Darren *and* Hannah

about us

We met in Red Bank, New Jersey in 2014 on a mission trip providing aid in the aftermath of hurricane Sandy. We were good friends through college and eventually started dating. We got married in 2017 and purchased our grandma's house where we are currently living.

We love hiking with our dogs, going to the zoo, road trips, and a wide variety of outdoor activities. We're huge sports fans and look forward to football season every year (thankfully we root for the same team!). Our cousins are in high school, and we really enjoy attending their sports events, plays, concerts, and surprising them at work! In our spare time, we are either working on a house project, walking with the dogs, or cooking up new recipes.

favorites and fun facts

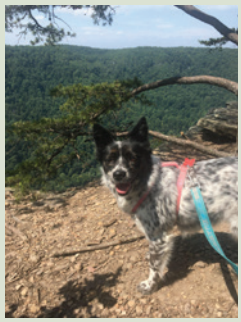
Hannah

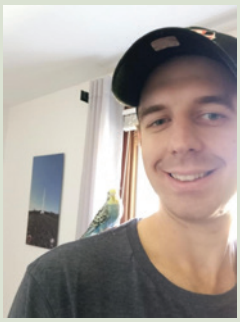
Food: Yes, please!
Activity: Canoeing/Kayaking
Holiday: Thanksgiving
Movie: Emperor's New Groove
Band: NEEDTOBREATHE
Vacation: Ft. Myers Beach
Fun fact: pet a red panda at the zoo

Darren

Food: Mexican
Activity: Running
Holiday: Christmas
Movie: Lord of the Rings
Band: Twenty One Pilots
Vacation: California
Fun fact: plays the drums and has recorded songs on Spotify

our pets





All of our pets are full of personality which keeps things lively in the house! We have two dogs and a parakeet. Rosie is our oldest and is a Jack Russel mix. We rescued her from an abandonment situation back in 2013 as a puppy. In her golden years, Rosie has grown less keen to walks outside and enjoys sunbathing in the window seat and watching for squirrels to bark at. She is our guard dog against strangers and the mailman. Jenna is a Boston Terrier/Heeler mix. We adopted her from a shelter in 2019. We had been looking to add another dog to the family, and we finally found one that Rosie approved of! She is very active and loves to go on daily walks. One word to describe Jenna is sweet. She is very gentle and excellent with children as well as a friend to all strangers. Our parakeet's name is Boris. He is the stinker of the house. He loves when we play music, and his favorite song is Kiss by Prince.

about Darren

Darren is the most caring individual that I have ever met. I love how great he is at taking care of our animals. He works as an engineer and is very reserved until you get to know him. Words that best describe him are caring, sarcastic, and a little nerdy. He is interested in space, planes, and everything Lord of the Rings. He is so funny and is always quick to rush in to support me in whatever hobby or interest I am pursuing at the time. There is no one else on this planet that I would rather be with. He is my favorite person and my best friend.

about Hannah

Hannah is the most amazing person I have ever met. She is a loyal and trustworthy friend and has very deep relationships with the people she cares about. She is hard-working and dedicated, putting 100% of herself into everything that she does. She really enjoys her job working in a lab as an analytical chemist and plans to continue working there for a long time. She is very passionate about cooking and gardening, and one of her favorite things to do is find and try new recipes. Some of her other favorite activities include walking the dogs, kayaking on the river, and watching football. She is a fantastic caretaker of our dogs, has a kind and caring personality, and an incredible work ethic. I feel like the luckiest person in the world to be married to her!

our Home

We live in a ranch style brick house that we bought from Hannah's grandma. It is a cozy home with a partially finished basement. It has been a bit of a fixer upper, but we have been putting in a lot of care and effort into remodeling it to be the perfect home to grow our family in. This past year, we started a garden in the backyard, and plan to continue adding to it as well as eventually getting some chickens. We live in a quiet neighborhood that is just outside busier areas of town. We are within walking distance of a beautiful park and frequently stop by the local ice cream shop in the summer. We also live close to many of Hannah's relatives, so we visit with them on a regular basis. Family is very important to us, and our home is cherished in the fact that it has been in Hannah's family for three generations now.

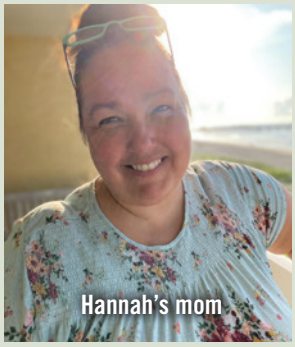
about our family

As much as you love them, family can be a challenge sometimes!

Hannah's family is very thoughtful, and they love to be involved in most aspects of our lives. We do enjoy spending time with them whether it is her dad coming over to help us out with our house projects or going to her aunt and uncle's house to go sledding with our younger cousins. We feel truly blessed to be a part of an involved family. Darren's relatives are much more reserved. You know that they are there if you ever need anything, however they are not quite as involved in the day to day aspects of our lives. They do live out of town, so we only get to see them a few times a year, but we call every week to try and keep up with everyone's lives. It is always a treat to pack up the car with the dogs and drive out for a weekend visit!

Hannah's extended family at a graduation

Memorial Day with Darren's grandparents


Hannah's mom

New Year's Eve with Darren's family

Darren's brother and his wife

Hiking with Hannah's brother

Darren's dad and brother

Hannah with her grandma at her sister's graduation

Sunday afternoon with Hannah's dad and sister

Darren's cousins

dear birth parent

Thanks for taking the time to get to know our family through our profile. We can't imagine all the conflicting personal and difficult emotions that you are experiencing right now. Whatever your reasoning, we both believe that you are very brave, and we commend your selfless courage in following through with this decision. Should you decide to choose us, we sincerely promise that we will do our best to instill the same qualities that you possess in your child – strength, authenticity, and being true to oneself. We also feel that cultural diversity should be celebrated, and we are committed to learning about the cultural heritage of the baby and incorporating it into our daily lives. Regardless of who you choose to raise your child, thank you so much for your bravery and selflessness. We wish you nothing but success on this journey!

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why adoption

We have no fertility issues that we know of; adoption is just something we felt led to do. We had a friend who was going through serious issues with her boyfriend while she was in the middle of a pregnancy scare. She felt alone, trapped, and completely lost on what to do. This got us to start considering adoption to help birthmothers who are facing difficult situations and feeling alone. We are able to provide a loving and supportive home for the baby, regardless of race or gender, and we feel led to be there for you as well.