

JOE AND CARRIE



HELLO! WE ARE JOE AND CARRIE

THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES!

In our family, Carrie is the Family Organizer, Executive Chef, Queen Supreme of Movie Quotes, and Chief Kitchen Dancer. Joe is the Keeper of the Purse Strings, Grillmaster Extraordinaire, Athletic Director, and

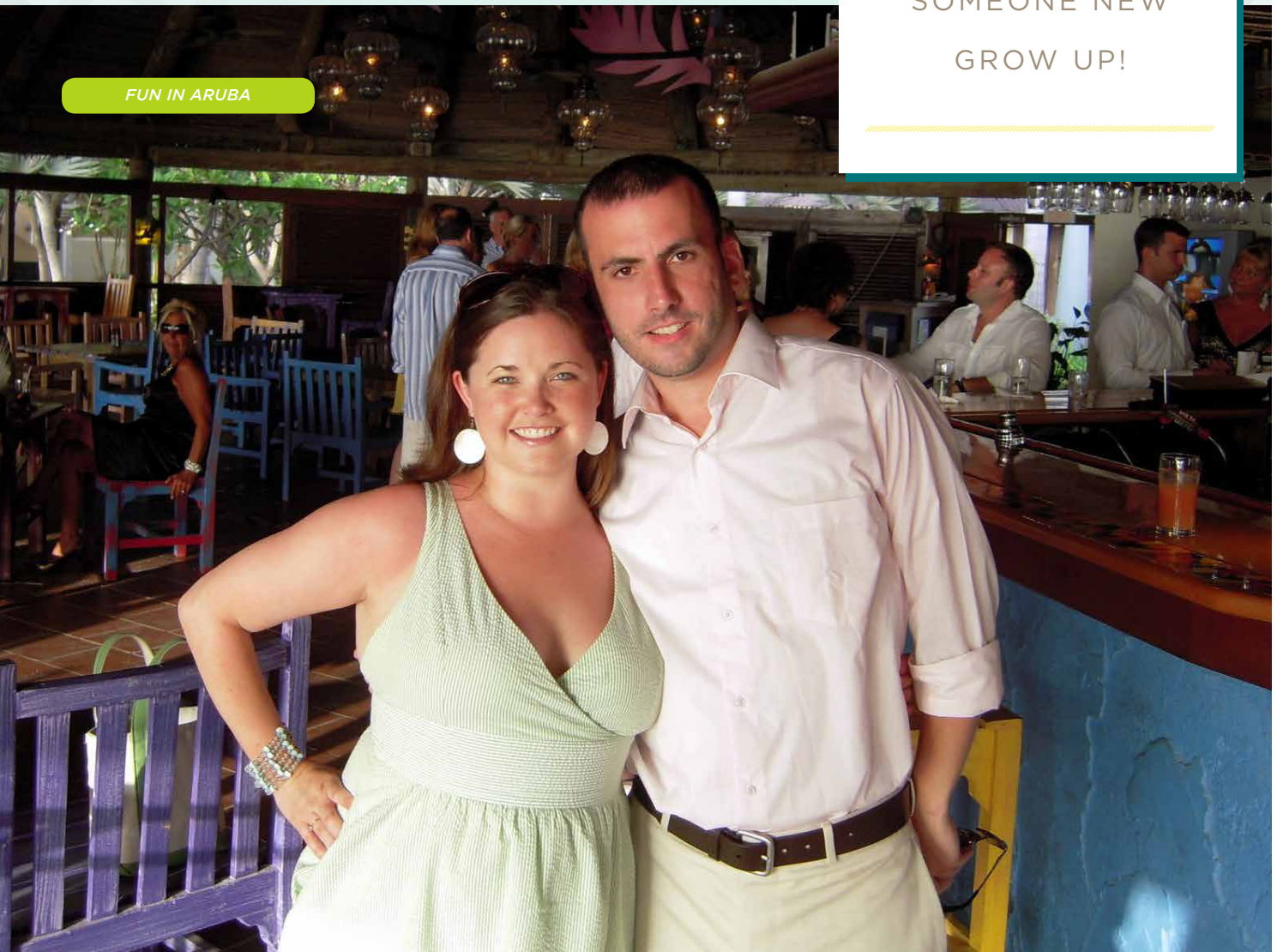
Head Groundskeeper. Our English bulldog, Tonka, is the Secretary of Snuggles, Drooler-in-Chief, Kitchen Cleanup Director, and Senior Vice President of Snorts.

WE HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO GROW OUR FAMILY THROUGH ADOPTION AND ARE SO EXCITED TO MAKE THIS A REALITY. We're open to

an ongoing relationship and visits with you if you wish, but first and foremost we'll follow your lead the entire way. We look forward to getting to know you, but first, we can't wait to meet you!

WE CAN'T WAIT
TO WATCH
SOMEONE NEW
GROW UP!

FUN IN ARUBA



GETTING TO KNOW US



EXPLORING LONDON

WE LOVE TO...

WE LOVE TO COOK. Our weekends center around what new recipe we're going to try. There is always music and dancing when we cook!

WE LOVE TO TRY NEW RESTAURANTS or **SEE A MOVIE**, but most of our downtime is spent **HANGING OUT AT HOME** - cooking, gardening, watching a movie, or playing a game (we're big on board games and puzzles).

WE LOVE TO TRAVEL! From attending Oktoberfest in Munich and relaxing in Kauai, to eating our weight in pasta in Sicily, we love to explore the world.

WE LIVE IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Joe is a native New Yorker and Carrie moved to New York from her hometown of Charleston, SC in 2004. We met in 2008 and married 3 years later. Tonka has been part of our family almost from the beginning.

CARRIE WORKS IN HUMAN RESOURCES FOR A CONSULTING FIRM WHILE JOE OVERSEES FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING AT AN ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY.

We are lucky that we both love our jobs - not only because we love the work we do, but because they enable us to have a healthy balance between our professional and personal lives.

Carrie is a total bookworm, but also loves music, dancing, and cooking. Joe is all about sports - watching them, playing them, and reading about them. He also loves grilling and video games. Together, we love to travel, try new restaurants, and spend time with family, and you can't beat a good game night with friends!

SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, WE PLANNED TO BECOME PARENTS AND ADOPTION WAS ALWAYS A PART OF THAT PLAN. We believe every adoption scenario is unique and we are open to many possibilities. We can't predict what ours will look like without knowing more about your unique wants and needs. Above all, we want to partner with you to determine a relationship that works for all of us.

MEET JOE



JOE IS ALWAYS SMILING

A LITTLE ABOUT JOE ACCORDING TO CARRIE

JOE CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS STEADY

EDDIE. He is one of the most easygoing people I've ever met. What first attracted me to him was his calm demeanor and how easy he was to talk to. With Joe, what you see is what you get, which is such a refreshing and all-too-rare quality. He cares deeply about the people in his life and will do anything for them. He's the cautious one - while he might need a little nudge to try something new, it also means he keeps everyone safe.

JOE WILL MAKE A GREAT DAD! He loves to play and has boundless patience. He's never too tired for one more round of Candyland or one more story before bedtime. All our nieces and nephews love "Uncle Joey." When they were younger, **WE JOKED THAT JOE IS THE "BABY WHISPERER"** - any one of them could be having a meltdown, but the crying stops immediately when Uncle Joey picks them up.

ABOUT JOE'S CAREER

JOE IS THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER FOR A MEDIA AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION COMPANY. He's the only American in the office and loves the camaraderie and easygoing nature of his British colleagues. Carrie is awaiting the day he starts calling potato chips "crisps" and referring to our travels as "going on holiday."



FUN AT OKTOBERFEST IN MUNICH

MEET CARRIE



SHAVED ICE IN KAUAI

CARRIE AND HER NIECE, LAYLA



ABOUT CARRIE'S CAREER

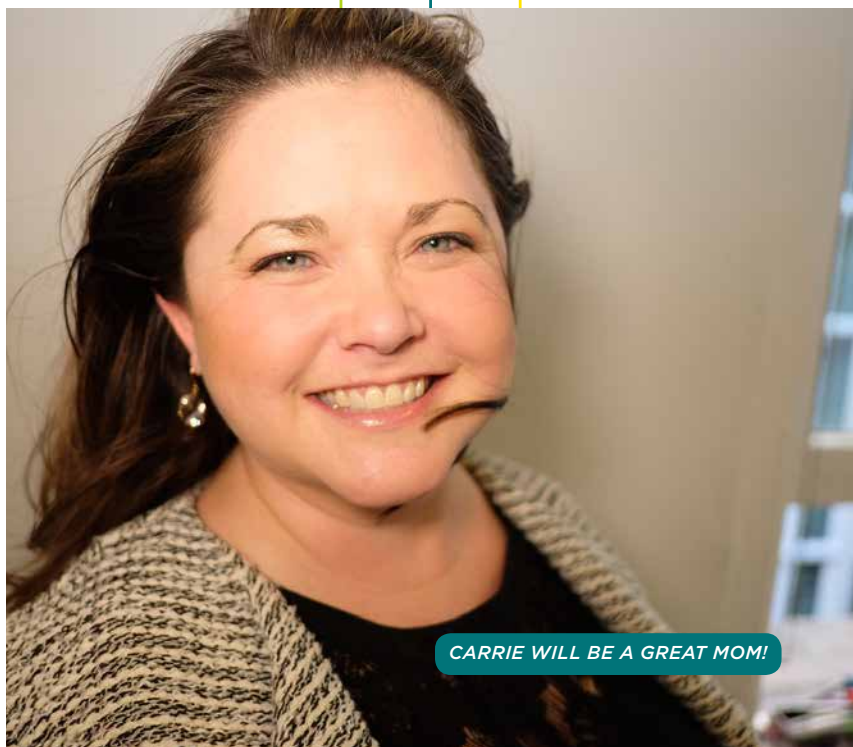
CARRIE IS AN HR BUSINESS PARTNER WITH A CONSULTING FIRM.

She regularly travels between offices on the East Coast and the company's headquarters on the West Coast, but her schedule is pretty much up to her to set. The company's mantra is "love your work and life," meaning they are very supportive of work/life balance and fiercely protective of ensuring employees feel supported.

ABOUT CARRIE ACCORDING TO JOE

CARRIE CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS INDEPENDENT, ADVENTUROUS, AND A BLAST TO BE AROUND. What first attracted me to her was how smart and outgoing she is. I also love her independence. When she decides to do something, she does it – and usually with ease. I couldn't ask for a more perfect partner. Where I have weaknesses, she has strengths. She cares deeply about her friends and family and often puts their needs ahead of her own.

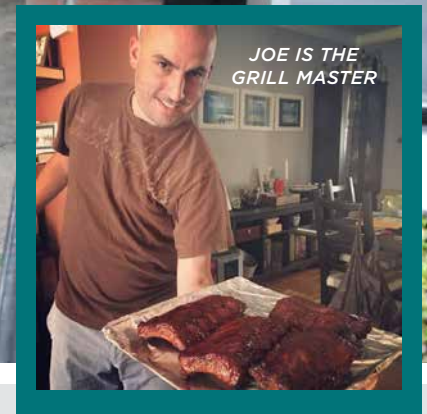
We have a 9-year-old bulldog, and Carrie takes amazing care of him. She is so loving with him, whether it's carrying him up the steps because of his arthritis or giving him kisses and hugs whenever she leaves or comes home. When it comes to our nieces and nephews, she is the first to want to read them a bedtime story or take them to the park. She is so patient and loving. **CARRIE IS GOING TO MAKE AN AMAZING MOTHER AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER IN THAT ROLE.**



CARRIE WILL BE A GREAT MOM!

OUR NECK OF THE WOODS

JOE WITH OUR FRIENDS' SON IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



JOE IS THE GRILL MASTER

WE LIVE IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, IN A LESSER-KNOWN NEIGHBORHOOD CALLED BAY RIDGE.

What we love about it is that it feels like the suburbs, while still being part of the big city. Our house is on a private walk and we're lucky to be surrounded by wonderful neighbors. Summers

are our favorite time of year when everyone leaves their doors open and the walk is full of kids running and playing while the grown-ups socialize and show off their grilling skills.

MEET TONKA



OUR FRIENDS' SON WITH TONKA

OUR FIRST (FUR) BORN TONKA IS OUR 9-YEAR-OLD ENGLISH BULLDOG AND HAS BEEN WITH US SINCE HE WAS SIX MONTHS OLD.

Having him has taught us so much about our relationship, about our abilities as dog parents, and about our potential as human parents. Carrie's family has always had bulldogs so when it came time for us to pick a dog, we knew there was only one choice. He may look fierce, but he is a complete sweetheart and wonderful with children. He wears himself out following our nieces and nephew everywhere, but he can't bear to miss out on any fun. Once everyone's worn themselves out, he makes the perfect pillow to rest your head on while you take a little nap.



JOE WITH HIS FAMILY

THE PEOPLE WE LOVE



JOE WITH HIS NEPHEW ON VACATION

WE BOTH COME FROM LARGE EXTENDED FAMILIES AND WE REMAIN CLOSE TO THEM. Most of Joe's family is close by, so we see them regularly. His mom and stepdad love to meet us in the city and try a new restaurant. His siblings each have young daughters, so we get to see our nieces often.

MOST OF CARRIE'S FAMILY IS IN CHARLESTON AND WE VISIT A FEW TIMES A YEAR. We love staying with her sister and our brother-in-law, and especially spending time with our niece and nephew. Charleston is on the coast so when we visit we spend a lot of time at the beach and on the boat. Carrie's family has a large property on one of the islands, and there's nothing better than spending a day "in the country"- whether that's swimming in the creek, cooking up something delicious with her grandmother, or taking the boat out. Of course, there is always time dedicated to fishing, shrimping, and checking the crab traps.



CARRIE'S EXTENDED FAMILY



CARRIE AND HER BEST FRIENDS



WITH CARRIE'S PARENTS IN TURKS & CAICOS

OUR THOUGHTS ON PARENTING

It's been said that all parents really want for their children is for them to be happy and healthy. Carrie would love to have a dance partner, permanent movie date, and sous chef; while Joe hopes for a fellow gamer and all-star pitcher. However, deep down

what we both want most of all is for our child to be whatever makes them happy and healthy. No matter who or what that is, we can't wait to see what kind of person they decide to be!



IN CLOSING

Thank you for reading our profile. It can be hard to encapsulate everything about yourselves in a two-dimensional format, but hopefully you got a good glimpse into who we are as a couple, a family, and individuals. If you'd like to get to know

us better, feel free to contact us directly. **WE HOPE YOU'VE ENJOYED LEARNING ABOUT US AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO LEARN ABOUT YOU!**

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