

# NATHAN + BRYAN

*Hello  
and thank you!*

WE ARE **BRYAN + NATHAN**,  
AN INTERRACIAL GAY  
COUPLE IN OUR MID-30'S,  
LIVING IN OAKLAND.

We are excited to start our family through open adoption. We met via an online dating app in 2015. Nathan was out with friends enjoying Santa Con, an annual festival where everyone dresses up in Santa Claus. Bryan noticed Nathan's beautiful smile and witty profile – he had to swipe right! We started chatting and the rest is history.

We talked for hours on our first date about our family, careers, and travels. Five years later, we got married in the middle of our living room, surrounded virtually by friends, family and our two dogs, Sir Isaac Buckley and Sir Thomas Rupert.

**We are ready to wrap your little one up in the same authentic love and joy we've cultivated in our marriage.** We're humbled by the chance to raise your child and are in awe of your courage. Both of us have adopted family members, so open adoption feels right to us. We promise that we will provide your child with a life full of love, support, fun and adventure.



# About BRYAN

By Nathan

BRYAN WILL MAKE AN **AMAZING FATHER** BECAUSE HE'S INCREDIBLY CARING, HARD-WORKING, AND A METICULOUS PLANNER.

**F**or example, in October 2018, he successfully planned and executed the most romantic wedding proposal on our vacation to Venice, Italy. He incorporated all my favorite things: travel, shopping, and a photo shoot right before he got on one knee and presented me with the most spectacular custom-made diamond ring.



*Caption #1*



JUST FINISHED A MARATHON



*Ice cream museum in San Francisco*

## BRYAN'S FAVORITES

- ▶ **HOBBY**  
Recreational kickball
- ▶ **VACATION SPOT**  
Any sunny beach
- ▶ **CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT**  
Reality TV!
- ▶ **ACTOR**  
Betty White
- ▶ **DREAM JOB**  
Stay-at-home Dad!

## BRYAN'S

## CAREER

We are both public servants working for government agencies. Bryan has worked in finance and banking at the same agency for over fourteen years. His job has enabled him to travel to and explore many different parts of the country.

Over the 6 years I've been with Bryan, I've learned that he has the most caring personality. He is always thinking of others and regularly signs us up for community service projects on Saturday morning. Bryan yearns to learn new things. He loves reading, watching documentaries, and has a guilty pleasure

for reality television shows, particularly shows on Bravo! He is such a quirky trivia whiz and keeps me informed on useful (and useless) pop culture and historical happenings. He's a gentle prankster who fills my days with joy and laughter. I can't wait to witness him light up a child's life with his fun and whimsical personality.



# About NATHAN

By Bryan

I KNOW THAT NATHAN IS GOING TO BE A **FANTASTIC DAD** TO OUR CHILD!

He has such a positive and supportive attitude, is dependable and patient, and accomplishes anything he puts his mind to. In social settings, Nathan's the life of the party! He's also got an infectious laugh that can make anybody smile, even on their worst day.



CAPTION #2



**Nathan is great with children and was made to be a dad!** He has been a fabulous role model to his niece and nephew and would move mountains to support them. For example, the reason he moved to San Francisco in 2015 was so that he could help his sister raise them. When he told me this on

our first date, my heart melted! I can't wait to raise a child with Nathan - future family vacations, educational experiences, and cultural learnings. I am beyond blessed to have a loving, supportive partner like Nathan and I long for the day when he will get to share his amazing gifts with our child.



A great coffee spot on vacation



HOMEMADE  
CARROT CAKE

## NATHAN'S CAREER

Nathan works in human resources for a local municipality. Nathan enjoys his work as it incorporates two of his passions, helping people and providing guidance. **Both of our jobs afford us family-friendly work cultures, flexible schedules, and a comfortable lifestyle.**

## NATHAN'S FAVORITES

### HOBBY

Board or video games

### CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT

Bubble baths, even better with candles!

### VACATION SPOT

South beach—it feels like one giant hot tub!

### DREAM JOB

Executive Coach

### ACTOR

Meryl Streep



# Our HOME

In Oakland, California



*We love our apartment*

**W**e live in a spacious two-bedroom apartment in downtown Oakland. We love the Bay Area because all walks of life are visible. As we raise a child, it's important to us they see similar family structures that normalize and celebrate their lived experience.

**On the weekends, we enjoy playing in a LGBTQI kickball league.** We value the friendships that the league as provided in our lives. In addition to our athletic endeavors, we enjoy exploring the mountains, forests, and beaches that the Northern California has to offer.



*Go team go!*

*Family*

IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US!

WE ARE BOTH "GUNCLES"  
*(gay uncles!)*

Nathan's family lives in Alabama. Bryan's family lives in Missouri; although his gay twin brother, Ryan and Ryan's partner, Rene, live in Arizona. **We visit both sides of the family a couple times per year and call and text daily.**



OUR CUTE NIECES AND NEPHEWS

**Growing up we both spent lots of time around grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins and we will strive to give our child that same family dynamic.** We are looking forward to providing our child big family celebrations, holidays spent around the table, and an annual extended family vacation to different areas of the world.

## IN CLOSING



*Nathan's family*



*Bryan's family*



**W**e understand this must be an overwhelming decision and we thank you for taking the time to read about us. As you consider all your options, we hope that you find one that feels right for you.

We feel very lucky to have cultivated not just a deep love within us, but within our extended, blended families. Your child will have a village who supports them as they grow up and become all they are meant to be. **We promise to love your child every minute, and tell them every day that they are loved, including by you.**