

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER WAITING FAMILY

Meghan and John



We can't imagine the intensity of thoughts and choices that may be spinning through your head as you sort through your feelings about your pregnancy and also discern your future and the future of the child you are carrying. We have always believed that some of life's most challenging moments are the ones that define us most and make us who we are. We think you are amazing to be wading through all the emotions that come with this moment in your life and would be honored to be a part of your journey should we be invited into it.

Here's a little about our journey that has led us to you. We met in Greek class at theology school in Berkeley California. John learned some Greek but Meghan mostly learned about John. We started dating during a protest we both went to in Georgia. Twelve later, neither of us remember any Greek at all but are both still very much committed to building an equitable and just world for our generation and generations beyond us. We are still each other's best friend and have found deep joy in building our lives together.

We have an amazing little dog, Osito, who, four years ago literally dropped into our lives – someone dropped him out of a van as they drove by us. He is one of the sweetest little dogs you will ever meet, and is very much a member of the family. After being unsure if we could have children, two years ago Meghan birthed our son Alistair. He is a super high energy and incredibly charming little man, who's favorite activities include banging on his guitar while singing at the top of his lungs and jumping around in circles. We love him so much and he's super excited about the idea of being a big brother. We have always felt called to adopt a child, both of us believing that families are formed in many different ways. Meghan had an incredibly intense birth experience when Alistair was born and we both decided open adoption was the way we wanted to continue to grow our family.

We live in a diverse and beautiful community full of art and music. People watch out for and take care of each other in our neighborhood. There are many mornings we have woken up to either find our grass cut or our snow shoveled by our neighbors, and have attended many events at their homes and backyards. Our neighborhood is full of parks, soccer fields, small markets, murals and restaurants. John is a pastor in Southwest Detroit and Meghan directs a non-profit, so we are very much involved and connected in our community. We are so grateful for the diversity of role models and adopted aunts and uncles our son gets to grow up with, and deeply believe in power of extended family. We would love to raise another child who gets to grow up with that same amazing extended family.

We are excited to grow our family not only by one child but also by one birth family. We truly do believe that it takes a village to raise a child and look forward to meeting you should we be meant to meet.

About Meghan

- **Age:** 39
- **Favorite Food:** my mom's galumpki (Polish stuffed cabbage) and mashed potatoes
- **Favorite Movie:** currently Moana
- **Hobby:** swimming, kayaking
- **Favorite Song(s) :** Don't stop believing by Journey AND The Lazy Song by Bruno Mars
- **Holiday Tradition:** Giant polish dinner on Christmas eve followed staying up too late to for silent night at midnight service
- **Childhood Memory:** camping with my family and especially playing board games during storms

About John

- **Age:** 36
- **Favorite Food:** anything with bacon and avocado
- **Favorite Movie:** The Lord of the Rings
- **Hobby:** running and playing music
- **Favorite Music Group:** The Dropkick Murphys
- **Holiday Tradition:** making home-made whipped cream
- **Childhood Memory:** standing at the bay breakers on the ocean and letting the waves spray foam in your face (I grew up in California)
- **Favorite TV Show:** Schitts Creek
- **Favorite Vacation:** family trips to Marquette in the upper peninsula in the summer