Daniel & Yuko

About Us

We met in the fall of 2005... Yuko just returned from Japan and was working as a recruiter to recruit teachers to teach English in Japan and working part time at a Japanese restaurant. Dan was bartending and managing restaurants. Our love for restaurants and great food was an immediate connection.

In 2008, we moved to be closer to Yuko's family and we got married in 2011. Yuko is a Communications Director for a restaurant group and her primary responsibility is recruiting, hiring and training. Dan is a Director of Operations for a restaurant group and oversees the operations for two restaurants. Our continued interest and passion for restaurants continues. It's great being in the same industry as we continue to support and push each other both professionally and personally.

We are both family-oriented and love hosting grill outs with our friends and family at our house every week. We are both very active people and during the week, we love working out before heading into work. Dan loves to golf and while Dan is golfing, Yuko enjoys spending time relaxing at the pool. When we are not working, it is important to always spend quality time with each other… we often like spending time doing yardwork, gardening, cooking and enjoying movie night. We love to vacation and some of our favorite places include Mexico, San Francisco, Japan, Boston and Florida. It's important for us to travel, try new food and learn about people and culture.

favorites...

	Daniel	Yuko
Color:	Blue	Yellow
TV/Movie:	Entourage	Spy Game
Food:	Chicken Parmesan	Fried Rice
Vacation:	Japan	Hawaii
Holiday:	Thanksgiving	Christmas
Cartoon:	Transformers	Minions
Childhood Memory:	Skiing with my family	Summer swim meets
Hobbies:	Golf, Yardwork, Grilling Out, Watching Sports	Swimming, Working Out Cooking, Watching Sports
Occupation:	Director of Operations	Restaurant Recruiter & Trainer
Education:	High School	Bachelor of Arts in East Asian Studies

More about us...

Yuko by Daniel

Yuko is the most amazing wife and my best friend. It sounds generic but the energy she puts forth in our relationship both at home and at work is really something to behold. Whether it be going to work out with me at 530 in the morning before work, making our house a beautiful home, or making sure I have something on the table when I come home from work late, she is always on the move. She does all of this while working full time as a leader in her company. Her passion for food goes hand in hand with mine. She enjoys making new recipes for dinner and we enjoy trying new restaurants in our city. She has a deep love for family and we enjoy family dinners with her parents, her sister and her husband and our niece at least once a week. She makes vacationing great because she shares the feeling I have in trying to do as much as possible while on vacation. I am truly lucky to have her in my life!

Daniel by Yuko

Dan's personality is simply infectious and he is always present in the moment. He cares about people and finds the good in everyone- he truly always sees the glass half full. He is extremely outgoing and is the person in the middle of the room introducing himself to everyone. When we have grill outs, he is busy grilling and making sure everyone has what they need. His generosity is unmatched with anyone I know. Dan's most endearing quality is that he is extremely generous and treats my family like his very own. He has been a wonderful uncle to our niece, Aubree, and to our friend's children. I know in my heart he will be a wonderful father. Dan is my true partner in life, a remarkable husband and my best friend. Professionally, he has worked hard his entire life and is determined, dedicated and loyal to his job. This same work ethic is demonstrated in his personal life and at home.

our Home

We live in a two-story house directly across the street from Yuko's parents. Yuko' sister and her family live five minutes away. Family is so important to us that when we were shopping around for a home, it was truly a blessing when the house across the street from Yuko's parents was available. Our house sits on a quiet, safe and cozy cul-de-sac fifteen minutes from downtown. We moved into our house six years ago and have enjoyed filling the different rooms with our personalities and truly making it our home. We have a four-bedroom house, 3 full bathrooms and a finished basement. Our backyard is huge and we enjoy hosting lots of BBQ's for our friends and family with outdoor games and an awesome bonfire. We live in a culturally diverse and tight-knit neighborhood. Our neighbors are always willing to help each other out and we often get together over the holidays and summer nights for block parties.

Our family...

Visiting Yuko's family in Tokyo, Japan

Family is extremely important to us. Yuko's family consists of her parents, her younger sister, her brother-in-law and her niece and we have one more niece on the way. Yuko's mother is from Japan and her father is from Tahiti so her extended family all live in Japan, Tahiti and Hawaii… family vacations are amazing! We have family dinner at least once a week and see our family at least two to three times a week. Yuko's parents are getting acclimated to being grand-parents and are looking forward to welcoming a new child into our family.

With Yuko's mom visiting the Asakusa Temple in Tokyo, Japan

Dan's parents are no longer with us but we are blessed to have Dan's brother, two aunts, four uncles and many, many cousins with us. Dan's family lives all over the country so we try and see them as much as possible over the holidays and family vacations.

In Isla Mujeres, Mexico for Yuko's sister's wedding

Yuko and her sister, Noriko, in Mexico

Dan with his niece, Aubree

Yuko with her niece, Aubree

Yuko's parents, Michiko and Eugene, at their annual Heart Mini Walk

...and friends

We have a great core group of friends. Since we are both in the restaurant industry, hosting dinner parties and checking out new restaurants with our friends is certainly something we enjoy doing. We also enjoy vacationing with Yuko's co-workers and friends at least twice a year.

Yuko with her girlfriends on vacation

Yuko and Dan with their friends in Sarasota, Florida

Dear Birthparent,

Thank you for listening to our story. We hope our profile has provided you a window into our lives filled with lots of love, happiness and adventure. A child in our home will have endless love and support and we will continue to set them up for success everyday so they can explore every available opportunity. We will always provide a safe and happy home with lots of inspiration and encourage them to follow their dreams.

As a bi-racial couple, our love is colorless and has no bounds. We promise to demonstrate unconditional love with your child and we are thrilled to share our life, friends and family with them. As first-time parents, we are looking forward to this amazing and challenging commitment. We are thankful you are considering us as an adoptive family for your child. We understand that this is a difficult and important decision for you and your child. We support you every step of the way and you will always be in our thoughts.

Lots of Love,

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Why Adoption?

We have been together for 13 years and throughout this time, adoption has been all around us both with our friends and families. We have always considered adoption as we have witnessed many lives incredibly touched by this process. Our struggles with infertility have made adoption the next step in our journey. We know in our hearts, we are meant to be parents and look forward to starting our family. We are excited to share our lives, passion and dreams with someone special through adoption.