



Olivia & Max

Our Story

HELLO, WE ARE
Olivia and Max!

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us as prospective parents. We hope that you will be able to see the love that we have for each other, our family, and a future child.



CAKE ON THE FACE ON OUR WEDDING DAY



BEING SILLY AT A FRIEND'S WEDDING

We met 15 years ago when Max knocked on Olivia's door in our college dorm to borrow a book for a class. We connected over our shared love of music and travel and formed a friendship before starting to date two years later. After graduating with our master's degrees, we took a leap of faith and moved across the world to Southeast Asia, where we stayed for four years working and having many amazing adventures. We moved back home eventually, missing being close to our families, and got engaged shortly after and married in the summer of 2019.

We are lucky to be incredibly in love and in a healthy, supportive relationship with one another. Our relationship is built on trust and open and honest communication, we are very supportive of each other as individuals in pursuing our life and career goals, and working together, we have created a beautiful life. We have often talked about our future family and hoped to include adoption in that process. When Olivia was diagnosed with a health condition that could increase the risks of a dangerous pregnancy, we decided to pursue adoption to build our family. We have a lot of love to give and are so excited to experience the wonders of parenthood.



HANGING OUT AT THE EIFFEL TOWER

“ We are lucky to be incredibly in love and in a healthy, supportive relationship with one another. ”

My Wonderful Husband, *Max*

For as long as I've known Max, he has been passionate about social justice and making the world a better place. He has spent his career working for nonprofits, helping families have access to better education, health care, and labor rights. Both at work and in his relationships with friends and family, Max brings kindness and empathy in how he interacts with people.

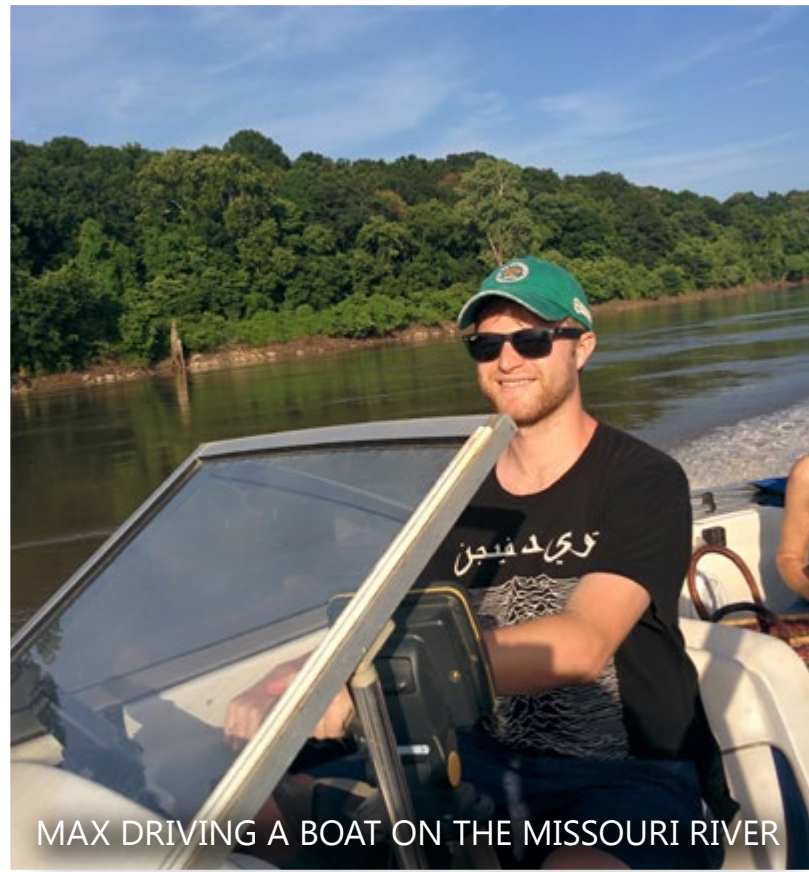


A WINTER HIKE WITH OUR DOG ZIGGY

Max's weekends are often filled with the sound of power tools as he tackles DIY projects, turning our house into a cozy haven for our future family. When he's not crafting or refurbishing, Max enjoys the great outdoors, frequently going on beautiful hikes with our dog Ziggy by his side. Max loves to be silly and is always cracking jokes. He's always singing to himself around the house and making me smile and laugh.



MAX



MAX DRIVING A BOAT ON THE MISSOURI RIVER

Friendships and family are extremely important to Max. He often plays the role of bringing friends together for a meal, and he's usually the first person his friends will call when they are dealing with a challenging life situation. They know they can rely on him to listen, to be understanding, and to give thoughtful, non-judgmental advice. I know he will bring these skills when becoming a father and supporting a future child.



FRISBEE GOLF WITH MAX AND HIS BROTHER

MAX HAS A NURTURING SPIRIT, A ZEST FOR LIFE, AND A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AND I KNOW HE'LL MAKE A WONDERFUL DAD.

My Amazing Wife, *Olivia*

If I could use a few words to describe Olivia, it would be 'nurturing', 'clever', and 'silly'. As an English as a Second Language teacher, she absolutely loves working with kids and they love her as a teacher, too. She is very warm, can make her students laugh with her sense of humor, and they know they can trust her to be their advocate. I know she will make a child feel loved and supported through every new milestone in their life.



APPLE PICKING

Something Olivia's friends often say is how organized and dependable she is. From planning vacations with friends to planning a new house project, she always follows through. She never hesitates to approach challenges and is essential to keeping our household running smoothly.



PLAY TIME WITH OUR NEPHEW

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SHE WILL BE A RELIABLE, CARING, AND ATTENTIVE MOTHER.

When not at work, Olivia is a hobby enthusiast – from playing the guitar and piano to designing stained glass – she loves to tap into her creative side and can't wait to share her love for art and music with a child.

Olivia's love language is food, so she's always cooking for me and our friends. One of our favorite Friday activities is to cook a big meal from a different cuisine from around the world. Part of her love for food comes from her passion for learning and connecting to other cultures. I know she'll be the mom who makes Sunday morning chocolate chip pancakes and is not afraid to make a baking mess with a future child.



PLAYING PIANO WITH OUR BAND

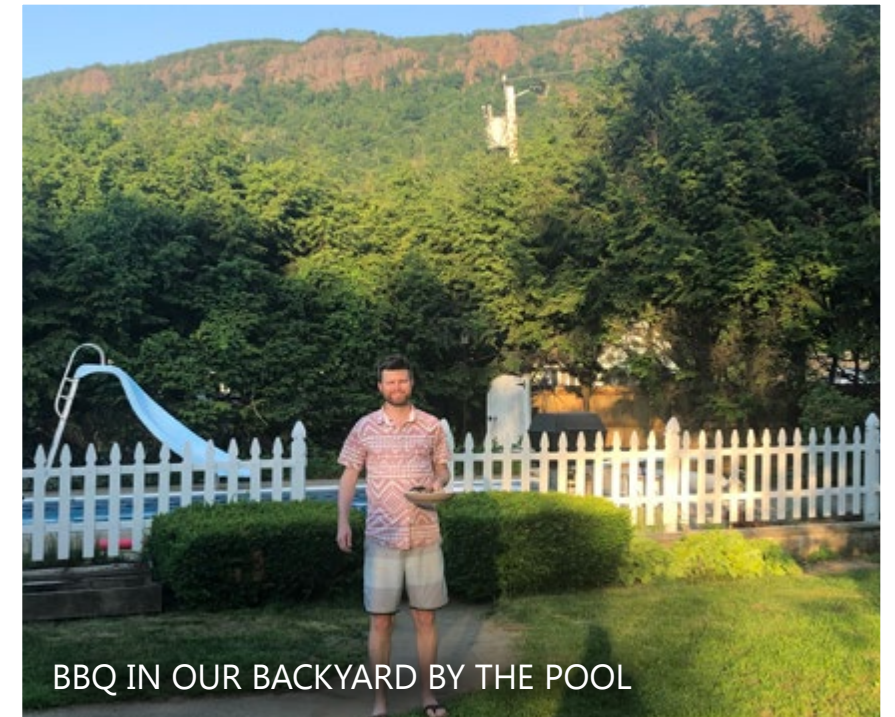


OLIVIA IN HER GARDEN

Our Home



It was our dream to live in a neighborhood close to both incredible nature and an active downtown. We can walk to hiking trails and coffee shops. When we take a walk through our neighborhood, we often find ourselves stopping to say hello to neighbors. Our neighborhood is very family-friendly, filled with kind neighborhood kids of all ages.



BBQ IN OUR BACKYARD BY THE POOL

“ We can't wait to have nightly family dinners with a future child. ”



DOING A PUZZLE IN OUR DINING ROOM

We love our home! It's located on a quiet street in a suburban Massachusetts town. Since moving in, we have updated some of the home's features, including our dining room, where we can't wait to have nightly family dinners with a future child. We have a spacious backyard and a swimming pool, which looks out towards a beautiful mountain and creates such a special feeling. We are excited to fill the yard with fun activities and games for a child.



ZIGGY LOVES TO DO YOGA WITH OLIVIA

The best part of living in western Massachusetts is that it is a rural area with city-like resources. It is the perfect place to raise a family. We live in a place where people are very accepting and welcoming. We cannot wait to take a child to the children's museums, the parks, and community get-togethers. We strongly value education and feel happy knowing that the schools in our community will be a great place for a child to learn and grow.

Our Family

Family is incredibly important to both of us. Olivia's parents live less than a 10-minute drive away, and we spend time together often. Although Max's parents live in Missouri, we see them regularly. Between our two families, we have three nephews whom we love spending time with, and who can't wait to meet their new cousin. Our parents are the best grandparents, and they can't wait to add another grandchild to the family to spoil with love and attention.



SPENDING TIME WITH OUR NEPHEW

Holidays are an important time for our families to spend together. One of our favorite traditions is gathering in Maine for Thanksgiving with Olivia's family while spending the day cooking an elaborate meal, playing music, and bundling up for a fall walk through the woods. For Christmas, we spend a week visiting Max's family, where we delight in cooking, playing board games by the fire, and simply enjoying each other's company.



FUN AT AN ESCAPE ROOM WITH MAX'S PARENTS

“Holidays are an important time for our families to spend together.”



VACATION WITH OLIVIA'S PARENTS, SIBLINGS AND NEPHEWS

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO RAISE A CHILD, KNOWING THAT THEY WILL BE SURROUNDED BY EXTENDED FAMILY WHO WILL LOVE THEM.

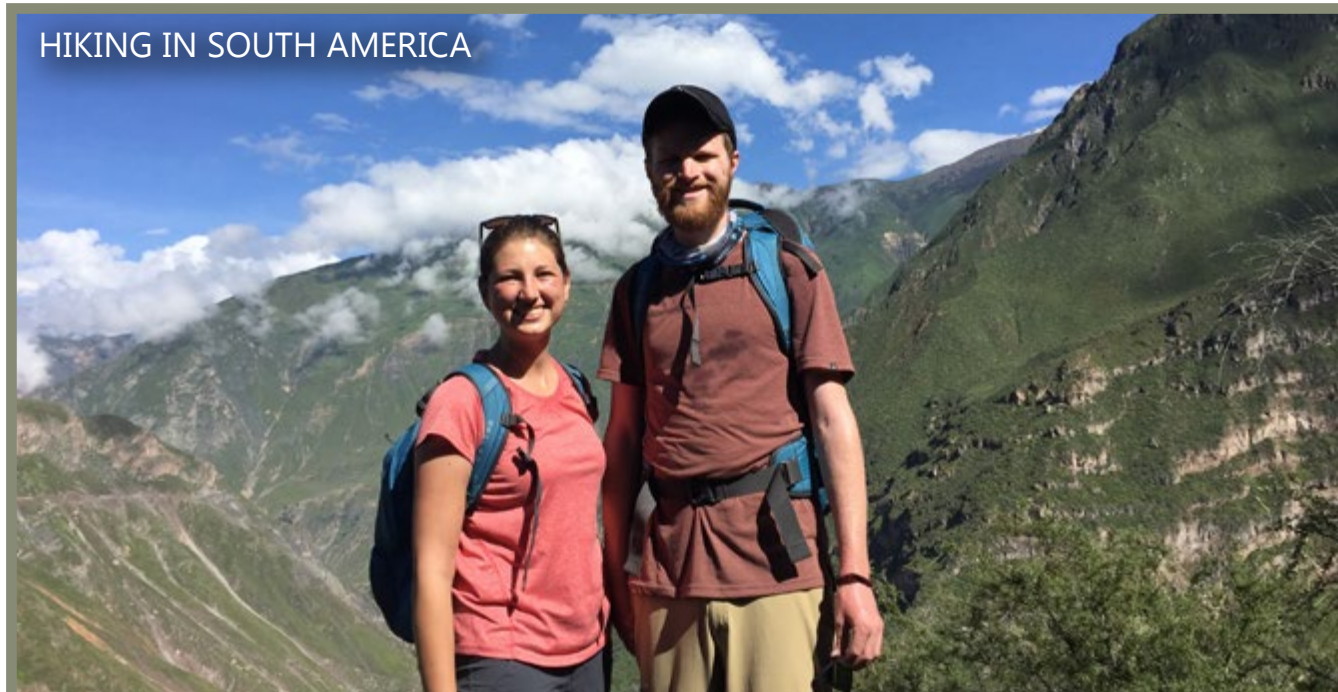


WITH MAX'S BROTHER AND SISTER ON OUR WEDDING DAY

We are so fortunate to have numerous dear friends who will be "aunties and uncles." These friends offer us their unwavering support. We are eager to introduce a future child to this lively, loving, and joy-filled circle of family and friends.

Hobbies, Interests & Traditions

HIKING IN SOUTH AMERICA



Fall: Fall in New England is one of our favorite times of the year. We enjoy filling our weekends with fun fall activities like hiking through the beautiful changing leaves with Ziggy, apple picking and sipping on warm cider, and decorating our home with pumpkins.



Winter: We spend Christmas in Missouri with Max's family. Max's mom is so excited to add a baby stocking to the fireplace mantle, and we can't wait to buy another pair of matching pajamas for our family photo. Once a year, we escape the winter weather and take a vacation to a warm place. We are so excited to travel with a child and expose them to different places and cultures.



Summer: One of our summer highlights is spending time at Olivia's family lake house in Maine. Lake life is filled with boat rides, yard games with our nephews – and the annual pizza-making competition! Our summers are also not complete with a trip to Max's parent's house in Missouri. There, we spend time in Max's gorgeous childhood home overlooking the Missouri River. When we are home, we relax by the pool and BBQ in the backyard. Olivia is excited to be able to spend her summer break teaching and taking a child to local parks, the library, and child-friendly community activities.



Spring: As Springtime approaches, you can find us planting flowers and vegetables in the garden. We both celebrate our birthdays in the spring with a tradition of decorating the birthday person's chair at the kitchen table. Max often plays in local soccer pick-up games – and Olivia knows he'll make a great little league soccer coach.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for taking the time to learn about our lives and consider us as adoptive parents. If we are chosen, we promise to give this child unconditional love and support, a great education, and a healthy and safe home. We will encourage them to follow their passions and dreams and to be kind and joyful. We love our life and want to show a child the beauty and wonder of the world and to create an environment for them to always be themselves, to feel safe and secure, and to thrive in life.

“ We love our life and want to show a child the beauty and wonder of the world. ”

We want to follow your lead and support you through this process by letting you decide on the level of openness. We believe strongly in the idea “the more love, the better” and welcome you as a part of our family if you so choose. No matter what, we will always remind the child of the incredibly loving choice their mother made for them and guide them as they get older and navigate the complexities of being an adoptee. The story of their birth and how they became a part of our lives is distinct to them, and it’s a story we will respect and rejoice in.

We recognize how challenging and difficult this decision is, and we wish you all the love and support as you decide on what is the best choice for you and the baby.

♥ *Olivia and Max*



