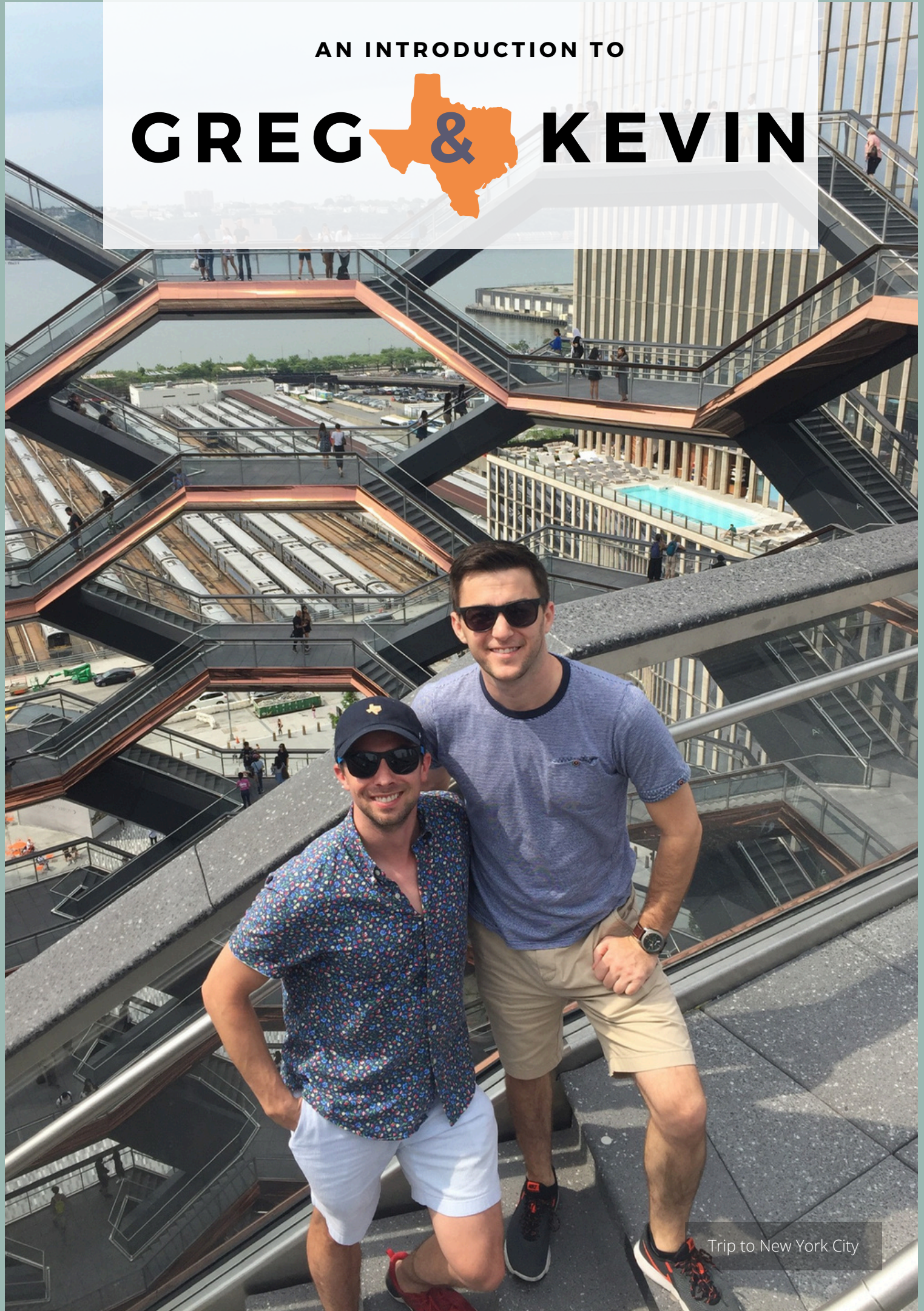


AN INTRODUCTION TO

GREG & KEVIN



Trip to New York City

A LETTER TO OUR EXPECTED PARENTS

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us. We enjoyed the time creating this profile and hope you enjoy this little glimpse into our family. We value your journey and wish we could already meet you in person. A parent has a special bond with their child, a bond we understand and respect is unmatched in love. Know that we deeply hope to add to that foundational love as we look to expand our family.

We gathered our lives in this profile to bring clarity to what each day looks like in our home. You will find probably too much laughter and sarcasm, some deep ties to education, way too many friends and family, and a dedication to advocacy for social change. We hope you enjoy our guided tour.

Again, thank you for taking a look into our growing family.

- Greg & Kevin



Fun at a camp named after Greg

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Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo, TX

OUR STORY

Our story began serving as volunteers at a leadership institute. A local university invited us to join as facilitators to teach their emerging student leaders. Joined by a few of our friends, we laughed through late night gossip and connected over student comments and our education jobs.

A year later we returned to the same place we met for another institute. There, we planned an upcoming spring break trip to Hawaii. Kevin thought it was completely normal to travel to the most romantic vacation destination with just a friend. Greg was smarter than Kevin.... The story was written in the sand before it even started. We did it all—hiked railroad tracks, demolished sand castles, ate pineapple, and made friends with strangers everywhere. While we probably explored too much for our feet to withstand, our friendship morphed from traveling buddies to partners in crime.

After Hawaii the relationship moved into a cherished bond and partnership. We traveled the world by plane, ship, and car, ready to make new memories—one time we even took a RV to Yellowstone. After a few years, we combined into one household when Kevin decided to pursue a doctorate at Texas A&M University where Greg already worked. There we deepened our roots and brought in new additions like our dog, Kai, and a duck coop in the backyard.

Our lives quickly expanded. Due to COVID-19, our wedding plans forced us to host an intimate ceremony in our backyard. Kevin received his PhD and started teaching as a professor at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. We moved to San Antonio where Greg graduated from law school at St. Mary's University. Later, Greg became a lawyer representing school districts in Texas and New Mexico. All the while, we welcomed our first child, Maya, into our growing family. It was hard to catch our breath, but we were grateful for each moment nonetheless.



Oahu, Hawaii



Wichita Falls, TX
Crawfish Boil



Cozumel, Mexico



"Together, I find them to have one of the most inclusive, welcoming, and quite fun partnerships I have had the privilege of witnessing."

- Christian P.L. West, Close Longtime Friend

With friends Ethan, Christian, Mari Ann, and Dexter



Cuba with best friends Christian and Dexter



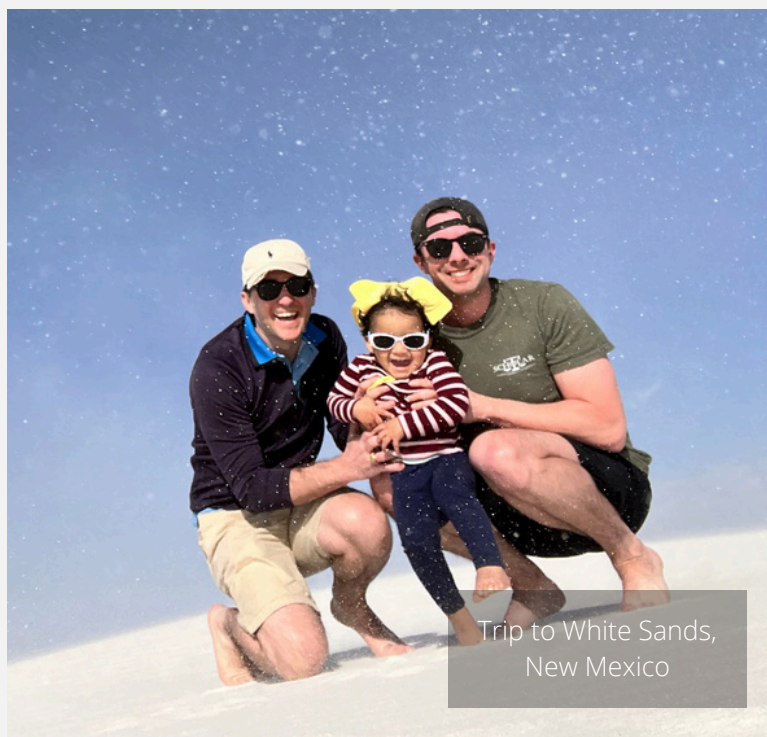
At Greg's law school graduation



With friends Patrice and Sarah after wedding



Engaged in Cozumel in front of friends



Trip to White Sands, New Mexico



Greg teaching at a leadership institute

GET TO KNOW GREG

QUICK FACTS

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Profession: Lawyer & Past College Educator

Education: Texas A&M University (B.S.), University of Connecticut (M.A.), St. Mary's University School of Law (J.D.)

Hobbies: Tennis, Gardening, Triathlons, and Civic Engagement



New semester of law school begins

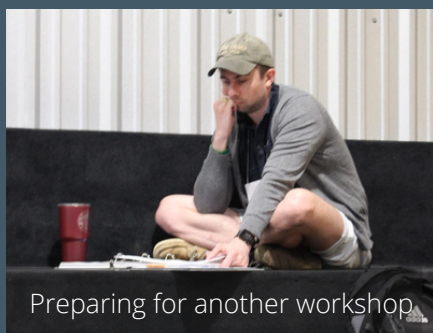
Greg worked at Texas A&M University for almost a decade supporting college students through their co-curricular activities (student organizations, student government, etc). He focused his work on student development and learning through leadership trainings, diversity and inclusion work, and sometimes even student conduct. Greg recently fulfilled a lifelong dream by graduating from law school at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, TX. He now works as a lawyer representing school boards and districts within Texas and New Mexico.

Outside of work, Greg likes to be active. He enjoys fitness, working in the backyard, and playing with the dog. He's collected a good amount of medals from races and tournaments over the years.

Recently, Greg found a new adventure advancing voter registration efforts in the county, primarily focusing on young voters. During election years, expect to see him canvassing the streets and walking all across town.

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Greg has an amazing ability to listen to people and to problem solve any given situation. He puts people at ease as they talk to him and helps them reason through their problems until a solution is discovered.

— KIM HARRIS, SISTER



Preparing for another workshop



Finishing first Olympic triathlon

GET TO KNOW KEVIN

Kevin is our person full of curiosity and new adventures. Impromptu household projects and random science lessons for our nieces seem to be his specialty. It is normal to find Kevin bringing in added pizzazz like using dry ice in a family gingerbread competition or surprising friends by cooking a four-course meal for a big anniversary.

Kevin works as a professor at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. He helps guide the Educational Leadership doctoral program and is quickly becoming an emerging scholar in identity development and the progressive impact on marginalization. He is a deeply critical thinker. Many of us have been caught in deep philosophical conversations with Kevin where time seems to fly out the window. There is no one better to brainstorm new ways to look at a scenario or concept.

He is also a renaissance man. Kevin can do construction in the morning, write an article in the afternoon, find something from the garden to cook for dinner, and bake a pie for dessert. He can do it all.



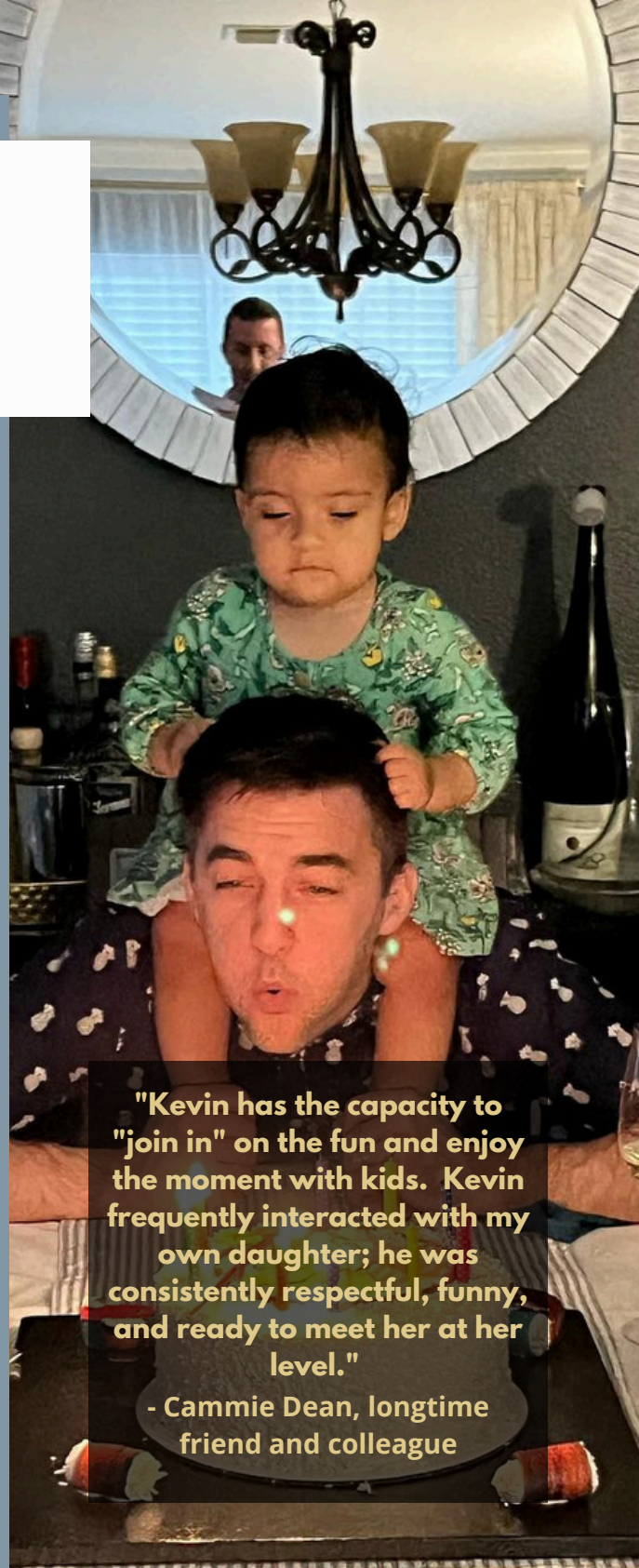
Kevin teaching college students



Cooking a fancy dinner



Bring Maya to work



"Kevin has the capacity to 'join in' on the fun and enjoy the moment with kids. Kevin frequently interacted with my own daughter; he was consistently respectful, funny, and ready to meet her at her level."

- Cammie Dean, longtime friend and colleague

QUICK FACTS

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Profession: University Professor

Education: Robert Morris University (B.S.B.A. & M.A.), Texas A&M University (Ph.D.)

Hobbies: Reading, Cooking, Travel, and Fixing up the house with small projects

Kevin's Birthday

Get To Know Maya

Maya joined our lives in 2021. We were hoping to expand our family for some time; though we didn't expect it to happen while Greg was in law school. Our friends and family surrounded us with love and support through the fun times.

Watching Maya grow brings insurmountable joy and is full of surprises. Her first steps and words are etched into our memories. We likely have way too many pictures trying to capture each moment.

QUICK FACTS

Loves Cheese

Dances hard like no one is watching

Watches "Bluey" episodes every day

Gets furious when leaving playgrounds

Dressed as an avocado for 1st Halloween





"Kevin and Greg are committed, resilient, supportive, and loving and it shows in their relationship between them and others".

**- Aaron & Allie Longoria,
Longtime Friends**

Maya's first plane ride
to see Aaron & Allie

Our dog, Kai, is the 8 yr old protector of the house. She let's us know when the mail comes every day and duels any squirrel on site.



Kai's birthday



Painting the kitchen

Our Home

The Fixer Upper that Became a Haven for Laughter & Community

Our home was definitely not the same as it is now. We were challenged to update almost everything—carpets, painting, landscaping, and even tiling the first floor (an experience that will forever haunt our dreams). Our hands were sore, our brains mush, but we learned so much about each other. Our relationship certainly strengthened too as we built the home we wanted to live within. We love our home now and try to open its doors often for others. The guest rooms are constantly full from visiting friends and family.



Trying for a snack



Showing off the dining room renovations



Having "fun" with family



Maya's first birthday



Family reunion at college football game

Our Family

Greg grew up in San Antonio, TX where much of his family remains today. His parents, Patrick and Diane, and siblings, Chris and Kim, quickly welcomed Kevin into the big family. Chris now lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Rachel, and son, Dylan. Kim lives in San Antonio with her husband, Jay, and daughters, Haley and Holly. Their close proximity has blessed us with strong relationships and memories.

Our family loves to celebrate any and all opportunities to bring everyone back together and “cheers!” Especially during holidays, you can find Kevin in the kitchen learning new skills from Diane. She is a longtime pastry chef who spoils all of us with fresh breads, cakes, pastries, and truffles. Naturally, Greg just eats.

Kevin's parents, Ben and Jackie, and sister, Nicole, live in his hometown Pittsburgh, PA. We wish could see them more often.

We are spoiled with love from our family. We enjoy going to dance recitals, swim meets, and singing a collective happy birthday with family. From big reunion trips to simple phone calls, each moment brings us closer and closer. Though usually wine is involved.



Playing with nieces Haley and Holly

“We observed a wonderful presence of both potential parents with nieces and nephews. They are the penultimate couple with regard to safety and health of all children, friends, and animals.”

-Patrick & Diane Fink, Greg's Parents



Family trip to Disney World

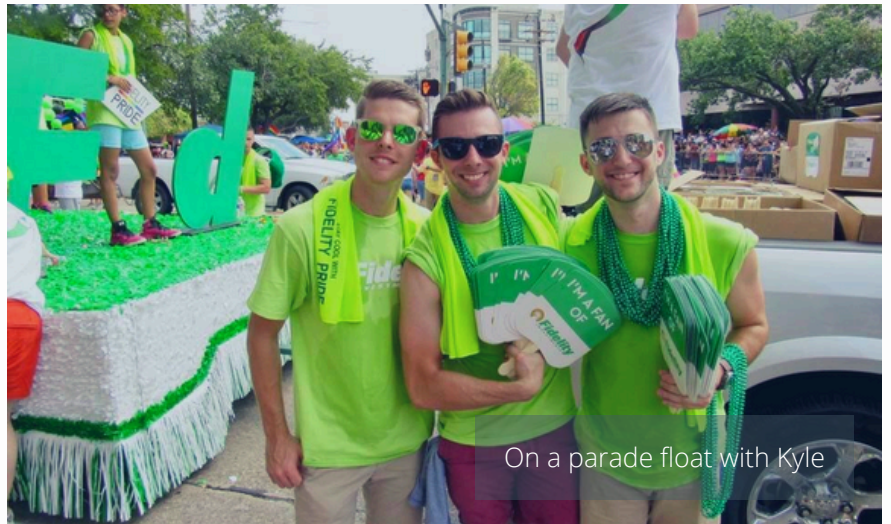
Our Chosen Family

Here. There. Everywhere.

Our friends are truly family to us. We are lucky to have friends who surround us with love, challenge us to think harder, and laugh with us through hard times. Our network extends throughout the country, and we annually dedicate quality time with each of our close friends. There will be numerous 'aunts and uncles' ready to bring a little one into the mix from Washington, DC to Colorado!

We travel the world together, host movie nights, and sometimes host big socials in our backyard just to see everyone all at once. They are the pulse of our family.

These people experienced everything with us. We love them more than we can express.



On a parade float with Kyle



With Christian and Dexter



Cherished friends, the Carruth family, in our backyard



With friends Allie and Aaron Longoria



Cruising with friends Hayden and Michael



Hosting one of our Kentucky Derby parties with friends

OUR VALUES



Campfire after wedding

EDUCATION

An education is not about a grade or diploma. It is a way of being for us, and an ideal we hope to instill for each member of our family, friends included.

ADVENTURE

There is always an adventure around the corner. You just have to go find it. Though adventure is not only found in travel to us. We find it in new passions, projects, and relationships.

COMMUNITY

The more we can invite people into our lives, the better. There is always time to celebrate others and hold space for community. We do it all from holiday parties to Sunday dinners.



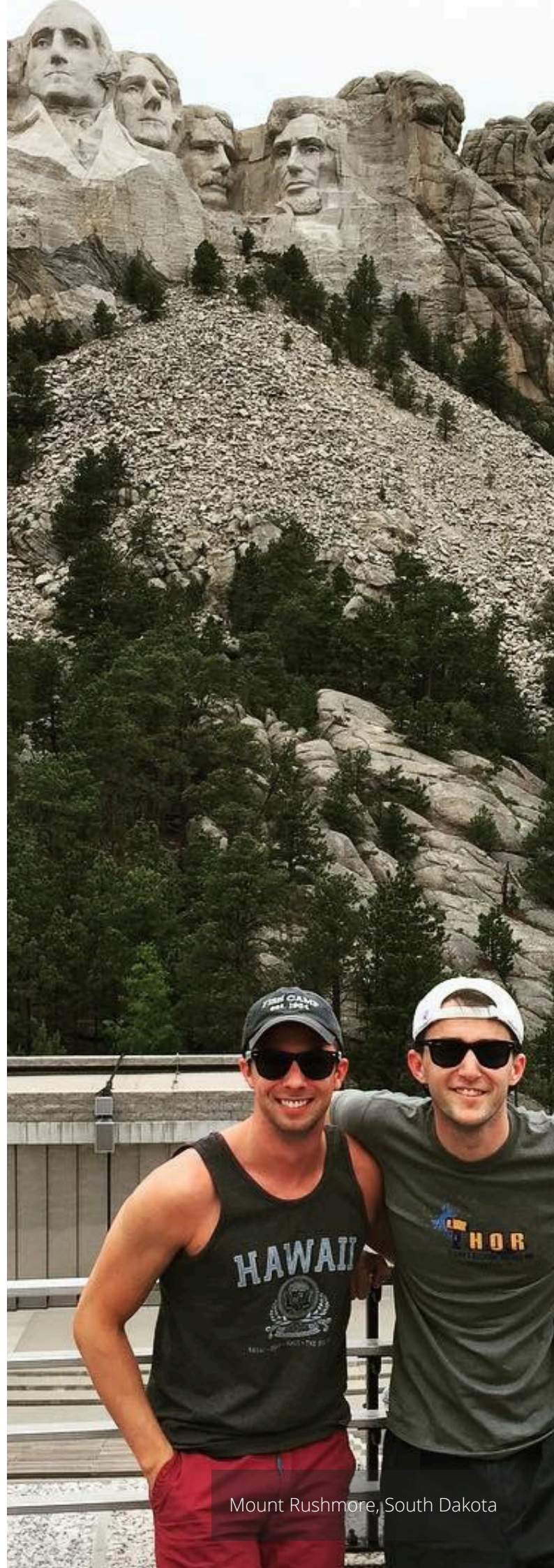
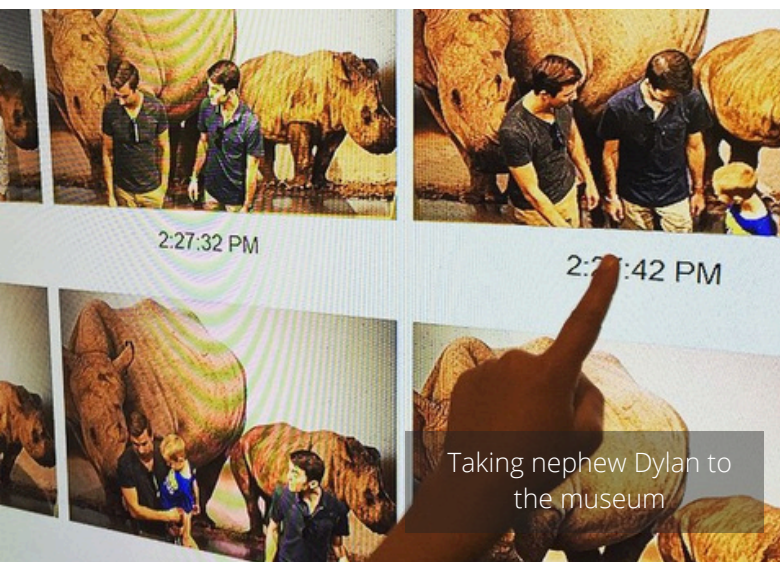
VALUES IN ACTION

We are dedicated to living our values without ever having to tell you. The hope is they are noticeable by our actions. Our purpose shows up in why and how we engage in and celebrate the world around us.

We hope to bring a child into this family and help them recognize how their own values can supplement these family values. This is only the beginning of their journey.



Ofrenda 2021



Our Promise

A child will grow with us in a home filled with love and exploration. No day will feel the same. Some days will have more hugs, others might have tears at a restaurant. We commit to creating an environment that centers curiosity, learning, and play. Each morning will bring new moments to meet new people, enjoy hobbies, and experience something new.

A child will be empowered to live a life that exudes respect and kindness to others. Our lives are not lived within a vacuum, and we expect our family to understand the value of supporting others. We promise this family will dedicate itself to its community.

Kevin and Greg have been thoughtful about the process of providing care for a child. This is not a decision made out of haste. They offer a stable, developmental environment that will be filled with enrichment. They have intentionally surrounded themselves with family and friends to provide an effective support system.

Regardless of the child's background or circumstance, both Kevin and Greg have demonstrated the ability to provide an inclusive environment that will directly address the child's needs. This is evident in their lived experience, their friend group, and their professional work."

- Christian West, Close Longtime Friend



*Children will be loved
and supported in our
little family.*

Greg, Kevin, and Maya