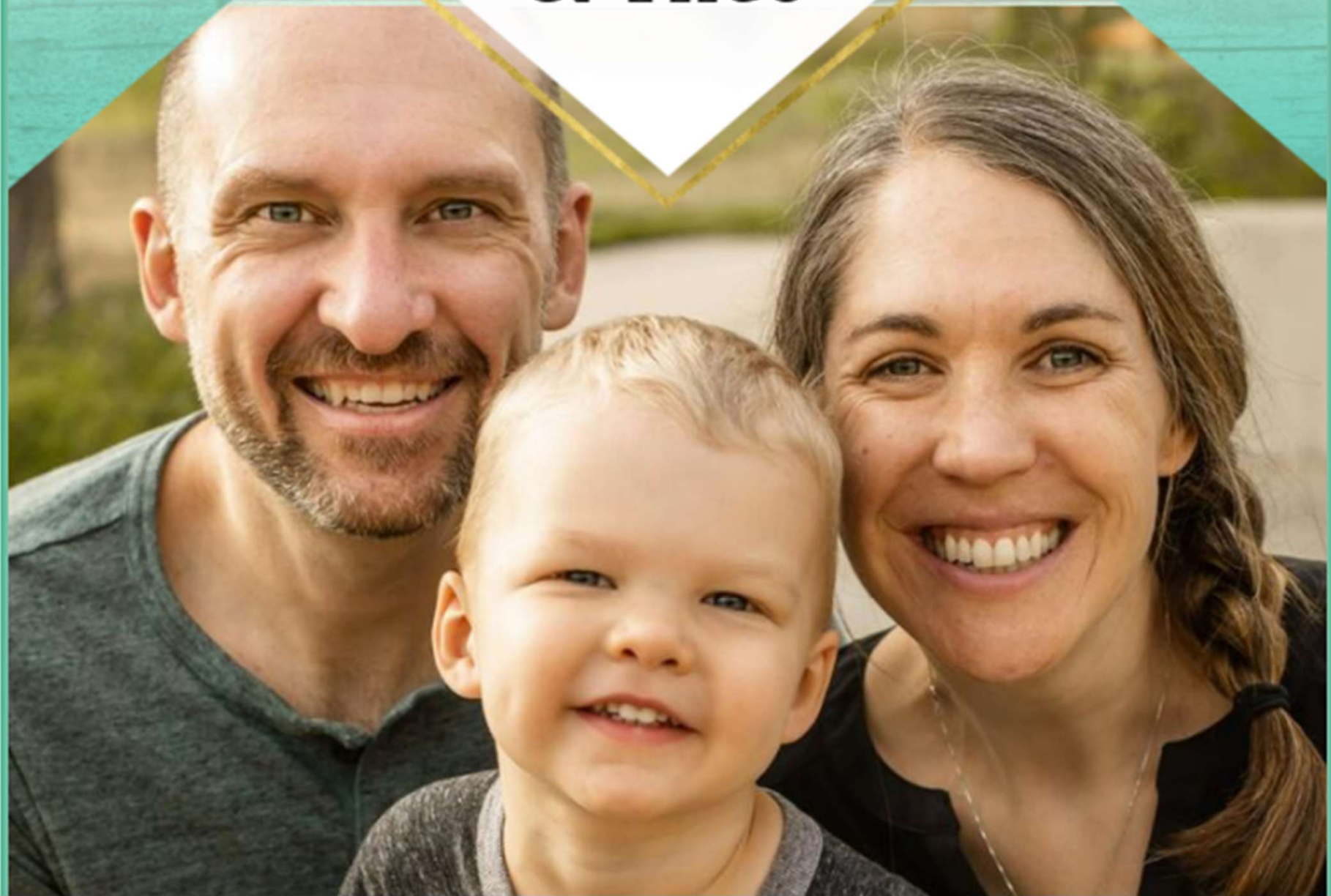


Nate, Becky
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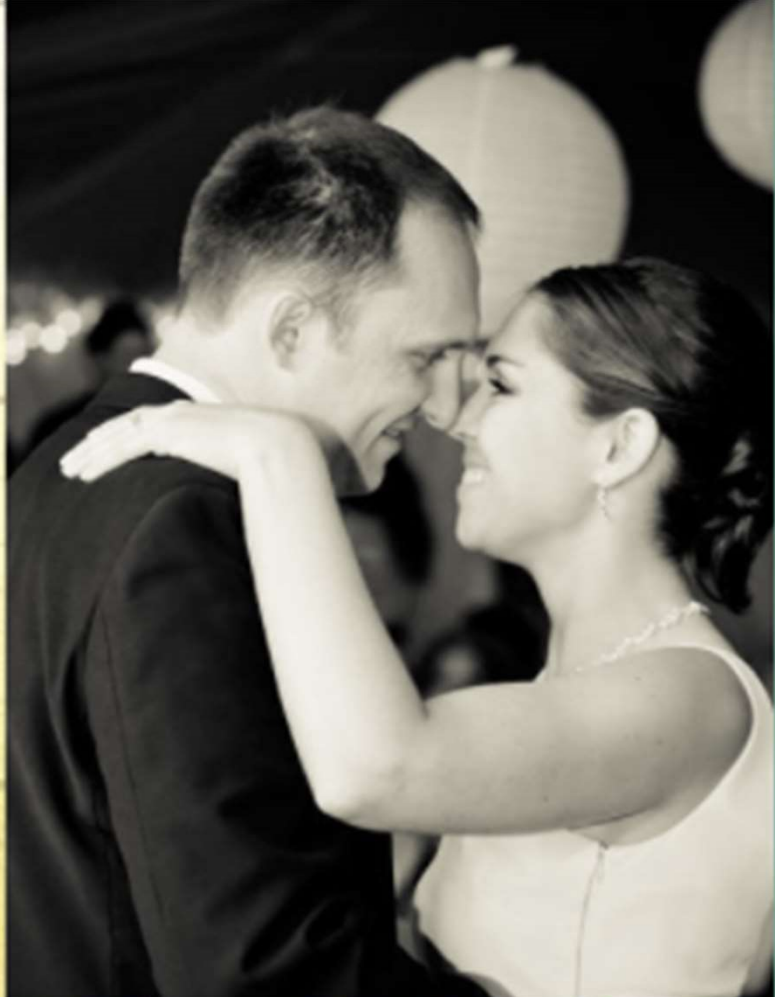


HELLO!

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We are so hopeful about the idea of expanding our family, but also realize we can only try to imagine what emotions you must be feeling. We hope to get to know you, and experience this journey together.

We grew up in the Midwest, met in Chicago after college, and moved to Boulder, Colorado about 8 years ago to enjoy nature and the slower way of life in a smaller town. Plus, we were ready to have kids. We faced various heart-breaking challenges along the way and finally welcomed Theo in May 2018. We have adjusted easily to being a family of 3, but also long for him to have a sibling.

We have so much love to share and hope you'll give us a chance to show you a bit about the life we lead and how you and your child can fit in to it.





our story

We met through mutual friends when we lived in Chicago. Becky's roommate and good friend, Erin, said after our first date, "You're going to marry that guy." She was right. We were married in 2010 on a vineyard in Michigan surrounded by family and friends.

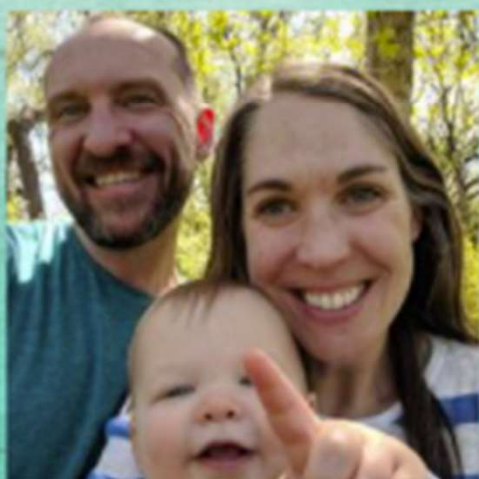


About two years after we got married, we decided that it was time to leave the big city. We decided on Boulder, Colorado because of its natural beauty and active lifestyle.



Soon after we moved to Boulder, we added our darling dog to our lives, Henri Winkler. She was the cutest fluff ball of a puppy and we could not resist. She's been part of our family for about 8 years, and we can't imagine life without her. She's mild-mannered and always gentle with children.

We welcomed Theo to the family in May 2018 and we have loved, loved, loved being parents. He's been a big kid since birth, topping out the scales and the height measurements. Our families have been so supportive as we transitioned into parenthood.





Becky is 38 and has a structural engineering background. She now works at the University of Colorado running a facility where students design and build their projects. She runs programs related to social innovation and design.

She loves being outside whether its hiking, playing volleyball, or lounging in the backyard hammock. She's always up for learning new things and loves a good book.





Nate is 40 and works as a software engineer at Google. In his free time, he loves to backpack and ski. He meets up with friends to rock climb and play racquetball.

Around the house, he tackles projects and loves to cook and learn the science behind cooking. Nate absolutely loves being in Boulder and being able to access the mountains on a whim.



Theo

laugh and read books. He's really into trucks and construction equipment.. He is friendly and really easy going. He rarely turns down food, and we love helping him learn.. He is absolutely in love with Henri, our dog. We spend a lot of time in the backyard and at the park where he explores and tests his independence.




Henri Winkler



Henri, our girl dog with a boy's name, has been such an amazing addition to our family. She loves to hike and also loves cool weather. She has been so patient with Theo and clearly loves him very much.







We can't wait for you to join our family.

During the last few years, we've been challenged with the loss of our first son as an infant and the loss of our ability to try again. Just when we were feeling truly hopeless, we were given the most amazing gift - we welcomed Theo using a gestational carrier. The journey that brought Theo to us is so special and precious. But we know our family is not yet complete. We invite you to take yet another journey with us - the one of becoming our family and giving us the greatest gift you could give.

While we've never been in your shoes, we know what it's like to make life-changing decisions for the well-being of our child. We believe you are very brave. We hope you know it too. Whether you join our family or the family of some other person or couple, know that you have our admiration.

We have so much love to share and look forward to raising a child with an amazing big brother in a stable home marked by constant laughter and unconditional love. We know this child will be loved by so many people. Our families have shown us how accepting and supportive they are.

We promise to work hard to honor this adoption through a strong connection between your family and ours. Open adoption is the only way we've considered doing it. Children need to know where they came from. They should be able to connect with family of all kinds. Theo will know his unique story of joining our family and our adopted child will too.

Theo's Story

After the loss of our first son, Benjamin, soon after birth, we had years of fertility troubles. Things were really difficult. The first good news we heard after meeting with many doctors was when our sister-in-law said she would try to carry our baby. We didn't have many chances and the first procedure didn't work. But, the second one was successful. This began 9 months of learning to rely on others. Our families and friends were amazing.

So Much Love

While Krista was pregnant with Theo, we visited her and her family in Michigan every month. On every visit, we could see how much Krista, her husband Mike (Nate's brother), and their children, Reuben and Isabelle, loved Theo, even before he was born. They all took amazing care of him, and we were so lucky to share this experience with them. In fact, we received nothing but support from our families and friends during the entire time Krista was pregnant. Now Krista and Theo have a special relationship and we







FAMILY

Our families are so supportive and are excited to add to the family. Both our sets of parents have been married over 40 years. They set an amazing example. Becky and her brother share a quirky sense of humor and Nate bears a striking resemblance to his two brothers.



On May 24, 2019, the entire family gathered in Chicago (one central location) to celebrate Theo's first birthday. Four grandparents, 3 sets of aunts and uncles, and 6 cousins gathered. They traveled from central Illinois, Michigan, Boston, and Seattle



Becky grew up in central Illinois with her older brother, Will, and their parents, Bill and Sue. Both of Becky's parents are retired teachers, so education runs in the family. They spent summers camping and visiting Lake Michigan. Will married Anisha and they live in Seattle with their kids Alina and Ayson. The family gets together often and video chats weekly. Ayson is only 3 weeks younger than Theo and it's so much fun to get them together!

Nate grew up in Michigan with an older brother, Jonathan, and a younger brother Mike. There are many stories about the volume of food these boys consumed when they were all in high school. Nate's dad worked as a doctor and his mom took care of the boys. Jon and his wife Katie live in Boston with their kids Julia and Matthew and Mike and his wife Krista live in Michigan with their kids Reuben and Isabelle. The family gets together multiple times a year, and the cousin love is really strong





family time





On the first day of house-hunting, we saw this house after visiting a couple of others. The realtor made us go in separate rooms and give a thumbs-up for the house we liked best. We each gave a huge thumbs-up for the same one! We love running around in the yard with Henri and Theo and having dinner on the deck. We can't wait to have backyard hammock naps and bonfires in the fire pit with our children.



Home
Sweet
Home



What I love about Nate

After a long wait, Nate finally got what he desired most: to be a father. Along with being exceptionally caring and supportive, he is Theo's (and every kid's) favorite person. I love him more and more every time I see him playing games, doing voices, and making up songs to get Theo and other kids to laugh. He does these things just to make me laugh, too.

When we met about 12 years ago, I knew he was perfect for me - he is just as at home attending a musical as he is watching football. He is a perfect role-model. I love that he is always learning new things and gets excited talking about them. I know he's my partner always, and I can't imagine going on this life adventure without him.

Becky

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What I love about Becky



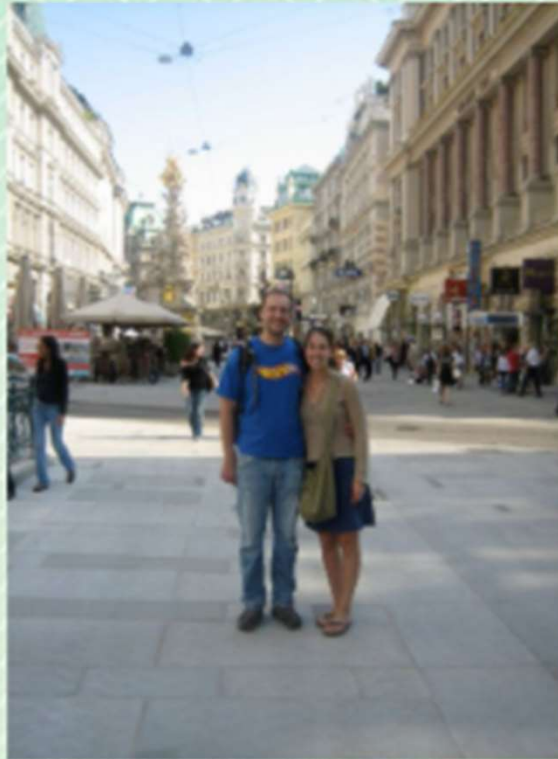
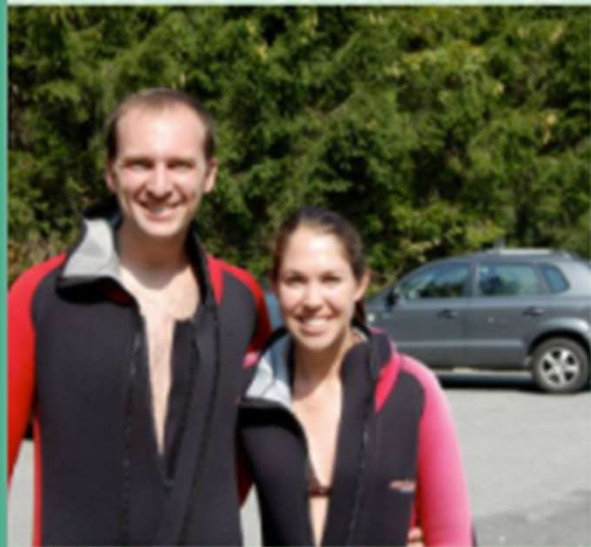
I can't imagine life without Becky. I love how smart she is, how compassionate she is, how she thinks that she is the most hilarious person in the world (and she is!). She is also the single most caring person I have ever met, and seeing her interact with Theo and other kids just reminds me how I always know she'd be a great mom.

The past couple years, before Theo, were really difficult for us, and my one consolation is that I have had Becky in my life. I don't think that I could have made it without her. She is a source of strength and love, and is my one and only someone.

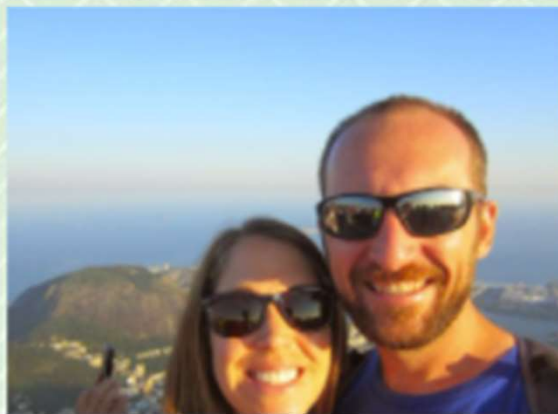
- Nate



Go see
the
WORLD



EXPLORE



VALUES

There are so many things that we cannot wait to share with our children. We want to instill in them a sense of adventure, a love of travel and different cultures, and the confidence to be themselves. We value education, kindness, and openness to new experiences, new people, and new ideas.

We both work full-time jobs and have continued to do so after Theo was born. Our professions are important to us in that they allow us to use our skills to contribute to society. However, we moved to Boulder from Chicago to be sure that we could prioritize a balance between work and personal life. - we both have short commutes and work jobs with flexible schedules.



When it comes to parenting, we believe in giving children the freedom to explore in a safe manner as long as it doesn't negatively affect others. We definitely have rules, but only rules that really make sense.

Theo attends daycare during the week, and he absolutely loves it. It allows him to learn to adapt and socialize with other kids. He learns so much every day from their professional educators.

We want nothing more than to give Theo a sibling. We both grew up with siblings, and we want Theo to have someone close in age to...well, complain

FRIENDS



Our friends have become family.

We have always appreciated the community and support our close friends, new and old, provide. Now this same community is so excited for us to add another child to our family. We spend time with them hiking, playing sports, celebrating life's milestones, heading out to Boulder and Denver's great restaurants, and generally finding fun ways to get the





Thanks for learning more about us.

Becky, Nate, & Theo

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