# Steve & Erica

# About Us

We met at our previous company, and were married in 2018 in Central Park, NY. These last several years together have seen us grow significantly individually and as a couple. We've built a home, integrated 3 boys (from Steve's first marriage) into our new dynamic, welcomed four dogs into our family, and had to say a tearful goodbye to our first dog after a terminal illness. We've traveled extensively, including: New Zealand, Fiji, Italy – and, along the way, learned to laugh, cry, and be there for each other. We love to take our dogs on walks, shop, play board games, work on house projects, and just be with each other. It's amazing to see how life has evolved and we look forward to our future chapters!

| Erica | | Steve |
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| Sales | **Occupation** | Sales and Marketing |
| MBA – Marketing Management | **Education** | MBA – Finance |
| The Shawshank Redemption | **Movie** | Star Wars |
| The West Wing, Friends | **TV** | Big Bang Theory, The Neighborhood |
| Purple and Turquoise | **Color** | Blue |
| New Zealand | **Vacation** | New Zealand, New York at the holidays |
| Pizza, my mom's lasagna (and only hers), and ice cream | **Food** | Erica's mom's lasagna and apple pie |
| Photography, reading, crafts, thinking up random projects to do around the house | **Hobbies** | Playing guitar and writing songs, reading, running – generally love to be active, Building LEGOs |
| A little bit of everything | **Music** | Beatles, Taylor Swift and most everything in between |
| Tuesdays with Morrie, To Kill a Mockingird | **Book** | Lord of the Rings |

## About Erica *by Steve*

There has never been any doubt in my mind that Erica and I were destined to meet. She is the perfect combination of loving, caring, generosity, creativity, intelligence and humor and all that I could ever ask for in a wife. I am truly grateful every day that we found each other. Erica makes me a better person, and she has helped me grow in ways I didn't think I could. I want nothing more than for her to have the opportunity to be the amazing and wonderful mom I know that she will be, and I can't wait to be her partner for that journey. When I think about all the things Erica means to me, I get excited to think about the tremendous impact she will have on a child that we welcome into our home.

## About Steve *by Erica*

Steve is generous in every sense of the word; he doesn't think twice about giving all of himself at any opportunity. He sees the best in everyone around him, will always take the high road, and he loves and forgives easily. Steve is passionate about the things he loves – his family, his sports teams, his guitar-playing, his LEGOs, his books, his job. He's outgoing, adapts easily to any situation, and can talk to anyone – literally, anyone! I know he'll be a good father because he already is – he has three sons from his first marriage and he loves and supports them unconditionally. I look forward to raising our own children together and watching him become a father all over again.

# Our Home

We built our home in a quiet, nature-filled, subdivision in 2019. We are close to shopping, great local schools, and several parks. Much of our family also lives within minutes, which is such a blessing.

Our house has three bedrooms, a huge bonus room, and a full basement; it's filled to the brim with pictures and art. We have two acres of land, including a large fenced-in backyard and covered deck. The backyard overlooks a nature preserve, which is private, beautiful, and full of wildlife. Erica works full-time from home with her crew of dedicated interns (the dogs!) and Steve regularly works from home as well.

# Our Family

Bowling with our nephews

Visiting with Erica's grandparents

Graduation day

Four generations

Grandpa Santa

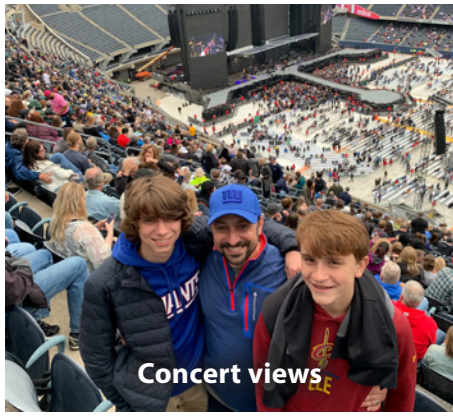
Our home consists of us and our three perfect dogs – Wesley is a 5 year old Goldendoodle who is undoubtedly a joyful, gentle soul – Gizmo is a 4 year old Goldendoodle who is equal parts loyal and goofy – and Toby is a 2 year old Labradoodle who is full of puppy energy and is always ready for a game of catch; we also have a guardian angel pup (our firstborn who we just recently lost to a terminal illness). These guys are so good and gentle with kids and babies and would love to have their own small humans to play with them in the backyard and to drop them snacks under the table.

We are also so very fortunate to have such an incredible group of people in our lives. Erica's parents live 10 minutes away and are part of our daily lives. Her parents have, from time-to-time, been known to stop by their grandkids' homes dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus, which has been such a fun tradition and we look forward to their future visits. Erica's brother, sister, nieces and nephews, as well as many childhood friends are also close by.

Steve's sons are also close by and are always ready for a competitive board game or basketball in the driveway! Steve and the boys are on a mission to visit each NFL field – with an annual winter trip to a new field each year (Erica prefers to spend that weekend in a cozy blanket on the couch).

While Steve's parents live on the beach in New Jersey, we see them several times a year – including a family vacation in the summer, with Steve's brothers, niece, and nephews.

We're so thankful for such a loving and supportive group of people in our lives.


Concert views

Beach break with the pups

Steve and his sons

Baseball game with family

Annual football trip

Mirror selfies

Visiting friends in Italy

## WHY ADOPTION

Adoption has been in our hearts for ages – both knowing family/friends who have adopted children. We are confident that adoption is how our family should expand.

We would love to fill our home with a child's laughter and are excited to experience the innocent magic of watching the world through a child's eyes. We would gladly welcome a child of any race, ethnicity, and background and would show them a life of love and possibilities.

## DEAR BIRTHPARENT

Thank you for taking the time to look at our profile. While we can't imagine the emotions you're feeling navigating the many decisions in front of you, we certainly empathize with you and respect you for forging this path. We know you have a number of excellent potential families to consider and we truly hope you find peace knowing you can find the "right" fit.

If you choose us, please know that we will raise your child with the very best of intentions. We will raise them in a safe place, with the comfort to be themselves and an understanding that they are loved beyond words. We will raise them to be kind, empathetic, hard-working, and confident. We will raise them to appreciate the life and experiences you've allowed for them and we will give them every possible opportunity to be happy and successful. We would also raise them with an ever-present gratitude for you and the life you created.

Thank you for considering us.

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