



Ray & Mary



Hello!



Hi, we're Mary and Ray. We would like to tell you a little bit about ourselves and give you an idea of the kind of life we would offer to your child. We know that you are making a very difficult decision and hope that you have people in your life who are supporting you.

We live in a comfortable house on a quiet street in a small town in Western Massachusetts. Our neighborhood has a beautiful view of the mountain where we like to go for walks. Mary is a certified veterinary technician, and she takes care of dogs, cats, and the occasional goat. Ray is the director of a children's museum and an illustrator of children's activity books.

We are very excited to begin this journey and to grow our family through adoption. If you choose us as adoptive parents for your baby, we will make sure that he or she always knows how much love and care went into your planning for a wonderful life for him or her.

Our Story

We met as college freshmen at a small school in upstate New York, back in 2002. A mutual friend introduced us and we hit it off right away. Early in our relationship, Ray introduced Mary to raspberries. Somehow she had never had them before! In return, Mary taught Ray about pop music from the 1980s. Needless to say, it was the start of a great relationship!

After college, we moved from New York to San Francisco where Ray went to graduate school. Being so far away from our families was tough, but we took the opportunity to explore the west coast and make some new friends before moving back east two years later.



It wouldn't be our last move though, because Ray began working for the National Park Service. The job allowed him to spend summers in Maine and Montana. Ray enjoyed living in national parks. However, the distance between us was a new challenge. Through long calls on the phone and Skype, we not only made it work, we learned that the distance couldn't keep us apart. After that time, we moved to Massachusetts where Mary had just started a new job.

On a warm summer day in June of 2015, we got married on a boat on Lake Champlain. Four years later, we moved out of our apartment and bought a house on a cul-de-sac in Western Massachusetts. It has a fireplace for cold winter nights and a big backyard for hot summer days.





About Mary by Ray

Mary is a truly wonderful person. At first, she may come across as modest and reserved, but once you get to know her, you'll see that she is loving and empathetic, but also very funny and witty. She's the kind of person who's just as comfortable spending time with her 93-year-old aunt as she is with her 5-month-old nephew. She's also a very compassionate person who has spent her career helping animals in need and is always willing to help family and friends who need advice about their pets.

Mary is the aunt that all of our nieces and nephews love to play with. After having seen her with her nieces and nephews, and with her friends' children, it's clear that she has the perfect combination of love, patience, and genuine excitement to be a parent. Just as importantly, Mary is a preparer. She is always thinking ahead, planning, and ready to step in if or when something goes wrong. I am certain that Mary will be a fantastic parent.





About Ray by Mary

I really cannot say enough great things about Ray. He is the kind of person that everyone wants to be around. He is the perfect blend of funny, smart and hardworking. He's also thoughtful, caring and humble. Ray has a quiet calm that I believe will suit him well as a parent. He is very good at rolling with the punches. He never complains about anything and is able to adapt to any situation.

I admire his seemingly endless energy for all kinds of things. He loves music, reading, learning, gardening and nature. He never complains about anything. He is a great cook. He never eats too much dessert. He is thoughtful, caring and humble. I cannot say enough great things about Ray.



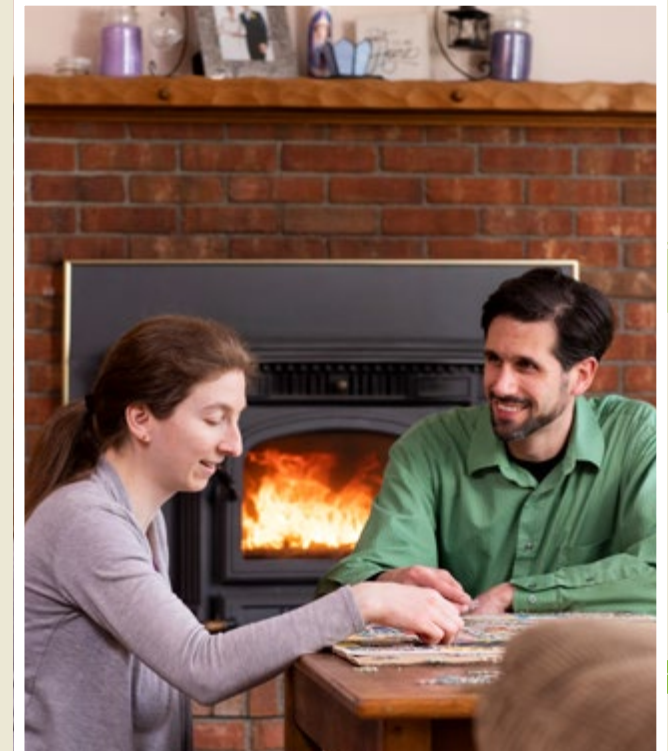
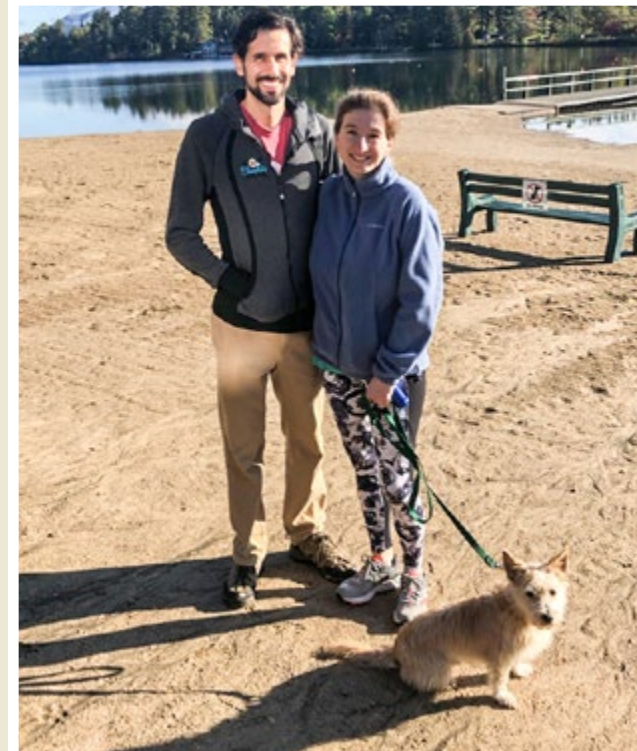


Our Family

We come from loving families who are both very excited and supportive about our decision to adopt.

Mary's family is big, which means there's always something to celebrate - a graduation, a 50th wedding anniversary, or a birthday. These are all big, fun gatherings full of laughter, games, and lots of food. We are always willing to make the trip, whether that's a short drive to her parents or other relatives in upstate New York, or a longer trip to her sister in Chicago.

Ray's family is much smaller, but is also very close-knit. They live in Pennsylvania and we see them several times a year. Sometimes we go on family vacations together, rent a house, go hiking, and eat great food. These trips have only become more fun now that Ray's sister and her husband have two young children.



A Few Things We Love To Do



- All year long we love to go hiking at the state park by our house with our friendly little dog.
- We're always cooking, often with veggies from our garden.
- We love watching movies and tv shows (mostly comedies!).
- Whenever we can, we spend time with friends and family.
- We love to travel, especially to national parks.
- Our house is warm and welcoming in the winter, whether there's snow on the lawn, a fire in the fireplace, or Christmas lights in the windows. In the summer it's nice and cool, with flowers in the yard and fresh lemonade in the refrigerator.





We're Excited

We're so excited to meet our future child! We look forward to taking walks in the state park by our house and spending afternoons on the playground right in town. We will meet all of the other children in our quiet neighborhood. And, of course, there will be plenty of time to play and learn at the children's museum that Ray runs. We promise to be kind, caring, fun, and most importantly, loving parents.

Thank You!

There's so much more to say that we just couldn't fit here. But we hope that it's clear that we will be thoughtful and loving parents. As you prepare to give your baby the best possible future, please know that we fully respect your decisions. We would be happy to welcome you into our family at whatever level of contact you are comfortable with to be a part of your child's journey.

Thank you for your strength, courage, and selflessness.



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