

# JOE AND MARCUS

MEET OUR *'Modern Family'*  
FROM HAPEVILLE, GEORGIA



*Our horse, Ire, is part of our Modern Family!*

WE ADMIRE YOUR DECISION TO EXPLORE OPEN  
ADOPTION, AND WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO GET TO KNOW YOU.

We're so glad you're reading our letter and taking time to get to know us. We are ready to expand our family and hope our letter and pictures help you envision the life we want to offer your child.

*Joe & Marcus*

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# OUR STORY

Like most modern romances we met online, and are committed to our family. **One thing that drew us to one another is that we both wanted to be parents, so we began exploring adoption.** Open adoption stands out as the best path for us and our future child.

**“OUR PHILOSOPHY IS THAT BLOODLINES DO NOT DEFINE FAMILY, LOVE-LINES DO.”**



OUR RECENT TRIP TO GUATEMALA TO HELP BUILD A COMMUNITY SCHOOL KITCHEN FOR THE LOCAL CHILDREN



## FOR FUN...

▶ **Joe has been riding and showing horses since his dad gave him a pony when he was 8 years old.** Joe enjoys riding in horse shows and competed and won at the US National Championship.

▶ **These days we both enjoy riding Joe's horse, Tre.** Marcus has always loved horses and it was love at first sight when he met Tre!

▶ While Joe grew up riding, **Marcus grew up swimming, and competed in the Junior Olympics!** A native Floridian, Marcus enjoys swimming, boating and skiing. He developed his love of horses at summer camp where he taught riding lessons.

▶ We both love traveling and **recently went on a volunteer mission to build a community school kitchen in Guatemala.** Marcus assisted the teacher by leading an English class while Joe enjoyed working with the locals and learning their language.



## MEET MARCUS

Marcus's zest for life is contagious. **He's a loving person who is always trying to help people grow and learn** and he's never met a stranger. He is a list-maker and a planner, so our weekends are usually full of lots of fun and lots of accomplishments! I can't imagine a more nurturing role model for our child.

◀ JOE IS GREAT AT ENTERTAINING KIDS!

## MEET JOE



**Joe is a family man shown by his commitment to his mother, sisters, nieces, nephews and me.** His caring nature and love for animals demonstrates his compassion and kindness. A nurturing and loving man, Joe will be an awesome dad, a dad that our child will find as a best friend and confidant as the years unfold.

## OUR TALENTS

*(what pays the bills)*

**M**arcus is a **Flight Attendant and Trainer for a major airline.** His passion is teaching and he trains the "new baby" flight attendants. **Joe is a Software Executive for a leading software company** and manages a team of sales people whose focus is gas, water and electric utilities. **Joe works from home which will enable him to spend lots of time with our child.**

One of the awesome benefits of working for a major airline is that we get plenty of free travel! We want to explore every part of our world as a family. Together, we will experience the wonders of the world and learn to appreciate different cultures, languages, architecture and of course food!

OUR CHILD WILL DEFINITELY HAVE A **PASSPORT** AND A **FREQUENT FLYER NUMBER** FROM BIRTH!!

KICKING BACK AT THE BARN!



OUR FRIEND LOVES "BIG" LJ



TRE WITH HIS MAMA, LADY



## OUR HOME

**W**e live in Hapeville, Georgia, a charming small town 15 minutes from downtown Atlanta. Hapeville's downtown is walkable and features an old-fashioned drug store where you can still sit at the counter and enjoy a chocolate milk shake.

Our brick bungalow was built in the 1920's and sits on a tree-lined street where you can hear the church bells chime. A highly accredited private school, Woodward Academy, is a bike ride away where we hope to enroll our little one.

OUR 1ST ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION WITH COOKIE

# FAMILY & FRIENDS

DOUBLE THE PICNIC FUN WITH  
OUR LITTLE BUDDIES



CELEBRATING MOM'S 92ND  
BIRTHDAY WITH FAMILY



HALLOWEEN FUN WITH JOE'S MAMA

**W**e are fortunate to have a loving family and circle of friends. Joe has eight nieces and nephews and enjoyed babysitting and spending time with them as they grew. They are all starting families of their own and we are looking forward to more babysitting in the future!

Marcus is an only child, so he created "siblings" from his life-long friendships. His best friend, Karen, recently took her mother, Cookie, back to their native Japan as a guest of a popular Japanese TV show. The show filmed the surprise reunion of her mother and her 92-year-old sister- it was incredibly moving! *It's very important that our child know and appreciate their origin and celebrate their heritage.*

*Our family is richly diverse with members from Japan, Africa, India, Mexico and Puerto Rico.*

## OUR THOUGHTS ON PARENTING

**W**e look forward to teaching our child to ride horses, and can't wait to ride as a family! *We both love music and grew up playing in our school bands, so we will encourage our child to try an instrument or two.* We love to sing around the house to each other and hope that music will be an important part of our child's life!

We are so excited to watch our child grow and learn to love. *We will strive to be good role models and encourage them to follow their dreams, whatever they may be.*



*We love music!*

## OUR PROMISE

We want to get to know you and welcome you into our family in whatever way is most comfortable. We promise to love, encourage and celebrate our child.

**Thank you** for choosing open adoption and for inviting us into your life.

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