

ben, kyle & gloria



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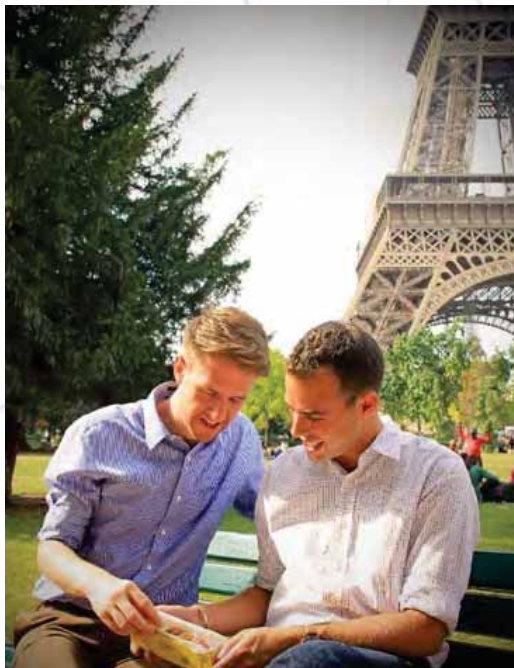
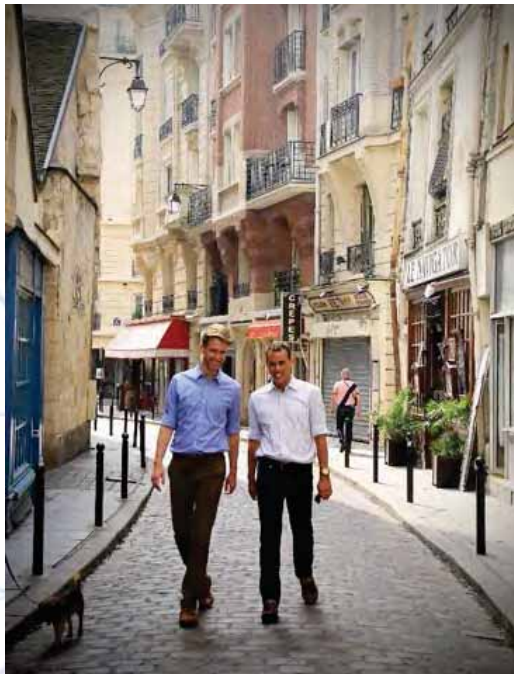
Hello! We are Ben, Kyle and Gloria from New York City. Thank you for taking a moment to learn about us. We know that this may be a difficult time in your life, and we are inspired by the strength, courage and love that you are showing by considering an adoption plan. We are here to support you, and would be happy to answer any questions you may have for us. We would love to hear from you.

our life together

We met in 2007 in New York City, and have been committed to each other ever since. We treat one another with kindness, compassion and respect. We are good humored, forward-thinking and supportive of one another.

In 2014, in further commitment to each other, and to celebrate our relationship with those that we love, we had a beautiful wedding ceremony, surrounded by family and friends.

Kyle works as an administrator at one of New York's largest museums, and Ben works as a program coordinator at a cancer hospital. We are lucky enough to be able to take a lot of time away from work to spend together as a family.





gloria

In 2016, we were fortunate enough to adopt our wonderful daughter, Gloria. Gloria is kind, friendly, curious and so very happy. We love her more than we can describe, and she has changed our lives in every way imaginable.

Gloria likes to sing, and play with her "babies". She loves her friends, and her "school"—a very special daycare very close to our home.

We have a terrific relationship with Gloria's birthmother, and continue to see her on a frequent basis.

Gloria will be a wonderful big sister. We have built a loving family together, and have so much more love to share. We are ready to grow our family, and hope that you will help us make this dream come true.





our home



We live in a beautiful, quiet neighborhood. Our street is welcoming, and filled with children playing, and families walking their dogs. We love to take long walks through our local park, and visit one of our local playgrounds.

We have a lovely, sunny apartment, and have plenty of room for a new baby. We are in the process of looking for a larger apartment in our neighborhood that we can move to sometime in the next year.

We have two kitties named Fred and Ethel. They are five-year old siblings, and they love each other very much. They are sweet and cuddly, and enjoy making new friends. Fred loves to play with his toys, and snuggle with Ben. Ethel likes to sleep in the sun.

We love living in the city, and try to take full advantage of all that it has to offer. We see a lot of Broadway shows, and hear the Philharmonic play in Central Park in the summertime. Gloria loves to visit museums and playgrounds, and has fun riding the subway. We take long walks in our favorite neighborhoods, and always make time for picnics. Gloria can't wait to share her favorite city with her new brother or sister!

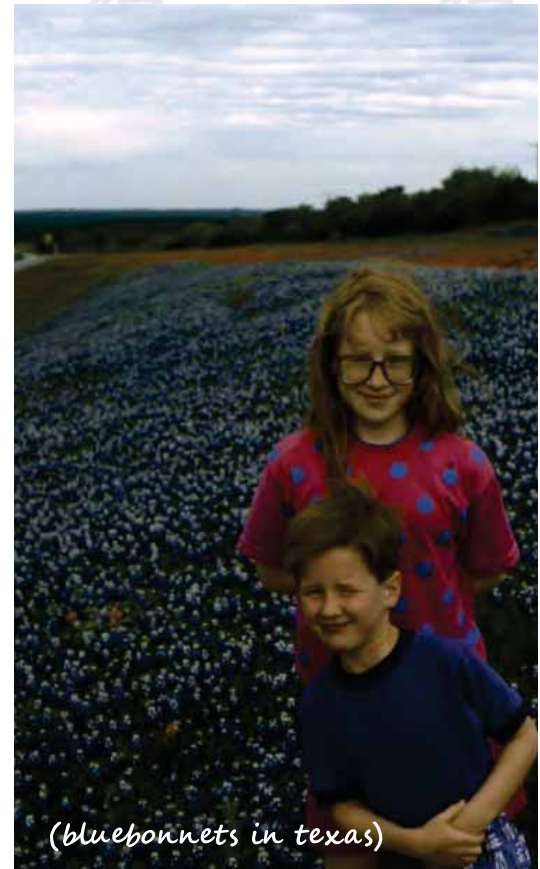
ben (by kyle)

Ben is one of the most positive and adventurous people I've ever met. His family is the most important part of his life, and we visit them as often as we can. He is a wonderful father. He loves reading to Gloria, and plays with her all the time! He is an excellent cook and took a six-week cooking course at a famous culinary school. He loves to try new recipes. He reads everything he can get his hands on, and especially loves history books. He is a great runner, and finished the New York City marathon in 2013. He loves to laugh and has a wonderful smile. He makes everyone around him feel comfortable and happy. He is an excellent playmate for Gloria, and never seems to run out of energy!



(nyc marathon)





(bluebonnets in texas)



(singing barbershop)



(kyle's chorus)

Kyle is my best friend. He is a fantastic travel buddy, a wonderful father and the most compassionate person I know. Everyone that comes in contact with him remarks on his kind, thoughtful and warm demeanor. He is successful at his job, and I am very proud of his strong work ethic. He is a kind, patient and loving Dad. He and Gloria sing together, and both love music. Kyle is a member of a barbershop chorus. It's an activity he very much enjoys, and he looks forward to introducing it to our children. Kyle also loves Broadway, and keeps me up to date on the best new shows. We both look forward to continuing to go to the theatre as our family grows. Clearly, music is a large part of Kyle's life and when he's not singing or seeing a show, he likes to play the piano, a skill he learned from his Grandmother. He has so much more love to give and will continue to be a wonderful father!

kyle (by ben)

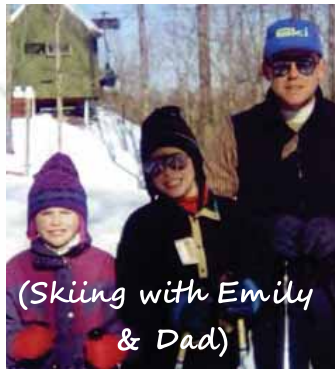
family & friends



We are fortunate to be surrounded by a loving circle of family and friends who share our excitement to expand our family. Ben's family is all within driving distance, and we visit each other often. Kyle's family lives in Texas, and we go to see them as often as we can. They also come to New York often, and will certainly visit even more as our family continues to grow!



ben's parents, Mark and Lisa (Grandpa & Nona), love being grandparents. They live in a beautiful house on Cape Cod, where we spend a lot of time together in the summer. Mark likes to play golf, and work outside in the yard. Lisa likes to read, and plant flowers in her garden. She is a great cook too. They love spending time with Gloria in the pool and at the beach. Lisa collects toys, clothes and stuffed animals for Gloria, and Gloria loves climbing into Mark's lap at every opportunity. Ben's sister, Emily, is a terrific aunt, and loves to babysit whenever she can.



Kyle's parents, Daylon and Nancy (Pops & Yaya), live in Texas, where Kyle grew up. Pops is a cotton farmer, and Yaya spent many years as a school teacher. They already have nine grandchildren! Kyle has two sisters, Angela and Laura. Angela has two adopted sons, Daylon (named after Pops) and Corbin. Laura has two young children named Alessia and Theodore. Kyle also has two stepbrothers who have four children. Gloria loves all of her cousins, and has fun playing with everyone when we are in Texas. We can't wait to welcome another little one to the family!



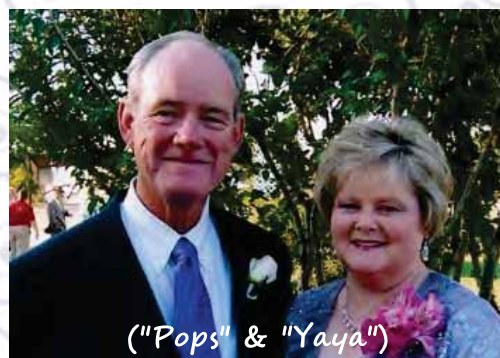
(Daylon's adoption finalization)



(Daylon & Corbin)



(Angela)



("Pops" & "Yaya")



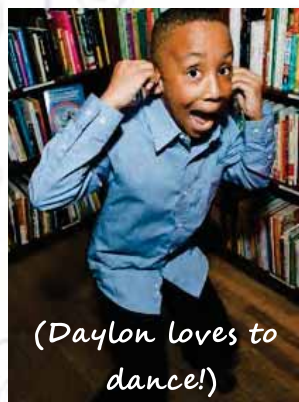
(Corbin takes a ride!)



(Meeting Alessia)



(Kyle's "Mamaw")



(Daylon loves to dance!)



(Jon, Laura & Alessia)



(Gloria, Margot & Henry)



(Visiting Dani & Thomas in Switzerland)



(Gloria & Ellie)



(with Ashley & Jeff in London)

We've made so many close friends in New York who are committed to supporting us as our family grows. Our friends are an extension of our family, and we love them all very much. Our friends, John and Julie, live very close by, and their daughter Ellie is Gloria's best friend. Our friends Ashley and Jeff live in London, and have two babies of their own—Margot & Henry. We see them at least once or twice a year, and can't wait to watch our families continue to grow together!

a year with us...

january

We spend most of January in the city, and look forward to low-key evenings relaxing with friends. January is also Ben's Grandfather's birthday, and we always make it a day to celebrate!



february

We love to ski in New Hampshire with Ben's family in February. Ben is a great teacher - he taught Kyle to ski, and can't wait to teach our children! Fun days on the mountain usually end with cozy dinners at home with family.

march

We use March as an opportunity to travel abroad. Our favorite trips together have taken us to Iceland, Barcelona, Amsterdam and Paris. We love visiting our friends Ashley and Jeff in London, and Dani and Thomas, our friends who live in Switzerland. Gloria loves to fly, and we are excited to share more adventures with your child!



april

April is a great time to go to Texas to see all of Kyle's family. Pops loves to take all of his grandchildren out into the cotton fields, and Yaya is a great cook, and makes beautiful quilts for all of the grandkids. Daylon and Corbin are excellent playmates, and have a cool house with lots of games and toys. Gloria loves the wide open spaces!

may

There always seems to be a wedding to attend in May! We love celebrating weddings with our family and friends, which has allowed us to visit and explore new places, such as Georgia, California, Pennsylvania and South Carolina.



june

We love spending time in the city in the early summer. Central Park is beautiful in June, and Gloria loves to ride the swings at every playground we see!

july

Every July, we spend a week camping with Ben's parents. The campground where we stay is close to the beach, and is full of kids to play with. Ben has been camping there every July, his whole life, and Gloria has now been every year since she was born. We can't wait to carry on the family tradition when we are lucky enough to adopt another baby!



august

August is full of fun on Cape Cod with family and friends. We spend a lot of time at the pool enjoying the beautiful weather!

september

In the early fall, it's fun to take a day trip biking through the Hudson Valley. There are so many beautiful towns to see, and the weather is perfect for a day of fun and exercise.



october

October means apple picking in New Hampshire! We love to visit a farm that is owned by family friends. Ben loves to make applesauce, apple butter and apple jam.

november

Thanksgiving is often spent in Connecticut. Our friend, Deborah, has a horse farm. It's the perfect setting for a family-filled, beautiful day in the fall. We are grateful for such a wonderful tradition, and look forward to sharing it with your son or daughter.

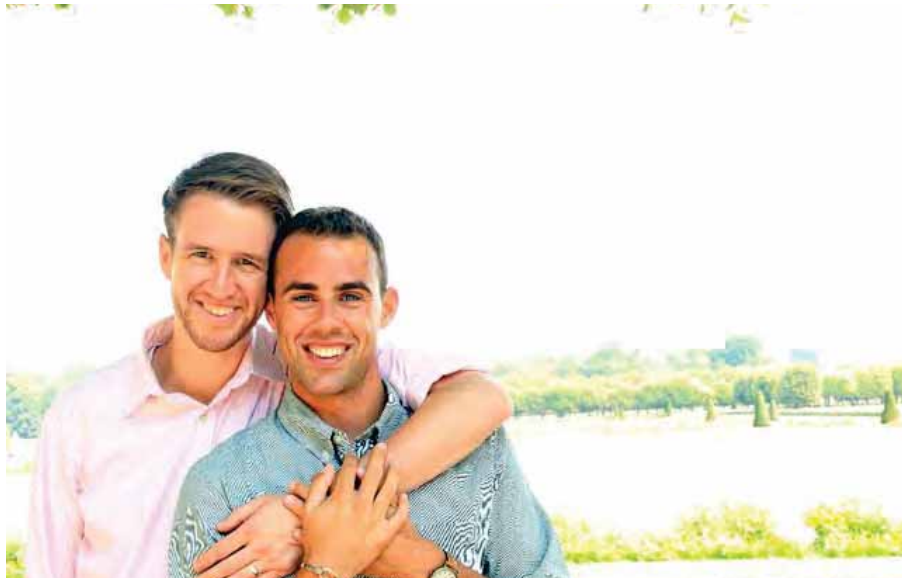


december

The holiday season begins with an annual trip to see The Nutcracker at the New York City Ballet, and ends with a wonderful Christmas celebration. Sometimes we spend Christmas with Kyle's family in Texas, and sometimes we are with Ben's family in New Hampshire. Wherever we are, we are surrounded by love and support, wonderful traditions, and lots of delicious food! We can't wait to celebrate the holidays with your child!







Thank you

for letting us share our story with you. As parents, we promise to:

- * Promote a strong sense of community - instilling thoughtfulness, humility, compassion and gratitude.
- * Encourage confidence, self-assuredness, and conviction.
- * Inspire curiosity, engagement, imagination, and a thirst for knowledge.
- * Love and support your child, above all else.

Please know that we are here to support you in any way that we can. Once we adopt, we are fortunate enough to each have paternal leave that will allow us to spend several months at home. After that, Gloria will be excited to share her special daycare with her new brother or sister!

We are open to adopting a child of any race, and are happy to discuss the possibility of continued communication, post-adoption.

We're happy to answer any questions, and provide any additional information about ourselves, our home, and our family.

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