



JOSIE MAVE

FROM MADISON, WISCONSIN



Thank you for taking the time to look at our profile.

We hope that as you learn more about us and our story, you will be assured that we will give your child a happy and loving home. WE ARE EXCITED TO BECOME PARENTS!

WE ARE EAGER TO START
A FAMILY, AND WE BELIEVE
ADOPTION IS THE BEST
PATH FOR US. As an interracial
couple, we know that we might
not look like every couple, and as
a family with an adopted child, we
understand that our family won't
necessarily be like every other
family. As individuals, we embrace
different cultures and experiences,
and we will bring that same outlook
to the adoption process.

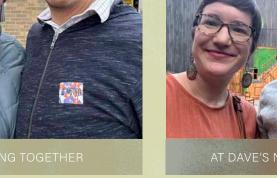


OUR TWO FRIENDLY PUPS, JACK AND GRACIE, ARE GREAT WITH KIDS

WE MET ONLINE DURING THE
WINTER OF THE PANDEMIC. We had
our first date over video chat, then met in
person at a park bench where we would
eventually get engaged. We connected over
our love of old-school alternative music,
and as we got to know each other, we
discovered that we share the same approach
to LIFE, LOVE, and HAPPINESS, and how it is
important to keep a SENSE OF HUMOR about
all three! We also bonded over our love of animals:
We have two dogs and two cats together. Both of us
currently work from home, so we spend a lot of time



together, through moments big and small.







WE ENJOY A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

We eat home-cooked meals several times a week. We try to stay active through hiking, jogging, pickleball, kayaking, and other outdoor activities. Josie enjoys gardening and is a voracious reader; Dave is burgeoning handyman and prefers to play old-school video games. If one of our favorite bands is in town, we usually get tickets.

WE LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Josie volunteers as a poll worker on election day. We often seek out and support local businesses, and we never hesitate to help our fellow neighbors.

WE LOVE TO TRAVEL

We go on trips within the
United States and abroad. We
like warm-weather getaways
during the winter, and we
have vacationed in Mexico,
Puerto Rico, and Japan. We
would be excited to have your
child explore with us!



By Josie I grew up in a small town in Wisconsin. My parents had a large garden and made us home-cooked meals almost every day. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin—

Madison and have spent most of my career working for the State of Wisconsin. In my free time, I love making pottery, hiking, kayaking, and spending time with Dave and a close-knit group of friends.

> I HAVE BEEN HOPING TO BE A PARENT FOR A LONG TIME, AND I AM EXCITED TO SUPPORT AND SHARE IN OUR FUTURE CHILD'S INTERESTS.

A Few of Josie's Favorites

By Dave One of things I love most about Josie is how she understands others, and she is the most empathetic person I've ever met. She listens, and she meets you where you are on an emotional level, which is why she will be an amazing mom. It's no surprise that Josie earned a law degree because she has a strong sense of fairness and equality. I admire Josie's passion for pottery, and nothing beats her beaming smile when she shows me one of her creations.



HOBBY Pottery

- CHILDREN'S BOOK
 Anne of Green Gables
- ICE CREAM FLAVOR
 Rocky Road
- SPORT Tennis
- SEASONAL ACTIVITY Kayaking





A Few of Dave's Favorites

- FAVORITE CITY
 Milwaukee
- FAVORITE SPORTS
 TEAMS Milwaukee
 Brewers and
 Milwaukee Bucks
- FUN FACT Was an extra in the film "The Dark Knight"
- WHAT I LIKE TO COLLECT Video game soundtracks on vinyl
- FUN FACT Competed in the Nintendo World Championships in 1990
- FAVORITE THING

 TO COOK FROM

 SCRATCH Lasagna





ECLIPSE PARTY



"EVEN THE SMALLEST PERSON CAN CHANGE THE COURSE OF THE FUTURE." ("The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring", With two older brothers and an older sister in southern
Wisconsin. From my two
brothers, I cultivated a love of all things geeky (fantasy, science fiction, computers, comics) and sports. From my sister, I became an alternative music nerd. Both remain huge parts of my life. I also love to cook, and I would love to pass on my timetested recipes to your child.

By Josic Dave is one of the best people I've ever known. He is incredibly kind and patient.

When we first started dating, I was drawn to how good he was to his dog, Molly, and how much she loved him. He is an extremely hard worker and is well-liked by everyone who meets him. He has a great sense of humor, which has served us well during the challenges we've faced as a couple. I know Dave will make a great dad because he is so even-keeled and sweet. Dave is also an incredible cook, and I benefit from his creations in the kitchen!

I began my career as a
newspaper editor and have
worked for numerous mass
media outlets. I love how
words can be a bridge
to understanding, to
personal expression, and
as a way to heal. I WOULD
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WORDS CAN BE A POWERFUL
TOOL, AND HOW TO USE
THEM WISELY.



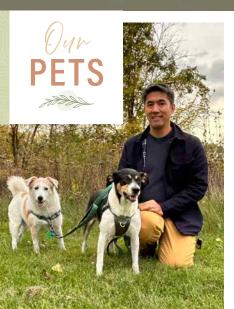
THE DAY WE BOUGHT

We live in Madigan, Nigangin, a vibrant college town that has been consistently rated as one of the top 100 best places to live in America. Madison boasts a diverse population, endless opportunities for biking and hiking, and a free public zoo! Our home on the east side is within walking distance to the elementary school and a public playground. Our neighborhood is calm and quiet, and our ranch-style home is conveniently located near a beautiful lake, bike path, and public library. We can easily reach downtown, which is home to several museums, shops, and one of the largest farmers markets in the country!

LIKE THE REST OF THE MIDWEST, WISCONSIN EXPERIENCES ALL FOUR SEASONS. That means snowmen in the winter, beach days in the summer, fall foliage in autumn, and picnics in the spring.

Our home is conveniently located near a public library, which has a fantastic children's section. Across the street is the YMCA, of which

we are longtime members. We take advantage of the fitness center, swimming pool, basketball court, and sauna, and there is also preschool childcare for youth up to age 5.











VITH FRIENDS AT A NEIGHBORHOOD FAIR

We have two dogs, JACK and GRACIE.

Jack is like the gentle elder statesman of the household, and Gracie is the free spirit who loves to snuggle and frolic around the house.

We also have two cats, STEVE and ADAM.

Steve is a humble homebody, and Adam loves to hug you like a koala!

OUN **FAMILY**

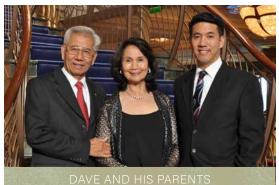
When it comes to helping hands— whether it's moving a mattress up a steep flight of stairs or rescuing us after our car broke down on the interstate—our siblings are the best hands you could ever ask for. All of our siblings (Dave is one of four, and Josie is one of three) have children of their own, so we know we can count of them for advice and support. Both of our parents have residences in Florida and Nevada in addition to their homes in Madison, so our child will have two amazing places to visit.

















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ON PARENTING

Our hope is to teach your child to be honest with others, act kindly to others, and have a strong work ethic. We would want your child to be curious and explore the world around them. We promise to celebrate your child as an individual and give your child a rich environment to learn

and grow. We support an open adoption so that your child understands their biological family, heritage, and culture as much as possible. We would be enthusiastic to introduce our hobbies and passions to your child. Dave would teach your child valuable lessons about team sports and the secret to making fluffy pancakes, and Josie would introduce your child to the world of birds, flowers, and forest animals.



We hope that you have a clear picture of what kind of parents we would be for your child. We promise to make sure your child knows you, and we would welcome you to be part of this child's life as well. Your child will grow up in a home surrounded by love, be in the company of furry four-legged friends, and be on the receiving end of fantastic dad jokes! We would love to meet you and get to know your story. It takes a lot of courage to go on this path, and we'd like you to know that we will safely carry your child through life's twists, turns, and corners.

