



Jenn & Mike

*Hello*



We are Jenn & Mike from New York

# The Story of Us



We are college sweethearts who met in 2002.

Love came naturally, and we've been together for 21 years.

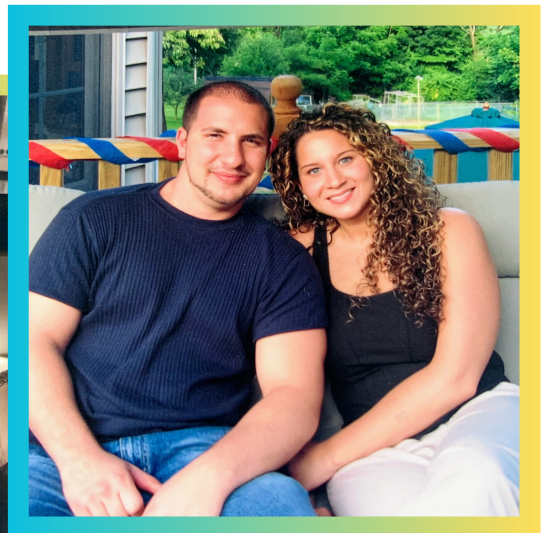
Over the years, our love has only deepened, and we've faced life's challenges hand in hand.

We've created countless memories, shared laughter, and supported each other's dreams.

Our bond grows stronger with each passing day, and we look forward to the many adventures that lie ahead.

Together, we know that our love can conquer anything life throws our way.

Our story is meant to be, and we cherish every moment as a couple.



# Why Adoption?

From the beginning of our relationship, we knew that we wanted a big family. Our journey to a big family hasn't been an easy road, as we ran into infertility issues. We tried many routes to start our family, and they were all unsuccessful.

Though the journey was hard, we've arrived at adoption with open hearts full of JOY. We're looking forward to seeing our dreams realized.



Jenn



kind, creative, loving, and fun

# Meet Jenn



Jenn is a dedicated School Psychologist who is passionate about working with children.

She enjoys lots of exciting hobbies including crafting, designing, painting, bowling, cooking and baking delicious cakes. She also loves singing in the shower, reading celebrity gossip magazines, and has a weakness for Reese's peanut butter cups.

Jenn's caring nature, artistic talents, and hardworking spirit will make her an exceptional parent who will provide a loving and supportive environment for a child to grow and thrive.

*Jenn's Lemon Cake*



*Dinner is Served*

## About Jenn, by Mike:

My love for my wife and best friend Jenn grows every day since meeting her 21 years ago. She is an incredible partner and supporter. She makes me smile and laugh with her sense of humor. I never met anybody more thoughtful and caring than Jenn when it comes to things like birthday and holiday gifts for loved ones or planning a bridal or baby shower. She always puts her family and friends' needs first.

Jenn goes the extra mile to ensure our home feels warm and inviting with her great sense of style and eye for design. She's created a beautiful home to raise a family. Jenn loves to have our house decorated for the holidays. She enjoys hosting parties and family gatherings at our house like Thanksgiving. She makes sure everyone feels comfortable, is well fed, and has a great time. Jenn has a love for baking and is always asked to bake cakes for our nieces and nephews, friends, or coworkers.

When Jenn finds time for herself, she loves to read and listen to music. She will also catch up on celebrity gossip, reality TV, and her favorite HGTV show.

### Mosaics



### Bowling



### Painting



A photograph of a man named Mike sitting at a table in a restaurant. He is bald, has a goatee, and is smiling. He is wearing a short-sleeved, button-down shirt with a small, repeating pattern. The restaurant has a rustic, wooden interior with large wooden beams and tables. Other people are visible in the background, some sitting at tables. A large umbrella is visible on the left side of the frame. The name "Mike" is written in a blue, cursive font in the top left corner.

*Mike*

warm, funny, loyal, and genuine





# meet Mike

Mike is a securities director who has a huge heart and truly cares about others. He's always there to lend a helping hand.

Mike loves sports, exercising, kayaking, and is obsessed with lawn care and making sure the grass is green and weed free. He is fond of exploring new restaurants and regularly scours the “best of” lists in search of the best French fry and cheeseburger, his two favorite foods.

Mike will be an amazing and loving father, providing support and guidance to create a safe and happy home for a child.

*Kayaking*



*Landscaping*

## About Mike, by Jenn:

Falling in love with Mike is easy. He is one of the kindest, most easy-going, caring, supportive, patient people you will ever meet. He makes others instantly feel comfortable in his presence. He is an excellent caretaker. This is evident in the way he treats his loved ones. Mike is a thoughtful, nurturing husband who brings me coffee in bed every morning.

Mike has many hobbies and passions. He is a sports enthusiast and is obsessed with the Seattle Seahawks, Mets, and fantasy football. He loves watching horror films and decorating the house for Halloween. He is passionate about home renovations and is a big "DIYer." Mike loves to grill and always makes sure his meats are cooked to the perfect temperature.

Although Mike incorrectly thinks he is the funnier one in our relationship, he does have a great sense of humor and always makes me laugh. He has a way to make me smile even through the difficult times. He is optimistic and always sees the glass as half full. Mike is going to make an incredible father. I'm so excited to raise our future family together with him.

### Pottery



### Grilling



### Planting



# Fun Times Together

## At a Painting Class



We love spending time together and exploring new hobbies and travel destinations.

We also love cooking and creating our own "adventure dinner nights" where we use up all our leftovers in some truly unique creations.

No matter where we end up or what we are doing, we have a blast because we truly enjoy each other's company.

We have so much fun together and believe all of our experiences will help us be better parents and make our home a fun and exciting place for our future child, where they can explore and discover new things.



## Playing Arcade Games

# Taking a Helicopter Tour



# Riding Jet Skies



# Hiking through the Rainforest

# Snorkeling



# "Striking" a pose at the Bowling Alley

# The Holidays



Christmas is one of our favorite times of year. The sounds of Christmas music can be heard throughout our house. We stay up late watching Christmas movies in matching PJs.

We bake gingerbread houses and Christmas cookies. We love taking our nieces and nephews to the Polar Express and the Winter Wonderland light show. We can't wait until we are woken up by our child jumping for joy on Christmas morning!



We also love all things Halloween- decorating the house, dressing up, carving pumpkins, and visiting haunted houses. We are fortunate to live close to the little ones in our family and experience their Halloween joy. We are excited to one day pick out costumes with our child and introduce them to all the Halloween festivities.



*There's no place like home.*

Our home is located in a suburb outside of New York city. It is bright, spacious, and filled with love and happiness.

We have three spare bedrooms, perfect for a growing family.

Our home is organized and always seasonally decorated.

We have a large yard perfect for playing, hosting BBQs, and roasting marshmallows around the campfire.

We live in a family friendly neighborhood that borders a playground and baseball field.



Ugly Christmas Sweater Party



Tubing at the Jersey Shore



Carving Pumpkins



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Jenn's Extended Family



Grandpa's 90th Birthday Party



Vacationing at the Beach

# Being Silly at the Pumpkin Patch



Birthday Celebration

# MILY



Mike's Extended Family



Family BBQ at our house



Annual Apple Picking



# Meet our Nieces & Nephews



## The Children in Our Lives

While we grow our forever family, we are incredibly fortunate to have 13 nieces and nephews whom we hold close to our hearts with love and adoration.

## Our Godson

Among these cherished young ones, we are honored to be the godparents of our sweet nephew Jacob and spirited niece Kyleigh.



**Jacob**



**Kyleigh**

## Our Goddaughter

We had so much fun attending Jacob's preschool graduation and Kyleigh's dance recital. We look forward to celebrating all of their special moments.

# The "Little" Loves of Our Lives



## Sunday fun-day

Sunday "funday" at Uncle Mike and Aunt Jenny's house. We had so much fun playing catch, football, Connect Four, and memory games.

## Story-Time

Aunt Jenny attended Jayden's 3rd Grade Fairy Tale event at school. Uncle Mike took Michael go-karting and to the arcade for his birthday.



## Go-Karting

We have so much love to give and cannot wait to be parents and see our child read, ride a bike, play, dance, be creative, and experience all the joy that exists in the world.

# Our Promise



Your child will be welcomed into a home filled with warmth, care, and boundless affection; a place of unconditional love, support, and understanding, where they will feel free to be themselves.

We vow to provide a safe and nurturing environment where they can thrive, explore, and grow into the person they are meant to be.

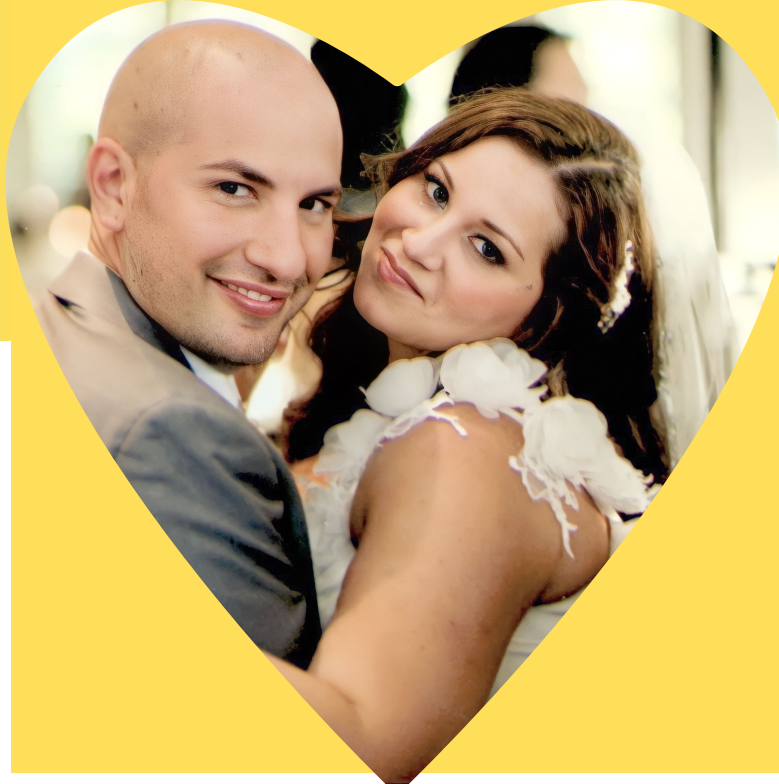
We pledge to be there for every milestone, cheering them on as they take their first steps, celebrating their achievements, and guiding them through life's challenges with love and patience.

As parents, we will honor their unique identity, heritage, and culture, embracing the beautiful story of their adoption journey. Above all, we promise to be grateful and respectful of the selfless act of love and courage you've shown and we will ensure our child knows the love you have for them.

# *From Our Hearts to Yours*

We're so grateful you've taken the time to read our book. We've tried to give a snapshot of all the love in our family, and hope that you can see that in the previous pages.

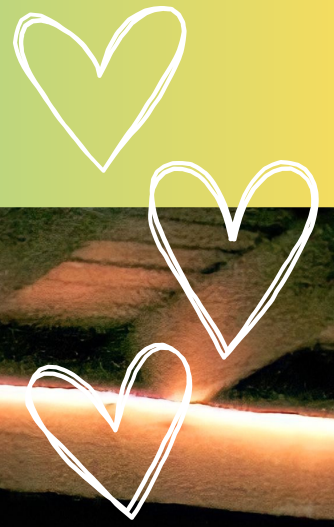
We wanted you to know how much we admire your bravery and courage through this journey. We have so much love to give, and hope you can be a part of that, but above all, we will always honor your decision.



*Jenn and Mike*



*Thank you!*



Thank you for allowing us to share a piece of our hearts and for considering our family.

We hope to hear from you soon.

