



# RYAN & SCOTT

## BEGINNING A NEW CHAPTER

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter! We understand the important choice that you are making, and we appreciate you for making such a loving, selfless decision. Without people like yourself, our house could never become the home and family we always hoped for. We hope that our family story will spark a feeling in your heart and help guide you to us. Our wish is for you to allow us to provide a home with care, love, and support for your child as well as some siblings for your child to grow up with. Thank you for considering us, our boys, and for helping to complete our family story.



## OUR STORY

From our first date fifteen years ago we recognized that we had many of the same hopes, dreams, and aspirations which included a large family. Over the course of the next few years we learned how our similarities and differences made us stronger as a couple and had purchased our first home, got married, and began our forever story. Since that time we have created a life together filled with patience, love, and adventure. In June of 2014 our next chapter began with what would soon be the home to our first child, Carter, and then in May of 2017 our second child Zayvon joined our family through a unique circumstance. Speaking of the kids, they wanted to make sure we told you about our large yard as they love to play on the playset, trampoline, or run around with our yellow lab, Luca.



## CARTER

We were blessed with our youngest son Carter in June of 2014 when he was just 8 days old. Carter is our rough and tough little guy with a heart the size of the moon. His combination of fearlessness and his incredibly caring soul will make him a fantastic big brother who will be happy to create adventures and protect his sibling(s). Carter's Birthmother has expressed her appreciation knowing that he is growing up in such a loving and caring household through our open adoption. As a result of our open adoption, it also begins our story on how we came to love our oldest son Zayvon.



## ZAYVON

Zayvon came to join our family in the summer of 2017 when he was just 9 years old. Zayvon is Carter's half biological brother who became part of our family when their birthmother knew she could no longer care for him. Since she knew how wonderful the situation was for Carter through our open adoption, she had reached out to us and asked if we would be open to sharing our love with Zayvon as well. We immediately said yes to without hesitation and began our journey. Zayvon is our old soul son who likes to be calculated and precise in everything that he does which makes his time investment into karate a perfect match! Zayvon is a very intelligent young man who loves to analyze and understand how (and why) things work and loves to share his knowledge with others. Zayvon is a great big brother to Carter and the two of them have developed a sibling bond that is unbreakable but has plenty of room for a new brother or sister (which they remind us of quite frequently).



## FAMILY TIME

We love spending time as a family! We both grew up spending time with our large immediate and extended families, so naturally that's what we love to do now. Additionally, on weekends during the summer we head up north to our camper that is set up at a campground in North Western Pennsylvania. Seeing the boys smile, hearing them giggle, and winning the nightly marshmallow roasting competitions are some of Scott's most cherished activities. Ryan is such a giver and loves to make sure that he gives everything he has for his family. One of Ryan's most valued memories was sharing his first ever trip to Disney World last year on our first family "Party of 4" vacation. Seeing Zayvon, who loves Star Wars get to battle with Darth Vader using light sabers and seeing Carter's eyes when Queen Elsa made it snow inside are some of the exact reasons why we knew our future was to have a family. We want more than anything, for you to bless us all with the opportunity to expand our loving family while providing some great big brothers and Father's for your baby.

## OPENNESS

We have been blessed with our open relationship with our sons Birthmother and could not be more grateful to her. Liz, also known as Mommy to the boys will forever be a part of their lives and their stories. When we were placed with Carter, we had a very clear intention that talking to him about adoption and how he came to be our son was the way we wanted him (and Zayvon) to grow up. After years of communication through photos, letters, and phone calls Liz grew to know that Carter was in a home full of love, support, and patience. Our experience with openness has blessed us in the past and we are supportive of the openness that you may want for your child. No matter what your openness decision is at this time, please know that your child will always know how grateful we are for the decision you have made.

## YOUR BABY'S FUTURE

As a same sex couple, we know that acceptance, knowledge, hard work, and love are key family values that we will continue to instill in all our children. We look forward to expanding our home with another child and sibling and

providing them with the best possible opportunities in life. We will ensure that we equally offer every ounce of love and support available to create well-rounded, unique, and successful individuals. Individuals who understand the amount of people who love them and want the best for their future success. We are excited about taking our expanded family to see the animals at the zoo, having fun with water balloons in the summer, or rolling around in the snow in the back yard during the winter. Decorating for holidays, attending school functions, and planning for more family vacations and weekend trips in our camper are all things that we are looking forward to enjoying with our new adoptive family.

We are looking forward to adopting a Caucasian or mixed-race infant and appreciate that you have considered us. We are working with The Children' Home of Pittsburgh, a licensed agency, where an available counselor will welcome your call 24/7 at 1-800-961-7704, text message at 412-736-2908, or email at [birthparentcounselor@chomepgh.org](mailto:birthparentcounselor@chomepgh.org). Should you choose to, you are also welcome to contact us directly at [tosadorigelles@gmail.com](mailto:tosadorigelles@gmail.com).



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