



Clint, David & Kean



OUR FAMILY





We are Clint and David. Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and our family. The following pages will give a brief introduction into our lives. We have been together for 13 years as of this writing and it has been filled with adventures, joy, sorrow and laughter.



We first met at a coffee shop in 2005 in Boise, Idaho over a game of Scrabble and began dating in 2006 after running into each other at a Pride celebration and rally. In 2010, David moved to Hartford, Connecticut for graduate school and Clint made a second home in Redding, California for work. Over the course of that year we were only able to see each other a few times, however over Christmas break David proposed to Clint. On May 8th, 2011 we got married in a small ceremony with family and friends in Southington, Connecticut. David soon moved back to Idaho and we lived apart until we both moved to Portland in 2012 (David) and 2013 (Clint). We were able to maintain our relationship through daily Skype, phone calls and surprise visits over the years. We have now been together for going on 13 years and are looking forward to the years and adventures to come.



Clint

- DIRECTOR OF
QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT AND
PERFORMANCE

HOBBYS:
EXERCISE (GYM,
RUNNING, HIKING),
VIDEO GAMES,
TRAVELING, SPENDING
QUALITY TIME WITH
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

FUN FACTS:
I LOVE STAR WARS
I CAN BE SHY AT FIRST
BUT ONE I AM IN MY
COMFORT ZONE I AM A
GOOFBALL AT HEART.
I LOVE CATS
I ENJOY
PROFESSIONAL
WRESTLING



Clint's Story

I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN A SMALL MINING TOWN IN NEVADA. I HAVE ONE OLDER BROTHER. I WENT TO A PRIVATE, CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1-6 AND THEN PUBLIC SCHOOL AFTERWARDS. GROWING UP GAY IN A SMALL TOWN DEFINITELY WASN'T THE MOST IDEAL OF SITUATIONS, EVEN TO THIS DAY, MY PARENTS STRUGGLE WITH ACCEPTING ME FOR WHO I AM. WHILE THE ADVERSITY I HAVE EXPERIENCED HAS DEFINITELY BEEN A CHALLENGE, I THINK IT HAS ALSO MADE ME THE HARDWORKING INDIVIDUAL I AM TODAY. I NOT ONLY LOVE TO WORK BUT LOVE TO EXCEL AND TAKE PRIDE IN WHATEVER I DO. I WAS A MAMA'S BOY FROM DAY ONE AND ALWAYS LOOKED UP TO HER. SHE HAS THE BIGGEST HEART OF ANYONE I KNOW AND ALWAYS PUTS OTHERS' NEEDS BEFORE HER OWN. SHE MADE SURE OUR CHRISTMAS' WERE MAGICAL, WHICH IS LIKELY WHY CHRISTMAS IS MY ABSOLUTE FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR. AS MENTIONED EARLIER, I'M A GOOFBALL AT HEART. THE OLDER I GET, I THINK THE MORE CHILD-LIKE I GET. WHILE I TAKE MY WORK SERIOUSLY, I ALSO BELIEVE EVERYONE NEEDS TO ENJOY THE WORK THEY DO. THE GREATEST LIFE LESSON I HAVE LEARNED THUS FAR IS THAT THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN WORK. IN MY EARLIER YEARS, I FOCUSED MOST, IF NOT ALL OF MY ENERGY ON WORK. I REALIZE NOW THAT, WHILE WORK IS ESSENTIAL, IT IS NOT EVERYTHING.



David

SOCIAL WORKER

HOBBIES:
BOOKS, SCARY MOVIES,
SPENDING TIME WITH
FRIENDS AND FAMILY,
TRAVEL, EXERCISE (GYM,
RUNNING, HIKING)

FUN FACTS ABOUT DAVID:
BATMAN FANATIC
ENJOYS GENEALOGY
MET MR. ROGERS AS A
CHILD
SELF PROCLAIMED WINE
SNOB



David's Story

I WAS BORN IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH AND RAISED IN BOISE, IDAHO. AFTER MY PARENTS SEPARATED, I WAS RAISED BY MY MOTHER WITH MY LITTLE SISTER, CATHERINE. I WAS A CHOIR GEEK AND ONE OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES WAS BEING CHOSEN TO NOT ONLY SING IN WITH A GROUP OF HIGH SCHOOLERS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE OF IDAHO, BUT TO BE CHOSEN TO SING SOLO.

I WAS HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY MY MOTHER, WHO (PERHAPS UNBEKNOWNST TO HER) INSTILLED IN ME VALUES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND TO DO WHAT I CAN TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

I TEND TO HAVE A VERY FLEXIBLE PERSONALITY IN REGARDS TO HOW I INTERACT WITH OTHERS.

AT TIMES I CAN BE VERY INTROVERTED, HOWEVER WHEN OUT WITH OTHERS I CAN BECOME VERY OUTGOING. I ESPECIALLY ENJOY GETTING TO KNOW NEW AND INTERESTING PEOPLE.

SO FAR, THE GREATEST LESSON I HAVE LEARNED IS TO VALUE DIVERSITY IN ALL OF ITS FORMS AND ADVOCATE FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNHEARD AND OPPRESSED.

IN RETROSPECT OF MY LIFE, SO FAR I HAVE LEARNED TO BE LESS CRITICAL OF MYSELF AND I WISH THAT I WOULD HAVE DONE SO IN MY TEENS AND TWENTIES. PEOPLE ARE HUMAN AND MAKE MISTAKES. I HAVE MORE PATIENCE WITH MYSELF THESE DAYS.

Kean

WE ADOPTED KEAN IN 2017. HE IS THE SWEETEST LITTLE BOY WHO LOVES TRUCKS, SUPERHEROS AND DINOSAURS. HE IS LOVED BY HIS GRANDPARENTS, GREAT GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES AND DEAR FRIENDS. WE HAVE AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS BIRTH FAMILY AND VISIT SEVERAL TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.





Our Home &
Neighborhood

WE LIVE IN A MIXED INCOME NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CLOSE TO A LARGE CITY. WE HAVE QUICK ACCESS TO DOWNTOWN AND ALL IT HAS TO OFFER. WE ARE WITHIN AN HOUR AND A HALF OF THE OCEAN AND AN HOUR FROM THE MOUNTAINS. WE HAVE MULTIPLE PARKS AND TRAILS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE.





**OUR CATS: ISIS (BABES) AND AMOS
(LITTLE GUY)**



FAVORITE TRADITIONS

WE LOVE TO CELEBRATE WHETHER WE ARE SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY, SAYING TOASTS AT WEDDINGS, DRESSING UP FOR HALLOWEEN OR WAKING UP EARLY TO SEE IF SANTA CAME. EVERY YEAR, DAVID MAKES THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH WHOMEVER WANTS TO JOIN AND HAVE HOSTED FRIENDS AND FAMILY.





DREAMS FOR OUR CHILD

We hope to provide our child with the opportunities to develop into a fully well rounded human being. With the choice of open adoption we want our child to experience family as we experience it, both with chosen and biological family. We hope to instill in our child the importance of community and diversity. We want to provide our child with opportunities to experience the world, locally and abroad. We want to expose our child to different ideas and beliefs so that they can be proud of who they are and who they want to be.



OPEN ADOPTION ASPIRATIONS



Family. We aspire for our relationship with our child's birth family as that. We want to create an open relationship that best supports our child and provides them with the optimal connection to their family of origin. We hope that the birthparents feel welcome as new members of our family and us as new members of theirs. As parents, we hope for an arrangement that is more than a few visits a year, but one that develops into a deep and lasting relationship for both the child and ourselves.

