



## THANK YOU & MORE

As many of you know, we decided to settle here on Chebeague about a year and a half ago, when we fell in love with the beautiful lifestyle and the incredible community that makes this island so unique. We knew - or so we thought - that this would be the perfect place to raise our family. When we were first engaged in September, just over a year ago, we were overwhelmed with the show of support from so many people, some who we'd just met, some of whom we didn't even know yet.

But it wasn't until the weeks & days leading up to our wedding that we began to see how right we were in choosing this community as our *home*. And home it is! So many of you have given to us anything & everything we needed, whenever we needed it, so that our wedding could be a remarkable event. The contributions are tremendous: from donating lobsters and clams galore, to putting on a perfect family lobster bake; from presenting a stunning fireworks show, to providing *tons* of ice; from handing over one's personal property, to clearing & preparing the land; from donating supplies & wedding essentials, to organizing & planning the event; from transporting port-a-potties to-and-fro, to building & delivering an enormous bridal table; from cooking, barbecuing & baking gazillions of pies, to serving food throughout the event; from spending hours on setup & decoration, to staying long after for cleanup; from writing heartfelt music for our ceremony, to learning & performing a special song just for our first dance; from learning how to officiate (and executing it so beautifully!), to

playing the perfect set of music for our reception; from building a rowboat especially for the occasion, to cleaning up the beach for the bride's special arrival; from providing vehicles & transportation, to contributing low-cost & free housing for our off-island family & friends; from taking us on a private sunset get-a-way by boat, to securing our honeymoon suite on Peaks; and still this only scratches the surface of the many gifts, sacrifices, and offers of encouragement & help that we received from all directions on a daily basis.

The people of Chebeague Island - our new neighbors, friends, and family - made our special day breathtakingly unforgettable. As many of you have noted, it was a magical event, and we have all of you to thank for bringing the light and love that made for the most phenomenal day of our lives.

This warm welcome and continued support brings us even more confidence that, yes, we have undoubtedly chosen the right home for our new family. As many of you know, we have been anticipating bringing new life into our family for quite some time, and now, in the perfect place, surrounded by magnificent people, we are so joyfully proud to announce that we will soon be parents. We could not be more grateful for the blessings we have received as we venture to begin our family's life here, on Chebeague Island.

With gratitude and love,

*Becky & Pete Pellerin*