

## HANDS ACROSS THE WATER WAITING FAMILY

# Michael and Troy



We are so thankful that you are taking the time to read our letter and learn a little about the two of us. We are very excited to start our family and are so in awe of the strength it takes to make this decision for your baby. While we may never fully grasp the gravity of this decision, we will forever cherish the gift of turning our dreams of a family into a reality. We hope we can provide at least a glimpse of the tremendous amount of love we have to share with a child.

We have been together for 17 years and were married, surrounded by lots of family and friends, five years ago. We moved back home to Michigan from Florida when we made the decision to expand our family. In 2019 we bought our home in a small city that is surrounded by beautiful parks, outstanding schools and the best neighbors anyone could ask for. We are excited to begin sharing our love with a child and look forward to being able to show him or her all that the world has to offer.

When the two of us are not working, we enjoy traveling, being outdoors, hiking, biking or just going on walks with our dog, Snow— who funny enough, doesn't really enjoy snow. We are very close to our families and love spending time with them, especially all of our nieces and nephews. A child coming into our home would receive so much love beyond just the two of us and we can't wait to watch our child have the opportunity to grow up with all of his or her cousins.

We know this time trying to figure out what is best for your baby is difficult. We want you to know you will be supported and loved no matter where you are in your journey and want to assure you that we will respect you and whatever level of openness you would like. We wholeheartedly promise to protect, nurture, teach and love this child with everything we have.

### About Michael

- **Age:** 42
- **Occupation:** Pilot
- **Food:** Coconut cream pie
- **Movie:** La La Land
- **Hobby:** Kayaking
- **Sports Team:** Cincinnati Bengals
- **Favorite Vacation:** Yellowstone National Park
- **Favorite TV Show:** Seinfeld
- **Best Childhood Memory:** Family vacations
- **Favorite Holiday Tradition:** Eating all the amazing food
- **Fun Fact:** I was born with three thumbs
- **Favorite Music Genre:** Country

### About Troy

- **Age:** 41
- **Occupation:** Senior Marketing Manager
- **Food:** Chicken Alfredo
- **Movie:** Love any romantic comedy
- **Hobby:** Riding my bike
- **Sports Team:** Orlando Magic
- **Best Childhood Memory:** Making forts in the woods with my brothers
- **Favorite TV Shows:** Schitt's Creek
- **Music Group:** No Doubt-In fact, they were my first concert
- **Favorite Holiday Tradition:** Spending time with family and friends