

*John
&
Richelle*



Hello.

We are so honored to be considered to love, nurture, and protect your child as adoptive parents. Adoption is our first choice to grow our family. We believe the more people who love a child, the better and wholeheartedly embrace open adoption. Although we don't know each other yet, we are in awe of the person you are and your love for your child. If chosen, we would love for you to be a part of regular communication, visits, and gatherings to the extent that you feel comfortable. We will honor your decision and your child's adoption story through a handmade book that I'm sure will become a bedtime favorite.

We promise to love and celebrate everything that makes your child unique. We will provide a safe, nurturing home filled with books, crafts, and games in which they can explore, learn, and follow their dreams. Our flexible schedules in which we both work from home will allow for regular outings to parks, visits to children's museums, and family game nights. As they grow, we would love to visit different parts of the world to instill a respect for other people and cultures. Most importantly, we promise that your child will always feel loved, chosen, supported, and worthy.

With much love and gratitude,

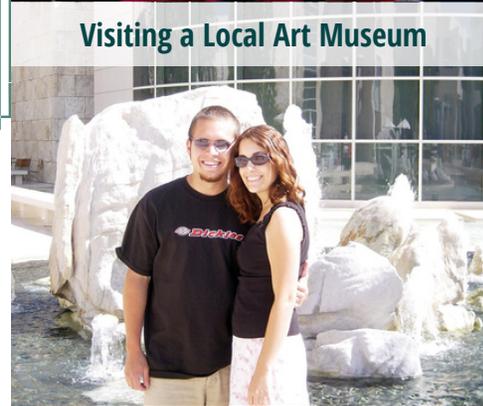
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Our Story

We met during college through mutual friends and formed an instant connection. We both loved working with kids, had an interest in graphic design, and even attended some of the same community events growing up. We dated for several years visiting different places together during our breaks from school. During a weekend trip, John proposed at the top of the Eiffel Tower in Vegas with a song he wrote while a friend played the guitar. We celebrated our engagement that night with dinner at the Eiffel Tower and the Beatles Love show. After graduating, we got married under a flower filled gazebo at a local park surrounded by friends and family.



Visiting a Local Art Museum



Dinner in Hawaii



Visiting an Aquarium

Met: Summer 2004
Engaged: July 25, 2008
Married: July 24, 2010
Fun Facts: Own over 100 board games, Started board game parlor pop-up



Board Game Event



Weekend Trip



20s Themed Party

Throughout our years together, we've enjoyed experiencing different places, whether it be celebrating our anniversary at the Eiffel Tower in Paris, going on a cruise to the Bahamas with family, or visiting a local botanical garden with our dog. We have also worked hard to grow both as individuals and as a couple to create a strong foundation for our family, and we're so excited to begin this new adventure of growing our family through adoption.



Graduation Day with my cousin



Making a wish at the Trevi Fountain while studying abroad in Italy



Meet Richelle

by John

Richelle is one of the kindest and most intelligent people I know. She has a strong work ethic while always prioritizing what's most important, family and friends. Richelle's passions in life include education and self-improvement. She loves reading and believes learning is a life-long process. In the time that I've known her, I've watched as she's put into practice everything she's learned about self-improvement. She believes that education is invaluable when paired with learning life skills. Richelle has taught many children over the years, from infants to middle school students. She now tutors children all over the U.S. Working from home, I get to hear how excited she is every time she starts a tutoring session with a child and how excited they are to see her. One of the things that made me fall in love with her was how playful, supportive, loving, and gentle she is with children. Richelle has always wanted to adopt. From early on in our relationship, it was easy for me to see that she would be a wonderful mother.

Occupation: Online Tutor

Education: B.S. in Child Development, Master's in Teaching

Interests: Board Games, Reading, Crafts/Scrapbooking

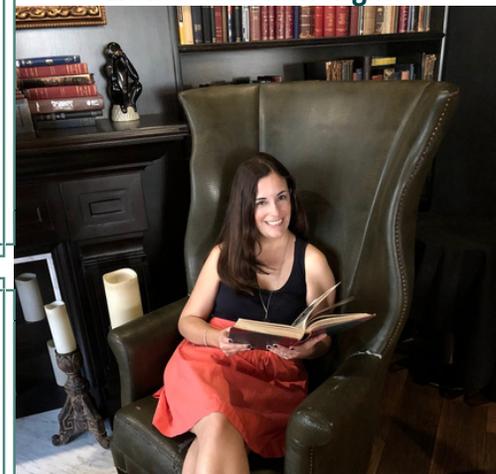
Fun Facts: Studied abroad in Italy, Started after school program for kids called GameMasters



My cousin's bridesmaid



Little cousin flower girls



My dream library



Meet John

by Richelle

John is a fun, loving, hardworking person who values his family and friends. He has a deep compassion for others which shows through in his genuinely friendly demeanor. His generosity and desire to help everyone he encounters, including strangers, inspires others to spread kindness. His love of learning, working with his hands, and ability to quickly understand complex concepts allows John to accomplish anything he puts his mind to, whether it's taking apart and fixing the washing machine, replacing a part in the car, or taking on projects around the house. John's mission is to provide a safe, comfortable, and welcoming place for everyone to gather. John loves kids. He is not afraid to be silly and loves making kids smile. Being a dad has always been very important to John, and I know he will be an amazing dad to any child that comes into our lives.



Brother's best man



Exploring Venice, Italy



Camping/hiking with brother



On the slide with Richelle's little cousin

Occupation: Solutions Architect

Education: B.S. in Business Information Systems

Interests: Computers/Technology, Woodworking, Singing, Board Games, Hiking, Camping, Traveling

Fun Facts: Grew up in Venezuela, Speaks Spanish, Appeared on 1st episode of American Idol

Meet Ollie

Oliver is an 8-year-old Chiweenie. He was rescued by a local shelter as a tiny pup. We knew he was the pup for us because he immediately jumped into our laps while the other pups ran around. He was only a couple of months old when we brought him home. He is very intuitive and can sense when someone needs comforting. His favorite activities are playing fetch with his toys, sunbathing in the backyard, and getting head and belly rubs.



Hosting Christmas at our house



Ollie having fun with Richelle's little cousin



Meet Our Family

We were both close to our families growing up, with several extended family members nearby. Each of our grandparents helped raise us, and their homes were like second homes to each of us. We are lucky to still have our families nearby and see them on a regular basis for holidays, celebrations, and regular get-togethers.



Celebrating our moms



John's parents and siblings



Richelle's parents



Meeting John's dad and half-brother for vacation in Florida



John's family on mom's side

Extended Family



Richelle's family on mom's side



Richelle's family on dad's side



Our Home & Community



We love living in sunny Southern California, where we can enjoy many amenities, such as the beach, the mountains, and amusement parks all year long. We bought our current house over a year ago to have the room we needed to expand our family through adoption, work from home, and have a yard for children to play. We love the area for its beautiful hills and trees and proximity to everything, including family and friends. We have access to many parks, walking trails, and even a lake. Our neighborhood organizes fun events such as summer potlucks, Easter egg hunts, and pumpkin carving for families to enjoy. Our city holds many community events, such as concerts in the park, movies at the lake, and holiday craft fairs. We look forward to experiencing all our neighborhood and community has to offer, as well as experiencing other cities and cultures, with our child.

