



* Todd & Abigail





Hero's Friends

Our simple definition of a hero is one who saves. A hero is often called upon to do something great. They have a courage that few possess and they see the bigger picture and act accordingly. The news was on a lot in our houses when we were growing up. Whenever something heroic happened, we began to see a pattern...the people who we thought were heroic never thought of themselves that way. They "just did what anyone else would do."

But you know what? Not everyone would run into a burning building to save someone, or jump in the river to

pull someone out or buy dinner for the hungry — or place their baby in another family's home.

Heroes have distinctive traits - they are smart, strong, full of courage, and are full of an enormous amount of love.

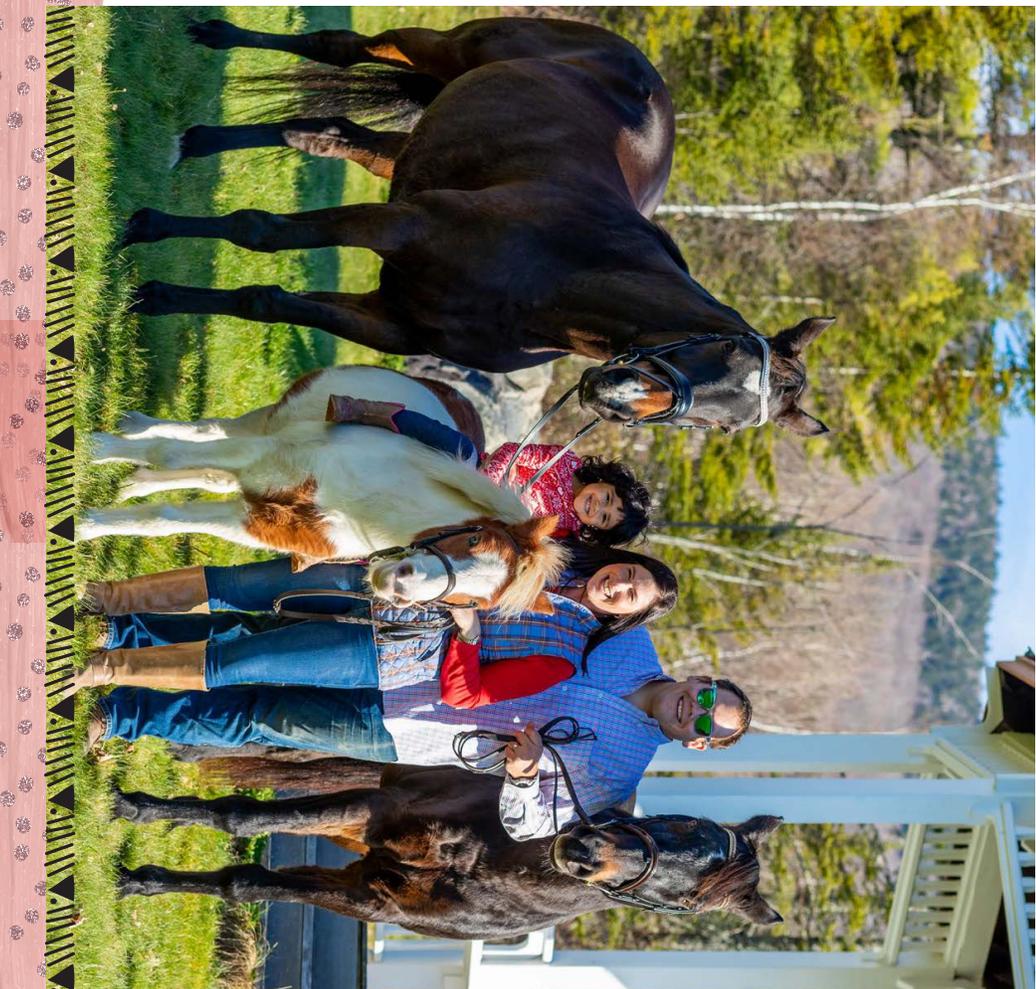
Heroes look a lot like you.

We want to welcome you into our lives. We are thankful for the opportunity to write about the three of us, our families, and our hopes and dreams for your child.

Todd, Chiquita and Mavis



Todd, Abigail & Maisie



About Us

We were introduced in 2013 by friends while Abigail was on a ski vacation in Vermont, where Todd was living. We began a whirlwind romance and within a few short weeks we knew that we were meant for each other. Our love was tested by the fact that Abigail owned a business in New York and Todd worked at a ski academy in Vermont – nine hours apart. The long-distance relationship forced us to spend a lot of time talking on the phone and we both sacrificed to travel and be with each other. We were married in 2015 in the town where we met and in 2016 we welcomed Maisie into our lives, through a beautiful adoption story.

We have a shared belief that the best gifts are experiences not things... and while we love to travel with Maisie, the pandemic has brought that to a halt, for now. We have traveled as a family throughout the United States and even to Europe in 2018. We look forward to being able to continue to show Maisie the world. We are really excited to bring her to the town that the movie Frozen was based on. We have all been home together since the start of the pandemic, so we have embraced our nature walks, sledging down our front yard, pony rides on Dusty and finishing the day sitting by the fire drinking hot cocoa.

“We can’t wait to welcome another little one into our life filled with adventure, love & kindness.”



Campathew's, Business Owner

favorite place: In the barn, with Maisie, taking care of our animals.

Can't live without: Riding my horses, hearing Maisie laugh and French fries.

Abigail

in Todd's words

Wow! I was first introduced to Abigail. I was immediately struck by how intelligent, thoughtful, aware, and beautiful she was. We had such an amazing and deep conversation the first night we met and I knew that I had found someone truly unique. After seeing the depth of love she had for her family and animals, I was head over heels and I knew that there was no one else I wanted to share my life with. Today, my intuition has been proven correct over and over. From cross country moves to our adoption of Maisie to numerous major home renovations, Abigail pours her heart into everything she does and manages to make running her business, tending to the needs of our family, and handling any challenges we face, look easy.

"Abigail is always thinking ahead about those around her & she is eager to help those in need."

-Todd



Out for a ride

Campathew's, Product Manager

favorite place: Out on our boat watching the sunset.

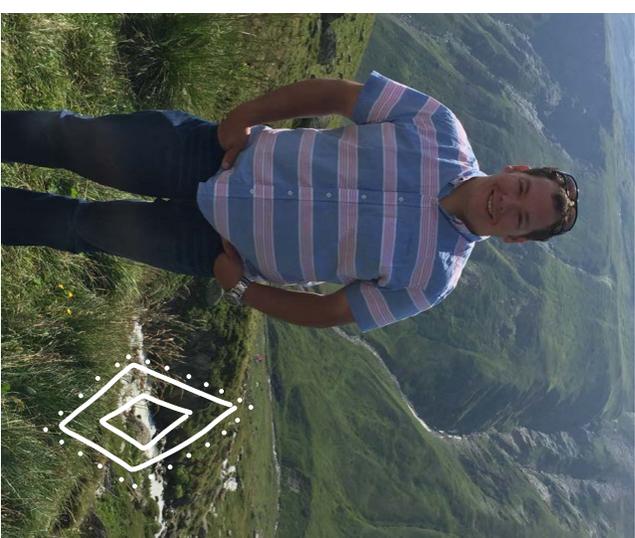
Can't live without: Reading Maisie a bedtime story, a good cup of coffee in the morning, and fly fishing.

"Todd has a kindness and selflessness that you rarely seen in another person."

-Abigail



Toes in the sand



Todd

in Abigail's words

Todd was born and raised in Vermont and is the oldest of 3 brothers. He was introduced to ski racing as a very young child and his love for the sport has shaped his life and career. While he does take his work very seriously, he never misses an opportunity to be at a doctor's appointment or a school activity for Maisie. Our friends have remarked at how amazing it is that we communicate so much about parenting. "I am so lucky to have a partner in the truest sense of the word. Todd has the most extraordinary ability to fix or build anything...and I mean anything. He finds a tremendous sense of satisfaction from being able to see a project through to completion from something small like building a swing set or bunk bed for Maisie or adding the electrical or plumbing to an addition we are building on our house. Maisie likes to say, "Mama fixes bodies and papa fixes things" and she is right!



Maisie

Our daughter is Maisie Beatrice. She is a fiery, compassionate, four year old and she is a gift to us. We were blessed to adopt Maisie at birth. We have an open adoption with Maisie's birth family and we are so thrilled that they want to remain a part of her life. Maisie is Latina and Native American and it is important to us that she understands and honors her diverse heritage. Maisie does everything in her own time and that is just fine by us...she is tough and determined and we have loved watching her become her own person. Maisie is deeply compassionate when it comes to animals. She loves their company and incorporates them in her make-believe play every day – they are very patient animal friends. For Christmas, we gave Maisie a baby doll and when we asked if she liked it, her answer was, "Yes, but I wanted a real baby brother or sister..." We want nothing more than for Maisie to be able to love a sibling, just as we love our siblings.

"Maisie is kindhearted, creative & can't wait to introduce her animal friends to her little sister or brother."



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 Carpenter, Veterinarian-in-training
 favorite place. Anywhere there are horses.

Four facts

We believe in the importance of "family dinner" and make sure we always sit down and eat together

Obigail adopted her first horse only a few years ago

Todd has been skiing since he was two years old

Todd used to own a fly-fishing rod company

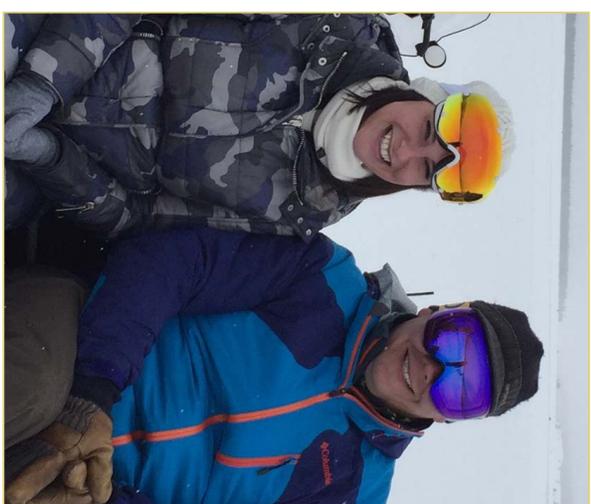
Obigail has been riding horses since before she could walk

Obigail's *favorite* movies are Frozen (1 or 2) and Elf

Todd has worked with Olympic ski racers for the last 20 years and even worked at the Salt Lake City Olympics in 2002

Obigail is a licensed social worker but started her own business in 2009 and has been running that successfully ever since

Obigail absolutely loves all things related to Christmas and is thrilled that Todd and Maisie feel the same way



Our Extended Families

We both are from relatively small extended families, but absolutely love hosting family and friends for holidays. It is very important to us that there is room to welcome anyone who wants to join our family whether for a holiday or even just a small dinner party. Holidays are the highlight of our year and we always go overboard cooking, decorating, and celebrating, especially for Thanksgiving and Christmas.



The best sister-in-law



Morgan's family *in her words*

I grew up in a small suburban town in New Jersey where, in the summer, we swam in a community pool and the ice cream truck was a highlight most nights. My parents divorced early on but I had a remarkable parental example in my mother, a single-mom to my brother and I by the time I was 8. I always believed, for some reason, that my father not being a part of my life was for the best. It was something that I had made peace with and never questioned, even as a child. My brother Eric, who is eight years older than I am, has always been my closest friend and confidant. As he has grown up, he has served as a male role model for me while I have watched him become an extraordinary husband to Nava, his wife of twenty-five years and father to their daughters, my nieces, Noa and Avery.

Ted's family *in his words*

I grew up in a small town in Vermont, where we skied in the winter, rode our bikes all summer, and learned to love the outdoors. My parents were both college professors when they met, but my mom was able to take time away from work after I was born and didn't return to work until after my youngest brother began school. My parents went out of their way to provide me and my two brothers with amazing experiences – we traveled and learned about different cultures and ways of life regularly. But we were expected to pull our weight at home with the full spectrum of chores. All of us had our first jobs before age 13.



Happy birthday to Maisie



At our favorite restaurant



Fun on a family vacation



Dressed up to celebrate



All together at our wedding



Grandma and Grandpa celebrate Maisie



At Maisie's adoption finalization



Vacationing together in Vermont



Our Home & Community



We bought a vintage two-story home that was in need of a major update, which we have been doing for the last 10 months (we love a design challenge!) Our home is on 6 acres of land which provided us the opportunity to bring our horses home to live with us and so much space for Maisie to explore. Our home also has a beautiful view of the mountains. Anyone who has visited us can't believe how special it is...

We live in a community that is centered on outdoor life and is overflowing with activities for children - in the winter there is skiing, sledging right in our yard, and skating. In the summer we swim in the local river, play in any of the surrounding parks - including on our own swing set in our yard - and hike any number of local trails.



At the beach house



Pony rides with our friends



Sledging down our hill

Our friends

Our friends are so distinct - different ages, at different points in their lives, and from all over the country/world. We have made many friends as a couple but cherish our friendships from early on in our lives as well. As a class mom in Maisie's pre-k, we made a lot of friends through the school. Our closest friends are Jeff and Karina, a Mexican-American family who have a son, Zane, in the same class. Karina has been teaching Maisie Spanish for the last 2 years.



Maisie and her fairy godmother



Dinner with Borita



Enjoying snow with Karina and Zane



A Christmas/birthday celebration



Kiki always reads something special

Our Pets



The horses love Maisie

We have a life filled with animal friends. Two dogs - Robin Hood (Spaniel) and Rosie (Rescue Coonhound mix), three cats - Theo, Gabby, and Gracie - and three horses - Faye, Renny and Dusty the pony. Maisie has really special relationships with each of them and usually incorporates them in her daily play. One of her favorite things to do is have a friend come ride Dusty with her - together on his back.



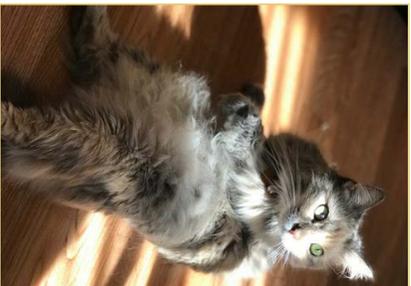
Handsome Renny



Rosie and Robin Hood together



Dusty, the pony



Our pretty girl, Grace



Riding from the field

Why Adoption

Before we even realized that we were not able to give birth to a child, we always knew we wanted adoption to be a part of how we grew our family. Adoption offers us a chance to realize our dreams of expanding our family while giving a child a life filled with adventure and a bright future. Having grown up with siblings, we both know how treasured those relationships are and we want so much for Maisie to have the opportunity to love a sibling as we love ours.



Our Promises

- We promise to love your child unconditionally every single day.
- We promise to share your child's adoption story with them from day one and to celebrate every milestone.
- We promise your child a home filled with love and kindness in happy times, times of difficulty, and all the times in between.
- We promise to remind your child everyday how smart & strong they are and will support their dreams no matter how big or small.
- We promise to respect your wishes for any future communication and help ensure your child knows how much you love them.





Thank You



We are so thankful that you have taken your time to learn more about us. If you choose us, we will love, cherish and nurture your baby every day of our lives. We can imagine that this is a very difficult time for you and wish you only strength, wisdom and comfort. We hope that your decision brings you peace of heart and mind. We are committed to spending our lives loving, encouraging, teaching your child and raising your child to be a kind and caring person. We will treasure every moment with your child and hope you will consider us to be a part of your life.

With Love,

Todd, Abigail and Maisie

