Steve and Alaina

About Us

We met in 2011 through mutual friends and engaged in a long distance relationship for two years. We will celebrate our 5-year wedding anniversary in the spring. We have shared many wonderful experiences with each other throughout the years. Both our shared moments of joy and our hardships have helped to strengthen our relationship and helped forge a bond built on trust. We strive each day to be there for one another in both big ways but also in the seemingly simple way of helping out around the house.

Steve currently works as the Vice President of Finance and Operations for a business-to-business publishing company and Alaina works as a speech-language pathologist in a public school. Steve enjoys helping balance a budget, work with human resources to identify talent and resolve conflicts, and ensure the company grows and succeeds. Alaina enjoys enhancing the personal development of each child she treats, helping them communicate more effectively at school and at home. She works effectively with parents to achieve common goals for each child. Alaina developed an interest in helping children communicate while abroad in China teaching English for two years. We have a variety of hobbies including playing weekly trivia with friends. Steve enjoys playing and watching sports, especially golf, basketball, and football. Alaina enjoys nature, hiking, and kayaking as well as reading and listening to music. Together we enjoy playing board games and going for walks with our dog, Putter. We are extremely close with our immediate and extended families.

Favorites

	Steve	Alaina
COLOR	Blue	Teal
FOOD	Chinese	Chinese
TV SHOW	24 and How I Met Your Mother	Friends and The Office
BOOK	The Great Gatsby	The Five People You Meet in Heaven
HOBBIES	Playing golf	Walking the dog
HOLIDAY	Fourth of July	Christmas
VACATION	Charleston, South Carolina	California
SPORT	Golf, College Basketball, and Football	Soccer and College Basketball

OUR HOME

We live in a suburb in a two story colonial house in a quiet neighborhood. We have a few young families that live on our street. Our home is in a top rated public school district, which is one of the reasons we moved here. We have four bedrooms and two and a half baths as well as an unfinished basement that we hope to finish as a playroom for children in the near future. We have a large fenced-in backyard. Since moving into our home a few years ago, we have made many improvements to the house, many of which Steve has completed himself. We live within five minutes of a large local park, where we bike and walk our dog frequently.

ABOUT ALAINA
(written by steve)

I am very lucky to have met Alaina and have her be my better half. She is the most kind and caring person I know. She is extremely easy going and we have lots of laughs together, which is one of the many reasons we get along so well. She has a big heart and is very supportive. She is very patient and even puts up with my sports' obsessions.

As a school Speech Language Pathologist, she finds great joy in helping and enriching the lives of kids. She also loves working with our nephews and niece on crafts projects and always looks forward to spending time with them.

I know that no matter what life throws at us she will have my back and I know we will figure it out. I am very excited to continue our journey together and embrace our future together.

ABOUT STEVE
(written by alaina)

Steve is an incredibly caring and supportive individual. He is always there for me in both good times and bad. Steve has a great sense of humor and is always making me laugh and remember to not sweat the small stuff. Steve is very hardworking and dedicated to his job as well as dedicated to his family. One of the things I love most about Steve is that he is close with his family and would do anything for them. Steve is a huge sports' enthusiast. He is very handy around the house and takes great pride in making our house a home. Steve is the perfect person for me to share my life with, and I'm so excited to start a family with him.

Steve's Mom and Alaina's Parents

Alaina and her cousin

Steve's family

Steve's brother, sister in-law, and our niece and nephew

Our Family

We are both extremely close to our families, and they have helped shape us into the people we are today. We both place great value in spending time with our loved ones and make an effort to keep in touch with loved ones who live far away as well. We see both of our families regularly. Holiday traditions are a foundation to our families. Together with Alaina's family we celebrate Christmas Day each year with a Chinese meal and a movie. For Hanukkah, we go over to Steve's mom's house for her world famous latkes. Both Steve's mother and his brother's family live very close. His older brother is married with two children. We enjoy spending time with them, playing games and playing outside. Steve talks to his mother daily. Much of Alaina's family lives about seven hours away and we see them every other month, and talk to them regularly. Alaina grew up in a family of three children and remains close to both her siblings. Her sister is married with two children. Her brother is also married. Our brothers and sisters as well as our parents cannot wait for us to start a family.

Steve fishing with our nephew

Our Dog

We have a 5-year-old dog named Putter, named for Steve's love of golf. He is a boxer-lab mix that we adopted from a local shelter when he was just a puppy. He is a big goofball and always makes us laugh with his silly antics. He loves to snuggle and go for walks and is great around children.

Alaina's family

Our dog, Putter

Playing with our niece and nephew

Dear Birthparents,

Thank you for taking the time to get to know more about us, and thank you for considering us to parent your child. Wherever your journey leads you, we hope you find comfort in knowing that you have chosen a life for your child where he or she will be surrounded by unconditional love and support. Family is extremely important to us and your child would be welcomed and accepted with open arms by our parents, siblings, extended families, as well as our friends. We both come from diverse family backgrounds, with Steve's parents immigrating from Ukraine, and Alaina's great grandparents immigrating from China, and are open to adopting a child of any race, gender, or ethnicity.

with love and gratitude,
Alaina & Steve

Why Adoption?

Growing up family was very important to both of us and we've long dreamed of starting a family together. Our journey to become parents started with infertility and lead us to adoption. We feel in our hearts that adoption is the right path for us to start a family. Our good friends have adopted and we see the joy that adoption has brought to their lives.