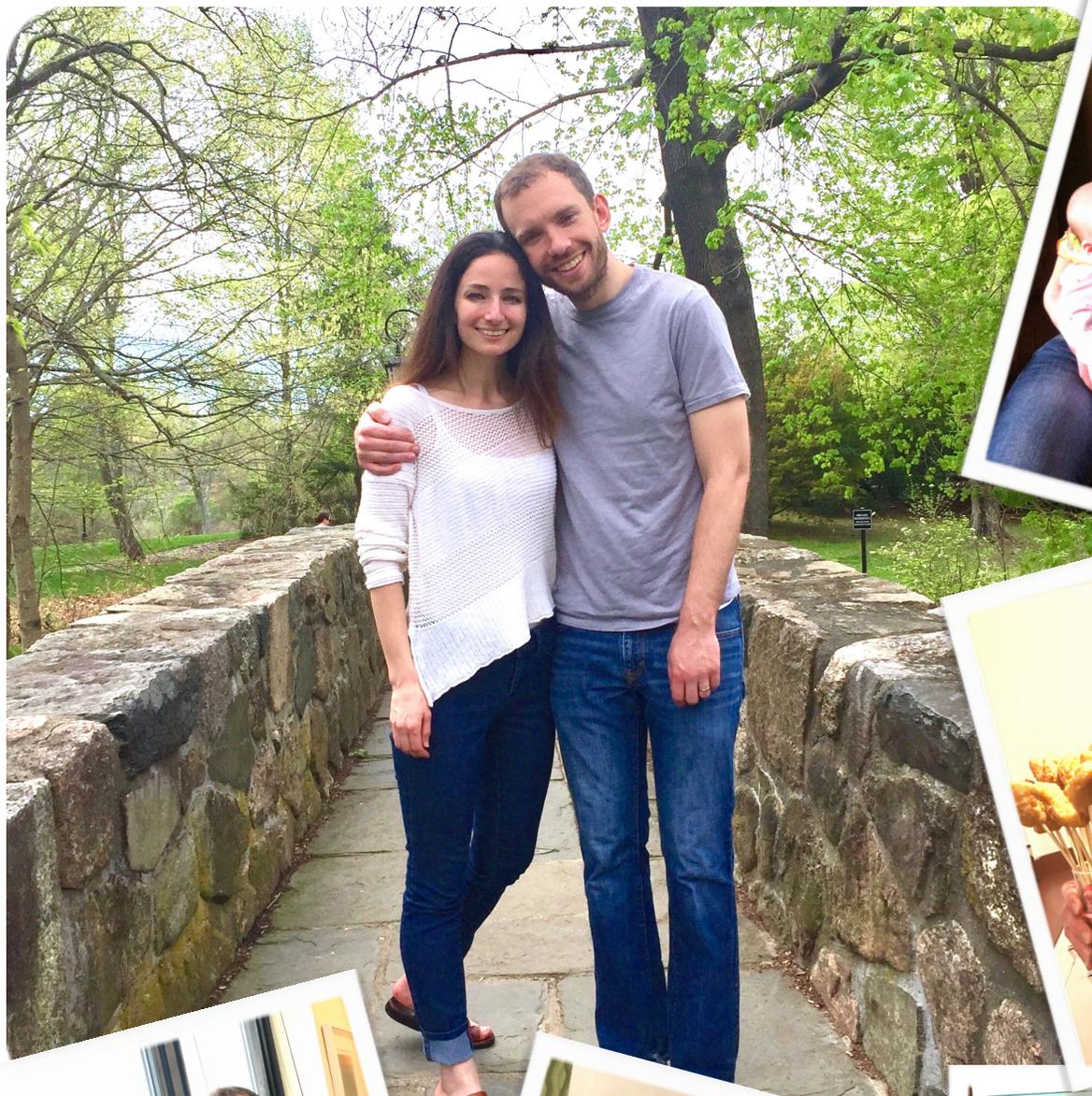


Julia + Tom

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Dear Birth Parent,

It's great to meet you! We have so much love to give to you and your baby! We want to be here for you both. If you pick us, you will always be an important person in our family. We will honor you and teach your baby to be proud of what a special person you are. We feel blessed to join you on your journey. You are a wonderful parent already and our hearts are with you. Thank you.

-Julia + Tom



Our Story

We met 9 years ago when Tom was in medical school and Julia was in law school, both at the University of Michigan. We've been together ever since. After we graduated, we got married. Our wedding was on a sunny autumn day, and we were surrounded by friends and family. We have great memories of the beautiful ceremony, packed dance floor, and yummy cake. We are lucky to live close to Tom's family, in a spunky city that we both love. On the weekends we get together with friends, take our puppy to the park, and go out for ice cream. We are openhearted, active, and loving and can't wait to share great times with a little one :)



About Julia

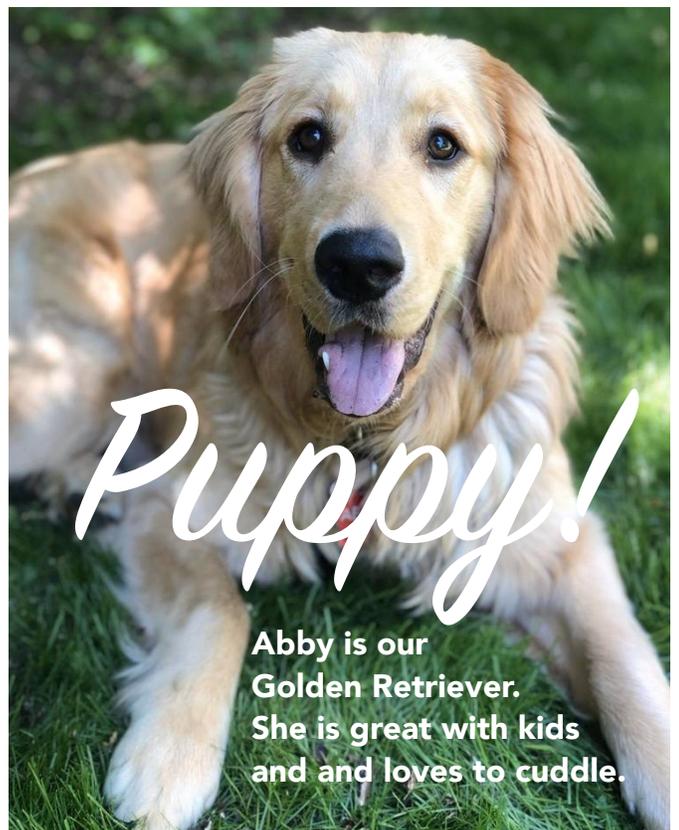
About Tom

Julia is a lawyer. She loves that she is always learning something new. Outside of work, Julia enjoys painting and drawing, running, baking, reading, and chatting with friends. Julia speaks Spanish, Hebrew, and a little Arabic and Farsi, and has lived in Spain and Israel. She grew up in Boston with her parents, brother, and dog. Friends describe Julia as kind, genuine, and loving.

Tom is a pediatrician at a children's hospital. He loves helping kids and learning about science. Outside of work, Tom enjoys playing basketball, spending time with friends, and rooting for U of M, the Pistons, Tigers, Lions, and Red Wings. Tom grew up in the "thumb" area of Michigan, with his parents, brother, and dogs. Friends describe Tom as easy going, funny, and smart.



warmth + love



Puppy!

Abby is our Golden Retriever. She is great with kids and loves to cuddle.



Our Community

We are deeply rooted in our community. Tom's side of the family lives in Michigan and we see them weekly. Every year, 40+ relatives get together for the big family Christmas party. Our Thanksgiving tradition is to celebrate in Boston with Julia's side of the family. Our family is proud to be diverse in terms of religion, ethnicity, race, and nationality. We can't wait to share our love with your baby.

