

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER WAITING FAMILY

Ryan and Justin



Thank you for considering us as adoptive parents. We are so grateful that adoption may be a part of our story. We hope to value and honor your story as our journeys connect. Since the two of us met almost a decade ago we have always imagined exploring life with children, and after five years of marriage, we cannot wait to grow our family!

As teachers, we are always aspiring to learn more from the world around us. Ryan is a Lecturer at a local, large university, where he teaches and coordinates in the French program. Justin is a PhD Candidate in Theatre, and is excited to build a career that highlights his creative and intellectual experience. Together we look forward to sharing our love for learning with a child.

We both grew up out-of-state, so here in Michigan we have formed a chosen family of wonderful friends. In our spare time we enjoy hosting and attending backyard get-togethers where we barbecue, play games, and sit by the bonfire. But while we adore the comforts of home, travel is also one of our shared hobbies. We have supportive parents and siblings in Kentucky and Arizona, and being able to visit our niece and nephew or returning to our hometowns for holidays is such a blessing.

As adoptive parents, our greatest hope is to share in these life experiences. If you think our stories could overlap, we would love to meet you! Again, thank you so very much for your consideration and openness. -Ryan and Justin

About Ryan

- **Age:** 36
- **Food:** Cubano sandwiches, or anything I can grill
- **Dessert:** Ice Cream
- **Movies:** Jurassic Park and Jaws
- **Hobbies:** Playing board games, video games and baking bread
- **Favorite Holiday Tradition:** Getting together with my large family for Christmas (there are about 30 of us!)
- **Best Childhood Memory:** Ski trips to Lake Placid with family.
- **Pets/Animals:** Our dogs, Arya and Renly
- **Dream Vacation:** A cross country road trip
- **Fun Facts:** I teach study abroad programs in France. I played the oboe throughout high school and into college.

About Justin

- **Age:** 31
- **Food:** Steak and garlic mashed potatoes (with a lot of Worcestershire sauce!)
- **Dessert:** Tiramisu
- **Movies:** Mean Girls, Melancholia, The Strangers
- **Author:** Stephen King
- **Hobbies:** Puzzles, playing tabletop games with friends, doing yardwork/caring for my plants
- **Music Groups:** Coheed and Cambria, Dance Gavin Dance, and Easley
- **Favorite Vacation:** Summers in Grenoble, France
- **Favorite TV Shows:** Friends, The Americans, Game of Thrones, Succession and Flea Bag
- **Fun Fact:** My family owns several Ford Model A's and we have driven them all over for various outings and parades!