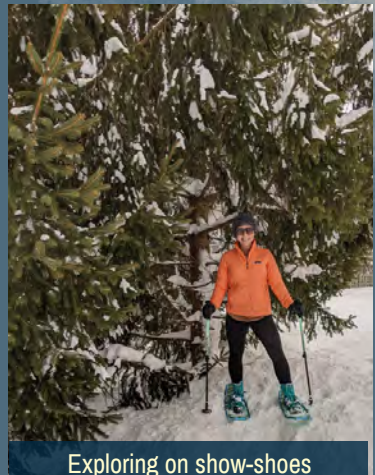
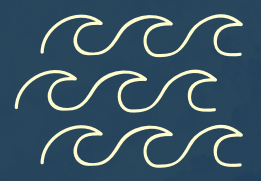
- Sport to Watch: Swimming
- Food: Mac & Cheese
- Movie: Apollo 13 
- Activity: Running...or puzzles...or board games...!



Paddle boarding until she falls over



Soaking up sun on a run in NH



Exploring on show-shoes



The rain doesn't hold her back

Here's a **fun fact** about Carol...

She once went to space camp! She tried space food, wore a space helmet & felt zero gravity.

Still, she's happy to keep her feet on this planet.

# Our Families

Carol and her sister are both adopted, and her family is thrilled that we are starting an adoption journey of our own. Her Dad is also SO excited to become a grandparent!

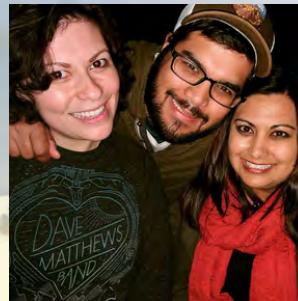
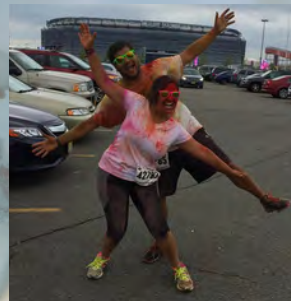
He and future-Aunt Maggie will be visiting frequently from their home in Upstate NY to be a big part of our future child's life.



Jeff's parents, and his sister's family, are all scattered nearby in NJ, with our nephews living just 45 minutes away. We are really close with them, and have loved watching them grow up.



Whether doing science experiments, signing up for a family fun-run, or choosing a favorite Pokémon, our nephews have been a huge source of joy in our lives and we can't wait to see how great they are with a baby cousin!



One of the best parts of getting married was Carol getting another sister! Our trio loves to have fun, and future-Aunt Jen will be a huge help as we raise our future baby.

# Our Traditions

A peek into some things we look forward to each year:

- Summertime backyard camp-outs with our nephews (mmm, s'mores!)
- Thanksgiving at the beach in Florida
- The 'Saran Wrap Ball' game on Christmas Day

We love our traditions, and look forward to sharing them with our future baby.

We also can't wait to start new ones as a family! We want our child to grow up knowing their background, their culture, and where they came from - and all of that will influence our daily lives as well as bigger events.



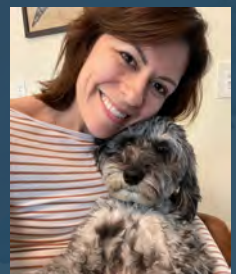
# Our Fur-Family



River

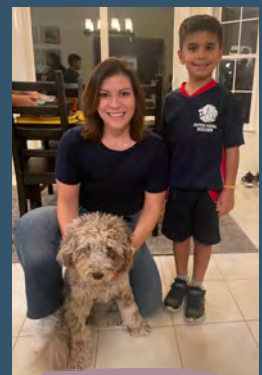
River is a 3-year old mini labradoodle. She is loyal, curious, and very gentle with children and pets.

She shares toys and loves to give kisses. Her worst habit is stealing an occasional potato chip!

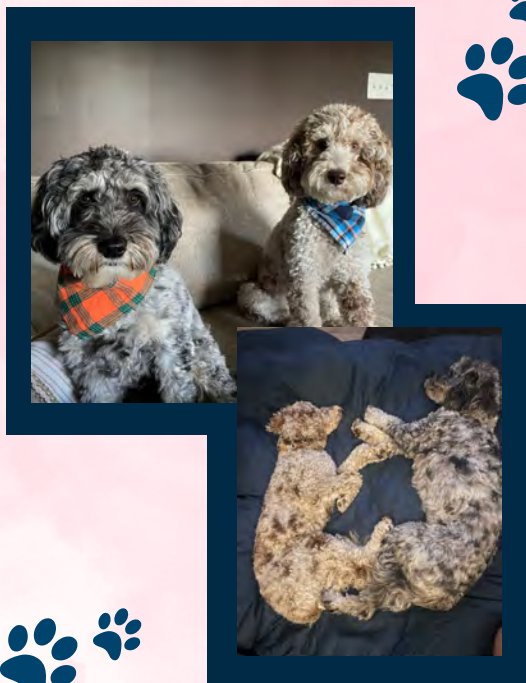


Lady is a 1-year old mini labradoodle, and every-bit River's sidekick (or maybe we should say 'shadow')...

She is goofy, sweet and can play fetch for hours. She is very ready to not be the baby of the house anymore!

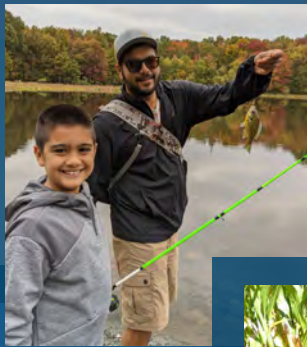


Lady



# Our Home & Community

We live in an adorable neighborhood with lots of families of all kinds. People are often out walking their dogs, pushing a stroller, or going for a jog - and everyone is really friendly. Soccer fields & basketball courts are a 5-minute walk from our door. We are close with our neighbors and have cookouts & movie nights at each other's homes in the summer, do a secret Santa at Christmas and have all gone on vacation together!



Downtown there is a game store, music shop, 2 ice cream shops, and so many incredible restaurants! Jeff also loves the pickle shop...who knew there were so many flavors of pickles?! There is a town parade for St. Patrick's Day, a 'Meet Santa' event, and at Easter the fire department drives the Bunny through the local neighborhoods to wave hello & keep the holiday magic alive.

There are lots of playgrounds nearby, and a handful of farms with petting zoos, corn mazes, apple cider donuts and other farmer's market treats. And we are less than 15 minutes from 3 parks that are great for walking, biking, fishing or feeding the ducks.

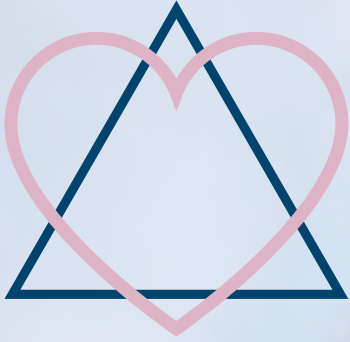
Our school system is excellent, and our child will be around children from many different backgrounds, cultures, races, and religions both within our community, and at school.

Our colonial-style house has 4 bedrooms and a backyard that feels private and has beautiful mountain views. Perfect for gatherings, we have a fenced & gated back deck so that kids - and pups - can play safely.





# The Adoption Symbol



One of the things Carol's parents taught her about is this symbol of a triangle and a heart, intertwined. She has always known it as *The Adoption Symbol*.

- The top of the triangle represents the child, who is the most important person to always consider first, during the adoption process and throughout their life.
- One of the bottom points of the triangle represents the child's birth parents, and the other bottom point represents the child's adoptive parents. Together, all parents form a strong foundation for the child to have a life of peace, joy and comfort.
- The heart represents the love that must be present: love for the child from the birth parents making this difficult decision, love from the adoptive parents accepting the child unconditionally as their own, and love the child develops over time for all parents, as they fully understand their own story.

This symbol has always given Carol comfort, and our promise to you is that we will teach our child the importance & meaning of it, so they never forget how loved they are - and always have been.

Thank you for taking the time to learn a bit about us, and for considering us as adoptive parents for your baby.

Please feel free to reach out to us however you feel comfortable:

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