Josh & Jenny

Dear Birth Parent,

Thank you for the taking the time to learn a little bit about us. We wish you clarity and comfort while making this incredibly difficult decision. We are excited to meet you, if you are interested in getting to know us, and hope we can give you confidence in our ability to parent your child. We are excited to start building an open and honest relationship with you that continues into the future. Thank you again for spending your time reading about us.

sincerely

Jenny & Josh

Our Story

We met through mutual friends in 2015 and quickly knew that we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together. We were married in the fall of 2016 at our friends' art gallery. Our relationship is built on honesty, trust and love. We enjoy traveling and have traveled throughout the US as well as to Portugal, France, Mexico, Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands. We are looking forward to visiting Scotland with Jenny's family later this year. We also enjoy spending time outdoors together. We like to ride our bikes and particularly enjoy spending time at Lake Michigan in the summer.

About Jenny

Jenny owns a small clothing boutique in Holland. She has worked in retail since she was 13 years old. Her mom was part-owner of a store while Jenny was growing up. Opening her own store 7 years ago was always her dream. Jenny is also involved in the downtown board and working on a Diversity/Inclusivity sub-committee. Her hobbies include traveling, decorating our home, and running. She has a love for Disney World. It's her favorite place to visit. Jenny and her sister have run many races there together and always enjoy trying all the fun snacks and riding all the rides that they can. Jenny also enjoys spending time outside, particularly at the lake during the summer. She enjoys hiking in the dunes, riding her bike, and swimming in Lake Michigan. Jenny has been lucky enough to do a fair amount of traveling and enjoys planning trips with Josh and her family and friends. Besides Disney World, Jenny's favorite destinations have been Mexico, Portugal, Italy, The Netherlands, and Australia.

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About Josh

Josh loves working with his hands. This started when Josh was a kid with putting together Legos and his love for Legos continues. He recently built Cinderella's castle out of Legos. Josh also enjoys fixing and building things around the house. Most recently he has been building a cabinet for our dining room and is currently working on a table for the backyard deck. He enjoys being outside and owns a small camper that we use to travel to northern Michigan with when the weather is warm. Josh works with his dad at a small family metal finishing business that his dad started 21 years ago. Josh actively pursues social justice in his work by intentionally hiring people who have struggled to find work based on a criminal background. This has lead to volunteering to work with inmates in the Michigan prison system to assist with re-entry back to their communities. Josh enjoys reading and his recent favorite books are The Hate You Give and Becoming. He is the cook in the family and likes trying new food experiences but when he doesn't make dinner, Thai and Tacos are often our go-to back up plans.

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About our Family

We are very close with our families. Josh has five nephews and nieces and has spent a lot of time with them as they have grown up. Josh works in a small family business with both his parents and sister. Jenny is the oldest of four siblings. We remain very close with our siblings and often see each of them at least once a month. Jenny's dad immigrated from the Netherlands and her sister was adopted from Korea when she was an infant. We grew up in very open and accepting families who are now VERY excited for us to add to our family so they can surround him or her with love and support. We have two cats that we adore. Fritz has been Jenny's cat for ten years. Fritz initially disliked Josh but now regularly seeks him out for head scratches. We got Pierre two years ago when a neighbor found her as a tiny kitten. Fritz and Pierre have become the best of buds and they spend hours chasing each other around the house and watching everything that goes on in the neighborhood.

About our Community

We are both involved in the community with a range of social justice organizations and are excited to be a part of the positive changes that are taking place. We live in a small, 120 year old, recently remodeled house and are surrounded by a range of neighbors. Our home is very close to the local library and just a few blocks from downtown where Jenny's store is located. We live one block from our close friends and often spend time with them and their two little girls.