



Miles  
and  
Devlin





## Hello from Miles & Devlin

We are excited to be on this journey  
of open adoption, thank you for  
reading our family book

# Our Story



We are Miles and Devlin! We met shortly after the COVID-19 Pandemic hit the world - in April of 2020. We started by going on dates in the park, and over Facetime to learn more about each other. We quickly fell in love, talking about our futures together and building a family. As we got to know each other better, we decided to move in together. We also started to share our families with each other. Miles' family lives close by and immediately loved Devlin's easy-going temperament and funny stories.



We went to Ohio to meet Devlin's family and friends. Devlin's family is incredibly warm and welcoming and were excited to include Miles in their traditions. After being together for a little over a year, Devlin proposed to Miles in the park where we had our second date. We knew we were going to be together forever and were thrilled to have a wedding with all our friends and family in January 2023.



Our first year of marriage has been incredible. We had a wonderful honeymoon in Europe where we were able to relax and see new places. We have also moved to a bigger house with our three cats. We absolutely love our new home and feel like our family can grow in it. We love being married; cheering each other on in our careers, going on adventures, and building new traditions together.





## Devlin's Story



I was born and raised in Columbus, OH. I have one older brother and two older nephews. My mother is one of eight and my father is one of ten, meaning I have many amazing cousins and second cousins in my life. My summers were spent with my grandparents and I look forward to my child also spending time with their grandparents too.

I have studied and lived in Washington, DC, Switzerland, Croatia, and now Portland, Oregon. I have worked for the government and in public health for many years, trying to make the world healthier for everyone.

I have always wanted to be a parent and I am so excited to build a family built around love, joy, and fun.



# Miles' Story

Miles and nephew



I was born in San Jose, California, and grew up in a few different locations; California, Utah, and Idaho, giving me a chance to explore the west coast. I have a twin sister, who I was able to go on many adventures with as children and we still get together as often as we can. My formative years were mainly spent in Idaho. I grew up swimming, fishing and playing sports with my friends. My schedule as a young person seemed to revolve around which sport was in season and the temperature outside.

My parents were always very supportive of all the activities and goals that I had, and remain that way. They have followed me to Oregon from Idaho so that we can spend more time together.



I moved to Oregon in 2005 to attend the University of Oregon, and I have stayed local ever since. I love the people, trees, and beautiful culture in Portland and all of the state. When I moved to Portland in 2009, I enrolled in a program to become a teacher. I have always had a passion for supporting young people to achieve their hopes and dreams. After teaching for a few years, I found a mentoring organization that is devoted to supporting youth holistically and have built my career with the organization ever since.

I have always wanted to be a dad and cannot wait to meet and get to know our child.



Miles and Dev with nephew



## Fun Facts About Devlin

Fun facts about Devlin:

- I love comic books and movies and love rewatching childhood movies like The Goonies
- My name comes from Superman Comics
- I love to travel and have a goal to visit all 50 states
- I have lived in Europe while I was in college
- I used to run a book club where we read Black authors
- I used to spend summers with my grandparents in Tennessee and St. Louis.
- I have 16 aunts and uncles



## Fun Facts About Miles

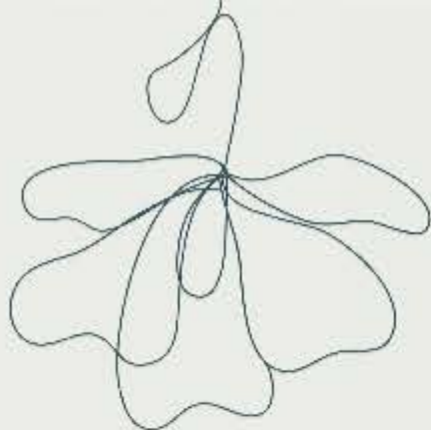
- I have a twin sister who I text with constantly
- I love baseball and going to games at new stadiums
- I am very interested in History and reading books about History
- I enjoy working out, hiking, and exploring the Pacific Northwest
- I love swimming and am often wishing I was on a beach somewhere
- I spend most of my free time on weekends working in the yard on various projects
- I am excited to be a dad and build new hobbies and traditions with our child

# Our Kittens

We have three cats: Ruth, Shelly, and Sonia. They are funny, loving and very sweet. They have brought so much joy to our lives and make us laugh every day. They can often be found on someone's lap or playing with their toys. We are excited for our child to have animals to play with and cuddle.







## Our Home

In 2023 we moved into a new home just down the street from where we use to live, as we love our neighborhood!

We love that our home has plenty of room for our growing family with 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. The heart of our home, the great room, offers plenty of space for us to play games and cook dinner. Our backyard gives us lots of room to grill with friends and enjoy Pacific Northwest summers. We have lovely neighbors with young children and grandchildren.



# Our Neighborhood



We live in a neighborhood in Portland, close to schools, parks and shops. We wanted to be in a diverse neighborhood, where there are other children and families we can connect with. Our neighbors are really friendly, and we are excited for our child to have other children to play with near by.



We live down the street from a large public park. The park is so beautiful and lively, especially in the summer. We had our second date and were engaged at this park, so it is very meaningful to our family. It has a playground for children, a rose garden, and fields where youth baseball and soccer teams play. We go often with friends, family, and alone to hang out or play.



# Favorite Traditions

We love the fall season and the holidays. During the fall, we love to enjoy the leaves and go to pumpkin patches with friends and family. The weather gives us the perfect recipe for hot drinks and warm clothes. We also love to visit our families during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Being with Devlins family in Ohio for at least one of the major holidays gives us a chance to see friends and celebrate in the Midwest.





## Dreams for Our Child

We dream for our child to grow up surrounded by support, laughter, and kindness. We want our child to live a life filled with love and family. We will encourage our child to explore and navigate the world with gentleness and compassion.

We are excited to watch our future child tell us who they are and for us to support them as they discover new things about themselves. Our child will not only know love but also know sympathy and humility.

## Open Adoption Aspirations



We hope to build an open and trusting relationship with our child's birth family. We believe that the birth family holds tremendous importance in our child knowing who they are, and where they come from. We also believe having more people who can love and support our child, means that they will more likely feel confident and assured.