

Glenn & Gina





{ Love makes a family }

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hello there

We are Glenn and Gina from North Carolina. We are grateful you are taking the time to read our profile as you consider your options with adoption. We realize you are trying to make one of the most important and difficult decisions in you and your baby's life and we admire your strength, courage, and unconditional love for your child. As you make this decision about your baby's future, we hope sharing this look into our lives with you and showing you the love and happiness we have we will help make your decision for your baby's future just a little bit easier. We have a lot of love to share and will cherish your child daily. We are excited about becoming parents and committing to providing a child with a life full of love, guidance and support.

This is our story and we hope you will see yourself as part of it.

*with grateful hearts,
Gina and Glenn*

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Where it all began

For us, it was attraction at first sight. We met at a local restaurant. Gina was there with co-workers and Glenn came in to eat late one night after work. Surprisingly, one of Gina's co-workers knew Glenn and had him join the group. The next day Glenn's friend contacted Gina and the love connection was made. It didn't take long for us to realize that we shared our love for serving our communities, core values, and love of family and that we had a future together. We dated for a year when Glenn proposed without us having discussed the possibility. The rest is history.





Why we want to adopt

Family has always been an important part of both of our lives. Before we were married we were excited to talk about having children and building a family. We agreed that we were open to having biological or adopted children. After a few years of being married and not becoming pregnant, we soon realized the magnitude of just how much we wanted a family. We knew that adoption was the right option for us to build a family through the encouragement and experiences of several friends who have lovingly adopted themselves. The process of growing our family has been a long one, but we are very happy to be on this journey to adoption and are excited about becoming parents.



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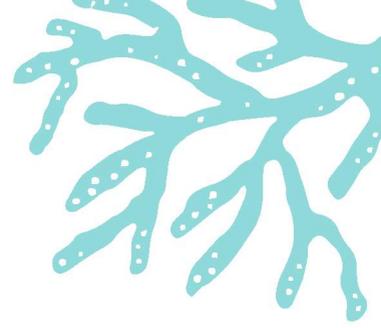
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Hi! My name is



Gina



I would describe myself as being patient, kind-hearted, and dedicated. On the weekends I enjoy working in the yard planting and trimming flowers, herbs, and vegetables. This is my relaxation time. I truly love to bake and make chocolate candies. Baking just makes the house smell so yummy. Although I love to travel, I am most happy when I am at home spending time with family and friends.

I grew up in the Chicago suburbs with my Mom, Dad, and older sister. My Mom and Dad were pretty strict but regularly expressed their love for us. We had early curfews, chores to be done and a strong emphasis on school and grades. However, we did a lot of fun activities as a family including extensive vacations all over the United States, weekend day trips to various state parks to go hiking, and played a lot of board and card games. Growing up, my sister and I did almost everything together which has resulted in a life-long friendship. Even today we get together once a week for dinner. I am looking forward to becoming a mother to share my love for family. I can't wait to have birthday parties- baking cakes and decorating the house. I am also excited to have family game nights and many family adventures.

...why Gina loves Glenn

Glenn is my best friend and I love him more and more every day. He is knowledgeable about so many things. He is who you want on your Jeopardy or Trivial Pursuit Team... but he really isn't nerdy at all! I fell in love with Glenn because of his values and his respect for me and those that he meets. He is dedicated to the service to others and it shows through in everything he does. He is very kind hearted and has a great sense of humor. Glenn helps me be more adventurous and do things that I normally wouldn't do. Glenn is a born teacher and is going to make an awesome Dad teaching our children many things, helping them with homework, and special projects. Glenn is a lot of fun and loves to play games outside. He is oftentimes found playing with all the neighborhood kids instead of in the adult circle.

Three words that describe Gina: high morals, intelligent, funny

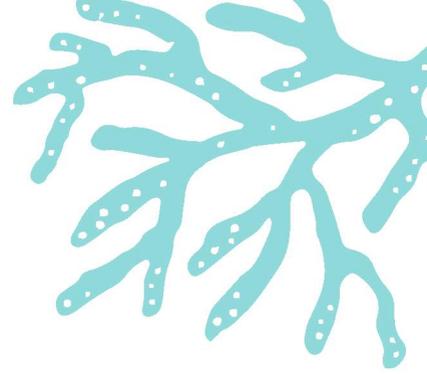




Hi! My name is



GLENN



I consider myself to be someone who values spending time with family and serving the community. My favorite activities outside of work include spending time at the beach, any activities on the water (paddleboarding, fishing, etc.) and reading. I grew up near Greensboro, North Carolina in a small rural town. The community was very tight-knit and everyone helped one another. My Mom and Dad were excellent parents, encouraging my brother and myself to pursue what we wanted to in life and were prime examples of being true servants to the community. The examples set by my family fueled my desire to make a difference in the lives of others, leading me to pursue my career in the fire service and emergency management. As a parent, I would like to become as good of an example of selfless service to our child or children as my parents were to my brother and myself. I would also like to instill the same love of adventure that I have so that our child or children have fun in life and appreciate the things that really matter.

...why Glenn loves Gina

I was (and still am) attracted to Gina because of the person she is – high moral standards, extremely intelligent, and funny. She is not only my wife, but also my best friend. She is always there to cheer me up after a tough day or encourage me when encouragement is needed. I'm thankful every day that I have had the honor and privilege of Gina being my Wife. Whether we are at home, enjoying time at the beach, or pursuing any activity Gina makes life fun and worthwhile. I also admire her dedication to service to the community and her steadfast adherence to her values and beliefs. She will make a great parent because of her compassion and her desire to prepare our child or children to live a productive, happy, and meaningful life.

Three words that describe Glenn: faithful, honest, loving





home SWEET home

We just love our house and neighborhood. We purchased our home when we were married with our future family in mind. Our house has 3 bedrooms and a bonus room/4th bedroom. We also have an unfinished basement and attic that is ready to be finished for extra craft and play rooms. We are ready for our house to be filled with the noises of giggles and playtime and the messes of games, paint, play-doh, books, and toys. We imagine daily dinners together around the kitchen table filled with stories of the day and planning our next family adventure and ending the day with snuggling up for bedtime stories.

Our house is located on a cul-de-sac and on a half-acre with a large front yard that is often times the neighborhood soccer field, tumbling run, or nerf gun dart zone as the neighborhood kids know they are always welcome to play in our yard. Our back yard is a protected forested area and has a creek that is fun for exploring and has the perfect sledding hill. A few blocks from our home is the elementary and middle school that our child(ren) will attend. We are excited about walking our kids to school each morning and waiting for them as they head home.

Our community is consistently ranked as one of the safest towns in North Carolina, wins many accolades for being the best place to raise a family, and has many great parks, playgrounds, greenways and athletic facilities along with an expansive parks and recreation program that has activities for every child's interest as well as many family festivals throughout the year. We live in the center of the state, so we are only 2 hours to the beach and 3-4 hours to the mountains. We are members of our State's art museum and aquariums. In less than 30 minutes we can drive to many great museums including natural sciences, history, children's and art as well as arboretums, NC Zoo and botanical gardens.



Our Second HOME

If we are not at home,

you can usually find us with our toes in the sand at our beach condo on North Carolina's Crystal Coast. We purchased our condo five years ago. Glenn and his family had been vacationing on the island his whole life. We decided, why should we only go down for one week each year? Our condo has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths- perfect for weekends with family and friends! We have a beautiful view of the ocean as well as a peek-in view of the year-round heated swimming pool and kiddie pool. We loved this location in the resort thinking of our future family and being able to watch our kids at the pool from our deck (when they are old enough, of course!). One of the great things that we did not anticipate when purchasing a second home is that we have a second set of "beach" friends, many of whom have small children. Glenn is a water baby through and through. There is no doubt that our children will grow up learning to swim- maybe even become surfers! Or, maybe they will pick up Gina's love to go for walks and look for "twisty" shells and photograph anything. We are so excited to be able to share our home away from home with our children and know that this will be an amazing experience for them.





Gina + Glenn's Families



Gina's immediate family has all relocated from Chicago to the Carolina's. Gina's sister and her family live ten minutes away and Gina's Dad has moved to South Carolina and is only a 3 hour drive visit. Gina lost her mother to cancer during her last year of college. Our families and friends are very excited about us having a little one to hold and snuggle. They will be a positive and loving source of support for us and your child.

Glenn grew up in a small crossroads community a little over an hour away. Each year, his family hosts their entire community in their large back yard for the annual July 4th celebration. They invite family, friends and neighbors to join together with a huge ice cream social to celebrate our nation's independence. Glenn grew up with his Mom, Dad and younger brother Grant. His Mom and Dad were married for 55 years when his Mom passed away from a stroke 8 years ago.

Sweet Skittles



Skittles is our Mackerel Tabby kitty. At only 4 weeks old, she came up to Glenn's family's house and Glenn's Dad just knew there was something "special" about this kitty and that she needed to be a part of our lives. She is the most social kitty that Glenn has ever known- and he has had cats all his life. Who says you can't train a cat!?! Gina has trained Skittles to come when she whistles and she sits on command. Skittles loves to play by chasing her toy mice, swatting her mice from the air, rolling on her back, eating her gourmet grasses that "Mommy" grows just for her, and brushy time in the morning with "Daddy". We enjoy watching her laying in a warm patch of sun on the dining room floor, rolling around in happy bliss on her favorite blanket, and peeking out the front door when we come home.



Fun Facts about us

Something Silly

Gina: I don't have my ears pierced.

Glenn: I can't watch a TV show without channel surfing.

Favorite Food

Gina: Chocolate

Glenn: BBQ (North Carolina style- of course!)

When Not At Work, We Enjoy

Gina: Gardening, Baking, Cooking

Glenn: Paddleboarding, Swimming, Fishing

Our Happy Place

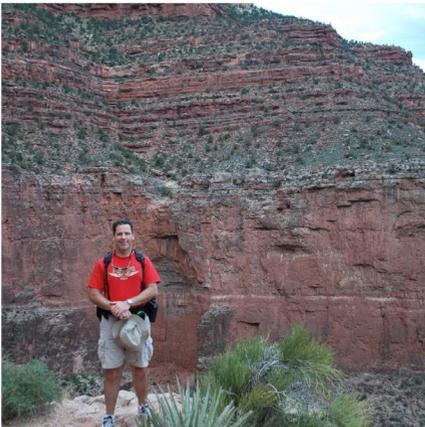
Gina: Home

Glenn: The Beach

Things We Value

Family, Faith, Service to Others, Traveling, and Laughter





Family Adventures

We enjoy taking day trips, traveling and spending time at our beach condo. We enjoy going to places we have never been, visiting museums, and historic sites. We typically pick vacations in natural areas where we can go hiking or driving on crazy narrow rural roads. We also enjoy eating and finding great new restaurants and will make a day out of going to eat in a town 2 or 3 hours away.



Holidays and Traditions

Lucky for us, our families all love each other and we gather both of our families together for the Easter and Thanksgiving holidays hosted each year at our home. For Christmas we spend Christmas Eve at Glenn's family's home then after having Christmas morning Santa gifts and lunch, we then go to Gina's sister's house for gift sharing and dinner with her family. We spend New Year's at our beach condo and go to the canon firing at the historic fort on the island.



WHEN WE THINK OF YOU, WE THINK OF:

*Courageous, brave,
love, belief, faith*

before we go

Thank you for taking the time to learn a little bit about us. We are truly honored that you are considering us as a family for your baby, and if we are lucky enough to be chosen by you it will be a dream come true for us! We promise we will raise your child to know how courageous and brave your decision was and that you love him/her. We promise that your child will be raised in a loving, warm, supportive home full of happiness, security and unconditional love. With us, we hope you will find comfort and peace that your child will be loved for a lifetime, and surrounded by family and friends. It is important to us that your child has every opportunity to succeed to their greatest potential and know how valuable they are. Our goal is to provide the support your child needs to become their best self.

Our promises:

- Have lots of adventures near and far
- Celebrate every occasion and milestone
- Give lots of hugs and kisses and say "I love you" often
- Attend every game, recital, performance, tournament, and school event
- Teach right from wrong
- Instill a sense of pride and accomplishment - a feeling of self worth
- Be there to catch them when they stumble and fall
- Wipe away tears and fears with words of comfort and support
- Always encourage their dreams
- Most of all, love unconditionally

We wish you the best in your difficult journey and will always admire your courage in making your decision. Whatever you decide, we know it will be the best for your child.

All our love,
Gina and Glenn

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