



Sarah & Ben

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us!



We are a loving couple of 15 years (plus our old dog Trix) who live in Oregon.

Our Story

We first met in Washington, D.C. when we were 24 years old.

A few years later we took a big leap, adopted a dog, and moved across the country to Oregon. It ended up being one of the best decisions of our lives, as we are now happily settled into our new home in the Pacific Northwest with a great circle of friends and meaningful careers in nonprofit and public service.



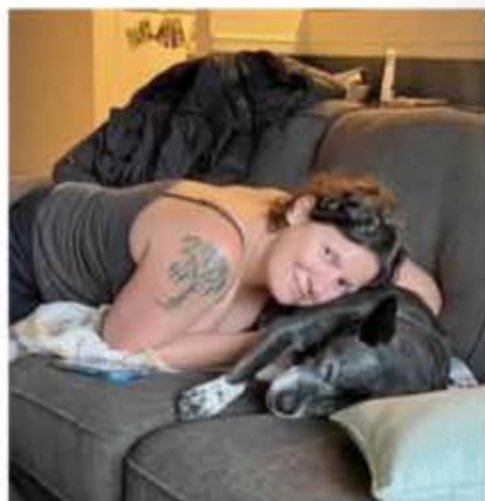


Ben

Ben grew up in Arlington, Virginia, just outside of Washington D.C. He spends a lot of his free time riding bikes, hiking, watching the Portland Trail Blazers with friends, or cooking. On quiet days he likes to play chess and read SciFi books. Ben works in state government.

Sarah

Sarah grew up in Nashville, Tennessee. She went to college at UNC where she studied abroad in Cuba, Ghana, and Singapore. Sarah likes doing yoga, laughing at her own jokes, and movie nights with friends. Her job involves helping nonprofits and community organizations connect to funding. When she isn't playing with our dog Trix, she's roaming the neighborhood making friends with the local cats.



Our Home

We live in a quiet neighborhood near great parks, bike paths, and even a college league baseball team. We love to host our friends and family for games and holidays.



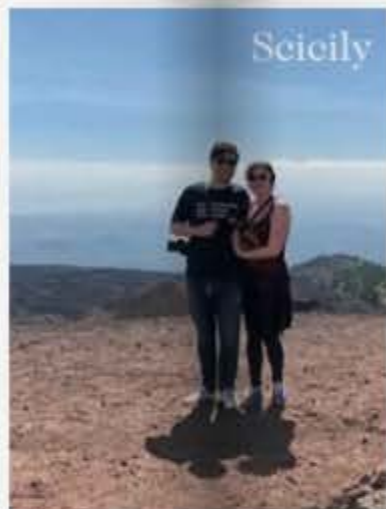


Our Family

Our Dads, Ben's sister, Sarah's brother and our friends make up the people in our community.

Both of us lost our moms to breast cancer over the last few years. Our home is full of things that remind us of them, including photos, original watercolors by Ben's mom, questionable artwork purchased by Sarah's mom and lots of photos.





Travel

Both Sarah and Ben love traveling and learning about many different cultures. Together, we have visited Europe, South and Central America, Africa and many places in the US. We are flexible, adaptable people who are curious and love to experience new things.

Pictures include trips to Italy, Mexico, Hawaii and more!



Sarah watching our friend's kids



Beach Day



Our late cat and santa!



Sarah's family in St John



Open Adoption

We are so excited to start a family through open adoption. We welcome the chance for a child to have more family who love them through the open adoption process. Expanding our concept of family is beautiful because all family relationships are complex. We grew up in homes where extended family and friends were always part of our celebrations. We are excited to raise a child in an open, supportive family structure as we take on the responsibility of raising a kind, compassionate child. We have a warm, welcoming home with so much love and energy to share with a child, and our extended family and friends are also looking forward to embracing and supporting us.

