

## HANDS ACROSS THE WATER WAITING FAMILY

# Rob and Cynthia



Thank you for taking the time to read a bit more about us! We're excited to potentially have you as a member of our extended family. We understand how important and difficult it is to make this decision. Our lives will be intertwined forever, and we're ready to take this journey together with you.

We met in Washington, DC in 2010 while Cynthia was getting her Master's in Elementary Education and Rob was working. We moved to California in 2013, where Rob had a job opportunity and we stayed there until we moved to Michigan in 2019. We've been married 6+ years and held our ceremony at a woodland sanctuary in Maryland. Rob's Dad (a Lutheran pastor) married us in front of our closest friends and family.

Family is very important to both of us, which is what motivated us to move from California. We both love being around children, including our niece & nephew. Cynthia likes working with elementary-age kiddos, but is looking forward to staying home with an infant.

We live in a diverse neighborhood in a bigger city (~100,000 residents), and live across the street from the biggest high-school in Michigan. Rob is active in the neighborhood by serving as the Treasurer on the HOA Board. We recently joined a swim club across the street, so are looking forward to taking our future kiddo there during the summer.

Thanks for taking the time to get to know us! We're looking forward to the chance to meet you!

### About Rob

- **Age:** 35 years old
- **Career:** Finance manager
- **Favorite Food:** Homemade pizza and banana bread
- **Favorite Movies:** Moana, Up, Coco, Free Solo
- **Best Childhood Memory:** Climbing trees (sometimes a *little* too high!)
- **Favorite Sports:** Football (played in high school and college) and basketball
- **Favorite Hobby:** Home improvement projects (one of my favorite activities to do with my Dad)
- **Best Trip:** US cross-country road trip and Maui with Cynthia (we did both twice)
- **Role Models:** Barack Obama, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Pete Buttigieg
- **Favorite Color:** Blue
- **Favorite Book:** The Elegant Universe

### About Cynthia

- **Age:** 35 years old
- **Career:** Elementary school teacher
- **Favorite Food:** Falafel wraps, avocados, cupcakes, coffee
- **Favorite Games:** Scrabble, Mario Kart, Yeti in my Spaghetti, Jenga
- **Favorite Book:** Becoming by Michelle Obama
- **Favorite TV Shows:** Most reality TV, Broad City, Parks and Recreation, The Leftovers
- **Favorite Music Artists:** Olivia Rodrigo, Kacey Musgraves, Britney Spears
- **Best Childhood Memory:** Summers at the beach in Cape Cod with my family
- **Favorite Exercise Activities:** Running, rowing, yoga
- **Favorite Volunteer Activities:** Phone banking, canvassing, mentoring, and advocating for social issues