

George & Rachel



Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you for taking the time to read our profile and considering us to raise and love your child. We know this decision is not one you came to easily and that perhaps you have wrestled with for a long time as you have tried to decide what is best for you and your child. We very much want to have a child of our own and our life circumstances have led us to adoption.

If you decide to make an adoption plan with us, we promise to treat you with love and respect and to honor whatever level of openness that you want to have with your child. We promise to love your child with our entire beings and to raise him or her with safety, honesty, and a lot of laughter.

Please know that we will hold you and your precious baby in our hearts as you make this monumental decision. We hope you will find peace in whatever decision you make.



sincerely

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Our Story

We met through an online dating site. On October 5, 2016, we had our first date at a Sweetwater Café. We connected almost immediately on our shared love of documentaries, the show Friends, and the importance of family. We were married exactly two years after our first date, on October 5, 2018. Every year on Oct. 5th, we visit a Sweetwater's café and remember why we continue to choose each other even on the days when life is hard.

In January 2017 we added our dog Bernie to our home and he has become a beloved family member. Bernie loves to snuggle and being pet. He might be the world's laziest dog until you tell him we're going for a walk. He loves people and being around people, especially if you will give him a treat or food.

About George



George was born in the southwestern part of Ontario, Canada. He was raised by his two loving Grandparents and spent most of his time with them, his aunt, and cousin. He spent the summers with his Dad on his dad's 200-acre apple orchard, picking apples and helping his dad run the orchard. As a child he loved playing with his neighbors and cousins, and enjoyed school and learning. He also loved competing in Track and Field events and playing little league baseball.

George pursued a degree in Computer Science and Psychology in college. Today, he uses his degree to help others and keeps the computers working at a local university. He also volunteers at a local food bank and homeless shelter.

In his spare time, George enjoys volunteering, playing video games, playing pool/billiards, and hanging out with friends. He also loves gardening and plants a large vegetable garden every year. The best part of growing vegetables is getting to share them with his friends and neighbors.

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About Rachel

Rachel was born on the east side of the state and grew up with two loving parents and three wonderful sisters. Some of her favorite memories from her childhood are road trips with her family to visit her grandparents in Florida, or the many historical museums and battlefields that her dad loved to visit. It is from these “family field trips” that she discovered her love of history and decided to become a Social Studies teacher. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education, and taught high school history for six years. She also earned her Master's degree in Counseling and has transitioned to working with college students to help them figure out their life, what they want to do, and how to navigate the many challenges that adulthood brings. In her spare time, Rachel loves to knit, watch baseball in the summer, and play volleyball when she gets a chance. She also enjoys gardening and plants a large flower garden every year. During Covid, she started learning Italian and enjoys spending time talking with other Italian speakers.





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About our Family

We both have large extended families. Rachel's parents and one of her three sisters live in the same town as Rachel, and she sees them all often. Rachel's other sisters live in other states, but they talk all the time. She considers her sisters some of her best friends! In addition to her sisters, Rachel is very close with her cousin that also lives nearby. They get together once a month with and have cousins' Game Night, playing board games, and mostly laughing and enjoying a good meal!

George's family still lives in Canada about an hour away and we see his dad, step-mom and half-sisters about once a month or every other month. We also see his favorite aunt about once a month, and on Serbian holidays. George's family also has a large family reunion every year in Canada that we always look forward to.

About our Community

We live in a medium sized town near Ann Arbor and enjoy the relationships we have with our friends and neighbors. We have a good friend group that we socialize with often. Our neighborhood is diverse with lots of biking and walking trails, several parks and two large playgrounds. We enjoy spending time with our friends at museums, going to plays or musicals, and trying new restaurants and food. We care deeply about the environment, and others. We seek for ways to give back to their community and hope to leave the world a better place than how we found it.

