

Neil & Bo



*Hi there!*

We are so excited and honored that you are considering us to be the adoptive parents of your child. The decision you are making must be incredibly difficult, and we are so impressed by your bravery and selflessness. We truly cannot imagine what you must be feeling, but we know that the love you have for your child is profoundly awe-inspiring.

## WHO WE ARE

We are Neil and Bo! We are best friends, husbands, and each other's champions. Bo grew up in a small town in West Texas, and Neil was born and raised in Scotland (he has an accent!). We met in Houston during the summer of 2015 and very quickly knew that we had something special. Our marriage is a loving partnership based on our mutually-held ideals of honesty, trust, equality, and lifelong learning.

We became dads together at the end of 2020, when our son, Rory, was placed with us through adoption. We truly love being dads — it's our favorite part of our identities. Rory's birth mom remains a central figure in his story, and we are so grateful for our ongoing relationship with her.



## WHY WE WANT TO ADOPT

As a gay couple, adoption has always been our first choice for growing our family. Having been married for five years and settled into our home, careers, and roles as fathers, we feel we have a strong, stable foundation from which to add to our family. We love being dads, and we believe that we have a lot more love, time, and energy to give to another child.

We appreciate you taking the time to learn about us! — *Neil and Bo*

**NEIL**

Scotland

Education

Baking

Humor

Puzzles

Daddy

**BORN**

**JOB**

**FUN**

**STRENGTH**

**TALENT**

**DAD NAME**

**BO**

Texas

Law

Podcasts

Compassion

Organizing

Poppy

**A BIT ABOUT US!**





## Favorites

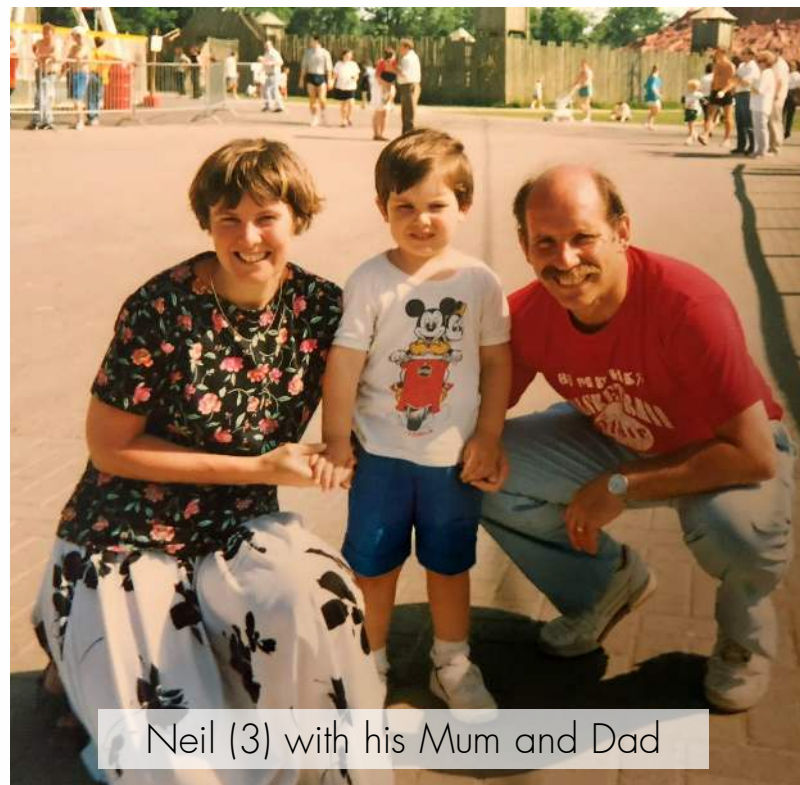
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Movie: Indiana Jones  
Sport: Baseball  
Animal: Octopus  
Song: "Blank Space" by Taylor Swift  
Place: Glasgow, Scotland

### **About Neil (By Bo)**

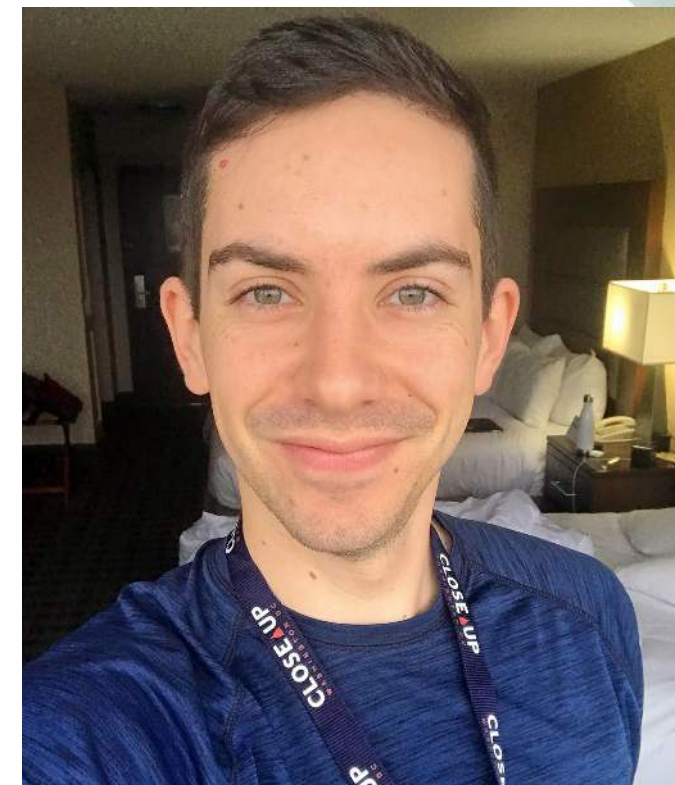
Neil is the absolute best person I know. He is so full of life and has a way of making everything better. Neil grew up in Scotland, where he got his PhD (he's ridiculously smart!). He moved to Houston to teach math at Rice University before teaching at a local high school. He now works from home, designing curriculum for a math learning website. Neil is an amazing dad, always coming up with fun, goofy games that keep our house full of laughter. I know he will continue to teach our family new things and fill our lives with love and excitement.

*Hello, I'm Neil!*





Neil (3) with his Mum and Dad





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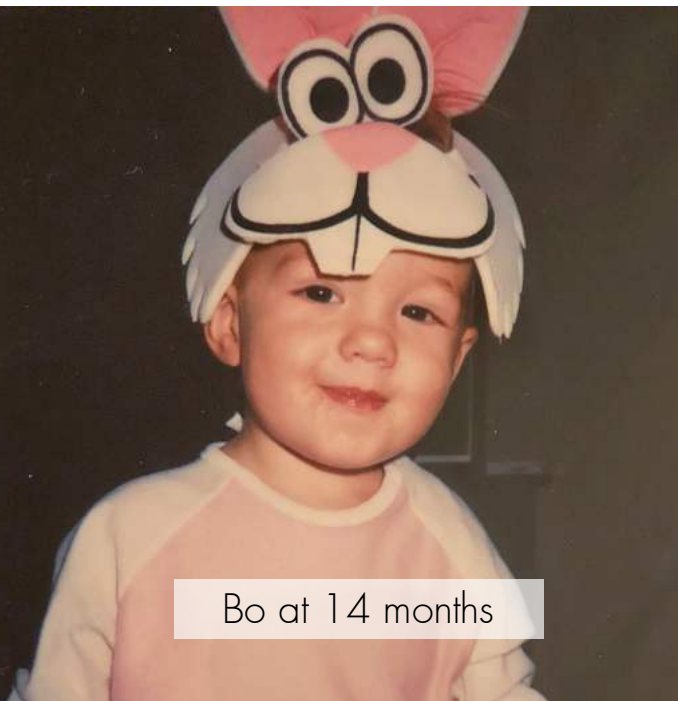
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Food: Tex Mex (and Ice Cream!)  
Movie: My Cousin Vinny  
Sport: Football  
Animal: Elephant  
Song: "Misery Business" by Paramore  
Place: Grandma's House

### **About Bo (By Neil)**

Bo is my hero! He reaffirms this every day with his compassion, loyalty, and dedication to our family. I really admire how hardworking Bo is — as a lawyer, he was constantly helping others, and he continues to do so now as a diversity manager for his law firm. Bo took to being a dad so naturally, with his supportive and nurturing nature making him shine! Growing up, I never really imagined ending up with someone as wonderful as Bo, and I am so grateful that I did. I know he will continue to thrive as a parent and that family will always be his priority.

# HI, I'M BO!





Bo at 14 months



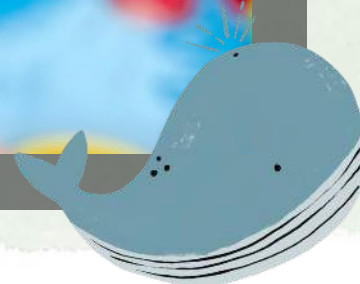
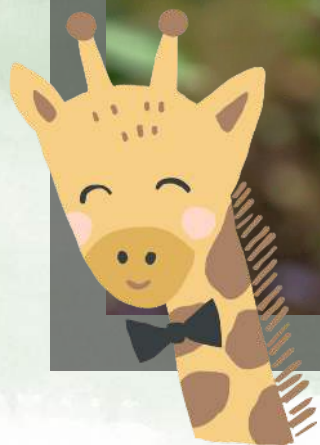
This is Rory!



Our son Rory was born in December 2020, and our lives were forever changed. Rory is so much fun, and he cannot wait to become a big brother!

Rory loves to play with blocks and trucks, read books, and help cook and bake. He has bright red hair and is full of personality.

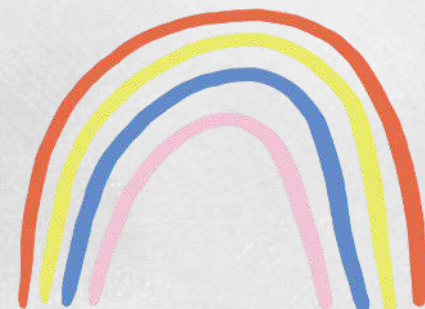
We adopted Rory, and we have an open relationship with his birth family. We are in regular communication with his mom and her family, and we see them multiple times a year.







# OUR FAVORITE THINGS!



Being Outside



Visiting Scotland



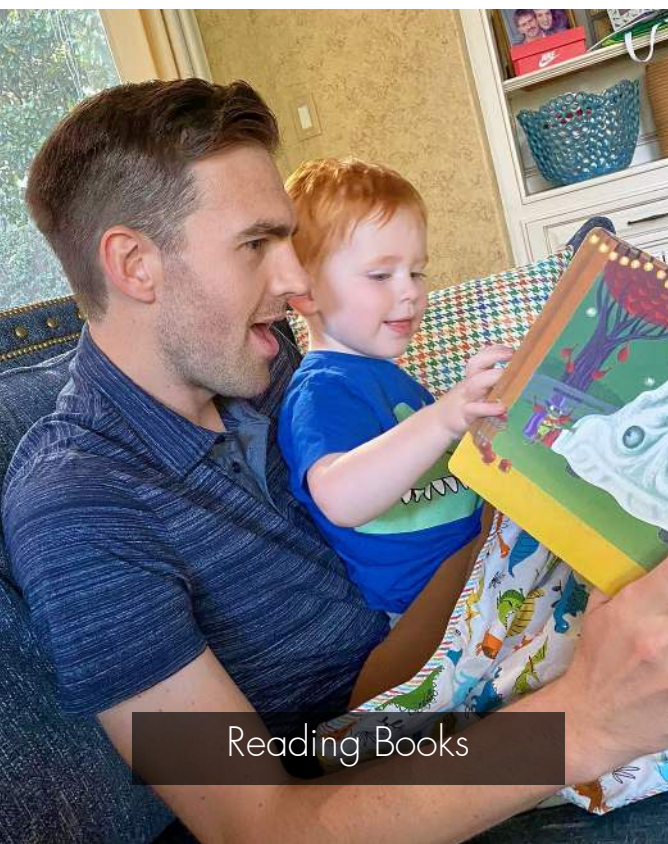
Baking



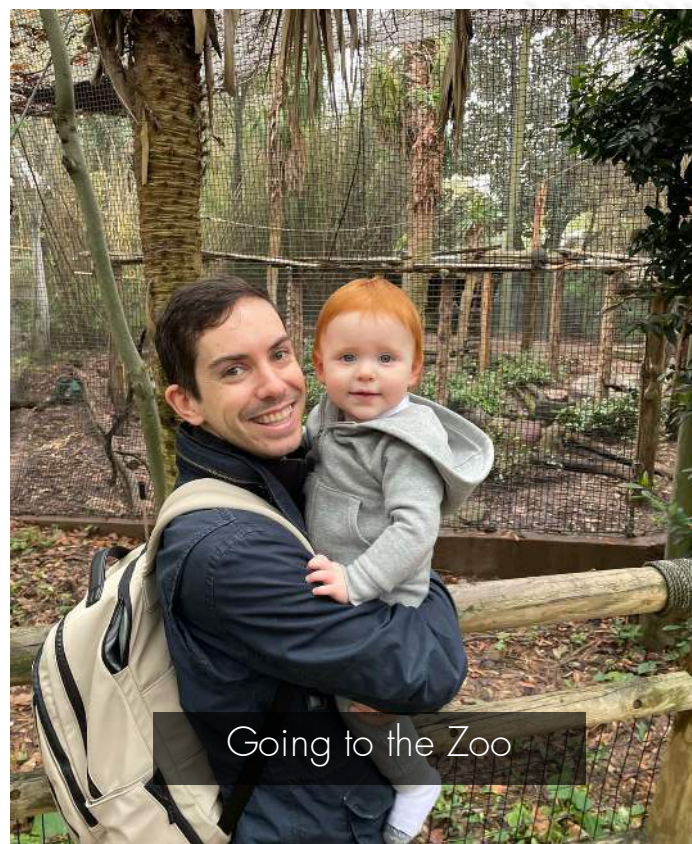
Time with Rory's Cousins



Playing Trucks



Reading Books



Going to the Zoo



Gardening

GOOD TO BE HOME



# HOUSTON HEIGHTS



We live in an area of Houston called the Heights, which is famous for having a “small town” feel despite being part of a big city. We love our neighborhood — it is very green, with walking trails, playgrounds, and parks nearby. We love our daily walks around the neighborhood and building community with other young families on our street.







Bo's Family at Thanksgiving  
(Rex, Megan, Amy, Neil, Bo, Mary, Bo)



Rory's Cousins Oscar (12) and Evie (8)  
with "Baba" (Neil's Mum)



Neil and Bo with Bo's Sister (Amy) and Brother (Rex)

*"Deep Roots  
Grow Strong  
Branches"*



Neil with his Mum (June) and Sister (Lee)

We both feel very fortunate to have such loving, close, supportive families. Bo's parents and sister live near us in Houston, Bo's brother lives in West Texas, and Neil's family lives in Scotland.

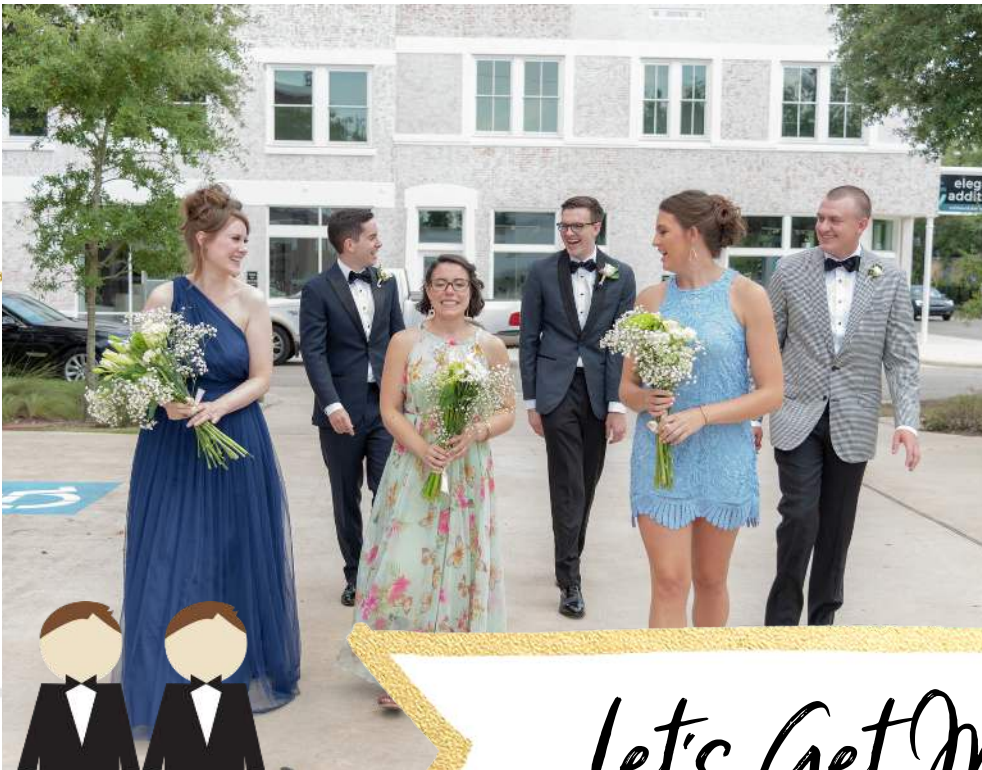
Our families love each other! While they live far apart, they make it a point to visit each other and often plan trips to Scotland or Houston to be together.



Our Families Together in Scotland

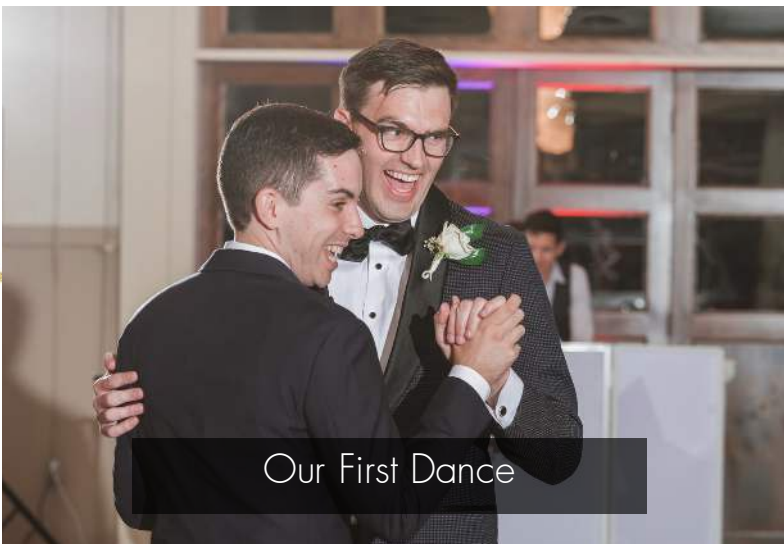


Neil's Dad sadly passed away in 2011.



*Let's Get Married!*





Our First Dance



About to Cut the Cake



Our Niece, Evie



Dancing with Friends and Family



Neil, Oscar, Bo



Neil & Bo (and Rory!) with their Best Friends Liza & Henry (and sons!)

'Cause You're There  
For Me Too!



Neil and Sharon (childhood friend)



Bo and College Friends



Neil, Bo, and Rory with Houston Friends

## **Purrfect Pals!**

**We rescued Eleanor in early 2019, and she immediately became one of the family. She loves people and is so great with kids!**





# BRAVE HEARTS IN SCOTLAND

We love traveling to Scotland each year to visit our friends and family.  
We look forward to introducing our future child to our home away from home!



Visiting University of Glasgow, where Neil went to school



Enjoying public gardens and outdoor spaces



Learning Scottish history!



Taking in the fresh air



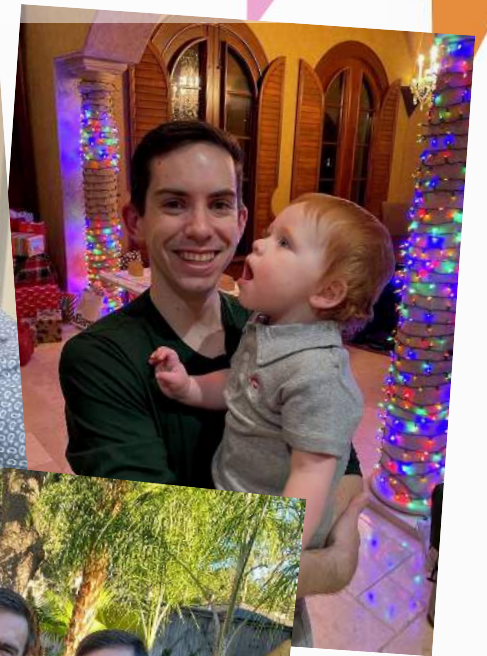
Seeing historic monuments in Edinburgh



Exploring Stirling Castle



# C-E-L-E-B-R-A-T-E!



We love celebrating holidays, birthdays, and other special occasions together.



Our favorite holidays are Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Burns Night (a special Scottish dinner celebration).

We celebrate a traditional Scottish New Year's Eve in Scotland.



We get together with Bo's family in Central Texas every Thanksgiving.



# Our Promise

We promise that your child will know that you love and have loved them every day, since even before they were born.

We promise that your child will know joy, wonder, curiosity, adventure, and gratitude.

We promise to love your child without limit, to be their cheerleaders through triumphs, to be in their corner through struggles, and to help them grow into the happiest, healthiest person they can be.

# *Outtakes – Just for Fun!*







