



*Bryan + Michelle*





EVERY FAMILY HAS A STORY,  
*welcome to ours!*



# Hello!

IT'S SO NICE TO MEET YOU!

We are grateful you are taking the time to look through our profile. We are honored that you are taking a moment to learn a little bit about who we are as you consider us as potential parents for your child. It is a tremendous honor and one we do not take lightly. You are courageous and strong, and we can't imagine what you are going through. We trust you and support you in making the best decision for you and your baby.

**If you choose to place with us, your baby will be raised in a home full of love, laughter, support, and family. When you are ready, we would be open to meeting in person four times a year with text and email updates, sharing photos and videos.**

FROM EVERY INCH OF OUR HEARTS,  
THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING US.

*Bryan and Michelle*



# our story

## WE MET WHILE WORKING TOGETHER IN SAN FRANCISCO.

We had worked together for about a year when our paths finally crossed due to a promotion. Suddenly, we were working together a lot more, giving each other googly eyes. Bryan asked Michelle out over a workplace instant messenger and later that evening, we went on our first date. There was no denying we liked each other, and a love of the outdoors, family, and dogs bonded us.



We have been together for over 11 years and married for almost 8 years. We've moved to a few different states, advancing our careers and looking for a place to call home. We most recently moved to Indiana to be closer to family and friends. Our lifestyle here allows us to spend more time together.

# why adoption?

## MICHELLE'S HEART FOR ADOPTION:

Being a mom has been something I have dreamt about since I was a kid. I had always thought about adoption, but it became a part of my family planning when I received a kidney transplant in 2008. I am so thankful that I received a life-saving transplant from a family friend, but it meant my body was not capable of getting pregnant. My transplanted kidney is doing very well and is expected to last me a long time. I have always known that I could raise and love a child unconditionally. I am grateful to also have several close friends and family members in my life who are adoptees; and for the advice and support they have given Bryan and I in our decision to adopt. They have taught me that every adoptee and their story is unique and the importance of belonging. Your child would grow with many people who understand adoption.



## BRYAN'S HEART FOR ADOPTION:

**As an adoptee myself,** I've always known that adoption is a wonderful path to build a loving family. My journey was through a 'closed' adoption process, with no knowledge of my birth mother or family. Experiencing the shortcomings of that type of adoption is what led me to immediately understand the importance of modern, open adoption for the best interest of the child, birth family, and adoptive family. The decision to adopt was easy, especially after being advised that Michelle becoming pregnant would be very high risk. We are delighted at the prospect of becoming adoptive parents.



# meet Bryan

as told by Michelle

BRYAN IS THE LOVE OF MY LIFE AND I AM  
THANKFUL EVERY DAY THAT I MET HIM.



He is my partner in life (and euchre!) Bryan is kind, loyal, goofy, and generous. He has an incredible work ethic, and always makes time for me, as well as family and friends. Bryan spends his time planning our vacations, working on our house, or rooting for the underdog during football season (go Jets!). He graduated from Indiana University and developed a wonderful group of friends who live locally and have young children themselves. Bryan makes me feel loved, valued and that we can do anything together. His joyful nature allows him to live life with ease, always looking on the bright side. Bryan is attentive, a good listener and constantly surprises me with his thoughtfulness.

**I know he will bring these attributes to fatherhood. He will be right there alongside your child, loving them and helping them figure life out. I am beyond grateful to have Bryan as my partner in life.**



## meet Michelle

as told by Bryan

**EACH AND EVERY DAY I CONSIDER MYSELF THE LUCKIEST MAN ALIVE BECAUSE I MET MICHELLE.**

Our connection was immediate. Michelle made it clear on our very first date that she prioritized her family and highly admired that trait in her. Michelle has a warm, fun, and adventurous spirit and always ready to share experiences with others. We support and challenge each other to be our best selves, and it feels easy with such a loving partner. I'm forever impressed with Michelle's never-ending empathy and compassion for all. Michelle cares so deeply for her family but would never hesitate to offer a helping hand to an absolute stranger without judgment.

**Michelle is so naturally nurturing to those around her, I cannot wait to see her as a mother and be blessed to raise a child with her. Every day, I feel unending gratitude for finding the love of my life.**





## our home



### WE LIVE IN A SAFE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD.

Our 20-year-old home is a two-story home with three bedrooms and a fully finished basement. There is a bonus space upstairs, which would be perfect for a kids' play area. We have a good-sized fenced-in backyard with plenty of room to run around and play on the grass. There are walking paths, a community pool and playgrounds, and the elementary school is within walking distance.

Many of the neighborhood kids hang out together and ride bikes or play in the pool. Our neighborhood has some diversity. We see different cultures and ethnicities, often hearing different languages when we are out around the neighborhood.





## *Meet our pup!*

**OTTO** is our Staffordshire terrier. We got Otto when he was 3 years old from the Humane Society. He is now 9 years old. He is sweet and loves cuddles. He loves his family pack. Otto's favorite things are to go on walks in the neighborhood and roll around on the freshly cut grass.

Otto can be a little shy and skittish at first. He wants to observe for a little bit, but once he gets to know someone (kids included!), he happily welcomes them into his world!



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## OUR FRIENDS ARE LIKE FAMILY.

Whether living close by or across the country, we are so grateful to have friends who are so caring, hilarious, and adventure-loving. When we told them of our plan to adopt, they were so excited and supportive. Many of them have young kids and would make great friends for your little one.

They have been a solid support system for years. Some of my (Michelle's) closest, lifelong friends live back on the West Coast but we are still a huge part of each other's daily lives through texts and calls!











# things we love



## BRYAN LOVES:

Brunch

Pool days

Video games

Landscaping  
& gardening

Binging a good  
tv series

## MICHELLE LOVES:

Reading

The ocean

Plants

Coffee & trying local coffee  
shops where we travel

Antique shops with  
my friends



## TOGETHER WE LOVE:

Camping

Music Shows

Travel

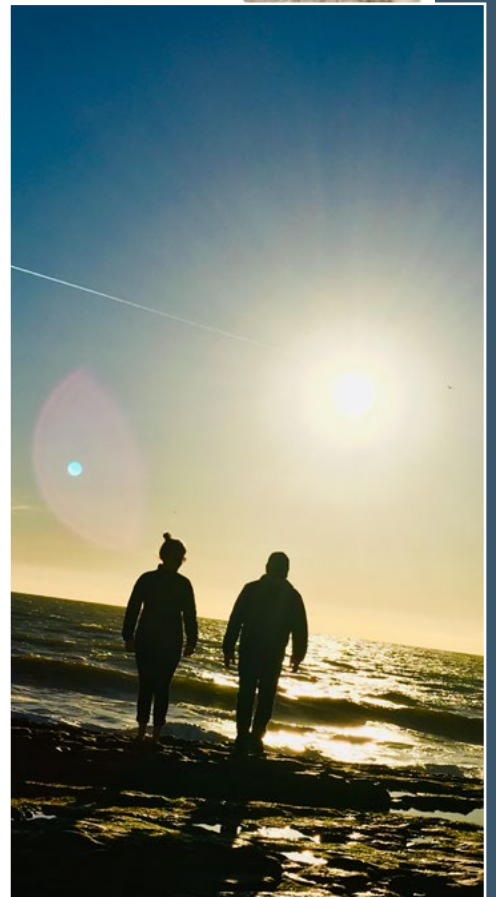
Dogs

Cooking together



# our adventures

Michelle was raised on camping and fishing and Bryan discovered a lot about the world while backpacking through Central America. Our sense of adventure continues to this day, and we envision this passion continuing with a child in tow. We both feel traveling offers an opportunity to learn about different cultures, taste new cuisines, and meet new people. We look forward to offering your child a lifetime of adventure!







## *our extended families*

**BRYAN'S FAMILY:** My older sister and I were both adopted as infants after my parents discovered they could not conceive. Our families' experience with adoption was very different than the approach we are looking to take. Neither my sister nor I were offered an opportunity to get to know our birth families, as that is how most adoptions went back then. My upbringing is incredibly affirming that adoption is a wonderful option for families to raise children in a loving, supportive environment, which can provide a strong sense of belonging and identity. My family is close to us here in Indiana. My sister is about 40 minutes from us, with a young family of her own. My parents are just south of Nashville. **My entire family is supportive of our decision to adopt, and extremely excited about our family welcoming a child.**



**MICHELLE'S FAMILY:** My family lives on the West Coast. While it is hard to be away from them, we talk a lot and try to make the most of it when we visit together! My parents are retired. My mom is now the President of the Resident's Association of her retirement community. My dad is a retired woodworker and lives with his partner. Growing up, my parents instilled a love of family, spending so much of our time at my grandparent's for swimming, grilling and holidays. I grew up with 2 older sisters, one 13 years old and the other 3 years older. This created an interesting dynamic growing up with my oldest sister heading to college, getting married, and having her first kid before I was even in high school. My nephews are now grown and out, finding their place in the world. My middle sister lives with her husband and is the reason I am constantly learning and challenging myself. I am close with my sisters and am grateful to have their insight, compassion, and support in my life. When we are together, we do our best to get outside, go for a hike, or hang at the beach. My family is where I learned to love the outdoors. They are so excited and supportive of our choice to adopt. They will shower your child with so much love.











# *our promises*

IF YOU CHOOSE TO US TO RAISE YOUR BABY,  
WE PROMISE THESE THINGS TO YOU:

**We promise to** love your child unconditionally.

**We promise to** be open about their origin story and foster an environment of openness and communication.

**We promise to** be their biggest advocates.

**We promise to** instill curiosity and a love of learning.

**We promise to** respect your child's cultural identity and help your child gain a deep understanding and to find belonging in their culture and community.

**We promise to** surround them with honesty, love, family and friends.

**We promise to** hold space for the hard times and the good times, understanding that adoption is both.

**We promise to** honor you as your child's birth mom, speak kindly about you and cultivate a relationship with you. Our hope is to build a lasting relationship with you, fostering that relationship with openness, honesty, and communication.

*all our love,*  
**BRYAN AND MICHELLE**



