



Family

Love

Laughter

Dear Birth Parent(s),

Hi! We are Geoffrey and Chantal. We are a committed, loving, together-forever couple who have been dreaming for a long time of becoming parents and a loving family. With much gratitude, we've adopted our first child, Noah, and are thrilled at the opportunity to add another wonderful child to our loving home. We are financially stable and are both college educated. Geoffrey works as a property developer with extremely flexible hours, allowing him to spend a lot of time with Chantal and Noah. Chantal is a stay-at-home mom, and likes to spend her time being involved in Noah's school PTA, helping with classroom activities, sporting events and school trips. However, from the moment Noah started to attend middle school last September, she is not as much involved as she used to be. She is very much looking forward to participate in activities with Noah's little brother or sister to be, especially all kinds of baby and toddler classes (including swim, music, gymnastics and dance) and social activities throughout the week.



Thank you for taking the time to learn more about us. We recognize that considering adoption for your child is an enormous decision and we admire your strength and courage. We know that placing your child for adoption is an act of love and that you want only the best for him or her. Should your child become a part of our family, he or she will always know how special you are and that it was your love that brought him or her into our family.

Hi I'm Chantal

I was born in Belgium and my family moved to the Netherlands to be closer to my grandparents when I was 4 years old. My dad owned a large construction company and was a real estate investor. My mom was a stay at home mom to me and my older sister. She was involved in our school PTA, and helped with classroom activities, sporting events and school trips. My parents divorced when I was age 5 and my sister and I went to live with our mom. Although my dad had a busy schedule, both him and my mom always made sure that my sister and I were number one. They were always there for us.

My childhood included lots of fun, in the form of family gatherings, church, school and many friends. As a child I loved playing with dolls and I had a passion for helping animals in need, mostly birds that weren't able to fly. I fed them with tweezers and took them to the veterinarian when they needed treatment. From an early age, it was clear that I had a caring character and I knew I was destined to be a mom one day.

When I graduated from college, I began working as a management assistant for several international companies. Later on I chose to work as an administrative assistant at a school, where I enjoyed being around children. While I loved my job, I chose to be a stay at home mom the moment we welcomed our son Noah.

With my mom



With my dad



Destined to be a mom one day...



With my big sister



I absolutely love everything about being a mom!



With my Godchild Rosalie



Hi, I'm Geoffrey

I'm originally from the Netherlands, where I grew up with my mom, dad and older brother. My parents were high school sweethearts and married young. My dad worked as a police officer, my mom was a stay at home mom.

I had a happy childhood with lots of friends, fun and laughter. Some of my fondest childhood memories are of spending weekends at our cabin at a family campground where we rode horses, had campfires and played games. As a kid I loved building things and as a teenager I used to build my own motorbikes.

Graduated from college, I began working in the DIY-industry as a sales consultant. Later on I became a manager specialized in building materials and supplies. With the knowledge I gained while working in the construction industry, I decided to switch careers and to start a business in real estate development. I have never regretted this decision, in fact I love the freedom and extra time I can spend with my family because of it.



As a baby

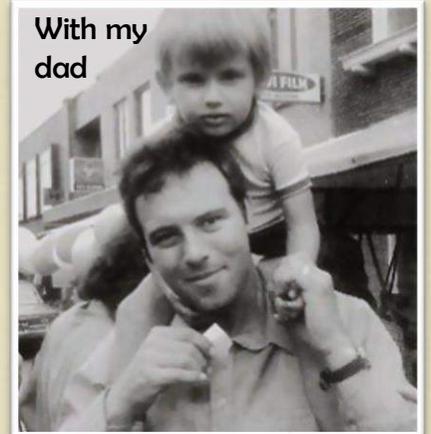


With my brother at our family campground

With my mom



With family



With my dad

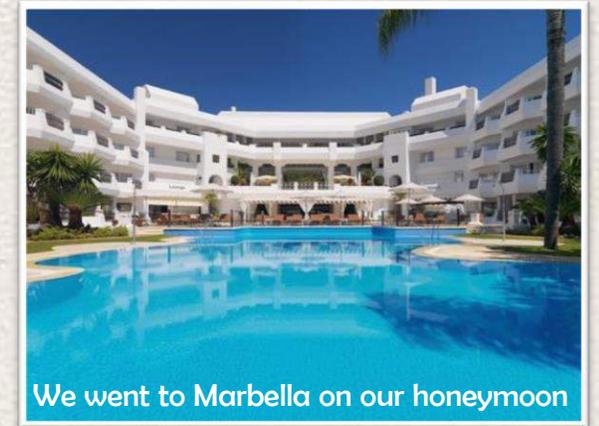
With friends



Our Story

We met as teenagers at a birthday party of a mutual friend and became instantly inseparable. Right away, we knew that we didn't need to look any further now that we have found "the one". We complement each other in every way and most importantly make each other happy and smile. After 7 years full of fun, laughs, friendship, support, growth, and love, Geoffrey proposed and we married in August 1998.

With Geoffrey's parents



We went to Marbella on our honeymoon

Our vows



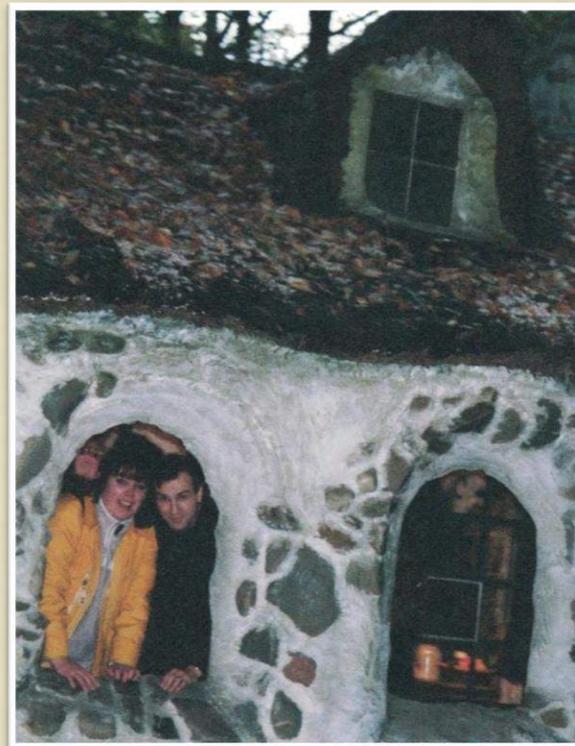
Party time!



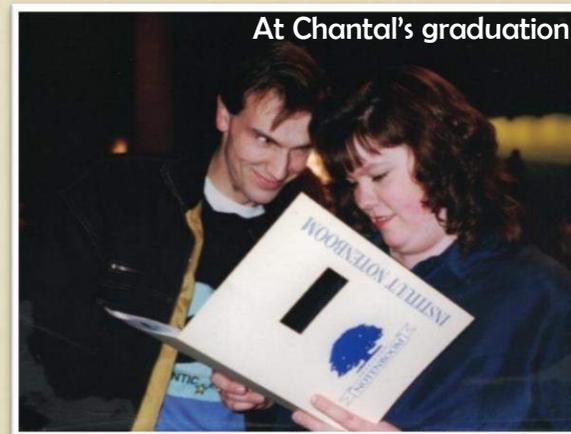
With Chantal's family



We are a team, best friends and we enjoy life and spending time together. Communication and having an understanding and respect for the other's point of view are very important to us. We have a tremendous amount of love and appreciation for each other and feel that we have built a strong partnership.



On one of our first dates



At Chantal's graduation



Being together for over 25 years, we have become soulmates and best friends who bring out the best in each other.



With both of our Godchildren, Rosalie and Timo



Visiting Geoffrey's Godchild Timo



Geoffrey's thoughts about Chantal:

Chantal is a kind, generous, and humble person who is always thinking of others. She is an amazing mom and dedicated wife. She also is smart, creative, witty, and has a great sense of fun. She is very close with her family and friends and loves being around them. Chantal has a gift for understanding the feelings of others; it is what makes her such a compassionate person. She is the one who notices and befriends the person standing alone at a party, remembers everyone's birthdays, or reminds me to call my mom just to check in and say hello. Chantal is selfless in her devotion to the people she loves. She absolutely adores children and she is excited to grow our family!

Family is very important to Chantal



Chantal adores our son Noah



Chantal's thoughts about Geoffrey:

Geoffrey is a loyal, dependable and thoughtful person. He is very generous and would do anything for the people he loves. As a father, Geoffrey is very involved in and supportive of the activities and interests our son wants to pursue. As a husband, he is very loving, devoted and supportive; in life's ups and downs he is always there for me. He is also a hard worker and a creative person. He is passionate about his work as a real estate developer, but also enjoys channeling his creative energies for projects at home.

He loves to do odd jobs in and around our home



Geoffrey is a loving and caring father, he is very supportive of our son

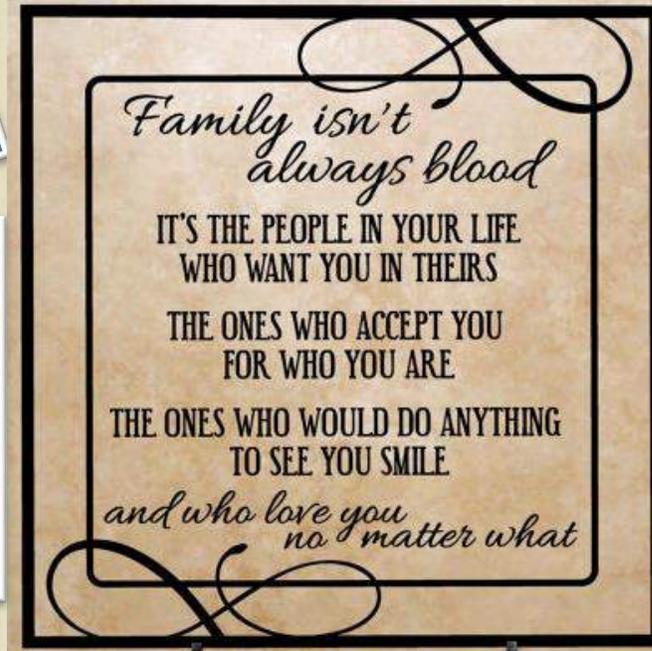


Sailing is Geoffrey's favorite hobby



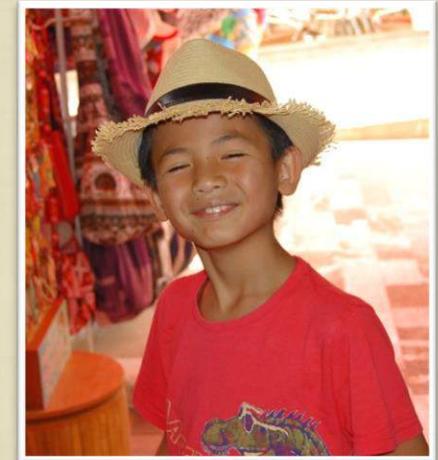
Growing our family

Ever since we began dating, we discussed our desire to someday have a family. We adore children, and being able to grow a family has always been the most important thing to us. Although we were faced with infertility, we both passionately believe we are meant to raise children. Adoption would make it possible for us to finally become parents and to have the family we always longed for. With our hearts wide open, we started our first adoption journey and we were fortunate to welcome our son Noah in 2007. Adoption has proven to be the greatest blessing in our lives, and we wouldn't have it any other way!



About Noah

Noah is an amazing person and will be a wonderful big brother! He is kind, compassionate, outgoing and adventurous. Noah is doing well in school and likes playing sports, especially hockey and horseback riding. He loves building things with his hands and loves to play with our two little dogs, Yumi and Poppy. Noah is fond of babies, he constantly talks about his new little brother or sister and how he can't wait to hold them and hug them and play with them. He already loves this child as much as we do and is so anxious to meet them!



Noah's loves to travel to all kinds of sunny destinations



With Poppy & Yumi

Noah's favorite hobby: horseback riding



Our Home

In 2009 we bought the house we now live in and we renovated it ourselves. We put a lot of effort and love into the renovation, to turn the house into a home where we would like to spend our time and welcome our family and friends.

The interior of the house consists of a hall, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a laundry room, a large living room and a kitchen where we love to cook, entertain and relax.

We have a great backyard with lots of room for a playhouse and for Noah and his friends to play soccer and baseball.

This is home



Our kitchen



Front part of our livingroom



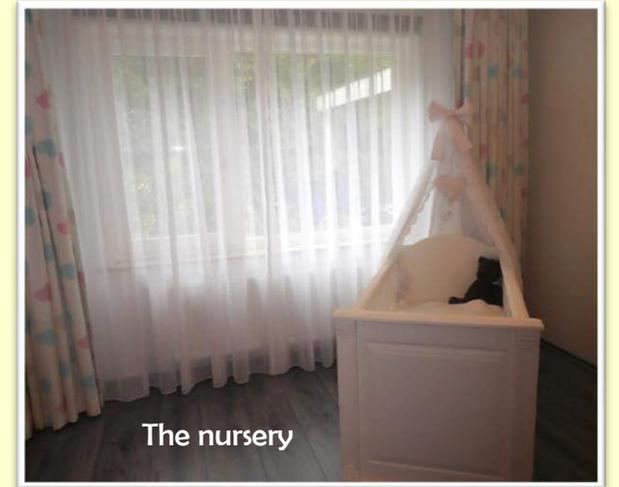
Part of the garden with room for a big playhouse

Welcome

At this moment we are finished decorating the Baby's Room. The nursery, right next to our bedroom, is a charming, bright and spacious room with nice views to the garden.



The stroller



The nursery

The Maxi Cosi car seat



The dresser with all kinds of health- and care products



Where we live

We are fortunate to live in a family friendly neighborhood in Belgium, a beautiful country in the heart of Europe. (We are home study approved, our adoption-agency is based in New York). The area is known for its great schools and family-friendly neighborhoods, and has tons of festivals, art, culture, activities and museums to enjoy.

Our village is situated near the countryside and we enjoy the beautiful nature that surrounds us. We love to go for a walk between the fields and creeks and to take bike tours and have picnics. Our neighborhood is full of other families that we enjoy seeing on our walk to school in the mornings or having over for playdates.



We love to enjoy the beautiful nature at our doorstep

The nearby playground...



... and aquapark



Belgium is known for being rich in cultural arts and its excellent health care and educational system (education in Belgium ranks third-best among the 35 OECD countries, well above the EU and world averages). Belgium is also known for the city of Brussels. It is the capital of the European Union, NATO, and numerous other organizations. The only city with a bigger international presence is New York City.



Belgium: a small county in the heart of Europe



Tourists from all over the world visit Belgium



We own the complete building, consisting of an office space on the ground floor and 4 apartments that we rent out plus a 2-story penthouse we decided to keep to ourselves.



Our Second Home

We also own a beautiful two-story penthouse in one of the most sought-after cities in Belgium. It consists of a large livingroom, a beautiful island kitchen, 3 bedrooms with wardrobes, 2 fully equipped bathrooms, a sauna and a terrace overlooking the marina.



One of the bathrooms



The sauna



Amazing views



Kitchen & diningroom



Family & Friends

Family is very important to us. Our second child will be welcomed into our loving family by excited grandparents, uncles, aunts, and (first) cousins who all live close by.

We also have a close circle of friends that might as well be family, including amazing friends that have adopted their two beautiful daughters from Philadelphia, and friends that have been adopted themselves. They all can't wait for our new addition! We are so grateful to have this support and strong family core.



Noah and his cousin Rosalie, they have a special connection from the very start.

Noah has 2 adoring grandmothers



Noah & Chantal's family having fun during the European Championship soccer



Our dear friends with their daughters



Geoffrey & his mom



Chantal & her mom



Noah with his cousins Timo and Rosalie



Noah & Rosalie



Noah & his cousin Timo



Chantal & Rosalie



Noah with his Godmother and Godfather



best BUDDIES



BBQ with family & friends



Noah & some of his friends

friends & family



Amazing Friends who now live in the USA

Family Fun!

BEST of TIMES



Chantal's mom & sister



Noah & Chantal's mom

With Geoffrey's mom



On a boat trip with dear friends

Chantal & her sister Manuela



Noah & his uncle Raymond



Chantal & Timo



Geoffrey & Rosalie



Priceless MOMENTS

great memories

Hobbies and more...

We are both obsessed with real estate and love to renovate houses. Over the years we have been able to buy and renovate several properties, and we now own eight rental properties in Belgium and the Netherlands.

While Chantal is a stay at home mom, Geoffrey has the luxury of being able to arrange his own schedule. We make sure to have plenty of time to spend with our family because to us family time is priceless!



One of our projects

Before...



... and after

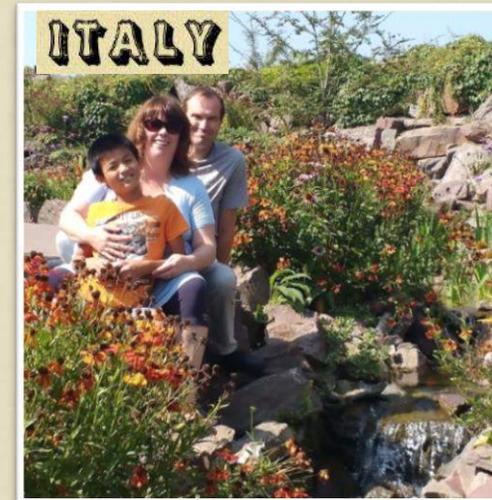
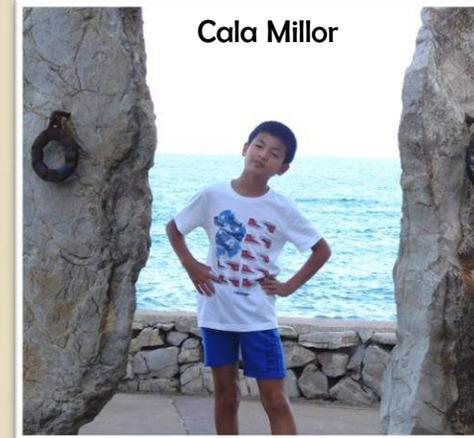


What We Enjoy As a Family

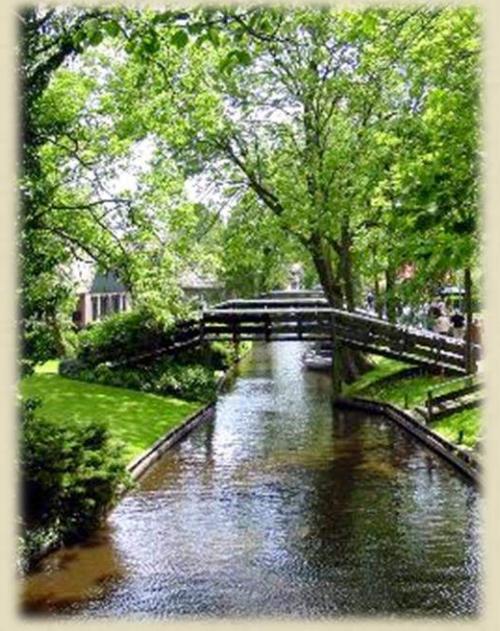
As a family we love to travel. Our favorite destination so far is Mallorca, one of the Balearic Islands in the western Mediterranean. Travelling to England, Italy, France and China was also fantastic! Whenever Noah wishes to go back to China we will return to visit his native country. We have not travelled to the USA yet, but it is on our wish list. We plan to continue exploring the world in order to expose our family to other cultures, and we look forward to adding another “little explorer” to our clan.

One of our favorite accommodations

Never Stop
EXPLORING



One of our favorite things to do as a family is sailing. We go to the Dutch Venice at least twice a year, where a boat is essential, because there are no roads; people have to travel by water or on foot over the lovely wooden bridges.



THE DUTCH VENICE



Besides travelling abroad, we like to take advantage of the fun things our home country Belgium has to offer. On Wednesday afternoons and on the weekends we usually go to a theme park, the zoo, the playground, the movies or do more active things like biking, swimming, or hiking through the woods. We also love our “Friday Family Fun Night” at the end of every week, which can be anything from a bowling match on the Wii (or at the actual bowling alley), a game of Monopoly, or a movie night. We are so excited to be able to share this with a new baby one day. Not to mention Noah will be thrilled to have a brother/sister to share our adventures with!





Decorating our Christmas tree!



Poppy & Yumi ready for Christmas

Next Christmas we hope to be a family of 4...



Holidays are a very important part of our family. Our favorite holiday is Christmas. We love to decorate our house and Christmas tree!

We also celebrate Chinese New Year, Easter and Halloween. Usually we have brunch or dinner together with family members with Christmas and Easter.

We look forward to celebrating July 4th and Thanksgiving to honor your child's American culture!



Halloween!



Chinese New Year



Christmas presents



Growing our forever family

We love being parents more than anything in the world. When Noah was 4 years old, we expressed our wish to grow our family.

We had just moved from the Netherlands to Belgium and we learned that the second adoption procedure would take at least 3 years more than we expected. Then Chantal's father became ill and she took care of him for almost 2 years before he passed away. Recovering from our loss, we decided to start the second adoption procedure, despite the long way ahead of us. All together it took us quite some time to get where we are now, but we are glad that we decided to follow through!

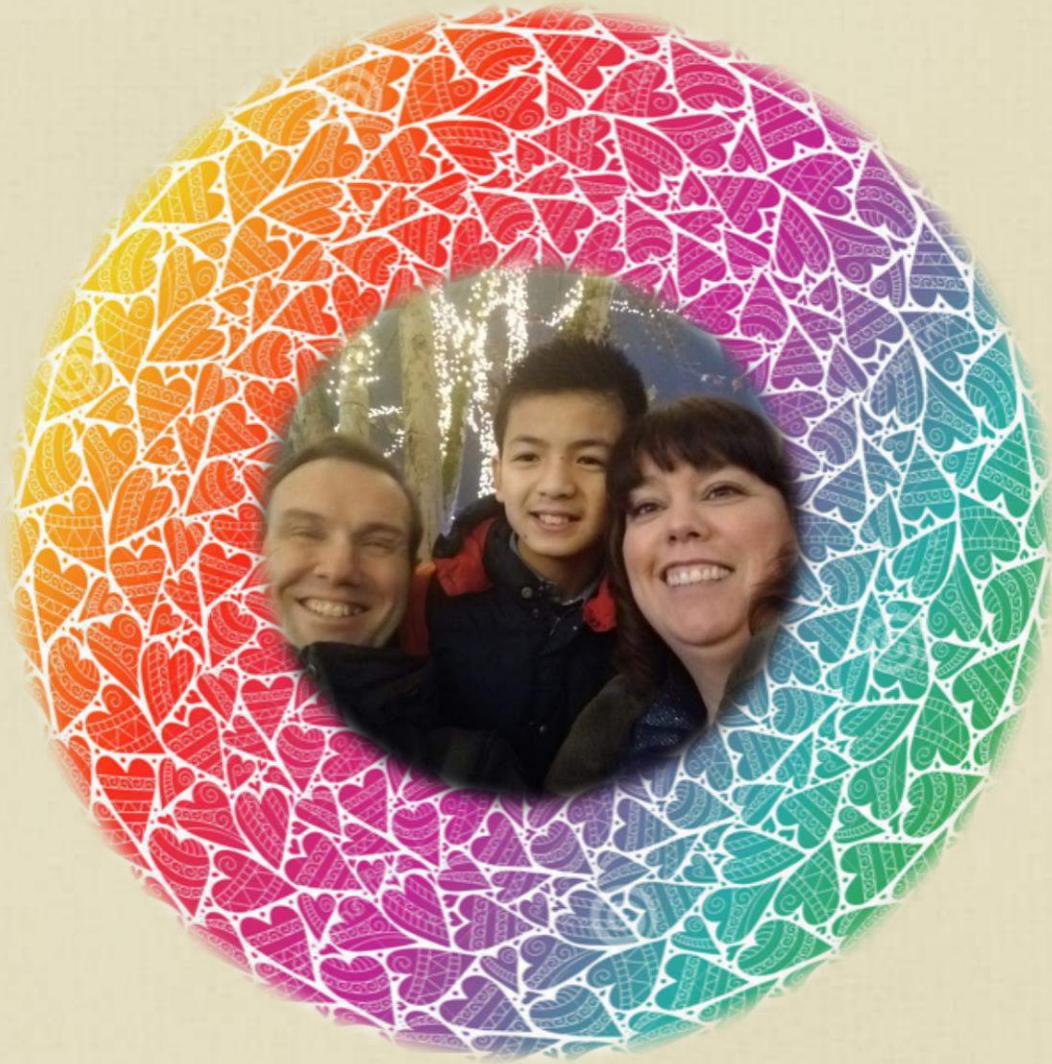
We are very excited to welcome a new joy in our lives and so are our family and friends! Your child would be joining a family with two very loving parents, a sibling who cannot wait to be a big brother, very enthusiastic grandmothers and loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

WELCOME
Little One



BLESSED





Should you choose us, we would teach your child to ski, swim, sail, and play any sports he or she enjoys. Most importantly though, we will teach them to love and respect everyone. An individual's character is what sets them aside from everyone else, and we want our children to learn and acknowledge that and become the best contribution to society he or she can be. We both come from rather religious backgrounds however neither of us is overly religious. That being said, we both share a strong belief in morals and values which we like to pass on as parents. We believe in respecting and treating others like you would want to be treated yourself, as well as love for everyone and anyone despite their race or religion.

THANK YOU for taking the time to read about our life together. We want you to know that we are very committed to give your child the best life possible and we would be honored to give your child all of our stability, energy, support and good fortune. Most importantly, we have a tremendous amount of love to give and extended family and amazing friends to do the same.

We are perfectly happy with an open adoption but that is a decision that is made jointly with the birth parents. While we hope you can become a part of our family, we will be respectful of your wishes and comfort levels. You will always be welcome in our lives in whatever way you feel most comfortable.

We cannot tell you how much we respect your position and would never pretend to know what you are going through. We can only imagine how difficult this process is for you and we would love to be there for you to help and support you. We truly admire your strength and courage in this search for the right family to love and cherish your child.

We would love to know anything and everything you would like to share about yourself and hope you feel comfortable talking to us. Please feel free to contact us if you'd like to get to know us a little better. We would LOVE to get to know you!!

With love,

Geoffrey and Chantal



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They will be happy to speak to you!

