

# *Mara & Nathaniel*





# hello!



**WE ARE MARA AND NATHANIEL FROM COLORADO! THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LOOK AT OUR BOOK. WE REALLY ADMIRE YOUR DESIRE TO CONSIDER AN ADOPTION PLAN FOR YOUR CHILD!**

**We strongly believe that birth parents, or a birth family, are an important part of that story, too!**

We are proud and happy of the life we share and want so much to add a child to our world. We are both excited about our decision to adopt. We believe it is an

honor and privilege to become adoptive parents and should you choose us, we are thrilled to accept our responsibilities to you and your child with the utmost respect, commitment, and love.

Love,

*Mara and Nathaniel*

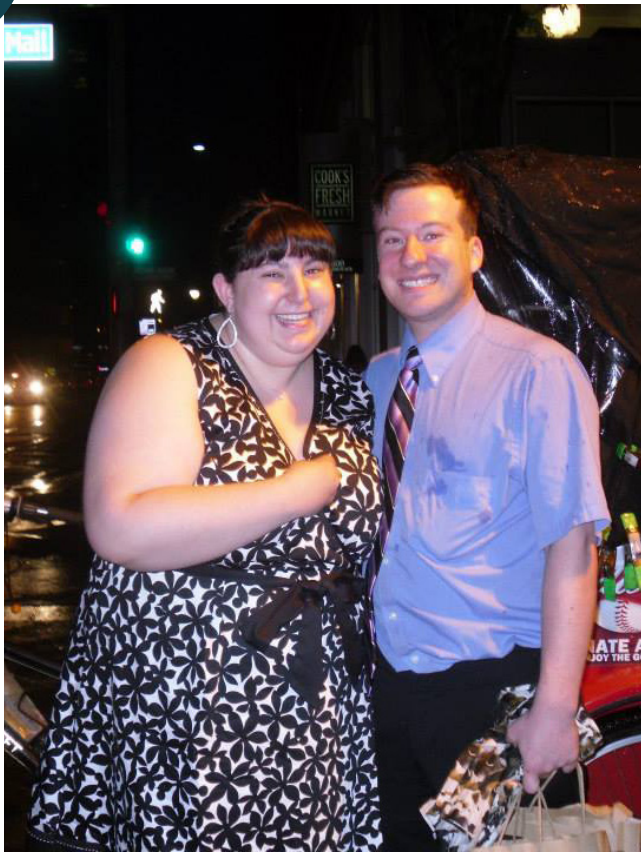


# Our Story

We met in 2012 on a dating app. For our first date we had dinner at Olive Garden.

From the first moment we started talking we knew we could build a life together.

We were married in 2014, bought a house, got a dog and started planning for the day we would grow our family. After almost three years of trying, that day still has not come. We both have so much love to offer a child!





# HOME *sweet* HOME



We have a beautiful home located on a quiet street, in a charming established neighborhood. There are many young families on our block with tons of future playmates. We have a lovely fenced backyard with trees and flowers and a covered patio which is ideal for hosting birthday parties and barbeques. All that is missing from our yard is a swing set and the sound of a child's laughter. There is a large playground at the end of our street and many other parks and

recreational areas close by. Our spacious home has 4 bedrooms with plenty of room to play and learn, including a finished basement that will become a perfect playroom. We have a warm and inviting kitchen (Nathaniel's domain) and a large dining room where we love to host our family and friends for holidays and special occasions. We can't wait to add a highchair to the table.





hi!

I'M  
MARA

I am passionate about learning and childhood development, which is what led me into teaching. I teach pre-kindergarten. My current class has 13 wonderful youngsters and I get up every morning excited to help them along their learning path. I have been teaching for more than 10 years.

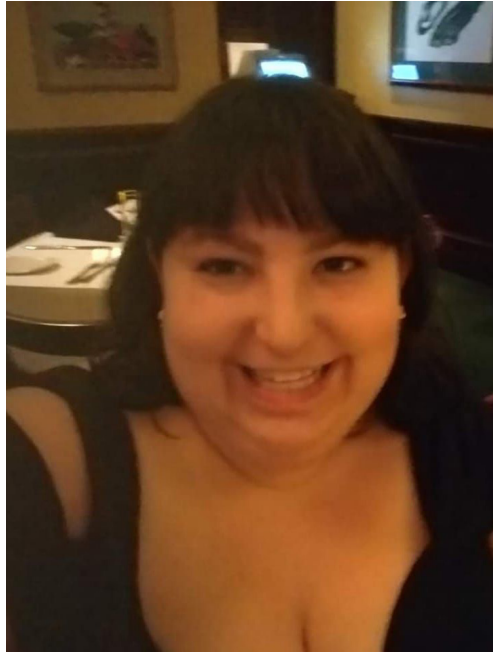
I treasure my family and my friends, and I love Colorado! My favorite Colorado destination is Vail, where we spend time at our family condo. I admit I am something of a Colorado oddball because I don't ski, but I really love the mountains and enjoy visiting the condo all year round. There is a pool and a beautiful playground just steps

away from the front door, surrounded by stunning views of the Rocky Mountains. Not far from Vail is the world-famous Glenwood Springs where Nathaniel's aunt and cousin live. We enjoy visiting them often as well, spending time in the world's largest hot springs mineral pool. Nathaniel and I love hiking along the gorgeous mountain paths and trails with our dog, Oreo, as well as enjoying the delicious restaurants and unique town shops.

**I am a very warm, nurturing, hardworking and loyal person. Family means everything to me and I can't wait to add a special little one to our blessed and beautiful life.**



WHAT NATHANIEL LOVES MOST...



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I LOVE MARA'S SENSE FOR  
ADVENTURE AND HER PAS-  
SION FOR LIFE.





# hi!

I'M  
NATHANIEL

I am Sous Chef at a hospital for children. I have been part of the kitchen staff for more than 10 years. My passion is cooking, both at home and at work. I feel blessed to be able to make a living doing what I love. Additionally, being a chef is truly a great vocation. Everyone has to eat! I love being creative in the kitchen, whipping up anything and everything, especially soups and lasagna.

I love spending time with Mara in the mountains, traveling around Colorado. I am also a HUGE sports fan. Sundays are for football! The Denver Broncos are my favorite team, but I also follow all of Denver's other sports teams with interest. I also

enjoy playing board games and spending time exploring the neighborhood with Mara and Oreo.

Naturally, I take on kitchen duty at our house. I take great pride in our home and really enjoy home improvement projects and keeping our house looking sharp. I love gardening. In the summer, I plant tons of flowers and a huge vegetable garden. Having a slice of nature close to home is wonderful for the soul.

**I am a loving and loyal person with strong values.  
I can't wait to be a Dad.**



WHAT MARA LOVES MOST...



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I LOVE THAT NATHANIEL IS SO DEDICATED TO OUR FAMILY AND THAT HE IS SUCH A HARD WORKER.



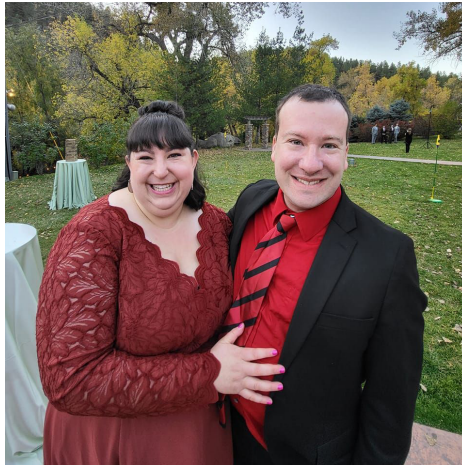
# *a few of our* **TRADITIONS**



**We are both very close to our families.** We love celebrating birthdays and holidays together with our families and our friends. We both enjoy decorating our house for the holidays and every year we enjoy seasonal activities such as exploring pumpkin patches, watching the fireworks on the 4th of July and

often, having parties just for fun! Mara's family is involved in a unique hobby. They own an antique firetruck, which they have restored to peak condition. The family is frequently seen driving this beauty in holiday parades and special charity events.



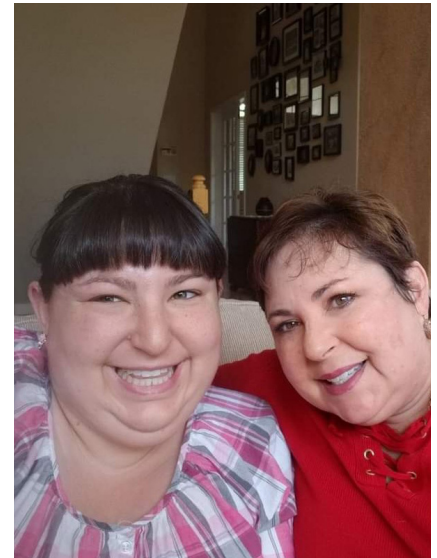


DOING  
WHAT WE  
*Love*

In addition to all our adventures together, we have an amazing group of friends that we love to spend time with. Most of our friends have children and we are so lucky to be able to spend a lot of time with them and their families. Our very best friends live down the street from us with their adorable little one. Our sincere hope is that someday our children and their children will become a new generation of best friends.



# Mara's FAMILY



## I AM BLESSED TO STILL HAVE BOTH OF MY PARENTS.

They are very loving and supportive and live only a few miles away. I have a younger sister, and although she lives a bit a further away, we remain incredibly close.

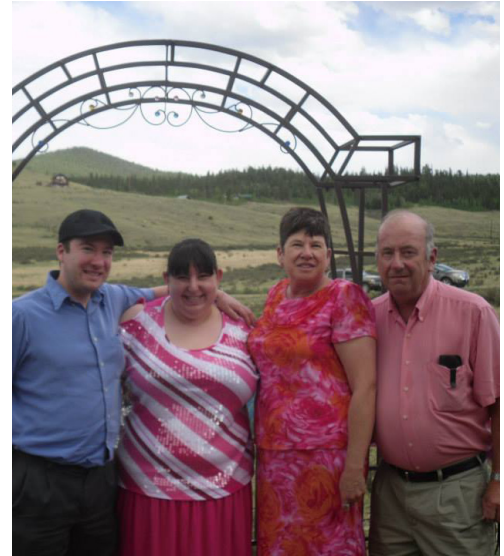
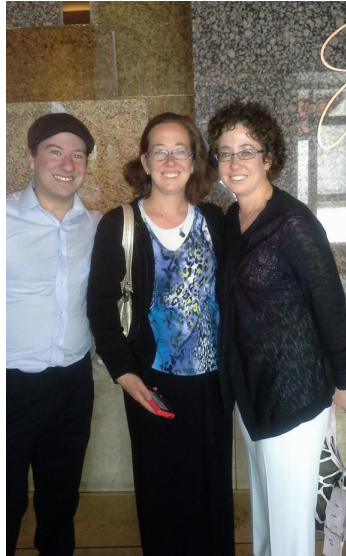


I am also lucky to have my wonderful grandparents and many aunts, uncles and cousins, all living in Colorado. The whole family is excited at the prospect of welcoming its first great-grandchild.



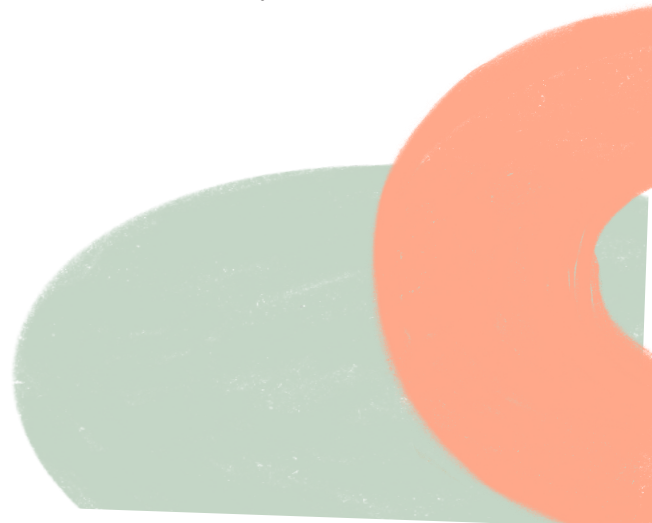


# Nathaniel's FAMILY



**I AM ALSO FORTUNATE TO HAVE MY FAMILY NEARBY.**

I am extremely close to them. They are very loving and are excited to support Mara and me in this next adventure. My older sisters happen to be twins! They have made me an uncle a few times over and the kids are all thrilled to welcome a new cousin into the family.





*we love our dog*

# OREO

**(LIKE, A LOT.)**

Oreo is a small 5-year-old female terrier mix. We rescued her when she was 1 year old (or, did she rescue us?) She is a huge part of our family! She loves to cuddle on cold Colorado mornings, run around exploring the backyard, eat treats and beg for more and, especially, to give wonderful puppy kisses. Oreo adores children and also serves as a highly skilled vacuum cleaner. No crumb is safe! We both love taking Oreo for walks around the neighborhood and for adventure rides in the car. She is looking forward to having a very special little human best buddy to share her amazing life with.





# Our Promise

We both promise to love, nurture and encourage your child to become the happiest and best person they can be. We are going to be here to help them grow and learn and we are both excited to love them. Unconditionally. When life is easy. When life is hard, and for every moment in between.

