



Jonathan & Diana



Hello!

Thank you for taking the time to learn a bit about us. We are extremely grateful that you want to get a closer look at who we are and the beautiful life we have built together.

We love our little family and can't wait to add your child to it. We are committed to making sure you feel respected, cared about and loved. Life can be full of ups and downs and unexpected twists and turns but we have learned that together we can conquer anything.





Our **STORY**



At our wedding celebration

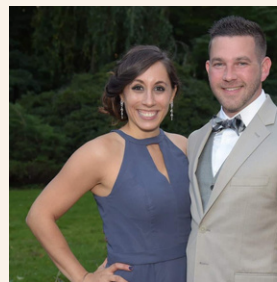
We grew up first meeting as classmates in elementary school. We remained friendly throughout our high school years and then we both went on different life adventures, Diana to college and Jonathan enlisted as a United States Marine. We reconnected thirteen years later and bonded over our shared love of appetizers being served at a joint friend's birthday party. We have been inseparable ever since. We dated for three years and then married at our favorite restaurant on the water with our friends and family in 2019.



**Visiting Lake
Placid, NY**



**Our civil marriage
ceremony**



**At Diana's
brother's wedding**

OUR WHY

When we first began planning our family we had many conversations about what that may look like. We had done some fertility treatments with IVF that were unsuccessful.

We always had considered adoption as a path to creating our family. It has always held a special place in our hearts as we have good friends and loved ones that are adopted.

We are so excited to take this big step and begin this exciting journey, hopefully with you!



Our family's annual holiday photo with our dog Ralphie



Having fun at our friend's wedding



Sunset dinner at the yearly family beach trip

Meet Diana



Hiking in Colorado



Summer paddle boarding



Our house always smells like fresh cookies!

- A passionate, dedicated mental health therapist
- Loves teaching and practicing yoga, meditation and helping others live their best lives
- Enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading, being in nature and being the best dog mom to Ralphie
- A proud auntie and godmother
- Loves spending time with her nieces, nephews and friend's children



Cuddling cousin Noah

In Jonathan's Words

Diana's kindness, compassion and empathetic nature always inspires me. She is driven, intelligent and a natural leader and nurturer. She makes me laugh all the time, is the best cook I know and she makes the most delicious cookies (which I have every night for dessert!). Diana is incredibly supportive and brings out the best in me. I can't wait for us to become parents together and your child would be so lucky to have Diana raise them. She will be fiercely caring, loving and kind and I know she will be an amazing parent.

Meet Jonathan



Jonathan and his brother Brandon



Taking in the views on a Fall hike



Grilling dinner on a warm Spring night

- Is a talented mechanic and passionate about his work
- Loves to build and create things with his hands from building kitchens to cool tables and wood work
- Extremely loyal and loves spending time with his family and friends in his free time
- Has a very strong do-it-yourself mentality and always figures out a way to fix things



Ralphie and Jon hanging out

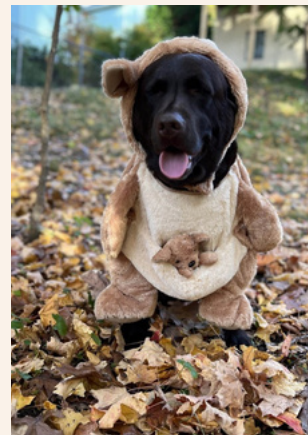
In Diana's words

Jonathan is the most trustworthy, loyal and kind person I have ever known. He makes everyone feel like they matter, they are understood and that he is there for them. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Jonathan is such a caring and compassionate person and he has so much love to give and all of this will make him an incredible father and parenting partner for me.



A picture perfect moment with his Mom at Jon's Birthday

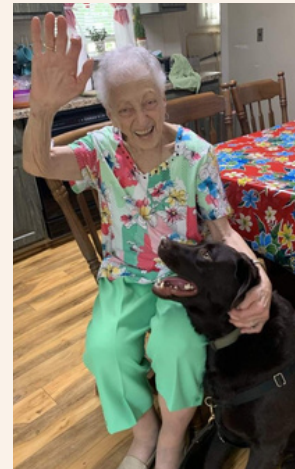
Meet Ralphie



Ralphie loves costumes

Ralphie is our extremely friendly, cuddly six year old pup. Ralphie loves being with his family, going on long walks, playing in the water and will do anything for a treat! He gets along with all people and loves playing with other dogs.

Our family loves animals and find that they make a perfect addition. We are so excited that your little one will get to grow up with Ralphie by their side!



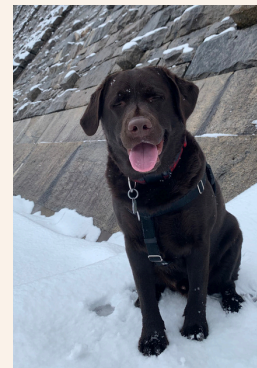
LOVE great grandma



**Annual Birthday
Paw-tay!**



**Cuddling with
cousin Aria**



Fun in the snow!

OUR ANNUAL TRADITIONS



Fall trip to Niagra Falls



Christmas Day!



Annual Seafood Boil

Our family has many lifelong traditions that define our supportive and fun-loving culture. We are so excited to include your child as a part of it. These traditions include:

- Our annual family trips to the beach and the mountains
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations as we are part of the Christian faith
- Annual cookie baking for the holidays
- Building puzzles, playing boardgames and so much more.

We cannot wait to bring your child into this loving and rich family environment with fun traditions they can one day call their own.



Annual Christmas Tree Day



Thanksgiving Dinner



Jon's dad David carving the turkey

SOME MORE PICTURES OF OUR TRADITIONS



Diana's brother Michael and nephew Wyatt at the annual seafood boil



Our annual outing to find the family Christmas tree- the whole family comes!



Annual Thanksgiving puzzle making that we love to do



Diana making all the holiday cookies



Annual Halloween Party



We love Christmas!



Diana's mom-Linda and Lucy at family dinner



Family yoga session!

SOME OF OUR TRAVEL ADVENTURES



Helicopter ride in Sedona, AZ!



**Our first trip together
to the Grand Canyon**



Splashing around on a hike in Ithaca, NY



**Visiting the
Redwoods in CA**



**Letchworth
State Park in NY**



Celebrating Grandma Mary's Birthday

Our friends and family



Family at our wedding



**Our nieces and nephew at Diana's
brother's wedding**

Our friends and family are a huge part of our lives. We have a very tight-knit family and the best friends we could ask for. Between siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and friends from childhood and beyond- we have the most supportive, positive and loving people surrounding us. They are all so excited for our adoption journey and to welcome your child into their lives.



Family Trip on Cape Cod





Annual ugly Christmas sweater celebration



Diana's lifelong friend Antonia and her children



Annual walk for mental health



Celebrating Diana's mom's birthday with her sister Jennifer, Cousin Julie and sister-in-law Sami

Fun with friends and family continued!

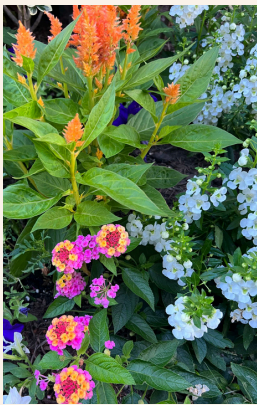


Celebrating Diana's stepfather Mike's Birthday



Jon and his mom, MaryRose, at the beach





Our summer garden



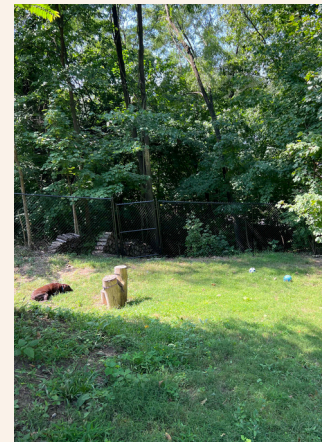
We live in the suburbs outside of New York City in a small, diverse and inclusive city. We bought our house in 2016 and have spent time renovating it. There is lots of backyard space to run and play and we live close to several parks and playgrounds. We have a wonderful community of friendly neighbors and our location is ideal for either going to the beach in the summer months, going hiking or playing in the leaves and snow in Fall and Winter, going into NYC to see a show or walk around and people watch. We are excited to decorate the nursery and add all sorts of baby toys in the backyard!



**Dinner with our
sister in laws**



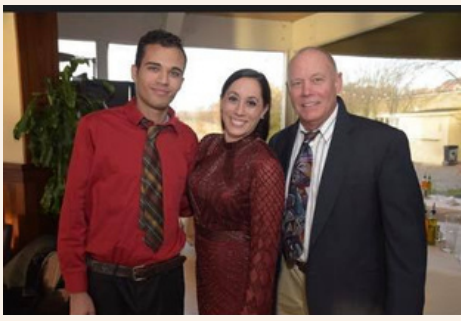
Playing on our deck



Ralphie enjoying our yard

Our friends and family at our wedding





**More wedding
fun!**





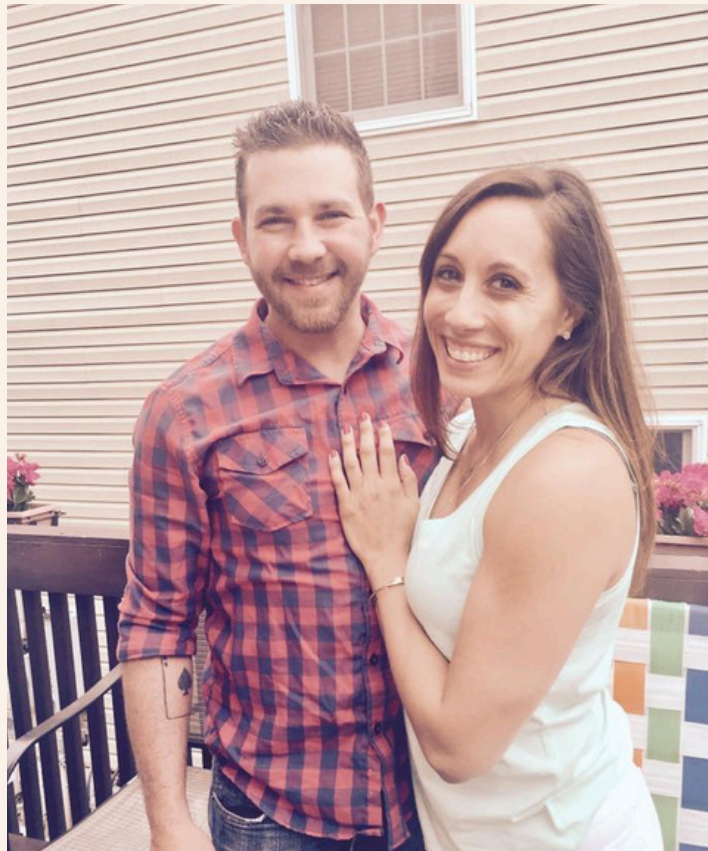
Adoption is already part of our family story. Diana's younger step-brothers, as well as several close friends have been adopted. They are so very supportive of our adoption journey. Their stories have shown us what a positive impact adoption can have on the lives of everyone involved, creating strong connections and bonds with family and friends. We will all love and welcome your child unconditionally.



**Diana with her two
stepbrothers
(Michael and Johnny)
that were adopted**



We understand that creating an adoption plan can be a difficult and brave process. We are committed to creating a plan together with you that allows for comfort and confidence for everyone. We want you to be a part of our lives as much as you feel comfortable. While it may be hard to really know someone from this book, we would be happy to meet, and/or speak with you to answer any questions that you may have for us. We want you to be as comfortable and secure as possible with the loving decision you are making.





We hope this gives you a glimpse into our life and the love we will offer your child. Our number one priority is making sure your child has as safe, loving and supportive home and family surrounding them throughout their life.



We have very flexible work schedules to be able to take care of your child. Diana is a therapist that works from home which allow for lots of quality time with the baby. Jonathan works early mornings so he has the whole afternoon to play and spend time as well. We will be able to dedicate time at home with the baby in the beginning and we have so many amazing family and friends that are close by so your child will be surrounded with love from day one. All of our family and friends cannot wait to welcome your child into our lives.





If you have any questions, you can call our adoption agency Forever Families Through Adoption at (914) 939-1180 or email adopt@foreverfamiliesthroughadoption.org

With all our love,

Jonathan and Diana



