

# RUSTY & ADAM





# HELLO!

HIKING IN CALIFORNIA

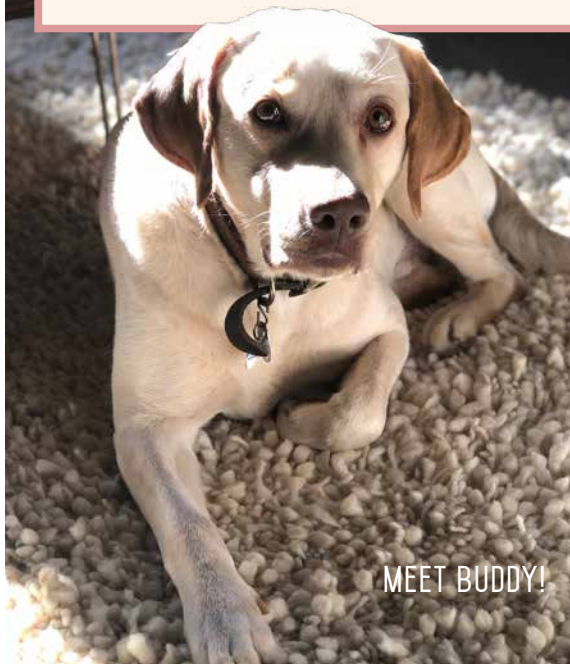
—HI! WE ARE—

## RUSTY & ADAM

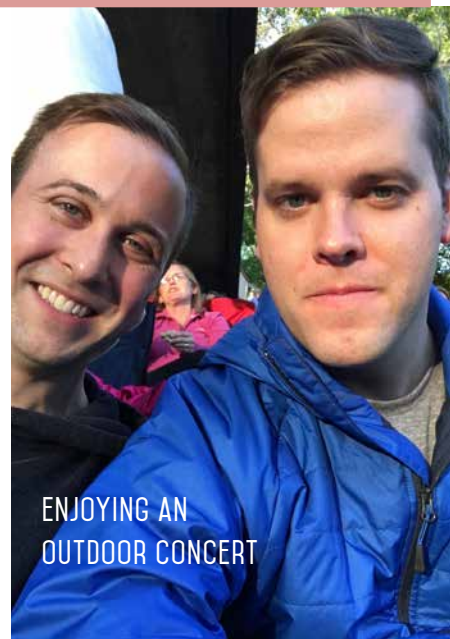
A FAMILY OF TWO - THREE, IF YOU COUNT  
OUR YELLOW LAB, BUDDY!

We can only imagine how important and difficult this decision is as you consider the best possible outcomes for you and your child. We admire your courage in creating an adoption plan for your child.

We hope you'll take some time to learn a little bit about us and how much we appreciate the opportunity to love and care for your child. **We may become dads, BUT YOUR CHILD WILL ALWAYS KNOW AND UNDERSTAND WHO YOU ARE AS THEIR MOTHER.**



MEET BUDDY!



ENJOYING AN  
OUTDOOR CONCERT

# OUR STORY



OUR VERY  
SPECIAL DAY

TO A VERY SPECIAL WOMAN -WE ARE EXCITED  
TO BEGIN THIS JOURNEY WITH YOU.

WE BOTH WENT  
TO SCHOOL IN  
NEW YORK CITY,  
AND MET IN 2008.

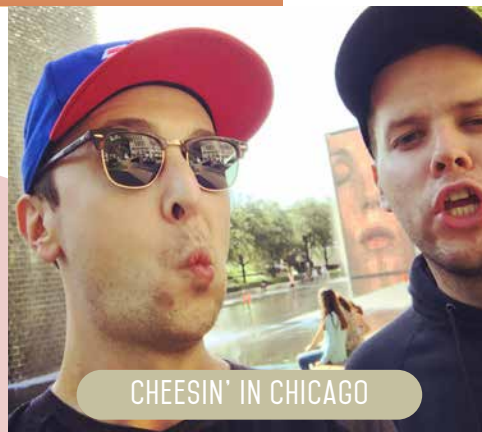
After a few more chance meetings, we began dating. It didn't take us long to realize we both had found someone very special.

After living in Brooklyn together, we were married in 2016. After 15 years of living in New York, we decided it was important to relocate to start the next chapter of our lives. So, we bought a house in Rusty's hometown and moved to Buffalo, NY.

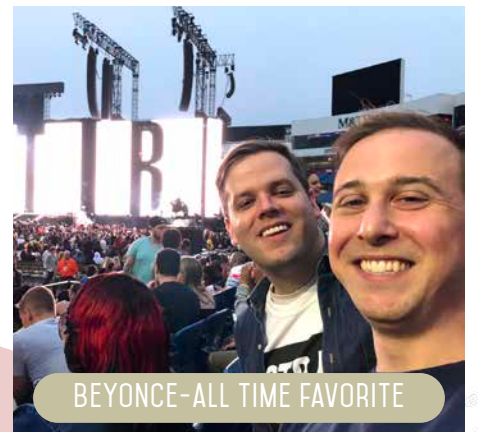
Since the move, we adopted our dog, Buddy. We may be impartial, but he is the sweetest dog in the world! Buddy loves children, treats, and belly scratches. Rusty's job led us to relocate again at the beginning of 2022. However, all of this was in preparation for the biggest moment of our lives, to become dads.



MADE IT TO THE WHITE HOUSE



CHEESIN' IN CHICAGO



BEYONCE-ALL TIME FAVORITE



# MEET ADAM

—BY RUSTY—

Adam was born in Illinois and grew up in Texas. He is the second of four boys.

Adam moved to NYC for college and soon began a career in product development and marketing. He now works as a director at a branding and strategy agency.

**AT THE HEART OF ADAM** Adam cares deeply about **traveling the world, experiencing all forms of art** and culture, and **learning new things**, three passions that he hopes to share with a child. **ADAM'S MAIN PRIORITY IS HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS**, showering the people he loves with laughter and love. His goal is to share the world with a child, guiding them to become a compassionate adult while encouraging them to follow their own interests.



## HERE ARE A FEW OF MY FAVORITES I WILL SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD!

- » **Movie:** Clueless
- » **TV Show:** Mad Men and Oprah
- » **Book:** On the Road
- » **Sports:** Football and tennis
- » **Musician:** Beyonce
- » **Color:** Blue
- » **Food:** Pizza and Caesar salad
- » **Vacation:** London or California
- » **Animal:** Elephants
- » **Dessert:** Rusty's toffee cookies and soft-serve ice cream
- » **School Subject:** History. I love learning about Presidents and First Ladies. I would like to visit every presidential library. My favorite, so far, is the JFK Museum. In 2018, we went on a tour of the White House.



# MEET RUSTY

—BY ADAM—



READY FOR COOKING!



TO ROME, WITH LOVE

**R**usty is originally from the Northeast. He caught the performing bug at an early age and went to school in NYC for acting. After college, he fell into a Human Resources job at a large technology company and grew passionate about HR, training, and development. Rusty has been with the same company since 2005.

**WHAT RUSTY LOVES MOST** In his spare time, Rusty **enjoys cooking meals for his friends and family**. He grew up in a house that had weekly Sunday dinners, where he would eat with his immediate family, aunts, uncles, and cousins. **There's nothing that brings him more happiness than to see the people he loves most sharing a meal around the dinner table. ABOVE EVERYTHING, RUSTY TRULY CANNOT WAIT TO BE A DAD.**

## MY FAVORITES - I CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD!

- ✦ **Movie:** *A League of Their Own*
- ✦ **TV Show:** *Survivor*
- ✦ **Book:** *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry
- ✦ **Food:** Cheeseburgers
- ✦ **Color:** Blue
- ✦ **Band:** Vampire Weekend
- ✦ **Dessert:** Hot fudge sundae with homemade whipped cream
- ✦ **School Subject:** English. I love to read, and typically gets through one book a month
- ✦ **Activity:** Karaoke! Some "go-to" artist include Bruno Mars, Elton John, and 4 Non-Blondes



—WHERE WE LOVE TO CALL—

# OUR HOME

WE JUST MOVED A  
FEW MONTHS AGO TO  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA.

Coming from the Northeast, it was great to have a winter with hardly any snow! We currently live in a new apartment building that is always bustling with a lot of activity, and friendly dogs looking for treats. There's a big recreation room in the building, with plenty of games and outdoor spaces where we've started to meet other families. Rusty also loves making new dinners at home in the kitchen.

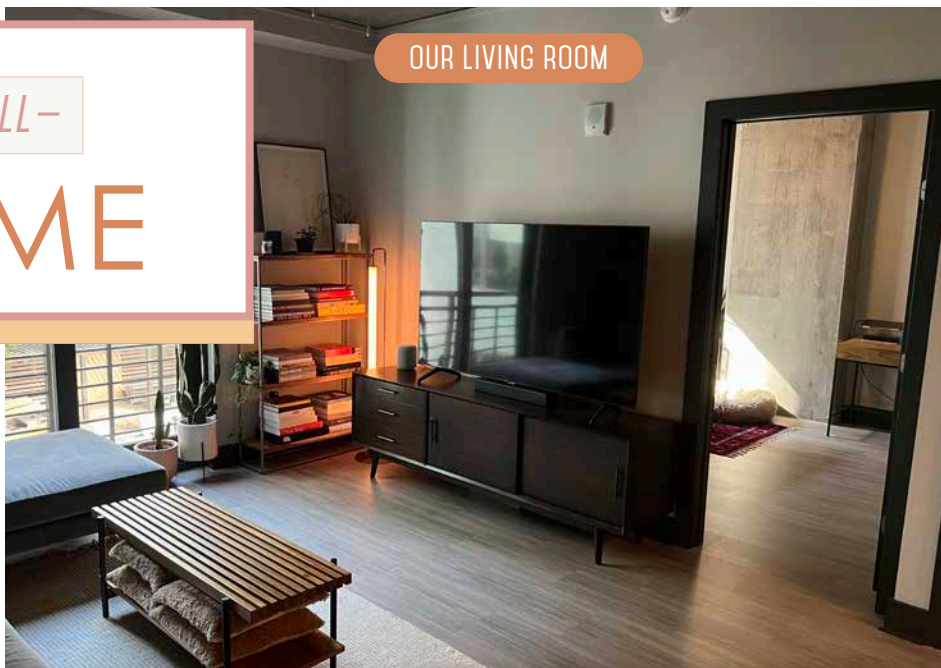
## HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Our neighborhood is very walkable with a fun restaurants and museums nearby. We also have been taking Buddy to a beautiful park near the apartment, and can't wait to keep exploring the many trails and parks in the area.

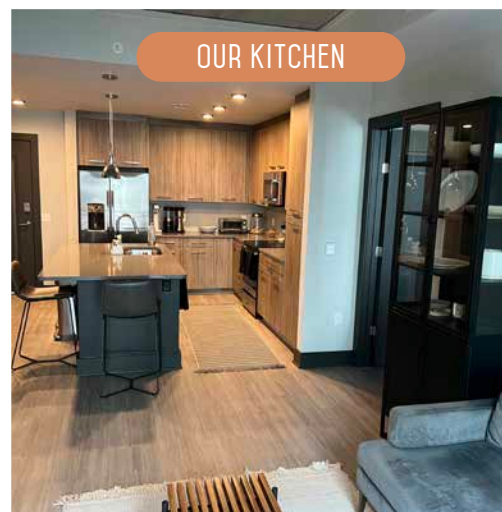


OUR LOCAL PARK

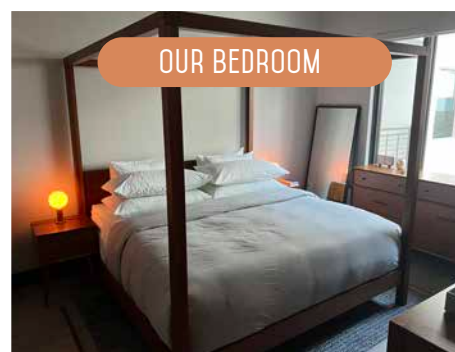
OUR LIVING ROOM



OUR KITCHEN



OUR BEDROOM



## OUR TOWN AND BEYOND

Raleigh is also right in the middle of the mountains and the beaches of North Carolina. We've begun taking weekend getaways to places like Asheville, and are excited to go to the beaches in Wilmington later on this year.



OUR HOME IN BUFFALO





# OUR FAMILY



FEELING SILLY AT A FAMILY WEDDING



SMILES WITH OUR NIECE

*WE LOVE THE KIDDOS*

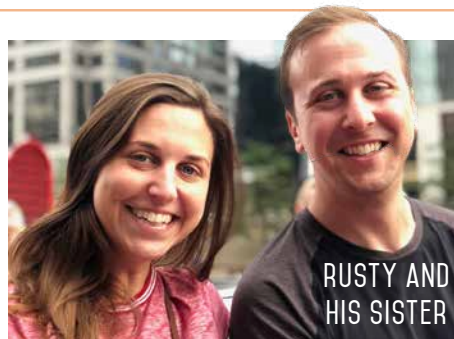


FUN AT THE  
BRONX ZOO

*IN OUR LIFE!*



HANGIN' WITH UNCLE RUSTY



RUSTY AND  
HIS SISTER



DINNER WITH  
OUR PARENTS

WE BOTH GREW UP IN BIG FAMILIES  
THAT VALUED TRADITIONS AND BEING  
THERE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

**R**usty's family still gets together every Sunday night for dinner when everyone is in town. His sister lives in the Northeast, and has a beautiful niece that we can't wait to visit again soon!

Adam has three brothers who live in different parts of Texas and Missouri, along with many nieces and nephews. **We make a point to get back to Adam's parent's house for Christmas every year, WHICH IS ALWAYS A SPECIAL TIME FOR EVERYONE.**

Being in different parts of the United States makes visits all the more precious, and we soak it in whenever we can. **We love being silly with our young nieces and nephews, and have taken them to bounce houses, movies, museums, and scavenger hunts!**





—ABOUT OUR PRIORITIES AND—  
**OUR THANKS**

Thanks for taking the time to read our book. We hope you were able to get to know a bit about us and our dreams of starting a family. **PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS TO GIVE YOUR BABY A LOVING AND SUPPORTIVE HOME.**

We plan to be open and transparent with your child. We wish you luck as you consider what's best for you and your baby, and hope we're able to take this journey with you.

*WE ARE EXCITED*  
**TO LEARN ABOUT YOU!**

