

Brian & Kevin

Hello

We are Kevin and Brian from Tampa, Florida. We are honored that you are taking the time to learn about us and our family. We have talked about this journey since the beginning of our relationship and are excited to be on our way to becoming dads to an amazing child.





When we started our relationship, we knew that we wanted children. Both of us come from large Italian families, so it was always part of our plans to share our world with a child. We are excited that you may be the incredible woman to help us make this happen. We hope that this book can help you get to know us and enable you to see that we will provide your child a loving home.

Our Story

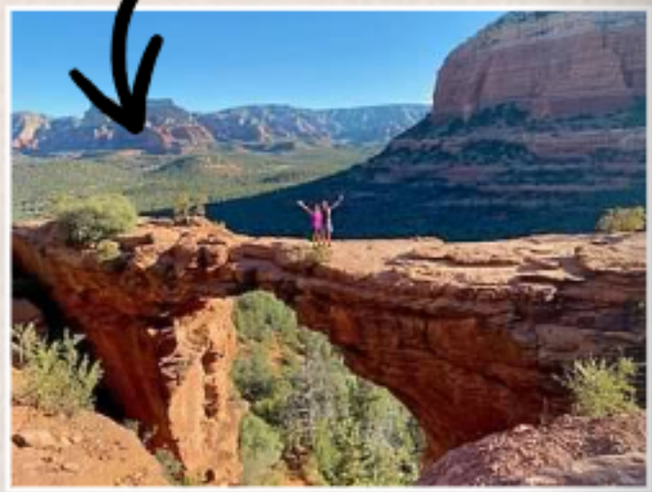
Both of us grew up on the east end of Long Island, New York. It's crazy to think that we lived 15 minutes from one another but didn't meet until after we had both moved down to Florida. Brian moved to Florida in 2008 to work at Disney World in the College Program, and Kevin moved to Florida in 2014 for graduate school.

We found each other on a dating app. On our first date, we discovered that our relatives lived in the same development in Florida. It is almost as if fate brought us together.





Hiking in Sedona, AZ



Our relationship grew, and on our first half-marathon race through Disney, Kevin proposed to Brian. We got married in 2018 on the beach, a place where we continue to spend a lot of our weekends. Over the years our love has grown, and we can't wait to share that love with a child.



Kayaking one of Florida's freshwater springs



Visiting Montauk, Long Island



Our engagement in front of the Tree of Life during a half-marathon

Brian [as told by Kevin]



Brian is a hard worker who loves to play as well. He really brings out the best in me, and I can say he has made me a better person. He shares his love of traveling and exploring with me, and it has made our trips so memorable. Brian never says no to trying something new; it's always, "Lets go," or more recently, "Andiamo!" (We are learning to speak Italian). Brian loves to go out and play group sports and has fallen in love with pickleball. He can't wait to bring our child to their first sporting event or support them in their own team sports. He also envisions himself being the coach of their team.





While cooking is not Brian's strong suit, he does help me in the kitchen. He is my expert sous chef and taste-tester. When I make a mess in the kitchen, he follows behind me and cleans up so we can spend more time doing things together after mealtimes.

Bringing our nephew to his first baseball game







Playing pickleball at our local park

Every day Brian makes me smile, and I know if I am feeling down, he will be there to support me or just listen. He is patient and kind and has a huge heart. I love watching him interact with our niece and nephew. Brian loves to play games with them, play in the pool with them, or just hold their hands while walking around. Every time I see him with our niece and nephew and how happy they are together, I can't help but smile! He will make sure that our home is full of joy, laughter, and love, and he will be an amazing dad!

Kevin [as told by Brian]

One of the first things I loved about Kevin was his smile. It's perfection and infectious. Kevin has always been the social butterfly of the two of us, making new friends wherever we go. His passion for the arts and nature has brought new adventures to my life.



Cooking the family latke recipe





Another half-marathon around Disney



Kevin lives a very active life, from scuba diving to beach volleyball, paddle boarding and running, he is always on the go! He is also a fantastic musician and knows every instrument, which led him to become a music teacher in our school district. He loves teaching kids about music, and I look forward to him sharing his talents with our child, teaching and supporting them wherever their musical interests may lead them.



Exploring NYC with mom and seeing a Broadway show





End of another school year

Kevin is an amazing educator and works in the nation's 7th largest school district. He has won awards for being a rising star in the music department. I remember the first time I went to see one of his concerts. I saw the spark and passion in his eyes as he instructed his students and put on an amazing show for all the kids and their parents to enjoy. I can't wait to see our child perform in one of his concerts.

Kevin will make an excellent dad. He's a caring husband who's always there for me. The way he connects with the kids in our lives shows his strong capacity for love and devotion, which will only grow when it's shared with our child.

Our Home & Community



One of the reasons we live where we do is because our neighborhood is made up of old Florida bungalows. No two houses are the same. Our house is extremely special to us as we got to fully remodel our 1920s bungalow. It has plenty of space for us and for our family to grow. It has all the style and charm of the original house with all modern updates. We enjoy having people over for gatherings, dinner parties, or just to hang out and watch a movie.

For over seven years we have lived in this active community in the City of Tampa. What was once an up-and-coming neighborhood has transformed into one of the city's best neighborhoods. You can always see families walking the streets and people jogging, walking their dogs, or riding bikes.



Mini lawn libraries around our community



We love to decorate our house for the holidays

We are walking distance from one of the city parks that has a playground, soccer fields, tennis courts, and baseball fields. We see ourselves spending a lot of time there once we have a child. We are also near the Tampa Zoo and have been members of the zoo for two years now. We frequently visit downtown Tampa to attend sporting events, enjoy the amazing performing arts center, The Straz Center, and to go for leisurely strolls on Tampa's Riverwalk. We've become big hockey fans since living in Tampa. Go Bolts!



Park walking distance from our house with playground and fields

Local zoo with a splash pad for children





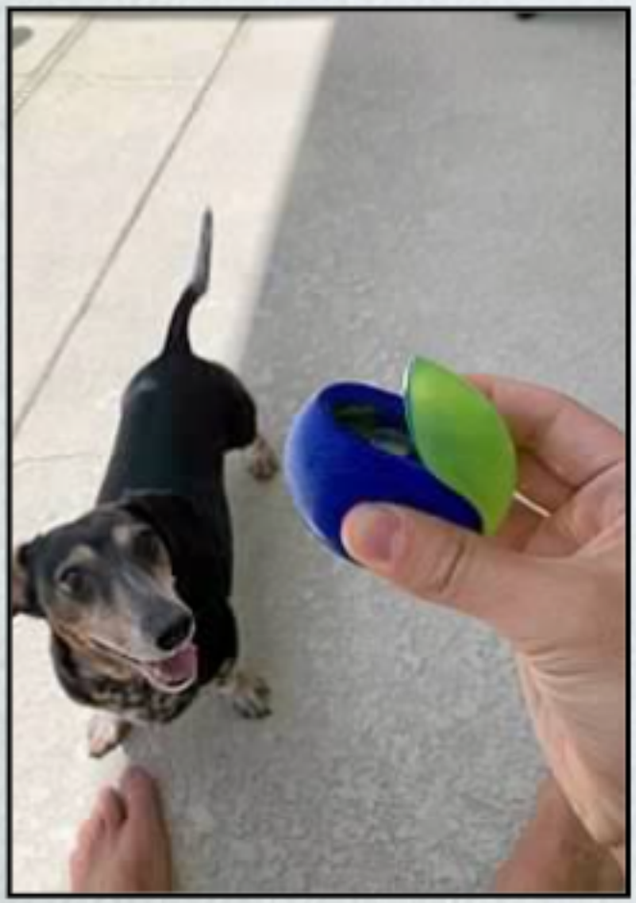
Downtown Tampa for a hockey game!

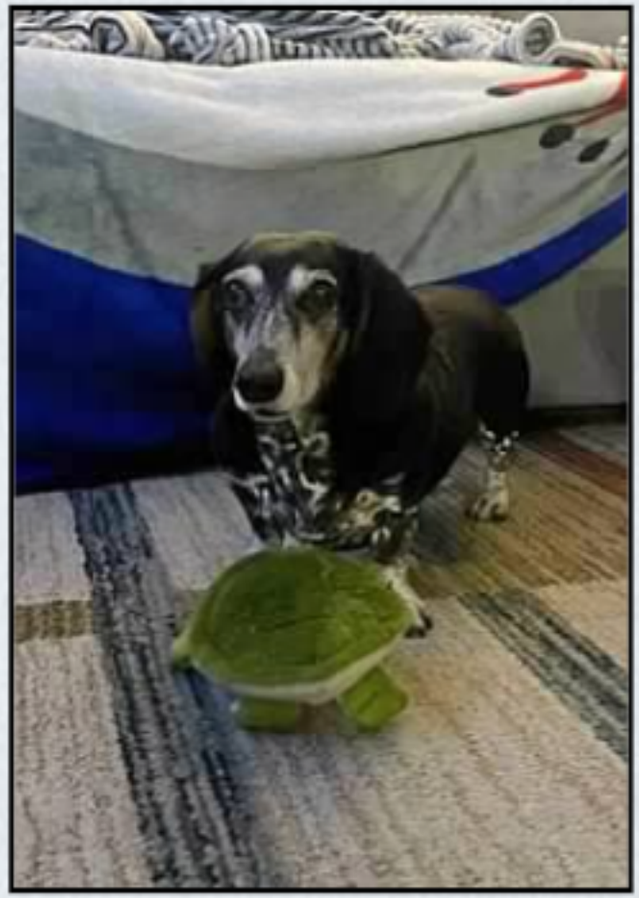
Lastly, we love to go to the beach! If there is a weekend when we don't have plans, we pack the car and head out for a nice day in the sun and salt water. We can't wait to bring our child to the beach and build sandcastles and play in the water.



Champ

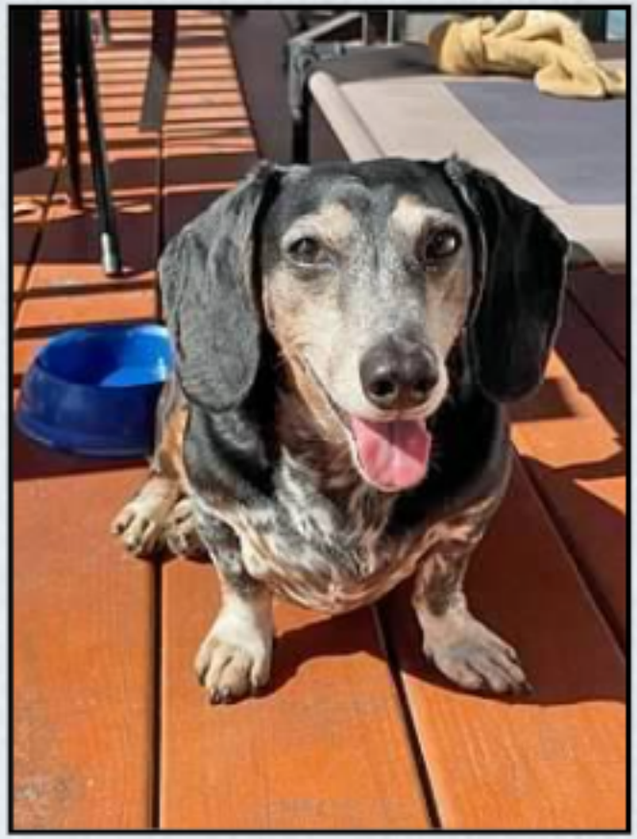
We are dog people and will probably always have a four-legged companion in our lives. Currently, we have a miniature dachshund named Champ. He was Brian's dog first, but when Kevin met Champ at 3 years old, Champ quickly attached to him. Champ is full of energy and loves to play all day long. Though he is getting older, 12 going on 13, ball is life! He will play with anyone who throws his ball for him.













Champ loves to run around with our niece and nephew and is gentle and spunky with them. As much as he loves to play, his favorite activity is cuddling up under the blankets at the end of a 'ruff' day. He can be found most evenings hiding under the blankets and snoring!

Our Adventures

We love spending time together, no matter what we are doing. We both look forward to trying new things, traveling, being outside, or visiting Disney (we are annual pass holders). From being out on the beach, to paddle boarding with friends, to being active in other ways, we just love everything about where we live.









We also love to see new places. One of Brian's goals is to see every Major League baseball stadium in the country. Since meeting him, Kevin now enjoys spending time exploring the stadiums as well and learning all the baseball history that Brian has to share. We cannot wait to bring our child on this journey of exploring cities around the country.

Another newer goal that we have is to see as many of the US National Parks as we can. We try to pair a baseball stadium and National Park together so we can have adventure and sightseeing in one trip. The only thing that would make our trips better would be to have a child to share in our adventures and to show how amazing this world is!









Brian's Family

Brian's family is located all throughout Florida. While they started in New York, over the years each member of the immediate family has moved down to Florida. Brian's family consists of his parents; brother Michael and his wife Katharine and their two children Ella and Matthew; brother Rob and his significant other Sara; sister Trish and her greyhound Summitt. We see them all at least once a month.



Hanging at the zoo with Mom, Dad, and Grandma









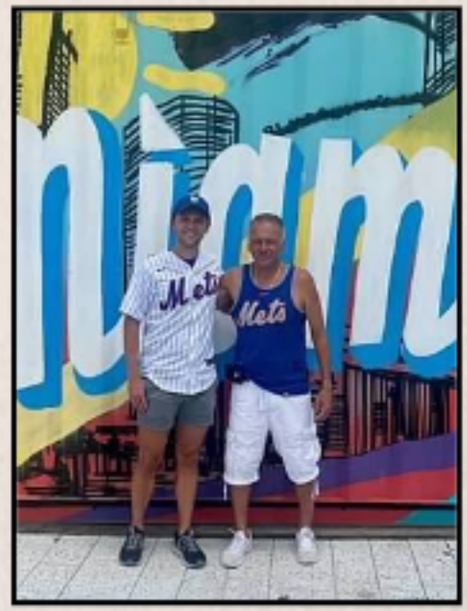


Christmas Eve family gathering



Dad loves baseball games as well!





We love spending time with our niece and nephew and can't wait to introduce to them their new cousin. Whenever we are with them, they are glued to us. We're affectionately known as "Uncle Squibbies," a nickname inspired by those wacky inflatable tube people you often see outside car dealerships. This came about because we love goofing around with them and having a good time. We can't wait to watch the cousins grow up together. Brian's parents live close to Disney, so it makes it easy to take a quick trip into the parks. They also have a pool where we love to hang out and swim.

Kevin's Family

Kevin's family is located on the east end of Long Island, but we see them often throughout the year. Either we travel up to New York to visit for the holidays or quick weekend getaways, or they come to Florida to hang out and have fun in Disney or around Tampa.







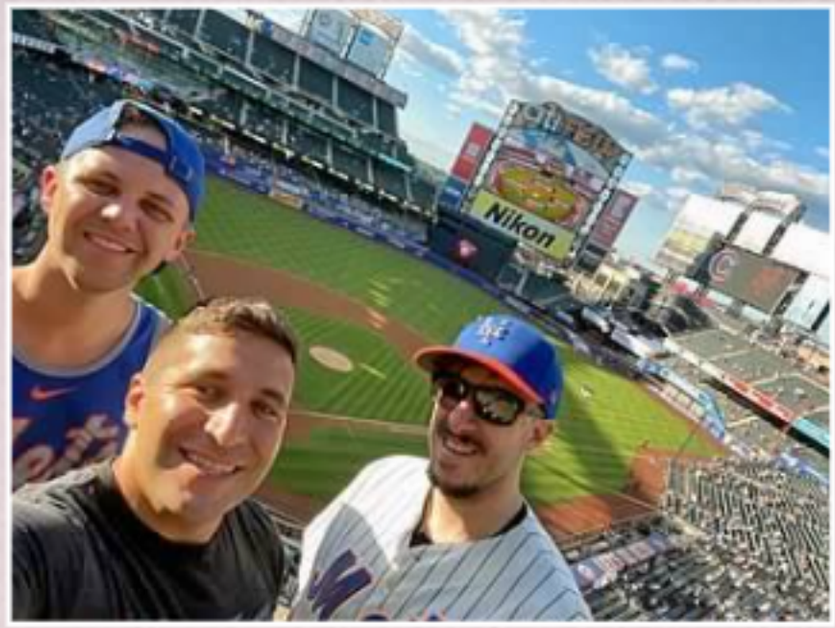
Pizza making!



Kevin's family includes his parents and their golden retriever Bailey; brother Bryan; sister Jamie and her husband Chris. Some of the best memories have been made while sitting around the dinner table with all of them. We always cook a homemade meal and sit for hours, talking or playing a game while enjoying each other's company. Recently, Kevin's parents have taken up making homemade pizzas in their new woodfire stove. This has quickly become a new tradition each time we visit them. We are lucky to have their support in our lives, and they will always play important roles in the life of the child we adopt.



Visiting the Montauk Point Lighthouse



Bryan loves to join for a baseball game too!



Beach day with the siblings



Our Friends

When we met each other in Florida, both of our families were still in New York. We started an outdoor fitness class in our local area of Tampa and quickly made friends. They are now not only our friends, but they are our second family. We attended each other's weddings, and we get together for birthdays and other celebrations. A couple in the group even adopted a child, and we all are known as aunts and uncles.

















This group of friends has supported us in every step of our lives and will play a big part in our child's life, too. Your child will have so many positive influences and mentors in their life and will never be short of love and support from many amazing people.

Kids in our Life

We've been fortunate to have great kids in our lives, thanks to Kevin's school and our close friends. We've even earned the nickname "Uncles" from some of them. We're eagerly looking forward to introducing our child to this wonderful group of young friends and enjoying many playdates together!



Celebrating Kevin's birthday







Riding the animal safari



Watching the Disney fireworks with our niece and nephew

Kids at heart

We're adventure seekers, and this passion keeps us youthful at heart. Our quest for exploration and learning will always be a part of our life. Whether it's learning languages, playing musical instruments, or exploring new places, we actively seek opportunities to broaden our horizons. We're excited about sharing these experiences with a child, knowing it will inspire their own sense of curiosity and discovery throughout life.



Kevin teaches Brian to play Ukulele











Thank You

Thank you again for taking the time to learn about us and our family. We promise to be open and honest with you, and we want you to know that we will love your child unconditionally.

We want you to know that we feel love and respect for you already. You will always hold a special place in our hearts as you will be giving us the gift of a child. Your child will always know of your love and strength and how you helped to grow our family.

We can't express our gratitude enough. We look forward to learning more about you. We hope that we are everything you are looking for.



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