

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER WAITING FAMILY

Patrick and Rochelle



For your courage, your selflessness, and for even considering adoption at all, we're already incredibly grateful to you. We would love the opportunity to meet with you and properly introduce ourselves, but until that time, we'd like to provide you with a small glimpse into who we are and the life that we hope to share with a future child.

We fell in love in 2005, have been married for 12 years, and in that time we've built such a strong and supportive partnership, filled with a crazy amount of love, that serves as the foundation of our little family. Reading is a big part of who we are, and we've each pursued careers that allow us to work with books every day. Patrick's experience includes teaching and writing curriculum for grades K-12, so our child will have the very best tutor and advocate when it comes to education (and the best coach and lifelong teammate due to Patrick's experience playing and coaching multiple sports). Because Rochelle works in publishing, our child will have an impressive personal library!

In the past decade, we've called a few amazing places home, from New York City to Denver, and are excited to be back in Michigan, closer to our families, where we've found a warm and welcoming neighborhood in an exciting and diverse city. Our home is on the most charming block that leads right into our favorite park. We're looking forward to countless visits there as a family: swinging and sliding, running around the baseball fields, sledding in the snow, and walking the paths with our little wiener dog, Huckleberry.

Adoption is already a familiar and important part of our lives, having been extremely blessed to adopt our son in 2020. Plus both of Patrick's brothers are adopted, so our child will have a big brother and uncles who can relate to their experience. We'd always planned to adopt multiple children, as our siblings were such important parts of our own childhoods that we wanted that experience for our own children. We're so excited that any future baby in our family will already have a big brother to love and look out for them. They'll also be loved beyond measure by our big, wonderful families who are all so eager to welcome and spoil another baby!

About Patrick

- **Age:** 37
- **Career:** K-12 Education Specialist
- **Childhood memory:** Playing backyard sports with my brothers and sister
- **Holiday traditions:** Decorating the Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving (while eating Thanksgiving leftovers); Hosting our annual Halloween party
- **Fun fact:** I've run 3 marathons (Detroit, New York City, and Denver), and Rochelle made me a custom playlist for each one, complete with messages from my friends and family
- **Favorite authors:** Kurt Vonnegut, Chuck Klosterman, Ernest Hemingway
- **Favorite movies:** The Sandlot, The Dark Knight, and most Will Ferrell movies

About Rochelle

- **Age:** 36
- **Career:** Book marketing specialist
- **Childhood memory:** Camping at music festivals with my big extended family
- **Holiday traditions:** Celebrating NYE in different cities around the world; Spending 4th of July at Patrick's parents' house on the lake with all of our nieces and nephews
- **Fun fact:** I make themed Halloween costumes each year and this year our son was The Very Hungry Caterpillar and we were the foods he eats in the book: slice of cheese, ice cream cone, and our dog was a pickle
- **Favorite authors:** Zadie Smith, George Saunders, Jonathan Safran Foer
- **Favorite movies:** Almost Famous, Space Jam (the original), It's a Wonderful Life