Rob

&

Brynne

About Us

We met on our very first day of college. Our friendship started because of Rob's generosity. On this first day of school, Brynne was struggling to set up her computer and Rob graciously offered to help. Rob did, what would have taken her all day, in a minute's time. And while that is impressive by itself, what's even more impressive is, this is a common experience with Rob. He is always helping someone. From this day on, we formed a meaningful relationship. For the first couple of years, we were just the two best friends there ever was. We walked to class together, we went to football games together, and we carpooled on drives back home. Through our mutual love of movies, we started a standing Friday date night. We spent more and more time together and then before we knew it, we realized we had something very special. Now, years later, we still enjoy spending as much time as possible together. We love traveling all over the world and experiencing all of life's adventures.

Rob earned his college degree and started working for a local company providing financial planning services. During this first job out of college, Rob gained a lot of professional experience and confidence, allowing him to start his own financial planning and real estate companies. Rob has been running those established businesses for the last 12 years.

Brynne earned three undergraduate degrees and began working at a local hospital supporting children on the autism spectrum. From there she worked as a schoolteacher for children on the autism spectrum before returning to school and earning a Master's degree. For the last seven years Brynne has head up a large outpatient therapy department, providing services to over 300 children and young adults with autism spectrum disorder.

Our Home

In 2019, we designed and built our beautiful, four-bedroom, waterfront farmhouse with plenty of elbow room on 6 acres of land. It is modern but allows an appreciation for a simpler time. Our property is a great mix of open fields and woods along the river with scenic walking trails. We have a handful of close-knit neighbors with children who are always tending to their farm, riding horses, kayaking, fishing, running around in the grass, and enjoying the passing hot air balloons.

There's an amazing amount of diversity around us. We're 25 minutes from the hustle and bustle of sporting events, concerts, theaters, a great food scene, parks, and countless recreational and cultural activities. We like to think of it as "small town living, with endless possibilities and things to do as a FAMILY just minutes away."

Rob "clawing" his way through Maine

About Rob *by Brynne*

Rob is "that" guy. He is the guy his friends, family, and co-workers go to when they need help with just about anything. He's the guy you want if you are stranded on a deserted island. Not only is he an amateur handyman, IT specialist, lumberjack, and landscaper, but he's also a professional Financial Advisor, goofball, momma's boy, animal lover, and avid reader. Rob is the guy who knows something about everything, and he uses that knowledge to support his people every chance he gets. He is loyal beyond measure, inspiringly hard-working, and genuine in his connection with others.

About Brynne *by Rob*

Brynne puts the biggest smile on my face every single day. She is my best friend and my favorite person in the whole world. She may be small in size, but Brynne has the biggest heart of anyone I know. For the last 16 years, Brynne has dedicated her life to working with kiddos with Autism. Helping to make the day of just one of those kiddos a little better is what gets Brynne up in the morning. Her compassion and empathy towards others are two of the things I admire most about Brynne. I know these will be strengths that Brynne will continue to pass on to all kiddos that cross her path.

Brynne has an amazing ability to see the world through an objective lens. There's a sense of calm that comes with this. She can turn a tough situation into a positive learning experience with her gentle and soothing approach.

I adore Brynne's little quirks....whether it be her love for all things Christmas, her obsession with Seinfeld or the Olympics, or her repulsion of ketchup and onions, it's those little quirks that put a smile on my face each and every day.

Oversized Chair or Undersized Brynne?

Fun Facts About Us

Olympic inspired Curling lessons

Brynne's staff showing her some love

Brynne & Co-worker on Live TV

Brynne's Facts and Favorites:

Occupation: Director of Therapy Services
Food: Pizza
TV Show: Seinfeld
Movie: Uncle Buck, Home Alone & Wayne's World
Kid's Book: The Hug Machine
App: Instagram
Favorite Childhood Memory: Besting her brothers in backyard sports
Travel Destination: St. Lucia

Rob is always amusing Brynne

Sporting our Superman poses

Rob's Facts and Favorites:

Occupation: Self Employed – Financial Services and Real Estate
Food: Anything Breakfast
TV Show: Big Bang Theory
Movie: Christmas Vacation & Lord of the Rings
Kid's Book: Harry Potter
App: Reddit
Favorite Childhood Memory: Picnics (eating sandwiches) out of the trunk on family road trips
Travel Destination: Turks & Caicos

Our Family & Friends

Brynne's Dad & Brother

Both of our families live a short drive away. We are so lucky to have close-knit parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins near by.

Now that Brynne and her brothers are grown, her parents love taking care of their labradoodle and basset hounds. They may have fur, but those fur-babies are spoiled and treated like family! Our home comes alive when all the pups are together. Whether it is for a concert, an adventure, or just to spend quality time together, Brynne's brother visits a couple of times a month. He is also a great dog-sitter for Archie. Archie gets so excited if you even mention his name!

Brynne & one of our favorite little people

Brynne's Mom and Stepdad in Emerald Isle, NC

Rob's parents are always just a phone call away.....in fact, Rob chats with his Mom & Dad at least once a day and most days involve multiple calls, FaceTime's and speakerphone updates. They love helping out around the house, cooking big meals, and dressing their grand puppy up in adorable costumes. Rob's mom shares our love of Christmas, so the holidays create lots of great memories. Rob's younger sister and her husband enjoy being a reliable support system and never miss an opportunity to have quality, family time.

Trip to Maine with Brynne's Family

Brynne's birthday dinner with friends

Art Museum with friends

Breakfast with friends in Miami, FL

Summertime on the porch with family

Family lunch with Rob's parents

"Typical" workday for Rob

Staying busy on a rainy day!

Rob's Mom and Granny

Cake baking Champions!

Rob, his Mom, and Sister

Dear Birth Mother,

It's weird to write this without having the opportunity to even meet you, but please know that we're on this roller coaster of a ride with you. If there's one thing you should know, it's that we are forever grateful for you. Somedays it might feel like we are worlds apart. Whether we come from different towns, religions, races, or backgrounds, we're all making a decision that will forever connect us. Please know that we are committed to that connection.

We are so very grateful for a way to complete our family, and we are committed to honoring the path that brings our family together. We understand life is complicated and how difficult this must be for you. We all need a village in life sometimes and we are happy to build that village with you. Your trust and comfort are important to us, and going forward, we will do our best every single day to provide an adventurous, reliable, and most importantly, loving environment for your child. We want to offer every opportunity life has to offer. We promise to honor you and to honor the heritage and culture of the baby. Thank you so much for taking the time to learn more about us. We appreciate your consideration, and we look forward to creating a supportive relationship with you.

Sincerely,

Rob and Brynne

Building Blocks Adoption Service Inc.

Sunday Funday at the Farmer's Market

Visiting the Biltmore in Asheville, NC

Why Adoption?

Sometimes life takes unexpected turns, and we must find a new and even better path to continue on our journey.
"Life is a journey, not a destination."
– Ralph Waldo Emerson.

We were not blessed with the ability to have our own children; however we are so grateful there is an even better path that allows us the opportunity to raise a child from any background.

After dinner stroll in Emerald Isle, NC