

BRYAN AND KATY





DEAR EXPECTANT MOTHER,

WE ARE KATY AND BRYAN.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity and the consideration for adoption. Your selflessness and love in making this decision show immense strength and courage. We promise to provide a loving, and nurturing home for your child where they will be supported and encouraged to thrive. Your child will always know about the incredible love you have for them, and we will do everything in our power to ensure they grow up knowing their story and the incredible sacrifice you made for them.

We hope that we have the opportunity to meet you, get to know you, and welcome you into our lives just as you welcome us into yours. We hold space for you in your decision making process and honor the choice you are making. We see you, and we are with you.

Thank you for everything.



ABOUT
KATY

I've spent most of my life in a quiet suburb of the San Francisco Bay Area. It is the longest place I've ever called home. I am extroverted by default and can strike up a conversation with almost anyone, anywhere. Growing up, I knew I always wanted to be in a profession that helped people and worked with children. It came as no surprise to anyone when I chose education as my career. Currently, I am an assistant principal at a large independent school, where I have the privilege of serving the preschool through lower school community. On weekends I love discovering new board games, eating as many donuts as I can, and planning our next adventure or project. I also dabble in yoga and weight lifting and am a former long distance runner. My favorite TV shows are S.W.A.T, Criminal Minds, Grey's Anatomy, Queer Eye and 90 Day Fiance!

fun fact

I solely, wholeheartedly, and blindly cheer on my local basketball team, the **Golden State Warriors**.





ABOUT
BRYAN

Hi, my name is Bryan. My passion for cooking started early, in high school, and I wanted to pursue a career in hospitality. Fittingly, my love language is acts of service. I've moved around quite a bit and lived in various places, from growing up in Chicago, to attending university in Rhode Island, to living in India for some time. Professionally, I've had amazing opportunities to cook for the Chicago Cubs and former President Barack Obama.

My travels have fueled my love of photography and the ability to capture life's memories. Additionally, I enjoy working on cars (my dream car is a 2003 BMW E39 M5), and I try my best to not lose an excessive amount of golf balls at the courses.

FUN FACT

As a proud Chicagoan I root for all Chicago sports-related, **GO BULLS!**



ABOUT US **TOGETHER**





OUR LOVE STORY

We met in 2008 through a mutual friend and began dating in 2013. We were long distance for a year until 2014 when Bryan moved to California. In 2015, we adopted our first dog, Boba. Our household grew again in 2017 when we adopted our second dog, Jango. In 2019, we got engaged, and in 2020, we were married. Most recently, in 2024, we made the decision to expand our family and are ready to adopt!





"TAKE ME TO YOUR **HEART.**
FOR IT'S THERE THAT I BELONG."

ELVIS PRESLEY





ABOUT KATY

Katy is that person that lights up the room when she walks in. She has friends everywhere...it's very likely we will run into someone she knows everywhere we go. She is a detailed oriented person and loves to help anyone that she can. While Katy works very hard and supports her staff and kids at work, she always makes time for our nieces and nephews in our life.

WRITTEN BY
BRYAN





ABOUT BRYAN

Bryan truly is the yin to my yang. He's the calm, stoic presence in all my storms. Bryan is the most supportive partner you could ask for. His support shows up in the quietest ways - making sure my breakfast and lunch are packed for work, filling up my gas tank, and making sure my laundry is done. His love is loud though; he's at every dance recital or sporting event with camera in hand, capturing all of the best moments. He shows up for those he loves in all the ways that matter the most; he is a steady, consistent figure in all of our extended families' lives.

WRITTEN
BY KATY



HIGHLIGHT REEL

FUN FACTS ABOUT US

Katy used to be a runner and completed close to 20 half marathons and 2 full marathons. Bryan used to meet Katy at the big mile markers with snacks and drinks.

Our birthdays are exactly one week apart.

Our first music festival together was Outside Lands in San Francisco!

Our first musical on Broadway together was The Book of Mormon.

We got married in 2020 during Covid and did a "drive up reception" outdoors. We share a wedding anniversary with Katy's parents. We hosted a makeup reception and party in 2021 on our one year anniversary.

Together, we've been to the Golden State Warriors vs Chicago Bulls basketball game in the Bay Area every year since 2016.

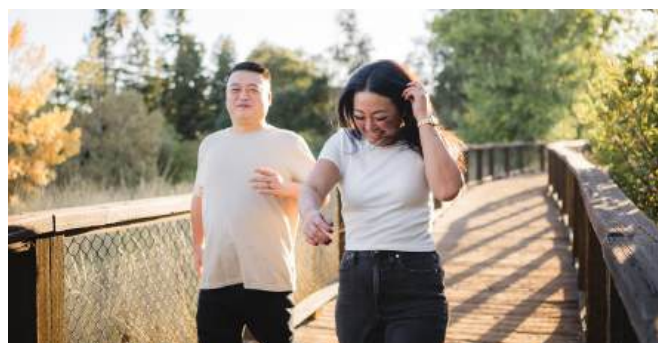
Our favorite go-to meal is chicken wings from Wingstop, and we can polish off close to 50 wings together.

We've road tripped from Chicago to San Francisco and from Chicago to Scottsdale, Arizona.

We spent the first year of dating, long distance.

Together, we've traveled to 6 countries and 17 states.

Together, we have been to Disneyland at least 30 times. The most Katy has been to Disneyland in a year is 75 days!





OUR PROMISES TO YOU

Our path to parenthood has been unconventional. We want to adopt to complete our family. We know that we have the capacity to love a child wholeheartedly.

We promise to love your baby endlessly and without reserve. We promise to give your baby all that they need to feel successful. We promise to teach your baby to love those around them, treat others with kindness and empathy, and see the world through a lens of curiosity. We promise to show them the world to the best of our ability. Our hopes and promise for your baby is that they have the room and ability to follow their passions, joys, and interests. We will simply be here to support them every step of the way. We promise that your child will continue to be very loved in our home and our lives. We promise that your child will know their story and your love.

We also promise to take your child to Disneyland as soon as we can; they will grow up being a Disney kid.





ABOUT OUR DOGS

M E E T B O B A A N D J A N G O

Our first dog, Boba, came to us unexpectedly. We found him running down the street in front of our house. Initially, we thought he was lost and was looking for his way home. After putting up flyers, contacting vets and the shelter, we realized that he was likely dumped and left to fend for himself. Boba became a member of our family in 2015. He is named after Boba Fett, but people often mistaken that he is named after Boba, the drinks.

BOBA



JANGO



Our second dog was a happy accident. Our local shelter was hosting a "Clear the Shelter" day and we decided to stop by just to have a casual look. As soon as we walked in with Boba, the shelter volunteers told us that they had a dog who looked like she could be Boba's sibling. We knew we had to spend some time with this dog. Two hours, a walk, and a meet and greet later...we were signing the paperwork to bring Jango home. She joined our family in 2017. Jango is named after Jango Fett.



ABOUT OUR VILLAGE

FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND TRADITIONS



ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Both of us have large extended families that are spread throughout the world. We have family all over the United States - in LA, Chicago, and New York. Katy's parents spend half of the year in Taiwan where most of her extended family lives.



ABOUT OUR FRIENDS

Our friends are our chosen family and our village. We are doting auntie and uncle to almost 30 nieces and nephews. We participate in everything from dance recitals to sporting events to birthday parties to weekend trips together. They are the siblings we dreamt of and the family that supports all of our dreams and hopes. These friends are eager to meet our future child and can't wait to dote on them.

OUR TRADITIONS

In our years together, we have carved out some fun traditions. We do an annual Halloween-Time trip to Disneyland where we dress up, enjoy parades and treats, and attend the Disneyland Halloween party - Oogie Boogie Bash. We've dressed up as Kevin & Russell (from UP), Carl and Ellie (from UP), Sox and Buzz Lightyear (from Lightyear), and Maxine and Powerline (from A Goofy Movie).

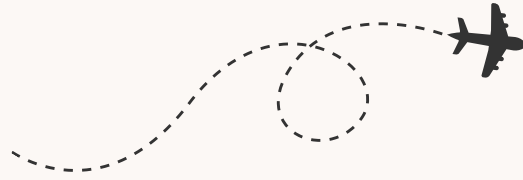
Sports are a large part of our traditions. Katy cheers on all Bay Area teams while Bryan is a die-hard Chicago fan. We make it a point to make it out to any and every Chicago team that visits for games with Bay Area teams. We love going to Bulls vs. Warriors games and Cubs vs. Giants games. Recently, we've made it out to a Bears vs. 49ers game. We always go with friends and rep our individual teams. It's a day of ball park or stadium fun, fueled by game-time food and a lot of gentle teasing for whoever is not in the lead.

For July Fourth, we always spend it with our friends and their children. We do a potluck styled BBQ and picnic. In the evening, the kids make s'mores and we set off fireworks and sparklers. The kids do arts and crafts and play all day.

During the holiday season, our lives are filled with family gatherings, friends-givings, and Girls-mas, and potlucks. Among our family, we will do either a hot pot night or a full spread with turkey, honey baked ham, and prime rib for Thanksgiving. We cap it off with at least three to five options of pie. This holiday is truly centered around food and desserts for us. With a group of Katy's childhood friends, there is an annual tradition of Girls-Mas where we DIY gifts (i.e. handwarmers, candles, aprons, pasta...you name it, we've made it), and hang out with just the girls and the children. The day usually begins with brunch and a coffee run and ends with delivery of boba drinks and popcorn chicken. With another group of friends, someone will host a themed potluck (this past year was "bring a board") and everyone arrives in matching pajamas. The children do a gift exchange and the adults take about 500 pictures, naturally.

Annually, we also do one big trip a year, typically an international trip. Travel is a huge part of who we are as a family. Some trips, we plan it with friends and family and some trips it's just us. Sometimes, it's a combination of both and we'll overlap with friends and family along the way somewhere. We've traveled to Canada, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, Japan, and Taiwan so far. We truly believe the world is our oyster, and that there are so many sights and foods left to be discovered in the world.





Travel plays a huge role in our family.

It is how we met, how our story began, and remains a big part of our family and our lives. We travel within the United States often and try to do one international trip a year. We travel as a family unit, with our extended family, with our friends, and in every combination of that. Our trips range from weekend sprints nearby, to week long adventures exploring new places. Between the two of us, we have been to 25 of the 50 states! We've explored 6 countries together (but a combined 10) and have a running list of places we hope to be able to visit in the future. When we travel, we enjoy trying restaurants and seeing local museums and parks. We love strolling down streets, coffee or smoothie in hand, perusing small boutiques or vintage stores.

Our favorite place we've traveled to is either Mexico or Taiwan.

In every country or region we travel to, we always look for a McDonalds to try their local menu. So far our favorites have been Hawaii's haupia pie and breakfasts and Spain's cheese bites.



L A S T L Y ,

The words “thank you” are simply not big or deep enough to show our gratitude to you, but, for now, that is all we have to offer. Thank you for your consideration. Thank you for the choice you are making.

W I T H D E E P G R A T I T U D E ,

*Katy
& Bryan*



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